

Idaho Talking Book Advisory Committee Conference Call
Wednesday, December 4, 2019
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

Note: The conference call becomes active at 9:55. If you call before that time, you will not be able to enter the call. TBS staff will meet in the TableRock Room. Feel free to join us if you are in the area.

Meeting Purpose: To remain current with Talking Book Service items

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

- Receive updates from September meeting
- Receive updates on TBS activities
- Share member updates
- Finalize 2020 meeting dates

Meeting leader/Facilitator: Sue Walker

Recorder: Sue Walker

Agenda

Meeting set-up, introductions, icebreaker	Sue	• Share	10 minutes
September meeting follow-up: • Committee members:	All	• Share	20 minutes
TBS updates:	TBS staff	• Share • Discuss	20 minutes
Committee member updates Alison Cathy Dana Jeanne-Marie Steve Sue	All	• Share • Discuss	30 minutes
2020 proposed meeting dates: • Wed., March 4 • Wed., May 25 (June meetings do not work) • Wed., September 9 • Wed., Dec. 2 (conference call)	All	• Discuss • Agree	15 minutes

Next steps		• List	5 minutes
Meeting review	All	• List	5 minutes

Present: Steve Achabal, Dana Ard, Jeanne-Marie Kopecky, Susan McCoy, Colleen Schowalter, Alison Steven, Cathy Stanton, Sue Walker

Favorite Christmas books or movies:

- Alison: Jostien Gaardner: *Christmas Mystery* (book)
- Cathy: John Grisham *Skipping Christmas* (book)
- Colleen: *Christmas Carol* (book and movie)
- Dana: *It's a Wonderful Life* (movie)
- Jeanne-Marie: *It's a Wonderful Life* (movie)
- Steve: *Home Alone* (movie)
- Susan: *It's a Wonderful Life* (movie- catch it at the Egyptian!)
- Sue: Children's shows like *Frosty the Snowman*

September meeting follow-up:

Committee members:

- Welcome to Steve Achabal representing the Idaho Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired. He is the Independent Living Coordinator at the Commission. Steve shared his diverse background working with the visually impaired.
- Vicki Prin is retiring so will no longer be on the committee; Sue will ask for volunteers to serve on the committee. Last time there were several interested
- Alison recruited Aubrey Matthews, a BSU student, for the committee, but due to her school schedule, she cannot attend today's meeting. Sue hopes to meet with her once the semester is over

BARD postcard:

- Committee members reviewed the BARD postcard and will notify Sue if they want some to distribute. Discussed creating a braille overlay for braille readers. Alison volunteered to contact Don Winiecki about creating the overlay.

Newsline promotion:

- An email will be sent to all TBS users with an email address in early January; users will send Sue suggested talking points for the email by the end of December
- Dana and NFB members will continue to promote to users who might not be aware of it

TBS updates:

- Lisa Watson, one of the Customer Service representatives, is resigning. The job has been posted and hopefully will be filled by January
- TBS will transition to circulating multiple titles on a cartridge in 2020. This should increase user access to popular materials and those titles only available through BARD. Will begin with users currently receiving multiple titles and a cartridge and new TBS users.

- Sue shared the information about the national NFB providing braille letters from Santa to braille readers younger than 10
- Members provided the following suggestions for promoting TBS:
 - Support groups such as brain injury and MS
 - LINK in northern Idaho
 - Social media groups used by caregivers
 - Caregiving agencies such as Medicaid, Meals on Wheels, Idaho Parents Unlimited, Friends in Actions
- Newsworthy articles in newspapers

Member updates:

- Jeanne-Marie: Sue and Erin Raney from the School for the Deaf and the Blind will present to teachers on January 7 via Zoom. Will share info about TBS and other resources for visually impaired students
- Susan: Erin Raney will send a survey regarding technology and emerging technology needs. Will be able to determine who is currently using TBS
- Dana:
 - The Readers are Leaders contest sponsored by the American Action Fund will be held Dec.-Jan. 18. This contest encourages adults and children to read braille. All participants will receive goodies.
 - NFB of Idaho will not hold a legislative luncheon in 2020 due to the fact there are no pressing issues. Instead they will host a Recognition Reception for Senator James Risch to thank him for his support in passing the Marrakesh Treaty. The reception will be on Jan. 11, from 9-11 am on the 4th floor of the Statehouse.
 - NFB of Idaho state convention will be on April 16-18 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Idaho Falls
- Steve: Have filled the rehap teacher position in Idaho Falls and are reporting the rehab position vacancy in Coeur d'Alene
- Alison:
 - At the Transition Institute at the State Dept. of Education, special education teachers from the Idaho School for the Deaf and Blind shared information about resources available for students with visual challenges.
 - There will be a VISTA Leadership Retreat in Cascade in January for students transitioning to adulthood

2020 meeting dates:

Committee members approved the following dates and times:

- Wednesday, March 4, 9:30 am-1:30 pm, Idaho Commission for Libraries
- Wednesday, May 20, 9:30 am-1:30 pm, Idaho Commission for Libraries
- Wednesday, September 9, 9:30 am-1:30 pm, Idaho Commission for Libraries
- Wednesday, December 2, 10 am-noon, conference call

Next steps:

- Check with Don Winiecki on braille overlay for the postcard: Alison
- Send State Librarian's name to Dana: Sue
- Send current newsletter to Bailie at the Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired to include on the NFB Newslines page: Sue
- Send information re rating commercial audiobooks to Dana: Sue
- Send NFB talking points to Sue by end of December: Dana and Alison
- Recruit new public library representative: Sue
- Meet with Aubrey Matthews re joining committee: Sue