

Idaho Talking Book Advisory Committee Conference Call
Wednesday, December 5, 2018
10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Call instructions:

Dial 866-343-3911 (toll free)

When requested, enter conference code 500

You will be placed in the conference call

Meeting Purpose: To remain current with Talking Book Service items

Desired outcomes: By the end of the meeting, participants will:

- Discuss use of chat for TBS users
- Discuss TBS enhancement
- Receive updates on TBS activities
- Share member updates
- Finalize 2019 meeting dates

Meeting leader/Facilitator: Sue Walker

Recorder: Sue Walker

Agenda

Meeting set-up, introductions, icebreaker	Sue	• Share	10 minutes
Chat discussion	All	• Discuss • Recommend software?	20 minutes
TBS FY 2020 Enhancement request	All	• Share • Discuss	20 minutes
2019 proposed meeting dates: • Tuesday, March 26 • Wed., June 5 • Wed., September 11 • Wed., Dec. 4 (conference call)	All	• Discuss • Agree	10 minutes
TBS update	TBS staff	• Share • Discuss	20 minutes
Committee member updates	All	• Share • Discuss	30 minutes
Next steps	All	• List	5 minutes
Meeting review	All	• List	5 minutes

Present: Dana Ard, Valerie Duffy, Jeanne-Marie Kopecky, Cathy Stanton, Nancy Wise, Judy Mooney, Candace Reynolds, Lisa Watson, Sue Walker, Rachel Welker

Chat discussion:

- Some members have used to talk with staff and find it very useful
- Some members have used for online business and like it
- Sue checked with Alison Steven who is very tech savvy about how compatible chat is with screen readers. Allison reported she has been successful with her screen reading software.
- Wondered if it would be used by many of our users who are older and not as tech savvy

TBS Budget Enhancement:

Sue outlined the request to transfer TBS funding from federal back to state funds where it was until FY2010. The funding would be for 6 FTE staff and operating expenditures. Sue will send the enhancement request to Dana, Cathy, Nancy, and Jeanne-Marie. IF you were not at the meeting and would like to review the enhancement, contact Sue.

2019 Meeting dates:

Committee members reviewed suggested dates and changed the June meeting from the 5 to the 12th. The March date is later than usual because Pam Davenport, NLS consultant will be here for her biennial site visit and Sue would like her to meet with the committee to update them on NLS activities. Final dates and times are below. Sue will send calendar reminders to committee members:

- Tuesday, March 26, 9:30 am-1:30 pm
- Wednesday, June 12, 9:30-am-1:30 pm
- Wednesday, September 11: 9:30 am-1:30 pm
- Wednesday, December 4: 10 am-noon (conference call)

TBS update:

- NLS has updated the player software so that the player will automatically proceed to the next book on cartridge. The book shelf feature can still be used to navigate through multiple titles on a cartridge if needed. The software is encoded in new cartridges and will automatically update the software when the cartridge is inserted in the player. It can also be downloaded from the BARD site for those who do not receive physical cartridges.

Committee member updates:

- **Dana:** Idaho National Federation for the Blind annual legislative luncheon will be held Monday, January 21 at the Red Lion Downtowner from 11:30 am-1 pm.

- **Jeanne-Marie:** Brian Darcy, Idaho School for the Deaf and Blind Superintendent will present the proposed school budget to the legislature in January. Planning for a winter camp to be held Feb. 28- Mar. 3 for students 12 years-high school. Also planning for a work readiness camp in June for students 15 and older. Staff is looking for funding for a summer camp for young students, age 7-13.
- **Nancy:** Gave an overview of the programs she supervises. The older blind program is for adults 55 and older. Eight rehab teachers statewide provide instruction, evaluation, and peer support groups to educate and support clients. Low vision clinics throughout the state are available for those unable to come to Boise. Independent living programs are for clients up to age 55.
- **Valerie:** Retiring Jan. 3 after 37 years in federal employment. She currently has 270 veterans and shared some comments she has heard about TBS: “Life line, Don’t know what I would do without it, CSRs provide insights into new reading topics”

Next steps:

- Sue will compile and share minutes
- Sue will contact Alison about chat being compatible with screen reading software
- Sue will send meeting invitations for 2019 meetings