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
• www.amacusg.gatech.edu/wag
  – From Navigation Menu, select USG Symposium
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
• **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

Janet Sylvia

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

CREATING THE NEXT®
Web Accessibility Group (WAG) for Higher Education

Janet Sylvia
WAG Coordinator at AMAC
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
• **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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Symposium Agenda and Slides
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