



Self Advocates in Leadership

SAIL UPDATE

Meeting Notes from October

SAIL's Special Guests

PHIL JORDAN

Washington Protection and
Advocacy System



At the last SAIL meeting, Phil Jordan spoke about important issues for next session.

Last session WPAS introduced the

'Hearsay Bill'. This bill has now been changed to better assist victims of crimes with disabilities after a court ruling altered the current law.

This new bill talks about providing reasonable accommodations to people with disabilities, so they are able to testify against the people who committed the crime.



Both Phil Jordan and Toby Olson spoke about voting rights for people with disabilities.

Currently, the law relating to voting rights for people who have full guardians says that when a court imposes a full guardianship, the person loses the right to vote unless the court says otherwise.

The new law would assume the person's right to vote. When a court imposes a full guardianship, the person keeps the right to vote unless the courts say otherwise.

TOBY OLSON

Governor's Committee on Disability
Issues and Employment



Toby Olson was invited to talk about 'Accessible Parking'. After a meeting with Lynda Henriksen at the Department of Licensing, SAIL was

not sure if legislation was required to change new parking signs and permits to use the word "accessible" instead of "handicapped" and/or "disabled".

Toby informed us that legislation was required and made a few suggestions.



The law now states that a parking space will include a sign with the international symbol of access, and the language "State disabled parking permit required."

Toby suggested removing the language requirement and leaving the international symbol of access as the only requirement.

This would satisfy SAIL's desire to continue the shift in the way society views persons with disabilities - moving away from 'disabled' toward accessAbility.

STAY TUNED FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THESE ISSUES AS SESSION MOVES CLOSER!