Accessibility Symposium for Higher Education *Administrators*

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Web Accessibility Group (WAG)

AMAC Accessibility Solutions and Research Center

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About AMAC

- **AMAC Accessibility Solutions and Research Center**
    - Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, GA U.S.A.
    - University System of Georgia

    - Colleges, Universities, K-12, Corporations, Non-profits, Government

    - Equal access to education, work and life for individuals with disabilities

    - Services: Accessibility Compliance, Assistive Technology, Braille, Captioning, Described Media, E-text, Research, etc.

    - Initiatives, including Web Accessibility Group (WAG) for Higher Education

About WAG

- **Began 2011**

- **Purpose**
  - **Bring together individuals seeking to comply with web accessibility laws and implement accessibility guidelines and best practices**

- **Benefits**
  - **Listserv**
  - **Monthly (Online) Meetings**
  - *Special Events*
  - **Spotlight**
  - **Website**

Accessibility Symposium for *Administrators*

- **First of Its Kind Event**

- **Purpose**
  - **Information & Communications Technology (ICT) - *Accessibility***
  - **Section 508 *Update* (U.S.A.)**

- **Goals**
  - **1) Provide a Review Legal Requirements**
  - **2) Provide Tools and Resources for Implementing Accessible ICT**

Target Audience

- **Top-Level Administrators**
  - **Presidents, Provosts, Vice Presidents, CIOs, Compliance Officers**
  - *Or their designates*

- **University System of Georgia (USG)**
  - **31 Colleges and Universities**
  - **System Office**

- *Invited Guests:* **Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG)**
  - **22 Units**
  - **System Office**

Sponsors

- **AMAC and WAG**

- **Georgia Institute of Technology (GT)**
  - *President*
  - *Compliance Officers*

- *University System of Georgia (USG)*
  - *Executive Vice Chancellor*
    - *Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs and Policy*
    - *Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs*
    - *Vice Chancellor and CIO*
    - *Assistant Vice Chancellor for Legal Affairs*

Planning

- **10 months**

- **Approval and Support**
  - **Executive Vice Chancellor's Office**

- **Planning Committee, 7 Members**
  - **AMAC (4)**
  - **University System of Georgia (3)**

Agenda (9am-12noon)

- **Welcome**
- ***IT Accessibility: What Campus Leaders Have to Say***
- **Review of Legal Requirements**
- **Accessibility and Technology in an Evolving Legal Landscape**
- **Institutional Perspective**
- **Basics of ICT Accessibility**
- **Accessible Procurement**

  Break

- **Components of a Campus Accessibility Plan**
- **Web Accessibility Group (WAG) for Higher Education**
- **Statewide Technical Assistance Center**
- **Strategies of Institutional Implementation**

Agenda and Slides

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Welcome

- **WAG Coordinator, AMAC**

- **Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs & Policy, USG**

- **Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, USG**

- **President, Georgia Institute of Technology**

- **Director, AMAC**

- **Special Populations/Career Services Coordinator, TCSG**

Video

- *IT Accessibility: What Campus Leaders Have to Say*
  - Produced by University of Washington, DO-IT Center

- **Featured:**
  - Chancellor, Chancellor's Office
  - Presidents, Vice Presidents, Associate Vice Presidents
  - Provost, Vice Provost
  - CIO, Assistant CIO, Associate CIO
  - Director of IT Policy

Review of Legal Requirements

Accessibility and Technology in an Evolving Legal Landscape

Manuel 'Mike' Galifianakis
ADA Coordinator for the Georgia State Financing & Investment Commission

Basics of Information and Communications Technology (ICT) Accessibility

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WAG Coordinator, AMAC

Procurement & Accessibility

Joy Kniskern, M.Ed., CRC

Special Projects Initiatives

AMAC Accessibility Solutions and Research Center

INSTITUTIONAL PERSPECTIVE

USG ACCESSIBILITY SYMPOSIUM

J. Denise Johnson Marshall
ADA Compliance Coordinator

Georgia Tech

CREATING THE NEXT®

Web Accessibility Group (WAG)
for Higher Education

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WAG Coordinator at AMAC

USG | TCSG
Accessibility Symposium

A Georgia Statewide ICT
Technical Assistance Center

Tuesday November 1, 2016
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USG | Georgia Institute of Technology

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Strategies for Institutional Implementation

Panel Discussion

Attendees (By Number)

- **140 Attendees**
  - **University System of Georgia (USG)**   **111**
  - **Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG)**   **22**
  - **Private University (GA)**   **2**
  - **Out-of-State Universities (AL, TN)**   **2**
  - **Attorney General's Office**   **2**
  - **K-12 Educator**   **1**

- **2 Guest Speakers**
  - **State ADA Coordinator (Georgia)**
  - **Executive Director, WebAIM (Utah State University)**

Attendees (By Role)

Administrators

- **Chancellor** 05
- **President** 19
- **Provost** 05
- **CIO** 07
- **Legal Affairs** 15
- **Dean** 02
- **Director** 29
- **Project Mgr** 03
- **Faculty** 06
- **Accessibility Svcs** 11

Total **102** *or 73%*

Support

- **Disability Svcs** 13
- **Online Learning** 09
- **Web and IT** 16

TOTAL **38** *or 27%*

Attendees (By System)

- *Primary Audience: University System of Georgia*
  - **31 Colleges and Universities**
  - **System Office**
  - **26 of 32 units (or 81%) represented**

- *Invited Guests: Technical College System of Georgia*
  - **22 Units**
  - **System Office**
  - **8 of 23 units (or 35%) represented**
  - **100% of invited audience attended**

Post-Symposium Survey and Comments

- *"Very informative! I plan on being involved to do our part in making sure we are not only compliant, but proactive in accessibility."*

- *"Thanks for the great information. I'm excited about implementing a lot of things that were discussed."*

- *"Great event…a full day of training would be welcomed."*

Resulting Changes

- ## Administrative
  - **Required staff to review Symposium presentations**
  - **Created mandatory compliance training (in-process)**
  - **Established ICT Accessibility Team**

- ## Academic and Online Courses
  - **Distance Learning Committee formed Accessibility Sub-Committees**
  - **Accessibility into Quality Matters Certification for Online Courses**
  - **Purchased tools to facilitate captioning for faculty**

Resulting Changes (con't)

- **Procurement**
  - **Ensure teaching tools are accessible when procured**
  - **Attended follow-up Accessible Procurement Training**
    - **WAG website>Monthly Meetings**

- **Websites**
  - **Hired consultants to conduct full accessibility audits**
  - **Purchased automated accessibility checkers**
  - **Delayed roll-out of new website**

Elements of Success

- **Partner with University System**

- **Weigh options: Half-day vs. Full-day event**

- **Widely Disseminate Symposium Information**

- **Provide Post-Symposium Support**

Future Plans

- **Would you send staff to a full-day training next year?**
  - **88% *Extremely Likely, Likely***

- **Annual Event**

Questions and Contact Info

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