

ACCESSIBLE INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS HIGHLIGHTS

1931

March 3: Pratt-Smoot Act enacted (reading materials to the adult blind)

1952

July 3: Word "Adult" deleted from Pratt-Smoot Act (now for all ages)

1966

July 30: Pratt-Smoot Act expanded to include Physically Handicapped

1973

September 26: Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 signed

1974

June 7: Pratt-Smoot Act expanded to include Reading Disability

1975

November 19: Congress enacts PL 94-142 - Education for All Handicapped Children Act (later IDEA)

Spring: Instructional Materials Accessibility Act (no action on IMAA in Congress)

1990

July 26: Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 signed

1996

September 16: Chafee Amendment to the Copyright Act passed (17 USC Section 121)

1998

October 14: AFB Solutions Forum holds first meeting in Louisville, KY

October 28: Digital Millennium Copyright Act (DMCA) passed

2001

September 6: CAST hosts a copyright discussion with Martha Minow of Harvard Law School

2002

February 21: Bookshare opens its virtual doors (at Benetech)

April 24: IMAA introduced in House and Senate (H.R. 4582 and S. 2246)

June 28: AAP testifies to Congress supporting the IMAA of 2002

October 1: NCAC at CAST obtains OSEP NFF Supplement to fund work of 37 member panel

October 17-18: NCAC Policy Meeting No. 1 on intellectual property, Harvard Law School

2003

January 7: First NFF Technical Panel Meeting in Washington, DC

March 11: Second NFF Technical Panel Meeting in Washington, DC

June 9 & 10: Third NFF Technical Panel Meeting in Washington, DC

October 24: NFF Panel Report submitted to OSEP (including proposed standard)

2004

Spring: Instructional Materials Accessibility Act (no action on IMAA in Congress)

May 7: NCAC Policy Meeting No. 2 on intellectual property, Harvard Law School

October 1: NIMAS TA and Dev Centers established at CAST by OSEP

October 4: Revision to NFF Report (modest update)

December 3: IDEA 2004 passed by Congress (PL 108-446) (HR 1350)

2005

January 18-19: NIMAS Development Committee Meeting, Orlando, FL

June 29: NIMAS first published in Federal Register with Invitation to Comment

September 12: NIMAS Comment Period closed

September 15-16: NIMAS Development Committee Meeting, Dallas, TX

2006

January 17-18: NIMAS Development Committee Meeting, Orlando, FL

July 19: Version 1.1 of NIMAS published in *Federal Register*

August 14: Version 1.1 of NIMAS published again as Appendix C of the IDEA 2004 Regulations

September 12-13: NIMAS Development Committee Meeting, Dallas, TX

December 3: NIMAC becomes Operational, Louisville, KY

2007

January 23-24: NIMAS Development Committee Meeting, Orlando, FL

October 1: AIM Consortium Award to CAST to support 15 State Education Agencies

October 1: Pacific CIMAP Award to Guam CEDDARS - Territories and Freely Associated States

October 1: Bookshare for Education (B4E) Award to Benetech from OSEP

December 26: NIMAC indemnification included in Omnibus Spending Bill (HR 2764 signed)

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January 2: NIMAC releases updated version of the Limitation of Use Agreement (indemnification language removed)

2008

January 29: NIMAS Standard Board Meeting, Orlando, FL

January 29 & 30: NIMAS Implementation Council Meeting, Orlando, FL

January 30: AIM Consortium Member Meeting, Orlando, FL

May 8: NIMAS TA and Dev Center 3+2 Review at OSEP, Washington, DC

Key

AAP: Association of American Publishers

AIM: Accessible Instructional Materials Consortium (at CAST)

APH: American Printing House for the Blind

B4E: Bookshare for Education (at Benetech)

CIMAP: Pacific Consortium for Instructional Materials Accessibility Project (at U of Guam)

CEDDARS: Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities, Education, Research and Service (at U of Guam)

IDEA: Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act (was PL 94-142)

IMAA: Instructional Materials Accessibility Act

NCAC: National Center on Accessing the General Curriculum (at CAST)

NFF: National File Format (to become NIMAS)

NIMAS: National Instructional Materials Accessibility Standard

NIMAC: National Instructional Materials Access Center (at APH)

NIMAS TA: NIMAS Technical Assistance Center (at CAST)

NIMAS Dev: NIMAS Development Center (at CAST)

OSEP: Office of Special Education Programs, US Office of Education

RFB&D: Recording for the Blind & Dyslexic