

July 17, 2008 - VAAC Meeting

Opened at 5:42pm

In attendance: Steve Peck, Michael Rogers, Deb Kunschik (interpreter), Kim Wyman, Ken Raske, Kellee Keegan, Lynnette Thornton, Gwen Cornelius, and David Lord (guest).

Kim opened the meeting by thanking our VAAC members in helping Elections obtain a federal grant from HAVA through the Secretary of State's Office. She especially thanked Steve Peck for his contributions. His suggestions to translate our voters' pamphlet and other outreach materials into ASL in an effort to more to reach the Deaf and Hard of Hearing community have since been produced, and have been well received.

The meeting moved on to ways we can reach more voters and make the ballot, voters' pamphlet, and other materials more accessible. There was a suggestion from both Michael and Steve to add pictures of the candidates on the ballots, or on the AutoMARK screen. Steve emphasized the importance of associating the face of the candidate with their name and Gwen suggested adding their photo's to the ASL videos and possibly the sample ballot.

The Comcast commercials were then played for the committee with comments afterward. Steve suggested making the interpreter bigger and putting him/her in the top right corner as it is easier to see them there. Also the TTY number was missing from the commercials. For the two commercials that have yet to air, Comcast will be contacted in hopes to include that number.

It was brought up that there are versions of our commercials without our office information, as well as other products of our HAVA grant monies, so that other counties may use them. Clark County has requested to use our 'Are You Ready to Vote?' coasters.

Steve Peck suggested sending the link to our videos, or CDs of the videos themselves, sent out to service centers that provide to Thurston County such as the Hearing Speech and Deaf Center in Tacoma.

Adjourn: 6:45pm