



Chairperson's Report January 2026 Council Meeting

As we begin our first meeting of 2026, I want to thank each of you for your continued service and commitment to this Council. This is my second meeting serving as Chair, and I appreciate the dedication, professionalism, and leadership each member brings to this role.

Since our last meeting, efforts have focused on maintaining continuity of Council operations, fulfilling governance responsibilities, and preparing for the work ahead this year. I appreciate the engagement of members in completing required responsibilities and remaining attentive to Council business.

Executive Committee Update

The Executive Committee met on October 29, 2025. All motions presented during that meeting were passed, including recommendations to approve the updated Council/Committee Meeting Rules, to have Standing Committees and the Act 378 Subcommittee meet throughout the quarter rather than immediately prior to full Council meetings beginning after the January 2026 quarterly meeting, and to direct Council staff to draft a Code of Conduct policy for Council consideration and adoption. Council members are encouraged to refer to the full Executive Committee Summary for additional details.

Meetings Attended

SEAP Meeting (11/13/25)

- Attended the SEAP meeting to remain informed on current initiatives, priorities, and discussions impacting the disability community.

DD Council Meeting (10/30/25)

- Attended the DD Council meeting, which also marked my first meeting serving as Chair. The meeting focused on regular quarterly business and a review of key governance, budgetary, and programmatic items.

Council Member Expectations, Communication, and Accountability

As we move forward into the New Year, I want to take a moment to reaffirm expectations related to Council participation and communication. While we all balance multiple responsibilities and deadlines, service on this Council includes specific expectations that support effective operations and informed decision-making.

Timely responses to emails and requests from Council staff and the Chair are essential to ensure thoughtful consideration of materials, adherence to deadlines, and adequate preparation for meetings. Council staff work diligently to support this body, and respecting their



time and effort through clear and timely communication is an important part of our shared responsibility.

Consistent participation and communication are expected as part of Council service. When expectations are not met, those instances will be addressed and documented, as accountability supports the integrity and effectiveness of our work. My goal is to promote clarity, collaboration, and mutual respect as we continue working together.

As Chair, I remain committed to supporting productive meetings, open dialogue, and shared leadership. I appreciate the commitment each member brings and look forward to continued collaboration and meaningful work on behalf of the disability community throughout the year.

