

**Governor's Council on Blindness and Visual Impairment (GCBVI)
Assistive Technology (AT) Committee Meeting Minutes
June 20, 2018**

Members Present

Sharonda White, Chair*
Nathan Pullen*
Scott Mehosky*
Jaime Trausch*
Julie Jones*

Members Absent

Adam Cruz
Ed Gervasoni
Sue Lehew
Bea Shapiro

Staff Present

Lindsey Powers, Council Liaison
*Teleconferenced

Guests Present

Call to Order and Introductions

Sharonda White, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:08 pm in the DERS Conference Room, Phoenix, AZ. Introductions were made and a quorum was present.

Approval of May 16, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Scott Mehosky motioned to approve the May 16, 2018 meeting minutes. Jaime Trausch seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by unanimous voice vote.

Committee Member Discussion

This item was tabled.

GCBVI Strategic Plan Discussion

Sharonda White stated she attended the previous Public Information Committee meeting and asked the questions the AT Committee members had regarding the EyeKnow.AZ database. Ms. White noted the Public Information Committee confirmed that the EyeKnow.AZ database included all the resources that had been included in the print Resource Directory. Sharonda White stated the AT Committee also inquired whether the could be printed in PDF or epub documents. She added that the Public Information Committee would inquire with the Secretary of State IT staff regarding the

printable database format. Sharonda White stated she inquired whether the database would allow an individual to print a section of the database, such as Transportation, and was told an individual could print their specific search results. Sharonda White stated the EyeKnow.AZ database also included contact information for individuals to request additional information or corrections to the current information. Jaime Trausch stated the database included a general list of resources and the committee could request additional resources as technology changed.

AT Trends

Scott Mehosky stated that Aira had started to ship the first shipment of glasses, although he had not been included in the first round of glasses. Sharonda White inquired whether Aira would hire staff to work 24/7. Scott Mehosky stated his understanding that Aira wanted to offer 24/7 service to customers. Nathan Pullen inquired whether committee members were aware of any changes to OrCam glasses. Sharonda White inquired whether the Business Enterprise Operators (BEP) operators were using Aira or OrCam glasses. Nathan Pullen stated one operator was using both technologies to compare the different glasses. Jaime Trausch stated he received the new Focus 5th Generation with the scratch pad, which allowed the individual to take notes on the device. Mr. Trausch stated the device was not overly robust, although the user could take notes and store them on an SD card. Jaime Trausch stated the new device was made sturdier than previous versions.

Jaime Trausch stated that Firefox introduced an accessibility service indicator, which would inform the individual whether the accessibility services were being used. Mr. Trausch stated a business, or a customer could disable all accessibility access from within Firefox which would make all AT inoperable. Jaime Trausch stated that different software was using accessibility framework for good and bad, such as poorly designed malware viruses. Jaime Trausch stated that Firefox would alert the user regarding which software was using the accessibility services and the user could block that software or allow it. He noted that the issue would make AT more complicated for users.

Sharonda White inquired whether the committee members knew how to open a PDF in Adobe rather than other formats. Jaime Trausch stated that Sharonda White could go to Settings and Apps and identify her default choice of PDF as the file type.

2017 VRATE Discussion

Sharonda White stated that committee members could begin thinking about the different products and topics to discuss at the Vision Rehabilitation and Assistive Technology Expo (VRATE). Sharonda White stated the committee would be allotted two one-hour presentation time slots and she requested the committee not present the same time as other AT related presentations. Ms. White inquired whether the committee would prefer a morning or afternoon presentation time. The committee members agreed that a morning presentation time would be best.

AT Committee Activity Discussion

This item was tabled.

Agenda and Date for Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Assistive Technology Committee was scheduled for July 18, 2018 from 3:00-4:30 pm in the DERS Conference Room, Phoenix, AZ. Agenda items are as follows:

- Committee Member Discussion
- GCBVI Strategic Plan Discussion
- AT Trends
- VRATE Discussion
- AT Committee Activity Discussion

Announcements

Nathan Pullen announced the Arizona Technology and Access Program (AzTAP) would take place July 9-10 at WeKoPa Resort in Scottsdale and individuals could review the presentations at <http://aztap.org/conference/>.

Public Comment

A call was made to the public with no comments forthcoming.

Adjournment of Meeting

Julie Jones motioned to adjourn the meeting. Nathan Pullen seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 pm.