

## LD Test Selection Committee

Minutes of Meeting of March 20, 2009

Present: Janet Gibbs, Phil Fast, Pam Plant, Fulvia Franco, Mary Griffin, Dick Baer

### Beta Test

Dick reported he had contact with Chris Milbank, School Psychologist with the Cache County School District. Mac users in the district have had some difficulties navigating to the Estimator homepage. Chris has been in touch with Brad about the issue which seems to be a Browser problem. Some Mac browsers seem to work better than others. Brad reports Mozilla seems to work well. Fulvia reports Safari works well for her but she thinks she may be kicked over to Mozilla when she uses it. Vickey reported Explorer has been working for her. In any event, Brad is aware of the problem and working with his “systems guy” to solve it.

Janet and Phil have sometimes been “kicked out” when they clicked Resources>Training>... This may be a homepage issue or it may be an issue with their systems. Brad will be asked to check it out.

### More Praise for Brad

There was once again high praise for Brad’s work and discussion about how to recognize it.

### Improvements

A list of suggestions for improving/reorganizing the webpage is as follows:

1. There should be a “time out” function such that if there is on activity on the consultation page for ½ hour that all consultation information is deleted.
2. The home page should be the one you now have to click “Introduction (to Estimator) to get to.
3. Everything, except being able to run a consultation, should be available from the home page without having to log on. This includes:
  - A. The articles already there plus those given Brad to add.
  - B. A list of frequently asked questions. Dick will try to find the list previously put together and email it to committee members for review at the next meeting.
  - C. The list of “Approved Tests.”
  - D. The Estimator manual. Dick will update it to fit the webpage.
  - E. The committee’s test review standards.

- F. A list of reasons why Estimator does not accept age equivalent scores. Dick will check Sattler's text book to see if he has list of problems with age equivalent scores.
- G. Minutes of the committee's meetings.

### General Dissemination

The committee would like to disseminate the program to all districts as soon as possible. The contract calls for delivery by the end of June. Fulvia would like it delivered by May. The Beta test has taken longer than originally planned, thus, giving Brad and his crew less time to address the Beta test issues. Never-the-less, Dick will approach Brad about the possibility of delivering the program in May.

The mechanics of delivering the web based Estimator were discussed. Best thinking seemed to be as follows:

- A. District directors will turn in to Brad a list of servers that staff can log on from to set up an account.
- B. Brad will give district directors a password staff will need in order to setup an account.
- C. In order to set up an account, staff will need to log on from an approved server and have the password. This will allow district director to control who can set up an account, i.e., only staff they give the password to.
- D. District directors should have email and hard copy instructions for setting up an account. Janet may do a power point training on the issue.

### Test of Auditory Processing Skills: Third Edition (TAPS-3)

Dick noted that when he was setting up a file for the TAPS-3 that alphas were not reported for the composite scores. The authors did provide a formula the alpha's could be calculated from. Dick shared the formula and the calculations with the committee. It was agreed Richard Keene would be asked to check the math.

### Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for April 24, 2009.