

VHEAP Board of Directors Meeting

Thursday, 21 November 2024

Attending

- Korey Singleton
- Barbara Zunder
- Jason Heron
- Charlene Jones
- Mark Nichols
- Jamie Chandler
- Sarahbeth Dreis
- Mollie Kropp
- Danielle Smith
- Brittany Dioszeghy
- Christina Wulf
- Pearl Xie

Not Attending

- Stacy McBain

Agenda Items

VHEAP Social Media Accounts

- Sarahbeth has the accounts created – how do we share credentials?
 - No standard at present – Jason to figure out a reasonable way for us to share credentials in a secure manner
- Would it be okay for institutional SSD/a11y offices to follow our social media accounts?
 - Yes! Hooray.

Commented [sa1]: Instagram flagged the account and shut it down (probably because it was just blank). I think it would be best if we used the VHEAP@virginia.edu account to create it and share the password amongst BOD.

Smart Goals for 2024-2025

I'm just a **little** bit behind on this one. Korey brought this up – here are two potential options.

- Improving K-12 audience outreach
(Mollie/Stacy: opinions on these? Other organizations to include?)
 - Virginia Society for Technology in Education (VSTE) conference?
 - Training and Technical Assistance Centers (TTAC, falls under VDOE)

- Virginia Department of Education (VDOE)
 - What would outreach look like? How could this work/would this work?
 - Korey's thoughts:** there's a pretty good understanding of VHEAP's purpose around the state. Our current outreach hits higher education quite thoroughly; VDOE may help us get an audience with teachers to help spread the word.
- SPED administrators in K12 (through VSTE/TTAC/VDOE)
- Virginia Partnership for People with Disabilities
- HB 1355 – this may leave us with a concrete goal for improving K-12.
- Other listservs
- **From Pearl:** Is there a way to include K-12 folks at the UnConference? Are there tools, information, resources, etc. that we use in higher education that may benefit K-12?
- How do we best advertise our offerings?
- **From Mollie:** Would it be helpful to hold a Lunch and Learn for folks from FCPS to talk about the way they've leveraged the C.A.L.M. Campaign to collaborate across departments during procurement and other aspects of their accessibility responsibilities? **Yes!**
- Web Accessibility
 - Virginia IT Agency (VITA) outreach - webinar recordings at <https://www.developer.virginia.gov/training/>
 - L&L topics/presentations targeting developers (Jason has ready-made presentations if we like this idea)
 - Poll VHEAP members for web governance solutions (DubBot, Axe Monitor, etc.)
 - Potential avenue for another statewide RFP (SiteImprove available through VITA – couldn't extend it out to other state entities; however, they're trying to raise funds through HB 1355 / ADA Title II updates)
 - **From Mollie:** Centralized office of folks who are familiar with the ADA and can help folks remediate their content. Help ensure that PDFs end up accessible and also work with Canva.
 - **From Danielle Smith:** WebAIM conversation about consulting/training for internal WordPress development – could there be some collaboration across institutions? Maybe extending this invite across the state would help defray the cost. Potentially advertise this through VHEAP.
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UDL Task Force

From Mark: this is a follow-up on the details of any potential partnership we'd explore with the California Community College system and potentially replicating a version of this within Virginia and connected to future Title2 efforts with VHEAP.

During the discussion, a few questions were posed about costs and time commitment by VHEAP. Mark reached out to Sam Johnston and Luis Perez (from CAST) and received the following responses:

1. **Are there any costs involved with partnering with CAST?**

Yes, but we could look together at generating a grant for this work and scope it along the lines of what the grant provides.

Costs included:

- CAST facilitation of each task force meeting and bringing in expertise/learning to seed the Task Force work
- Stipends for experts that came in such as Korey
- Curating pre and post learning materials for the Task Force
- Adjusting based on TF feedback
- Creating materials for constituents of TF members – surveys, PowerPoints etc., to make sure the recommendations were socialized with the larger community and they had a chance to provide input
- Generating recommendations based on TF activities
- Iteratively working on those with TF members and chancellor's office
- Generating a draft and final report of the recommendations

2. **What are the preliminary/estimated time commitments and expectations?**

I think this depends on what you want to scope. TF members probably put in 40-80 hours over the course of a year and a half.

Administrative support: If this came from VHEAP, would you/your colleagues be able to leverage these resources in a way that benefits your institutions?

Could this connect to HB 1355 / Title II?

Could invite CAST to a future VHEAP BOD meeting so that they can discuss further.

Concerns:

- Grant writing – if we went through the process of becoming a non-profit, we could manage this more effectively.
- Currently Title II work is overloading

Plan: Table until we have more information about the scope of our work with Title II and we'll return to it.

November Lunch and Learn

Danielle and Charlene need to push the AT L&L session to after the new year.

Does anyone have a speaker or presentation that would like to take the November slot? Is there anyone with AHEAD who'd like to present?

JASON VOLUNTEERED HIMSELF out of sheer ignorance.

Document remediation and Braille RFP for L&L / Town Hall in February or March of 2025.

Jon Unsworth / Meeting in Charlottesville

January 10, 2025

- **VASCUP:** Procurement officials in higher education
- **VIVA:** VHEAP-equivalent for institutional librarians in Virginia
- **VHEAP:** you, the people reading this document right now

Meeting with VHEAP, VIVA, and VASCUP about Title II and its impact.

The biggest roadblock with HB 1355 was VASCUP – convincing people that including accessibility into the procurement process.

Mark and Chandler will be attending the meeting. Agenda items are open and flexible.

ADA Title II Kickoff at GMU

Judith Risch at Grand River – going through ADA Title II updates and expectations, open to the entire GMU community. Afterward, they'll have a 30-/60-minute-long discussion to improve buy-in.

January 15/16 are currently the dates identified. If other institutions are interested in participating, Korey can take that back to GMU. If it's a virtual event, GMU **may** be able to absorb the cost.

Consider us all very interested!