

# GDC Steering Committee Meeting

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## Minutes

- Attendance: Marnie, Ken, Elizabeth, Susan, Allyssa, Denise
- Updates: Marnie
- Accessibility Event/Annual Meeting: Ken
  - Separate conversation with Tony and waiting on a set response from our Chair as to when we can work on a presentation and if we can host it at the DPCA AGM.
  - Marnie contacting our Chair again.
  - Ken & Marnie will discuss a separate event, if it falls through.
- Steering Committee Communications: Elizabeth
  - Current plans include posts on autism, HIV/AIDS, Parkinson's, meeting reminders, GOTV, and world wish day. If I am behind, please poke me! It has been a bit wild in China lately, as I'm sure you have seen on the news. I am ready for GDC's next P&Q, it could be you! 😊
  - Need help with text in images for the visually impaired
- Agendas, Minutes
  - one document, to be transitioned into a template for wiki minutes posts
- Drafts of documents
- Idea-Sharing
- Items for future meetings
- Etc.
- Wiki and Newsletter Content: Elizabeth
  - Do we want one?
  - Who is responsible
  - How often
  - How many GDC members? Nearly 200
  - Should we combine with the all-caucus newsletter? Or a joint newsletter?
  - Is it possible to link down within newsletters? So that readers can click on the GDC at the top and jump right to the content they need?

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- Newsletter readership is not high, let's use our time wisely
- Liz suggests we email about our events, and keep newsletters to an as-needed basis, along with all-caucus and website efforts.
- Denise will keep creating GOTV content
- Allyssa: no to a newsletter until we are ready
- Anything being written is due by April 30th.
  - Get copy to Liz by April 26
  - Liz will send to Global on April 28th.
- We should be cognizant of the community that only uses email and phone.
- Marnie & Liz can edit the Wiki page now, please send suggestions.
  
- Events
  - Amanda LeDuc: Denise
    - Webinar Event in October
    - Will speak on portrayal of the disabled in literature
    - LeDuc has CP and clinical depression, perhaps she can speak on mental health as well
    - Global suggested that we consider elections and attendance
    - Should we have more than one event for mental health awareness day?
    - LeDuc has already been extended an invitation for October 8th
    - Let's be sure to have an accessible call for all regions
  - Inman/Carpenter: Elizabeth + Marnie
    - Tuesday, April 19th at 11 AM ET
      - Intro and presentation of severe mental health platform by Inman/Carpenter
      - Come with your questions!
      - Intro of DA and GDC
      - Discussion of how we can work together
      - Should we have this event in July for ADA, or October for Mental Health Awareness, or another date?
        - Possibly July. We will broach the subject at/after the meeting.
  
- Georgia Events
  - April 13 1 PM ET
  - April 23 11 AM ET
    - Marnie has questions prepared for each meeting

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- If someone can attend the first to ask, Marnie will be unable to attend
  - Allyssa will rep for the GDC
  - Marnie will send Allyssa the questions via email
- Putting Priority on Membership Recruitment: (all)
  - Please come to the group with an idea for recruitment next week
- Survey: Marnie
  - What are people's experiences with disabilities
  - What would they like to see from the GDC
- Casual Fridays series (w/Senior Caucus): E/M
  - mental health check ins, possible breakout rooms
  - Casual Fridays = open forum discussions
  - First event with GDC
  - Potential May event with Seniors
  - Ken would like to suggest a choir, a signing group event series.
    - This could potentially be one of our casual meetings also. Music therapy provides relief for both the physically and mentally disabled, and also their allies.
    - Perform muted or have audio on
    - Ken will invite us to an upcoming event his current choir's
- Other: (all)
  - Denise recommends we watch the Netflix series "Speechless"



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**P&Q**

