

Governor's Council on Blindness and Visual Impairment (GCBVI)
Assistive Technology (AT) Committee Meeting Minutes
November 6, 2018

Members Present

Sharonda Goode, Chair
Sue LeHew
Bea Shapiro
Nathan Pullen
Julie Jones

Members Absent

Ed Gervasoni
Jaime Trausch

Staff Present

Lindsey Powers

Guests Present

Call to Order and Introductions

Sharonda Goode, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:13 pm in the RSA Conference Room, Phoenix, AZ. Introductions were made and a quorum was present.

Approval of September 19, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Sue LeHew motioned to approve the September 19, 2018 meeting minutes. Nathan Pullen seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by unanimous voice vote.

VRATE Discussion

Sharonda Goode stated she would like the AT Committee to discuss the presentation topics for the committee's presentation at the Vision Rehabilitation and Assistive Technology Expo (VRATE). Ms. Goode stated the committee had discussed bringing up different websites during the presentation and demonstrating how to navigate those sites. Sharonda Goode stated the websites that had been suggested were: www.icanconnect.org, www.flying-blind.com, <https://askjan.org>, <http://aztap.org> and <https://eyeknow.az.gov>. Sharonda Goode inquired regarding the committee members that would be able to participate in the

committee's presentation at VRATE. Julie Jones stated she would attend VRATE, but she would be with students and would be unable to participate in the presentation. Nathan Pullen stated he would be able to participate and inquired regarding the time of the presentation. Lindsey Powers stated the AT Committee's first presentation would be from 1:15-2:15 and that Part 2 would be from 2:30-3:30. Sue LeHew suggested the committee discuss AT competencies and demonstrate the competencies through navigation of different websites. Nathan Pullen suggested the committee allow time for questions from the audience and allow everyone to ask their questions. Sharonda Goode inquired whether the committee would demonstrate how to navigate websites using JAWS, NVDA, and Zoom Text. She suggested that a committee member demonstrate navigating the Internet using Zoom Text, which behaved differently on the Internet. Sharonda Goode inquired regarding which websites that committee members would demonstrate during the presentation. Sue LeHew suggested the committee pick one or two websites to demonstrate during the presentation.

Sharonda Goode suggested the committee demonstrate how to navigate EyeKnow.AZ, which could be downloaded into a PDF document and did have a Table of Contents. Nathan Pullen stated he was familiar with the Arizona Technology Access Program (AzTAP) website and could use Zoom Text during his presentation although he was not an expert using Zoom Text. Sharonda Goode stated she would demonstrate how to navigate EyeKnow.AZ. She noted the committee would have two hours to present and inquired whether the committee should demonstrate another website. Sue LeHew suggested the committee demonstrate AT competencies such as navigating the Internet, email, and Microsoft Word. Sharonda Goode suggested that Sue LeHew and Bea Shapiro present the AT competencies while navigating the Internet, email and Word.

Sharonda Goode inquired whether Nathan Pullen would use a screen reader during his presentation. Nathan Pullen stated he planned to discuss the AzTAP website as a resource and discuss some of the demo and loan equipment available, although he could access the website through an iPad. Sue LeHew stated she had JAWS and Zoom Text on her computer although she was not a skilled user. Ms. LeHew stated she would show how to reverse images or colors and some basic commands. Sharonda Goode stated the committee did not need to demonstrate difficult commands but could show some basic information. Sue LeHew inquired whether she should bring her computer for the presentation. Sharonda Goode stated she could bring her computer also. Sue LeHew stated that Sharonda Goode could use her computer and that Sharonda Goode bring her computer as a backup. Bea Shapiro inquired whether the committee would be using computers that were already connected to a projector. Sue LeHew stated that Bob Gates

and Guy Wills would set up the rooms and inquired regarding the committee's presentation room. Lindsey Powers stated the AT Committee's presentations were scheduled in the Emerald Room. Sue LeHew stated the committee should advertise the event and encourage individuals to attend.

Sharonda Goode summarized that Sue LeHew and Bea Shapiro would present on AT competencies, Nathan Pullen would demonstrate how to navigate the AzTAP website, she would present on EyeKnow.AZ and Jaime Trausch would discuss Narrator during the committee's presentation.

Sharonda Goode stated that she planned to hold one more meeting after VRATE, which would be her last meeting with the committee. Sharonda Goode stated her husband had accepted a job in Iowa, and she would be moving at the end of December. Sharonda Goode stated that it was a pleasure to work with the committee members and she appreciated everyone. Sharonda Goode stated that committee members should think about who would be appointed as the next committee Chair and could discuss those suggestions at the next committee meeting. Bea Shapiro stated that Sharonda Goode would be missed and that Ms. Goode had been an important part of the Independent Living Blind (ILB) Unit and SAAVI Services for the Blind.

Agenda and Date for Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Assistive Technology Committee will be scheduled in December from 3:00-4:30 pm in the RSA Conference Room, Phoenix, AZ. Agenda items are as follows:

- Committee Chair Discussion
- VRATE Discussion
- AT Trends

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 3:50 pm.