

November 7, 2021

**Notes from Joint Accessibilities/Technology/CEC Committee Meeting
MSCA Area 09 Area Service Committee (ASC)**

Attendance: Grant T. Area 9 CEC Alternate Chair (District 8), Jerry S. Area 9 CEC Chair (District 8), Caroline P. (CEC Chair District 8), Julia Technology Committee, Justin Technology Committee Chair, Faith Technology-Webmaster, Alyce District 8, Sharon S. Area 9 CEC Secretary (District 8).

Jerry, Andrea, Grant and Justin called our joint meeting to order and welcomed all participants.

Ongoing Business:

1. Jerry, Grant and Michael M. have been asked to share CEC group efforts and need for meeting accessibility inventories with Victorville- District 19 on 11/13/21 at 10 am- Jerry put zoom codes in chat.
2. Group discussed the importance to spread the word for meeting place assessments, check for accessibilities for seniors and notify Central Offices of findings to update directories appropriately.
3. Central Offices have been receptive to our zoom tutorial and other supportive information for elders, although some have this posted on website front page and some have info not easily found. Please check with your area's Central Office to encourage the information is easily accessible, "red button" style, for those looking for help.
4. Jerry continues to attend the "All Accessibilities" meeting held on the 2nd Monday at 4pm. He shared that one proposal to General Service Conference, this year, will be to use the ADA wheelchair signage as the universal symbol for accessible meetings listed in directories. Jerry included the zoom info in the chat.
5. Andrea discussed she shared CEC documents and flyers with her local Central Office in Orange County and is waiting on responses. She has also attended a "Barriers to Meetings" workshop by Area 8, discussing the deaf community, mobility issues, especially with elders, and the LGBT community. She states there are other workshops being planned as well and this could be an activity our committee may want to pursue. She also shared there are barriers for members experiencing Mental Health challenges in accessing meetings, and there are efforts to address this concern.
6. Faith suggested it may be helpful to request flyers to be included in Central Office Newsletters to reach more AA members and meetings. She plans on placing the CEC flyer in the next North Orange County newsletter. She shared that North Orange County Central Office has a team of volunteers that go out to assist any AA member in accessing technology for zoom meetings, as requested.
7. Justin reports he is attending tech workshops to better support hybrid meetings and other technology issues that arise in Area 9. He has also been available to Districts to support their hybrid and technology efforts. Technology is also assisting the Registrar with technology issues. The technology committee is actively seeking AA members to participate in technology efforts in carrying the AA message-please pass along to your districts and meetings.
8. Jerry suggested technology consider a "hybrid" meeting tutorial to explain and assist those setting up hybrid meetings. Discussion and support were expressed for tech efforts on preparing a "tutorial" for hybrid meetings.
9. Grant states he has been reviewing the CEC activities and is making a list of accomplishments. He will share this with Andrea, Justin and Jerry for any input.
10. Committee members discussed the value of our recent joint committee meetings to support efforts of all committees involved. The General Service Office format has the CEC and Technology as subcommittees, under the Accessibilities' Committee umbrella, and using this format seems to be working for us as well. Group agrees to continue this format.
11. We welcome new committee members- please pass the word in your districts and at your meetings.

Yours in Grateful Service,

Sharon S. CEC Secretary