



## Draft Minutes

### DARAC Meeting

December 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>, 2005

Grosvenor Resort  
1850 Hotel Plaza Boulevard  
Lake Buena Vista, Florida 32830

1. **Call to Order.** The meeting was called to order at 9:45 AM by Robert Solomon, NFPA Assistant Vice President, Building & Life Safety Codes followed by self-introductions of members and guests. He relayed apologies from member Todd Gritch. He explained that guest participant Bill Hopple would not be able to attend, but would participate on Wednesday via conference call.

2. **Attendance.** Those in attendance were:

Rocky Burks	ADA Coordinator, County of Marin, CA
Toby Olsen	Executive Secretary, Governors Committee on Disability, WA
Kevin McGuire	Chairman, CEO-McGuire Assocs., Newburg, NY
Marsha Mazz	US Access Board
Bill Scott	Abilities Unlimited, Glendale, AZ
Marilyn Golden	DREDF, CA
Patricia Barbosa	Barbosa Group, CA
HolLynn D'lil	CODAP, CA
Richard Skaff	Skaff & Associates, CA
Robert Solomon	NFPA Staff
Nancy McNabb	NFPA Staff
Allan Fraser	NFPA Staff

3. **Minutes:** Minutes of June, 2005 meeting were approved as written.

4. **By-Laws & Operating Procedures:** The committee reviewed the task group's draft. After making some changes, the committee voted unanimously to accept the amended By-Laws & procedures. A copy is attached to these minutes. In addition, the committee requested that NFPA formulate a process for reviewing accessible egresses at future WSC&E venues and then disseminating that information to everyone along with all other egress information that is given to attendees.

5. **Hotel Concerns:** Members and staff discussed some accessibility issues related to the hotel, the airlines and the ground transportation including possible courses of action to avoid these problems in the future. Staff indicated that they will begin establishing a process to address these concerns with the intent that it will be in place for the next meeting.

- 6. Review of Fire Prevention Week Activity:** Staff reviewed materials relative to accessibility and their use in Fire Prevention Week. The committee suggested that training and materials should include people with disabilities, not just actors.

It was moved, seconded and approved by the committee that staff will send a letter to ASTM requesting that ASTM establish a project to create a standard for "Evacuation Chairs".

**7. Officers:**

The committee elected Bill Scott as its chair and Toby Olsen as Vice-chair

**8. Annual Report to NFPA President**

The committee reviewed a staff draft of the annual report to President Shannon. After approving a few changes, the committee unanimously approved forward it to President Shannon. A copy is attached to these minutes.

**9. ICC/ANSI A117.1**

The committee requested staff assist them in drafting a code change proposal(s) to submit to the ICC/ANSI A117.1 Committee for the 2008 edition of A117.1 prior to the filing deadline of Dec. 15, 2005. Staff will coordinate the input of the committee, provide clerical support and handle letter balloting to assure the proposal(s) are filed by the deadline.

**10. TYCO Discussion:**

Bill Hoople, a member of the NFPA 72 project committee joined the meeting via telephone. He had requested DARAC's input on visible notification devices for the next cycle of NFPA 72. Bill outlined a number of proposals and concepts being considered and the committee provided him with their thoughts and ideas.

**11. Dates/Location for Next Meeting:**

The committee tentatively agreed to have its next meeting in Boston, MA on July 20-21, 2006. Staff will locate an appropriate venue and will forward more details as soon as they are available.

**12. “Accessibility The Disney Way”**

The committee had excellent presentations from Jerry Wooldridge - Department of Building and Safety, Reedy Creek Improvement District and Bob Minnick -Accessibility Safety, Accessibility & Advanced Technology Group - Walt Disney Parks and Resorts on “Accessibility the Disney Way” Jerry and Bob covered everything from buildings, to rides, to grounds and programs. They presented some very “cutting edge” technology and creative solutions that are in various stages from concept, in design and implementation. The committee thanked them for their presentations and Disney’s commitment to accessibility.

**13. Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned on Wednesday, December 7, 2005 at 3:30 pm.

Minutes developed by Staff Liaison, Allan Fraser.