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July 25, 2026

To: Members of the Board

From: Accessibility Committee (2025-2026)

Re: SSSP- Accessibility Committee Annual Report, 2026

Committee members include:

Muhammed Faisol Olaitan, Chair (2025-2026)

Devon R. Goss, Chair-Elect (2025-2026)

Rowan Greywolf Moore (2025-2026)

EJ Odell Néel (2025-2026)

The Accessibility Committee started the dispensation with discussions and conversations between January 6 and January 12, 2026. The purpose of the conversations was to review and update the accessibility statement for the 2026 annual conference in New York City. With the guidance of Elroi and Michele, the committee was able to review the previous accessibility statement successfully.

Having done that, the committee received three (3) major requests for accommodations from attendees. These requests included:

- An electronic scooter or any other mobility device around the meeting venue;
Recommendations had been made to the participant, but she is yet to give her response on the choice she prefers most and other logistics for the use of the electronic scooter.
- A microphone, and a possible plus to have closed captioning screens.
Audio package consisting of a two-speaker sound system, one handheld microphone, and a podium microphone will be provided during sessions.
- Access to gender neutral bathrooms at the conference location.

With the invaluable support from Michele Smith Koontz and Elroi, the committee was able to resolve the request on access to gender neutral bathrooms at the conference venue. Also, on the request for microphone and possible plus closed capturing screens, working with Michele, the

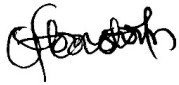
committee had been able to provide audio package consisting of a two-speaker sound system, one handheld microphone, and a podium microphone during sessions. While closed captioning screen request is not feasible considering some other logistics. On the last request on electronic scooter, the committee made some recommendations to the attendee before going ahead to process it. She was given options by the committee to make a choice that will be most suitable for her. After several follow-ups, she didn't respond and the committee was further informed by Michele that she also didn't complete the request process. Consequent to that, we couldn't go further on her request.

ACTION ITEM: Considering the accommodation request of some attendees in the 2026 annual meeting, the Accessibility committee is recommending that the board should offer close captioning screens for at least four sessions that are general (Town Hall meeting, SSSP Business Meeting, Presidential Address and Awards Ceremony) during future SSSP annual meetings.

In conclusion, on behalf of the members of Accessibility Committee, I would like to thank SSSP for the opportunity given to us to serve on this committee. Also, we sincerely appreciate the unwavering support and assistance of Elroi and Michele. Their supports and prompt guides enabled us to achieve what we achieved so far.

Long live SSSP!!!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Faisol' or similar, with a stylized flourish at the end.

Muhammed Faisol OLAITAN, Ph.D.
Chair, SSSP Accessibility Committee (2025/2026)