

GDC Steering Committee Meeting

Minutes

- Updates
 1. LW| Karen Frankenstein has confirmed with Zoom that the only people that can start Closed-Captioning during Zoom-meetings are Zoom Licensed-Admins or Alternate-Hosts with a Zoom-Pro-Account. Whereas WebEx allows DA to set-up Closed-Captioning by default for all meetings.
 2. LW| Starting in March, GDC Biweekly meetings will be hosted again via WebEx!
- Team member updates
- DNC,
- Communications*,
- awareness & education,
- information,
- member recruitment
- Event - Allyship
 1. LW| Lissette needs to schedule a brief meeting this week with Denise to review logistics and coordination of the GDC Building Allyship webinar.
- Open positions steering committee
- Anything else??
 1. Can everyone access/email the google group? (Liz cannot)

Committee Reports

Communications Report:

1. Ps&Qs have started. Please share Heather's! Next up we have Denise and Marnie. Please be sure to send your quote and preferred photo.



Graphic depicts Heather Stone and her quote re: NLS services

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2. Posts for our Steering Committee will be made prior to each event. This week’s meeting graphic will feature an image that highlights the AAPI community, in recognition of the Lunar New Year. The February 22nd meeting photo will reflect on the Black American community, in honor of BHM. Graphics are made via Canva, feel free to join the team. There will be secondary posts for each meeting, which are animated graphics.



Graphic depicts the pre-meeting “You are Worthy” themed graphic that was posted on social media prior to February 8th’s meeting.

3. A draft for the ‘New Caucus Newsletter’ is below. All links outside of the icons for social media are embedded. We are allowed up to 500 words. Please review. We will discuss graphics and more at the meeting Tuesday. Input most welcome!

Happy New Year from GDC!

The **Democrats Abroad [Global Disability Caucus](#)** has already begun ringing in the new year with advocacy projects!

What can you expect from us?

Inclusivity

We are building a supportive community of disabled members and their allies. We want to hear from you! [Send your ideas](#) about our mission and where we should go from here.

Accessibility

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The GDC concentrates on addressing the rights and protections of, as well as barriers for, DA members and other Americans with disabilities. We are compiling a resource page and working on increasing accessibility across all DA platforms.

Our Steering Committee is also accessible! Please dial into our [bi-weekly planning meetings](#) to learn, engage and lead.

Action

GDC members work hard to prepare conscientious programming and corresponding actions. On March 25th, attend [Building Allyship](#) where Dom Kelly, former Development Manager at Fair Fight Action, will guide an important discussion of personal development and effective allyship. Read more about allyship at [The Guide to Allyship](#).

Is there an advocacy or accessibility issue we should be aware of? Have an action you would like the GDC to take? Please [contact us directly](#), so we may get to work immediately.

Connect

Already [signed up](#)? Connect, learn and share by following the GDC on social media. FB, IG, and TW (imagine inserted icons with links)!

The Future Is Accessible!

[The GDC Steering Committee](#)

4. Posts for March 25th are being prepared. Graphics are almost completed on Canva. There will be an initial graphic for the event, and a second one containing a quote.



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1. ADA first graphic made.
2. Picture of GDC “Brady Bunch” format. Please correct your handles as necessary.

Here are potential graphics for Dom Kelly. The bio is a bit long, and lifted from his site: <https://chapters.newleaderscouncil.org/alumni/dom-kelly>. The image is also taken off of the website. Denise, perhaps you can ask for an original copy? I can go from there. Marnie, when we receive the specific #s for the colors, I can start using them. (I also understand if that is something we have to wait on.) If we use all of these, we have four logos in total for the event thus far. Can always make more, as well as change the shape/size/content of graphics.

★ DOM KELLY ★

Dom Kelly is a person with Cerebral Palsy, a lifelong disability justice advocate, and a passionate progressive. Dom is currently the Development Manager for Fair Fight Action, a Georgia-based national voting rights organization founded by Stacey Abrams. After the loss of his triplet brother Paul at the age of 6, Dom and his identical brother Sean helped start and lead a program in their local school district that taught other kids about disabilities, ultimately leading to his passion for disability justice and desire to help build political power among the disability community. In addition to working in politics, Dom is a longtime musician. As a member of his award-winning band A Fragile Tomorrow, he and his brothers recorded and toured with artists including Indigo Girls, Joan Baez, The Bangles and Toad the Wet Sprocket starting at 15 years old. They have toured around the world and released six studio albums. When he's not working to protect democracy, writing songs, and dreaming about helping disabled progressives run for office, Dom is at home in Atlanta with his wife Catie, their dog Vivi, and their cat Pippi Longstocking most likely having a dance party in their living room. Dom holds a bachelor's degree in music production and a master's degree in new media journalism. He recently earned a graduate certificate in social impact strategy from University of Pennsylvania.

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“Dom Kelly. Development Manager. Fair Fight Action.”

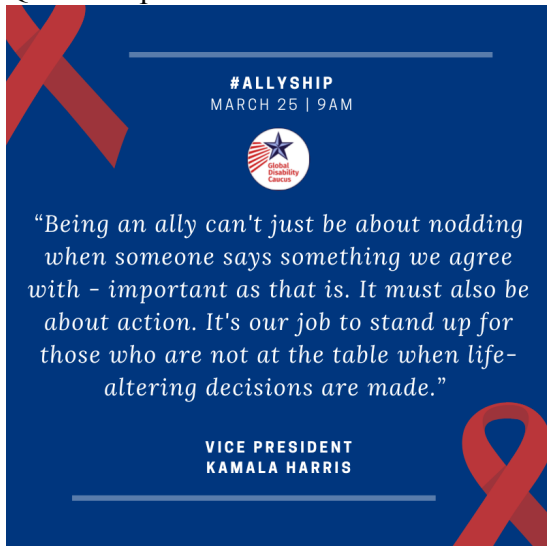
Event Graphic:

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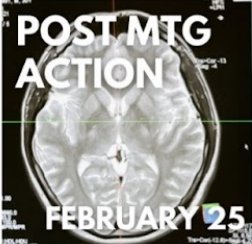







“Allyship. Learn more, do more. March 25, 2022. 9AM EST”

Quote Graphic for Event Reminder:



Quotation used: *“Being an ally can't just be about nodding when someone says something we agree with - important as that is. It must also be about action. It's our job to stand up for those who are not at the table when life-altering decisions are made.”* Vice President Kamala Harris

Feb tentative posting/mtg calendar:

 <p>OFFICE HOURS</p> <p>FEBRUARY 1</p>	 <p>CREATE JEWISH DIS, ARTHRITIS, WHITE CANE WEEK COMMS</p>	 <p>I WANT TO BE HEARD</p>	 <p>Ps & Qs</p> <p>Heather</p>
 <p>GDC MTG</p> <p>FEBRUARY 9</p>	 <p>Ps & Qs</p>	 <p>Ps & Qs</p>	 <p>BETWEEN MTG WORK</p> <p>FEBRUARY 11</p>
 <p>DAY POST</p>	 <p>DONATE</p>	 <p>FEBRUARY 14</p> <p>ORGAN DONOR DAY</p>	 <p>FEBRUARY 15</p> <p>PROMOTE COMMUNITY</p>
 <p>FEBRUARY 17</p> <p>EVENT POST</p>	 <p>Ps & Qs</p>	 <p>2 MTG REMINDERS</p>	 <p>GDC MTG</p> <p>FEBRUARY 23</p>
 <p>POST MTG ACTION</p> <p>FEBRUARY 25</p>	 <p>MENTAL HEALTH POST</p> <p>Ps & Qs</p>	 <p>RARE DISEASE (TOUGH DIAG)</p> <p>RESIST TOGETHER</p> <p>FEBRUARY 28</p>	 <p>Ps & Qs</p>
 <p>TAKE ACTION</p> <p>CALLING CAMPAIGN</p>	 <p>ALLYSHIP EVENT PLAN</p> <p>FEBRUARY 27</p>	 <p>Ps & Qs</p>	 <p>2016</p> <p>READY TO RELAY</p>

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February Calendar

- /1 - Black out for BLM, 1 in 4 Black Americans are disabled
- /2 - Texas event, "what to watch"
- /3 - Biden Cancer Moonshot
- /4 - Ps&Qs, Heather on National Library Accessibility
- /5 - commenting on posts: white cane week, arthritis, jewish disabilities, DA...
- /6 - meeting 1 post, AAPI You Are Worthy
- /7 - comment: DA Global hit 30k followers
- /8 - meeting1 , post reminder 2 hours before meeting: video graphic
- 9 - voter post, TX deadline to register/black female inventors
- 10 - work on newsletters. Allyssa has a Peter Dinklage post
- *11 - finalize between the meeting work with anyone who has events/posts/
newsletter input
- 12 - Donation Drive
- 13 - Ps&Qs - Denise for March 25th event
- 14 - organ donor day post
- 15 - DA community post 1
- 16 - DA community post 2
- 17 - events
- 18 - meeting 2 post, BLM You Are Worthy
- 19 - Ps&Qs - Denise for March 25th event (first post in series of four, get photo)
- 20 - join us post
- 21 - meeting 2 reminder post: video graphic
- 22 - Meeting 2
- 23 - Post meeting action (decide before/during mtg)
- 24 - Black American disability post
- 25 - Ps&Qs - Marnie (workshop length of quote w graphic and get photo)
- 26 - mental health post
- 27 - re-share day
- 28 - Rare disease day, highlight tough diagnostics process and how ongoing
issues occur
- 28 - part 2: Ready to Relay... Finalize graphics and comms for the Paralympic
Games and highlight accessibility. through the years, specific athletes, and
innovations for this year. keep team spirit alive.

—End comms report—

Post-meeting

Liz Needs To:

- ~~Finalize Caucus Trio Newsletter and submit by 2/13~~
- Finalize All-Caucus Newsletter and submit by 2/28
- Post on social media

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- LW| <https://www.canva.com/folder/FAE4JkDFBXM>

Liz Needs You To:

- ~~Denise, send me specific event edits.~~
- ~~Lisette, let me know what formats you want for each graphic (e.g. .PNG), for posting on the website, events page, newsletters, and for all of the autoresponses and reminders.~~
- LW| Thanks for the Canva invite, Elizabeth 🥳 You can always share graphics in .PNG or .JPEG!
- Allyssa, send me the Peter Dinklage quote/article and more!
- Ken, please send info re: DNC Caucus and other interesting tidbits I may include in communications reporting.
- Mike, as we head into March... I would like to make a post about mental health. Can also cross post with VMF. Lmk!
- ~~Pierre, I need your permission to use your photo/name in our comms.~~
- Caroline, I need your permission to use your photo/name in our comms.
- Marnie, tell me what to do.

Question for all:

- How much are we helping/advertising WCAG rules for website accessibility? I was making the “donations ask” for social media posting today and went down the rabbit hole of scholarly and professional guidance for building accessible websites. Let me know and then I can make a much better post. Otherwise it’s an empty ask, versus a caring comms message that may translate into donations

Thank you!
Liz