

Standing Rules Committee  
Blind Task Force  
Minutes of 3/12/08 meeting

Committee members participating in conference call:  
Steve Berman, Chip Hailey, Patti Schonlau and Ella Wolfe.

Committee member not participating: Michael Evans

After review and approval of agenda and review and approval of minutes of the 12/5/07 committee meeting, a discussion of the information received from Heidi Atkins-Lieberman took place. From that discussion, the following recommendations will be presented to the Blind Task Force for consideration/action.

- In order to conduct business of the Blind Task Force in a professional manner, BTF members will be seated at tables arranged in a "U-Shape". Visitors/guests will be seated at tables arranged at the open end of the U.
- Guests must have prior approval from the chairperson of the BTF to address the BTF. This approval must be obtained prior to the date of the BTF meeting.
- Invited guests will receive lunch. These guests must be acknowledged by the BTF chairperson prior to the date of the meeting.
- Lunch will be provided one time per year for Blindness Skills Specialists.
- Only members of the BTF are eligible to serve on committees of the BTF.
- Standing Rules recommendations that are approved by the full BTF will be attached to the By-laws under the heading of "standing rules"

A discussion of new business began with explanation of the two items that were referred to the Standing Rules Committee by the BTF. Those items are:

- Definition of employer
- BTF eligibility for students/parents when student no longer attends public school in MO

The question was asked if only students and parents of students who attend **non-public** schools (parochial, private, home-schools) were eligible for membership on the BTF. Ella was directed to contact Heidi Atkins-Lieberman with this question.

At 4:00 p.m. Patti had to leave the meeting. Discussion continued for a short period of time, but due to the fact that only three members of the committee were present, the discussion was tabled until the next meeting of the Standing Rules committee. This meeting will be scheduled after the Children's Vision Summit, April 2-3. The meeting adjourned at 4:15.