A New Professional Organization

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Why is a Professional Organization Needed?

- Information resource
- Guidelines
- Best practices

Speech-to-Text Communication Access Services

Teacher or presenter speaks

A person &/or software analyzes the sound and turns it into text

The reader sees the words immediately on a viewing device, such as a computer.

Speech - to - Text Services Network

http://www.rit.edu/~techsym
Different ways of converting speech to text

Current Speech-to-text Services

Speech-to-text Services

• How can you match the type of service to the student or situation?
• Where can a service provider go to learn new skills?
• How do you know if the service provider is qualified for the assignment?

Speech-to-text Services

Who Can You Contact?
STSN!

STSN – how it all began
April, 2002 – PEPNet Conference
Kansas City, KS

A handful of colleagues with a dream, put out a call for a national professional organization

STSN – the dream grows . . .
2002-2004
A “Working Group” came together to build the new network

Shannon Aylesworth 
Keith Bain
Jim Bell
Judy Colwell
Cheryl Davis
Marcia Kolvitz

Sharon Downs
Pam Francis
Pat Graves
Robert Sidansky
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**STSN’s Mission Statement**

To be an information resource for consumers, service providers, and administrators; and to promote quality services, through support of provider credentialing, continuing education, and professional guidelines.

**New Advisory Board**

- Denise Kavin, Chair
- Sharon Downs
- Pat Graves
- Pam Francis
- Robert Sidansky
- Marcia Kolvitz
- Judy Colwell

**Current STSN Committees**

- Legislative/Legal Committee
- Membership Committee
- Continuing Education Committee
- Financial Structure Committee
- Public Relations Committee
- Certification Study Committee

**STSN Milestones**

- April, 2004 – PEPNet Conference
- Official Launch of STSN as a new professional organization
- Over 100 Supporting Members, including service providers & administrators from across the country

**Speech-to-Text Services Network**

Our website is: stsn.org

Go to the Membership page to join!

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