

**Outreach Connections: Native Health Information  
Technology Subcommittee Minutes  
August 22, 2008, 10:00-11:00 MT**

**Present:** Claire Hamasu, Scott Horlbeck, Barbara Nail-Chiwetalu (notetaker)

**508 Compliance Issues**

We decided that since Web links describing 508 compliance tend to be geared for Web developers and not in plain language, we would create condensed guidelines from information found in the Web links. Scott suggested a few quick items to include, such as captioning for images. Scott felt that most of the 508 compliance would be his responsibility rather than those contributing projects. For example, Scott will need to test the wiki for compliance using a screen reader and showing the person who will do the testing what he has done to make the wiki compliant. Scott has already written code to make the keyboard fields more accessible. Some action items:

- Claire will e-mail Gale or Angela to determine if they already have simplified instructions or if they know of some in plain language.
- Claire will check to see if there is a screen reader at her university or if Angela can have someone check the wiki on the reader in NLM's public reading room.
- Molly Moore on the Steering Committee works for the Amputee Coalition. Perhaps she can do some testing with persons having impairments other than strictly visual.

**Community Portal for Steering Committee and Subcommittee Minutes**

Click on Community Portal → Minutes. Minutes will show up as subpages. Claire suggested that the minutes for the Steering Committee be posted by year rather than by meeting dates and asked to have older minutes moved to an archive where they can be available but not prominent.

- Scott will look into how to move subpages to an archive.

**Publicity Materials**

A suggestion was made to create another page to link and list publicity materials such as the flyer and bookmark. A question arose about uploading documents that were not in text. The flyer is in MSWord and can easily be uploaded. The bookmark is in MSPublisher. There will be a need to have publicity items in their original format (rather than PDF) so that revisions and customizations can be made to them, such as contact information, etc.

- Scott will work on how to upload formats that are not text.

**Related Documents and 2006 Conference Report**

In addition to minutes, the current Web page at <http://hsc.unm.edu/library/nativeservices/2006Conference/outcomes.shtml> , also includes other documents and a report that need to find a home in the wiki as well. Scott showed how a section can be easily added with a heading for Related Documents on the wiki.

**Open Source Code**

A question arose in the Steering Committee meeting about offering the wiki code to Media Wiki as open source for the community. Scott explained that the code in Media Wiki is open source. You can extend the functionality of the core program by selecting, for example, Extension: Category Tree. This group was in agreement that the extension code created by Scott for the Outreach Connections wiki should be made available as open source for the Media Wiki community.

**Google Searches**

Scott added description in the code and changed the title so that the Outreach Connections wiki would come up more readily in Google searches. He said that it will come up even more readily if Web sites link to it – the more the better.

*Submitted by Barbara Nail-Chiwetalu, August 25, 2008*