



APTA Access Committee

In-Person Meeting

Sunday, March 12, 2015

9:45 – 10:45 am

Farragut Square Meeting Room, Level 1B

Grand Hyatt Washington

MEETING AGENDA

1. Opening Remarks by Access Committee Chair Christian Kent
2. Self-Introductions
3. Enhanced Accessibility at APTA Meetings and Conferences
 - All stages will have ramps, regardless of a known need. In rooms that cannot accommodate a ramp, we will not use a stage.
 - We are increasing the number of mics in meeting rooms to encourage greater use of them. We've also talked with Freeman about looking at other microphone options, though I believe as of now, wireless table mics still seem to be our best option. We will continue to investigate.
 - In addition to having wheelchair spaces designated in all session rooms, we have ordered chair "sleeves" to indicate saved seating close to the doors for those with mobility difficulties, but who are not in wheelchairs. I believe we will have these in time for Legislative.
 - Closed captioning will be used, but perhaps not as consistently as I originally intended as we've had some mixed results in the use. We will continue to explore options and will have to rely a bit on trial and error in some cases. I do expect that we will have closed captioning ability in all our general sessions at major meetings, but that is pending.

- We will be working with our venues on their access, including things like elevator bells, but I'm not sure I have anything to report on this. In doing a site visits to hotels, a priority for that meeting is accessibility.
 - We also plan to have wellness/quiet rooms when space allows.
 - We plan to add "wayfinding" staff at Mobility, Rail, and TRANSform in addition to directional signage
4. Moving Forward with Knowledge Bank – Letter to Access Committee with Survey Link (attachment)
 5. Collection of Success Stories for meeting with Senator Tammy Duckworth
 6. Discussion: Diversity as a Component of DEI initiatives
 7. Open Mic / New and Information Sharing
 8. Upcoming In-person Meetings of the APTA Access Committee
 - APTA Legislative Conference
 - APTA Mobility Conference
 - APTA Rail Conference
 - APTA TRANSform Conference
 9. Adjourn



Introducing the APTA Access Committee Knowledge Bank

Dear Access Committee Member:

We are excited to launch a new Access Committee benefit – The Access Committee Knowledge Bank. The Knowledge Bank is a speaker's bureau of Access Committee members with specialized expertise and experience across a broad range of topics relevant to the work of the Access Committee. Requests to the Knowledge Bank will be fielded by Access Committee leadership and referred to Knowledge Bank subject matter experts who commit to:

- Following up on questions from committee members submitted through APTA Connect or directly to committee leadership
- Connecting members to relevant resources
- Serving as topical liaisons to other APTA Committees and other external organizations whose work is complementary to the mission of the Access Committee
- Make presentations at Access Committee meetings or other activities/events

This is a voluntary program that recognizes and leverages the skills and experience of interested Access Committee members for the collective benefit of all members. We don't intend for the role to be time consuming, and we will work with knowledge bank members to ensure that the role does not become a burden. This activity is an opportunity for members to participate in a national effort to ensure that the information and resources shared are of high quality and valuable to further the mission of APTA and the Access Committee. We will share information about your voluntary participation in national forums as warranted. If you are interested in being part of the Access Committee Knowledge Bank, please complete this interest form. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/APTA-KB>

If you have additional questions about the Access Committee Knowledge Bank, please contact Access Committee Chair, Mr. Christian Kent, at ckent@christiankentconsulting.com.

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