

Governor's Council on Blindness and Visual Impairment (GCBVI)
Assistive Technology (AT) Committee
Meeting Minutes
June 21, 2017

Members Present

Jeff Bishop, Chair*
Terri Hedgpeth*
Sue Lehew
Bea Shapiro*
Adam Cruz*
Jaime Trausch*

Members Absent

Ed Gervasoni
Nathan Pullen
Julie Jones

Staff Present

Lindsey Powers, Admin Assistant
*Teleconferenced

Guests Present

Call to Order and Introductions

Jeff Bishop, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:04 pm in the RSA Conference Room, Phoenix, AZ. Introductions were made and a quorum was present.

Approval of May 17, 2017 Meeting Minutes

Adam Cruz motioned to approve the May 17, 2017 meeting minutes. Bea Shapiro seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

AT Trends

Bea Shapiro inquired whether any AT Committee members could locate the Money Reader app. Jaime Trausch stated the app name had changed to Mant Global Money Reader, which was the company's name. Jeff Bishop stated an individual could search for the LookTell app; the new Mant Global Money Reader would be included in the search. Jeff Bishop stated sales for Window Eyes had ended. Jeff Bishop noted that Non-Visual Desktop Access (NVDA) 2017.2 had been released which offered better Edge support and improvements with Microsoft Office. He added that tutorials had been added which offered thorough instructions for Word and Excel for about \$20.00. Jeff Bishop stated Apple would release ios11 updates in late summer or early

fall.

Jaime Trausch inquired whether Magic would continue to offer Magic screen readers. Bea Shapiro stated Magic screen readers were installed on computers for blind and visually impaired individuals for free. Jeff Bishop stated Fusion, the JAWS version of Fusion had been released, which included Zoom Text and JAWS. Terri Hedgpeth stated Arizona State University (ASU) had about forty licenses for Magic, and students preferred Zoom Text. Jeff Bishop stated a video had been released regarding Zoom Video, which was very accessible. Jaime Trausch agreed that Zoom Video allowed users to share audio files.

Adam Cruz inquired whether any committee members were familiar with the Brilliant 14 Braille display or the EIBraille. Jeff Bishop stated the EIBraille Braille display would be available for purchase at various upcoming conventions. Adam Cruz stated the EIBraille used Windows10, and an increased storage capability. Mr. Cruz noted the EIBraille would be a mobile option for an individual needing a basic word processor.

AT in Schools Discussion

Jeff Bishop stated Amy Porterfield met with the Department of Economic Security (DES) Procurement Office and was in the process of developing a solution to purchasing subscription based software. Jaime Trausch suggested counselors or staff develop client purchase agreements for clients needing Office 365. Mr. Trausch noted he had a client that needed Office Project, which was historically not accessible. Bea Shapiro stated the counselor should develop a justification regarding the need for the software. Ms. Shapiro stated clients could receive services based on individual need. Terri Hedgpeth stated Sensei Project Solutions offered support for individuals using Microsoft products.

Agenda and Meeting Date for Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Assistive Technology Committee was scheduled for June 21, 2017 from 3:00-4:00 pm in the RSA Conference Room, Phoenix, AZ. Agenda items are as follows:

- AT Trends
- AT in Schools Discussion
- VRATE Presentation Discussion

Announcements

There were no announcements.

Public Comment

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

Adjournment of Meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 3:34 pm.