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This year's National ADA Symposium was held June 19-22 in Denver, Colorado and was a huge success by all accounts. Two CASI Board of Director Members were represented: President Bill Zellmer and Special Program Chair Kaylan Dunlap. The symposium has been held for the past 20 years and always presents a great opportunity to catch the latest information on federal regulations, guidelines, and best practices, as well as connect with other people in the field - from ADA Coordinators and designers to vendors and advocates and everyone in between. This year's symposium offered 72 breakout sessions on Titles I, II, and III of the ADA

Bill and Kaylan represented their corresponding companies (Sutter Health, and ETA respectively) but also wore their 'CASI hats' at times. Separately and together, Bill and Kaylan met with CASI's counterparts from Texas (APA) and representatives from the US Access Board and others and discussed ways that we might coordinate and/or work together in the future.

Looking forward to next year's symposium in Chicago to continue the dialog.

A new [accessible technology section](#) has been added to [ADA.gov](#). Find information on enforcement, technical assistance and guidance, regulations, and technology initiatives [here](#). The Department of Justice has made rulemaking for web accessibility requirements a high priority and recently released a [statement](#) about this rulemaking process. The Department also issued a Supplemental Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (SANPRM) titled [Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability; Accessibility of Web Information and Services of State and Local Government Entities](#).

President Obama [appoints new board member](#) Shelley Siegel, FASID to the US Access Board and reappoints Sachin Dev Pavithran.

Look for new guidance on chapter 5 of the ADA Standards from the US Access Board. The Board previously released guidance on chapters 1 through 4 in its [Guide to the ADA Standards](#). The [Guide to the ADA Standards](#) explains ADA requirements, including animations of some of the requirements such as maneuvering clearance and protruding objects, among others.

Did you know the [ADA National Network](#) has a regional center covering Arizona, California, Hawaii, Nevada, and the Pacific Basin? The purpose of the [Pacific ADA Center](#) is "to build a partnership between the disability and business communities and to promote full and unrestricted participation in society for persons with disabilities through education and technical assistance". Find more information at [www.adapacific.org](#).