# EDUCAUSE IT Accessibility Constituent Group Annual Meeting 2012

November 8, 2012

EDUCAUSE National Conference, Denver CO

Number of Attendees: 22

<http://educause.edu/groups/itaccess>

## Change in Leadership

Terrill will be stepping down as the IT Accessibility Constituent Group Leader. Greg Kraus will serve as the leader of the CG, with Greg and Terrill co-leading for the next few months.

## Regional Conferences

Terrill encouraged people to submit to the Regional conferences, which attract a different type of audience than the national conference.

## Monthly Meetings

There was a sentiment to keep both the email list going and the monthly open agenda conference calls.

## Hash Tags

We discussed if we should be using a dedicated hash tag for tweeting accessibility information specifically regarding EDUCAUSE. We decided that there weren’t that many active Twitter users in our group, and there are also established accessibility hash tags like #accessibility and #a11y that largely encompass what we are already doing. We noted that there are a significant number of LinkedIn users, but no action was taken on establishing a LinkedIn presence.

## Working with Other Constituent Groups

Some other constituent groups have expressed interest in learning more about accessibility, and there are some CGs that we are also interested in reaching out to. Specific groups mentioned were

* Blended Learning
* E-Text
* Google Apps

Greg and Terrill are going to research how other groups function in terms of their regular meetings and how we might be able to interact with them, whether that be inviting them to our regular monthly meeting or us giving a presentation at theirs.

## Other

### EDUCAUSE Accessibility Resources

Jarret Cummings pointed out the resources EDUCUASE has for providing information on Accessibility Policies and Practices

<http://www.educause.edu/library/accessibility-policies-and-practices>

and Technology Accessibility Findings page

<http://www.educause.edu/library/technology-accessibility-findings>

We will send out the links to these pages to the list.

### EDUCAUSE Core Data

The question was asked if there should be accessibility questions in the Core Data survey. Many people felt like this was a good idea. It was suggested to look at other surveys such as the ATHEN survey (done every couple of years) to look for model questions. It was also suggested to crowdsource the creation of the questions.

Once the questions are formed, we should talk to Susan Grajek, EDUCAUSE vice president for data, research, and analytics to see how we might move forward with incorporating these questions.