

Housekeeping and Announcements for SWOMA 2024

COVID

SWOMA does not have a specific COVID policy but we do seek to align ourselves with the policies for safety issued by the hotel where the conference is held. At present, masks are optional. Some unforeseen circumstances may change that throughout the conference. If the hotel does update its policies, we will make everyone aware of any new requirements so that we can comply with their direction for maintaining a safe and healthy environment.

Conference Agenda, Exhibit, and Handouts

The conference agenda, handouts, and exhibit hall information can be located on the [SWOMA Google Site](#). Please feel free to view or download the information for your use. Visit the exhibit in the Atrium to learn about products and information for orientation and mobility. Many of the exhibitors provided a sponsorship and door prize for the conference. Stop by the APH booth on Monday from 12:00 to 1:00 for a book signing with Dr. William R. Wiener. You can purchase a copy of *Foundations of Orientation & Mobility, 4th Edition*.

Recycling Badge Holders

When the conference is over, please return the clip that holds your badge so that we can use it for other conferences. It will be fine with us if you decide to keep it as a souvenir for SWOMA 2024.

Review of ACVREP CEU Process

As you attend sessions, you will receive session codes that allow you to receive ACVREP credit for attendance. Please keep track of your codes, as we will not be able to provide codes to you after the session has ended. You may want to enter your codes on this CEU Code Form posted on the

SWOMA Google Site. After the conference, you will receive an email with an evaluation link for the sessions you attended. The email will be delivered to the email address you registered with. We cannot verify if you have received your email or if it has gone into your spam folder or elsewhere.

If you do not receive the evaluation link email within seven (7) days, it is your responsibility to reach out to Rusti Wade at wader@tsbvi.edu. You MUST complete your online evaluation within 60 days (by January 7, 2025) to receive ACVREP and/or SBEC credit. Sign in to your account at <https://txtsbvi.escworks.net>; go to Registration History/Certificates to download your certificate after you complete the evaluations.

Evaluation

At the end of the conference, an evaluation notification will be sent to you. While completing the evaluation, enter the session codes and submit. This will award your credit hours to you. You will have **60 days** from the end of the conference to complete your evaluation for credit. After that time expires, the opportunity to receive credit will expire. A follow-up email with more detailed instructions about the evaluation will be sent after the conference.

If you do not receive an email with the evaluation link within 7 days, please contact Brian Sobeck at sobeckb@tsbvi.edu, Rusti Wade at wader@tsbvi.edu, or Scott Turner at turners@tsbvi.edu. This contact information is also included in the conference program.

SWOMA T-Shirts

T-shirts can be ordered online.

[SWOMA 2024 T-shirt \(Color\)](#)

[SWOMA 2024 T-shirt \(B&W\)](#)

Social

Please plan to join us on Monday @ 6:00 p.m. and help us honor Cyral Miller and Marty Murrell for their achievements in the field.

Door Prizes

Door prizes will be awarded during the two General Sessions as well as at the SWOMA Social event on Monday evening. You must submit your ticket and be present to win. The winners will need to go to the exhibit and let the exhibitor know that you're their door prize winner. This is an opportunity for you to learn more about products and for the exhibitor to get to know you.

SWOMA 2025

SWOMA 2025 will be a virtual conference. The conference committee voted to have virtual conferences and "in-person" conferences during even-numbered years. This means that our next in-person conference will be in 2026. If you would like to help plan the SWOMA conference, please go to the Registration table to scan the SWOMA Committee QR code. We would love your input and collaboration as we build future conferences.

Thank You's

We would like to recognize our sponsors who have made this conference possible:

- All Blind Children of Texas
- American Printing House for the Blind (APH)
- Association for Education and Rehabilitation of the Blind and Visually Impaired (AER)
- Leader Dogs for the Blind
- Texas School for the Blind and Visually Impaired Curriculum Department

We would also like to thank the exhibitors who have donated a door prize.

The planning committee voted to keep registration fees affordable even if it meant taking a loss this year since times continued to be financially challenging.

And most especially to the tremendous contributions of Outreach Programs at TSBVI; the work continues the whole year through ... facilitating CEU

awards for ACVREP, negotiating business contracts with the hotel, working with our invited speakers after the conference, and planning for next year's conferences and training events.

We would also like to thank the speakers for sharing their knowledge and expertise with us, and all of you for attending the conference so that we continue to learn, grow, and develop new connections as a field.

And with that, we begin...