

ASED Officers and Staff Meeting Notes
1-22-2010

I. Debrief: January 12 evening event on Bumps and Reorgs.

Those present said it was an informative and entertaining evening. The presenters were very good and a number of new faces were in attendance. The room was adequate and the menu is pretty good.

Two things we learned:

1. Make arrangements for the hearing loop in advance – the number of folks using hearing aids is surprisingly high and growing. Twyla Niedfeldt has offered to train someone else on how to set up & use the equipment. Dave Goodman has volunteered to learn, so he can 'be in the loop'!
2. Make arrangements to tape/record our events for folks who can't attend or are still concerned about being associated with the disability label at work.

II. 2009 Conference Outreach Goal Follow-Up

Based in part on the research conducted by Twyla Niedfeldt, Dave Ware and Teri Cline have been asked to coordinate a meeting with Pat Cannon to explore formalizing a disability affinity group or disability employee resource group with the Governor's Office. In difficult times with dwindling resources, taking advantage of the talents and resources we do have makes more sense than ever before.

III. February evening event

Scott Norris is following up with Bill Milzarski to firm up next month's event. As many of you know, Bill has had a miraculous recovery, and has been recruited to apply his state advocacy experiences and talents in a bigger pond!

IV. State Candidates with Disabilities

Doug Spade, ASED member, has announced his intent to run for the state senate. By law, he will need to resign his state job to pursue office. Richard Bernstein, ADA compliance and disability rights private practice attorney, is exploring a run for Attorney General.

V. Next Planning Session – all interested folks are invited!

Friday Morning, February 19, 7 AM at Decker's

If you can't attend but need an issue on the agenda, let Scott or Len know!