



DARAC

(Disability Access Review and Advisory Committee)

Meeting Minutes

**Thursday-Friday, September 7th and 8th, 2017
California State University (CSUN)**

Northridge, CA

- 1) **Call to Order.** The Meeting was called to order by Chair Toby Olson at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, September 7, 2017 in the Van Nuys Room at California State University (CSUN), Northridge, CA.
- 2) **Committee Attendees.** Self-introduction of members and guests.

Present	Name	Position
Y	Rocky Burks	Retired Access Manager, D.O.T, City of Sacramento, CA
Y	Allan Fraser	NFPA Staff
Y	Jessica Hubert	
Y	Marilyn Golden	DREDF
Y	Marsha Mazz	US Access Board Representative
Y	Tom Norton	Norel Corp.
Y	Toby Olson	Executive Director, Governor's Committee on Disability Issues and Employment
Y	Stephen Spinetto	Retired ADA Commissioner, City of Boston

- 3) **Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the June 11 & 12, 2016 meeting at Mandalay Bay, Las Vegas, NV were unanimously approved as written
- 4) **Chair Announcements.** None
- 5) Staff demonstrated DARAC's New Blog section on NFPA's **XChange** page. The committee had an in depth discussion a number of ways in which they could spread

the word within their communities and contacts to further the outreach, inclusion and use of **xChange** by the disability community

- 6) The three members of DARAC, including staff, who sit on the ICC/ANSI A117 committee updated the committee on the past cycle with it trials and tribulations in completing the document. It took more than two years longer than planned and the ICC membership did not include it in the newest edition of the IBC. A117 staff has already advised the committee that the document will be going back into cycle next year.
- 7) Staff provided an update on the new NFPA 1082, Standard for Facilities Safety Director professional Qualifications. Two DARAC members, Jessica Hubert and Rocky Burks have been appointed to the technical committee and will be participating in the first draft webinar meeting scheduled for September 18, 2017. Staff explained the difference between this “pro-qual” document and the rest of NFPA’s codes and standards and the timeline for 1082 and other anticipated documents that the committee will be starting on shortly.
- 8) The committee further reviewed the re-building NFPA’s Website. They noted some access issues and voted to send a letter to NFPA to suggest a process for reviewing website content for access prior to publishing.
- 9) **New Business.**
 - a) DARAC reviewed NFPA 1, 101, 1600, 1620 and 5000 for terminology related to people with disabilities that needs to be changed in next cycle of each. The committee found 37 sections where changes are needed and will submit PI’s for each.
 - b) DARAC would like to have two new items placed on the agenda for discussion with the appropriate NFPA staff and other individuals with expertise invited to participate at their next meeting. Those items are:
 - i) The accessibility of fire stations, and
 - ii) Evacuation of rail stations, particularly underground and elevated stations, by people with disabilities
 - c) The US Access Board would like to collaborate with NFPA and possibly other agencies to host an informational meeting with presentations by various industry’s that make supplemental devices geared toward people with disabilities. Companies such as en-Gauge and Krown Manufacturing. A subcommittee made up of Marsha, Tom and Jess will look at developing this idea.
- 10) **Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 pm on Friday, September 8, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

Allan B. Fraser, NFPA Staff Liaison