



## MSCOD ADA 25th Anniversary Legacy Project

### Events Committee Notes

6-3-14

1:00-3:00 p.m.

Location: Golden Rule building's basement Conference Room number 2

Present in room: Craig Dunn, Margot Cross, Cindy Tarshish, Joan Wilshire, Mai Thor, Colleen Casey, Ken Rodgers

Present via phone: Linda Lingen

1. Call to order
  - At 1:18, Chair Craig Dunn opened the meeting.
2. Introductions
3. Approve minutes
  - Cindy made a motion to approve the minutes and Ken seconded it.
4. Approve agenda
  - Ken made a motion to approve the minutes and Margot seconded.
5. Developments with TPT, including updates re: conversation with Bill Hanley from TPT
  - Pursuit of a sole source contract with TPT is underway but not yet in place.
  - Updates re: conversations Mai had with Bill included that TPT would plan set up for the day before; we would plan to rehearse before 10:00 AM on July 9th, and the live broadcast would begin around noon.
  - The budget for the project is in revision.
  - **Action Item:** Mai will have a new Project Budget ready to share at the next meeting.
  - Recognition reported of the need to eventually get specifics on TPT's time needs for set up, tear down, broadcasting, etc.
6. Speakers at event

- Arrange for the Governor to welcome attendees and make a proclamation.
- Possible keynote speaker at the event include, in order of priority: Lex Frieden, if he can come in person; John Hockenberry; Claudia Gordon.
- **Action Item:** Colleen will continue to gather information about the availability, interest and needs of these three top guests and will report back at the next Committee meeting.
- Robyn Robinson was discussed as top choice for Emcee.

#### 7. Speakers leading up to July

- Discussion of possible number of months to schedule video conferences (2?) and possible speakers for those. Tammy Duckworth was mentioned as a desired speaker.
- **Action item:** Colleen will contact Tammy Duckworth's scheduler to see if she would be interested in being one of the video conference speakers.

#### 8. Break-out sessions

- Discussion of what tentative break-out sessions might look like including the possible number of sessions and their duration; when they might begin and end; and how many rooms and simultaneous sessions there might be. This will depend on the venue selected.
- Discussion of how potential breakout sessions could take place from 1:00 to 3:30, with 2 back-to-back 50-minute breakout sessions and possibly some that are longer 100-minute sessions, depending on the topics.
- Brainstorming of tentative topics for break-out sessions included How the ADA has changed (Amendments Act, etc.); Access; Employment (with possible session-leader Kathy Martinez); Transportation (with Amy Conrick); Accessibility re: Building Code (with Margot Cross); VSA on Accessible Arts; Newly Disabled a.k.a. Disability 101; Seniors.

#### 9. Other items

- Discussion of how Committee might engage communities statewide including the importance of starting the RFP process to be able to eventually disburse funds to communities around the state for this purpose.
- Discussion of possibly allotting \$2-3,000 per group to fund 7-8 sites for a total expenditure of around \$20,000 to \$25,000 dollars.
- Discussion of the importance of planning to award per selected counties to ensure geographic distribution of funds and celebrations as well as the importance of advertising the opportunity to communities.
- Discussion considering possible criteria by which to award monies to outstate communities, including the pros and cons of deciding to require communities to

hold their celebrations on July 9<sup>th</sup> during the day and take part in the back-and-forth TPT broadcasting among Minnesota communities.

- **Action item:** For next meeting's agenda include creating draft of what will go into the RFP re: distributing funding to outstate communities.
- Including musical entertainment was discussed as was having Billy McLaughlin do the music for the potential TPT video. Entertainers' names that came up included Billy McLaughlin, Kevin Kling, Rebecca Kragnes, David Boughman (a.k.a The Deaf Duckling) and Paul?

#### 10. Next Meeting

- Tuesday, July 1, from 12:30 – 2:30 PM.

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