

SRC-DBVI Tech Committee Meeting
December 2, 2014, by phone
10:00 to 10:45 AM

Present: Scott Murray, SRC Admin Asst; Chris Boynton, MSL; Nancy Moulton, Education Services for Blind and Visually Impaired Children; Walter Woitasek, Deaf-Blind rep.

1. Web Site update: (Scott) Gave update on web site work. Minutes since 12/2013 reviewed and sent to JEB, and all web site links tested.

Inclusion of agendas discussed, group agreed we only need to post going forward. Multiple docs still needed on web site. Scott will review items already sent to him and follow up with others (i.e. email Kathy D for application form, John M for best version of Rehab act) will contact others to get docs by end of December, will post when received and update group at next meeting on progress.

Documents pending include:
List of committee members with chairs
SRC bylaws
State plan
Annual report
Current CSNA (dated)
Current survey(s)
Rehab Act
Director's Reports

Group also agreed that new documents would be available least a week in advance of the meeting at which they are to be discussed, when applicable.

2. Braille Standards Update: (Chris and Nancy) Focused on defining SRC role and need to add narrative on UEB and link to BANA on SRC web site to help raise awareness of the importance of Braille literacy in enhancing employability. Walter cited "75/75" formula from

NFB: 75% of blind people unemployed, but of those who are employed, 75 % are Braille users. Chris cited State Library embossing capacity limited, tend to refer to Perkins. Nancy mentioned that DBVI has embossing equipment but no certified transcription staff. Former transcriber(s) have retired. Question raised about how schools with Braille-using students will update/train staff in charge of production; resources exist, but not clear where--need to ask John M about this. Info would be valuable for MSL web site, group will individually do research and send info to Chris. Nancy will send BANA link to Scott to include on web site. (1/4 is Louis Braille's birthday. NBP will have summary booklet about UEB, changes may not affect literary Braille that much, issues are more around timing of publishing for teaching purposes. Nancy will email UEB bylines for review.

3. Miscellaneous:

- A. Chris mentioned that MSL now has 3D printer.
- B. DBVI/MSL to set up accessible workstation for public use, with JAWS, hi-contrast display, exact location not yet determined.
- C. Chris updated on new currency reader, will post notice on web site when availability date known in January.

4. Next Meeting: January 21, 4:00 (after full SRC meeting)