# MSCOD ACCESS COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES

MSCOD OFFICE

121 E. 7th Place, Suite 107, St. Paul, MN 55101

9.30 to 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday November 4, 2015

Approved 1/6/2016

## Call to Order

Bob Johnson, Vice Chairperson, called the meeting to order.

## Welcome & Introductions

Nate Aalgaard welcomed the members those present included:

* Bob Johnson, committee vice chair
* Andrea Bejarano-Robinson
* Tim Boyer
* Kim Tyler
* Aaron Kallunki, Ex-officio
* Margot Imdieke Cross, staff
* Shannon Hartwig, staff

## Approval of Agenda and Minutes

A motion to approve the agenda and minutes was presented by Tim Boyer. The motion was seconded by Kim Tyler, and approved by consensus.

## Committee member participation Local Issues - Discussion

The committee discussed how members could work with their local communities to address disability issues. Margot asked the group to review the “Barrier removal for businesses” which was sent out, and located on the MSCOD website [www.disability.state.mn.us](http://www.disability.state.mn.us/), click on accessibility, click on protect your business. Kim Tyler asked for a press release to distribute to local areas.

Staff member Margot Imdieke Cross asked the group to research their local area ordinances regarding snow removal, she also asked the group to contact their local papers, and ask them to provide information about snow removal. Margot will also share with the group information about Disability parking, she will send via email.

Margot Imdieke Cross shared information about her presentation to the White Bear Lake Business Association; she provided an overview about how small businesses can protect their business, including a brief discussion on the recent ADA Title III lawsuits, and MSCOD’s focus is on barrier removal.

Margot Imdieke Cross provided the group with information on Accessibility Specialist training, and the need for these specialists. Currently state wide there is a very limited number of Accessibility Specialists. An Accessibility Specialist is someone who has completed a course offered by the Department of Labor & Industry.

## Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:31.