

VHEAP Board of Directors Meeting

Thursday, 18 July 2024

Attending

- Korey Singleton
- Barbara Zunder
- Jason Heron
- Sarahbeth Dreis
- Charlene Jones

Not Attending

- Mark Nichols - I'll be at Valerie Schoolcraft's retirement party at JMU.
- Jamie Chandler
- Mollie Kropp
- Danielle Smith
- Brittany Dioszeghy
- Stacy McBain
- Christina Wulf
- Pearl Xie

Agenda items

- Lunch and Learn collaborations with AHEAD (Jason)
 - Sarahbeth emailed Anne Dechamps to understand how the Loudon County peer group works
 - May need another contact (Joan?)
 - Steve Gordon – ADA workgroup in August
 - From Barb: new President of Maryland AHEAD (<https://www.ahead.org/about-ahead/about-overview/affiliates/maryland>) chapter eager to partner on L&L as well as UnConference attendance!
 - Joanne Benica - AHEAD membership may be potentially less excited now, looking to draw in new members with professional development opportunities and group collaboration.
 - Needs a core group to step up and provide support.
 - **From Danielle:** I wanted to pass along an idea for a lunch and learn session. I recently sat in on a meeting with Ryan and Anu from VHEPC regarding a new vendor platform that vendors can use to market their services. Lori Kressin

thought this would be nice for others to know about so I'm passing the idea along.

- Needs further investigation – follow-up with Lori. (Barb)
- AHEAD in VA is trying to figure out how to handle face-to-face conversations and meetings. Used to have a face-to-face Spring conference.
 - Could we work with AHEAD to make the Spring event a two-day-long event where one day is the UnConference and the second day is the AHEAD Conference.
 - In the Fall, instead of having the Drive-In conference, make this completely virtual.
 - Provide their membership with the best of both worlds in virtual and face-to-face conferences.
 - Discussed that the AHEAD Conference is in March and the UnConference is usually in Summer – concern that some folks may be on summer schedules.
 - Difficult to have late-April/early-May because of finals.
- Standard Accessibility Reporting (SAR) Follow-up with Chris Law (Korey)
 - <https://standardari.org/people/law/>
 - Trying to pull together different entities that would support an “Accessibility Product Label” (similar to the idea of a nutrition label)
 - Pulling accessibility into the procurement process. Create reporting and a consistent set of standards that would allow people to understand how accessible a product is.
 - Pricing component to participate. Currently looking to raise funds.
 - Wants to continue partnership with VHEAP.
 - Realistically 3-5 years out from a real launch.
- Subcommittee Reports (Barb)
 - RFP for Accessible Document and Braille
 - Five businesses respond to RFP
 - In process of reviewing RFPs
 - Deadline extension for RFPs
 - Captioning
 - Kristen is out this month – follow-up meetings with Verbit and 3Play Media to revisit contracts.
 - We've made it to the two-year mark, so we'll start another two-year period.
 - Verbit pricing is not at the cheapest level because our use has gone down.

- Legislative
 - Not dead! It's aliiiiiiiiiiiiive!
 - Kristine went on VHEAP's behalf to the opening meeting of the Senate Procurement workgroup. Looking to identify the impact of HB1355
 - Bonnie O'Day gave a statement of support from the National Federation of the Blind.
 - VASCUPP – higher-education procurement folks – have always argued for a \$10,000 threshold before accessibility becomes a consideration.
 - Will have to find a line between what ADA Title II updates already address – and what we need to address because there's still a gap in ADA Title II.
- General Higher Ed Committee
 - Survey for SB21 created
 - If you talk to your DSS folks, ask them to fill this out! It's only DSS and Student Affairs at public universities.
 - Due back July 29 – Emily will write a report after this and send it to the bill patrons for their review.
 - Very time-limited – committee will be disbanding by October, so any additional work would go back to General Higher Ed Access Committee
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- UnConference Feedback and Follow-up? (Jason)
 - Deferring to August!
- Lori's Retirement Party: Next Wednesday, July 24 at 4:30pm