

HANDICAP ACCESS

ConRunners Meeting 12/1/00

Note: This is a discussion of the committee position called "Handicap Access" – not a discussion on the how's and why's of making a convention handicap accessible

PRE-CON DUTIES

- Contact person on ConCom for hotel contact arrangements
- Make contact with those pre-registered members who have indicated a need for accessibility
- Check hotel and programming for potential problems with accessibility and work on solutions

AT-CON DUTIES

- Help with hotel problems
- Have available an emergency contact list for: repairs, rentals, etc. Make this list relative to con's location.
- Panel assistance: seating, situating, etc.

PARTICULAR CONCERNS

- No waivers, like the volunteer waiver for con liability. This is illegal.
- Emphasis on pre-con activities. In the smaller cons, there is no reason to have an area for handicap liaison to wait for people to sign up. Those who have special needs should be encouraged to tell the con of their needs beforehand so that arrangements can be made in the planning stages and the situation taken care of before they get on site.