



MSCOD ADA 25th Anniversary Legacy Project
Planning Committee Meeting
Minutes from 1-17-14 Meeting
Submitted by Mai Thor, 1/23/14

In attendance: Linda Lingen, Jim Thalhuber, Joan Willshire, Mai Thor, Craig Dunn, Dan Reed, Margot Cross

Via conference call: Dean Ascheman, Kathy Wingen, Barb Stensland, Katie Wornson-Knaak, Steve Grams, Bridget Siljander

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1. Introductions
2. Mai gave an overview of the committee structure. The discussion also included assigning a chair to each committee. Below are committees and their chairs:
 - a. Employment Research Survey Committee: Jim Thalhuber
 - i. Other members: Linda Lingen
 - b. 25th Anniversary ADA Celebration Committee: chair TBD
 - i. Other members: Craig Dunn, Marie Koehler, Linda Lingen, Barb Stensland, Margot Cross
 - ii. Update: We have been looking at venues; Mai contacted the Mpls Convention Center and they have not responded, other possibilities are the RiverCentre, the State Fair grandstand, the U of M Conference Center at the St. Paul campus (they have live conferencing ability); we are looking into broadband and

live conferencing capabilities; another option is to broadcast live from TPT; as we make our plans, we want to keep in mind that we will be competing with what is happening around the country for other ADA celebrations, i.e., the ADA Legacy Project which is doing a Legacy Tour (partnering with Abilities Expo); the tour will visit several cities throughout the second half of 2014 and into 2015, with the last stop in Washington DC—one thing is pretty clear: not too many states have anything planned on the level that we do here in MN

- iii. Events could happen during the Wednesday throughout the month of July: the 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th with a possible reception/picnic on Sunday the 26th (which is the official anniversary); two of these dates would be in outstate MN

c. Theatrical Production Committee: Craig Dunn

- i. Other members: Bridget Siljander
- ii. Update: The first task for this committee will be to assist with developing the RFP in order to find a theater company to help create the production and also to assemble the advisory committee that will assist during the RFP process and throughout the project.

d. ADA History Committee: Kathy Wingen

- i. Other members: Steve Grams, Joan Wilshire
- ii. This project will be a video highlighting the role of Minnesota in the creation of the ADA. It will require developing an RFP to contract with a writer/researcher and editor.

e. Communications Committee: Dean Ascheman

- i. Other members: Katie Wornson-Knaak, possibly Mark Hughes
- ii. The first task for this committee will be to create a calendar of anticipated events and deadlines for the Legacy Project as we move forward with our planning.

3. Other ideas and comments

- a. We could have various venues demonstrate/exhibit their products during the day of Celebration
- b. Possibly charge venues who want to exhibit
- c. Connect with the Abilities Expo about who their vendors are
- d. Vendors could do sponsorships
- e. Do not charge non-profits for sponsorships

- f. Make sure all programming and events have something for youth
- 4. Next full planning committee meeting is Friday April 11th from 1:00-3:00 pm.