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From the Chair -

Time flies.... We're already into 2018 and we're working on a number of projects for this year. The Environmental Access Committee was able to attend the Transportation Research Board meetings again this January thanks to a donation from Polara Engineering, the generosity of Lois Thibault and Jack Peters, and the support of the AER O&M Division.

In this edition of the newsletter we have included the final product from the Liability Insurance Task Force. We worked with Forest T. Jones & Company to address many of the concerns of O&M Division members and to clarify the questions that consistently arose regarding liability insurance for O&M. Thanks to the other members of this task force: Paul Olson, Joe Greene, Carole Williams, Lou Tutt, and Ginger Croce.

If you're looking to have an impact on the O&M profession, we're looking for applicants for leadership positions within the division. Please submit applications by February 2nd for Chair-Elect, Treasurer, Secretary, and District Directors. Applications and additional information can be found here: https://aerbvi.org/about/divisions/orientation-mobility-division/

The Task Force on Third-Party Coverage for Specialized Services was created in response to a Resolution at the 2016 AERI Conference. The final report from this task force is almost complete and will soon be shared with the AER membership. The Task Force will host a teleconference tentatively scheduled for March 21st. More details will be sent from AER and shared on the website.

Our division has been working to identify the priorities for implementing the strategic plan approved last year. Here is an update on what we're doing.

| Goals/Strategies | In-Progress |
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| Use the listserv, website, newsletter, and social media to enhance communication and to promote division activities | Develop social media plan and guidelines for current and future communication with membership |
| Provide available resources to support the EAC members in attending appropriate transportation organization meetings and associated committees | EAC members attended Transportation Research Board annual meeting in January |
| Conduct online research and contact professionals to identify and request specific provider requirements | Online searches identified state requirements for children (35 states) and adults (11 states); identifying contacts in each state for feedback |
| Revise scope of practice and develop paper to be reviewed and voted on by division membership | First draft is in development and being reviewed by O&M leadership, past-chairs of the division, and soon to be shared with membership |
| Provide or coordinate at least one professional development webinar, watercooler, or other virtual presentation each year | Planning more frequent and informal watercooler discussions and need to determine requirements for ACVREP continuing ed. |
| Participate in and support current AER Third-Party | Ongoing- Division Chair meeting with Task Force as |

Payment Resolution Task Force on behalf of the O&M Division

Support and promote COMS to be an accredited certification through the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA)

Written communication with ACVREP advocating for accreditation regarding COMS

Other Highlights:

• Consider submitting a presentation for the <u>AER International Conference 2018</u> in Reno, Nevada, July 25-29. The Call for Presentations is open until February 2.

scheduled

- Check out the O&M Division and take advantage of the resources available on the O&M Division Outpost at: <u>http://aerom.org</u>
- Thank you to Ginger Croce, AER's Deputy Executive Director, for all of her work assisting the division over the years! She retired at the end of 2017.

Please contact me if you have questions or if you would like to be involved in the Division activities. Find us! aeromdivision on Facebook and Twitter.

Justin Kaiser, Chair jkaiser@uscupstate.edu

Liability Insurance Considerations for AER Members

Members of the Association for Education and Rehabilitation of the Blind and Visually Impaired (AER) should consider the following types of insurance coverage, depending on employment status (employed full-time or part-time or as an independent contractor). AER is part of the Trust for Insuring Educators (TIE), which provides access to professional liability insurance (PLI) for members of the trust, consisting of more than 60 education-related associations in the United States. *The insurance is available to AER members within the United States*. AER members living outside the United States may use the information for a general understanding of the types of insurance to consider. Please discuss all insurance policy content and decisions with your insurance provider.

Professional Liability Insurance

PLI helps protect individuals and companies in service-providing industries from bearing the full cost of defending against a negligence claim made by a client, and damages awarded, in such a civil lawsuit. The coverage focuses on alleged failure to perform on the part of, financial loss caused by, and error or omission in the service or product provided by the policyholder. These are causes for legal action that would not be covered by a general liability insurance (GLI) policy, which addresses more direct forms of harm or malpractice. Professional liability insurance does not cover injuries sustained in an automobile accident while transporting a client. Professional liability insurance is also called professional indemnity insurance (PII) and is commonly known as errors & omissions (E&O) insurance.

AER offers members three types of professional liability insurance through its TIE membership. The plans are managed by Forrest T. Jones, the broker for TIE.

- The Educators Professional Liability Plan is for employed educators (including teachers of the visually impaired, orientation & mobility specialists, vision rehabilitation therapists, and low vision therapists) and pays defense costs in addition to a liability limit chosen by the member. It also features job protection benefits if the member is subject to an administrative action.
- The Private Practice Professional Liability Plan is for self-employed educators or those engaged in partnerships, limited liability companies, and corporations. The plan has a choice of three liability limits and deductibles.
- The Student Educator Professional Liability Plan pays all defense costs over and above the limit of liability and is ideal for young educators doing student teaching, internships and practicums.

General Liability Insurance

General liability insurance (GLI) is coverage that protects a policyholder from a variety of claims including bodily injury, property damage, personal injury and other types of injuries that can arise from business operations. Almost every business has a need for general liability insurance. GLI is not intended for and does NOT cover professional mistakes, employee injuries, auto accidents, intentional acts, workmanship, or punitive damages (in most states).

Private contractors are often required by contracting organizations to maintain a GLI policy in addition to professional liability insurance. GLI pays for legal expenses up to the financial limits of the policy.

Many insurance companies offer GLI policies. Forrest T. Jones, TIE's insurance broker, offers a GLI product separate from TIE. Or, contact a reputable insurance firm in your local area for information.

Automobile Insurance

Personal auto insurance may not cover transporting students or clients. Professionals should discuss whether their personal policy is adequate and appropriate for their work with their automobile insurance provider. If not, professionals should inquire about whether increased coverage on a personal policy would be adequate or if a commercial policy is required. Commercial auto insurance provides protection from costs associated with injuries or property damage suffered by others in an accident caused by the policyholder or policyholder employees in an insured commercial vehicle.

Private contractors who transport clients in a personal vehicle are sometimes required by contracting organizations to carry commercial auto insurance. While, commercial auto policies are not part of the liability insurance provided through TIE, GEICO offers personal auto insurance plans through TIE and is available to discuss commercial insurance as a separate policy outside of the TIE program. As a TIE member, AER members will receive a discount depending on the state in which they live and/or work.

You Are Invited – To Honor an O&Mer!

The Orientation and Mobility Division Awards Committee invites you to tell us about a fellow O&M'er who deserves to receive one of our esteemed awards. Please consider submitting a letter nominating a deserving colleague for **the Blaha**, **the Kronick or the O&M Citation of Excellence**. Review the criteria, listed on the O&M Division web page, to determine the best fit for your distinguished colleague. <u>https://aerbvi.org/about/divisions/orientation-mobility-division/awards/</u> (Scroll to the bottom of the page to view the award criteria.)

The award presentation will be held at the 2018 AER International Conference July 25-29 in Reno, NV. Don't let this be the year that someone you know, could have, or should have been honored but you did not get around to submitting that letter!!!

2018 will be the 50th anniversary of the first presentation of the Lawrence E. Blaha Memorial Award!

Awards Committee members include: Susan Langendonk , Justin Kaiser (ex-officio), Christopher Tabb, Nick Leon, Bruce Blasch, Jane Mundschenk and Gala S. Brooks, Chair.

Nominations for the awards and letters of support may be submitted at any time. The deadline for submissions is April 30, 2018. Submissions should be sent to Gala Brooks at <u>brooks6242@sbcglobal.net</u>. Award recipients will be notified and announced by June 1, 2018.

Should any Division member have questions or comments regarding the awards, the presentations or the celebration, please contact Gala Brooks at <u>brooks6242@sbcglobal.net</u> or 708-345-5689.

Donald Blasch Scholarship

The Orientation and Mobility (O&M) Division of AER will be accepting applications for the 2018 DONALD BLASCH SCHOLARSHIP starting February 1, 2018.

AER's O&M Division sponsors an annual scholarship competition for students enrolled in AER approved O&M programs. The scholarship recognizes the vital contributions of the late Donald Blasch to the profession of O&M during his long tenure at Western Michigan University.

Individuals selected for the scholarship receive an unrestricted award of \$1,000.00. Two scholarships are awarded each year (*depending on availability of funds*).

THE DEADLINE FOR RECEIVING APPLICATIONS FOR THE BLASCH SCHOLARSHIP IS March 15th, 2018

All O&M students enrolled in AER-approved programs are encouraged to apply. Watch for the announcement! The application form will be available on the AER O&M Division webpage.

Advocacy Success!

Environmental Access Committee Member and O&M Specialist Melanie Hughes worked with an Alexandria (Virginia) city traffic engineer to install a tactile guide strip across an extra wide 4 lane uncontrolled intersection that her student was having significant difficulty crossing without veering and becoming disoriented. The guide strip is a typical rumble strip already used by DOTs on roadways, so no special materials were needed. It was laid on top of the inside crosswalk line (called the outside crosswalk line by engineers, the crosswalk line furthest from the center of the intersection) and extended all the way to the curb edges on each side (over the gutter) so that the student could easily locate it with her cane. It is easily detectable under foot. So far, it's held up to the plows after a recent snowfall and Melanie and the engineer are evaluating its performance over the course of the winter.



Action Alert:

School District Policies Interfere with O&M Instructors' Ability to Provide Community Training

Administrative concerns relating to O&M specialists driving students in personal vehicles have led several school districts throughout the country to develop policies that are preventing O&M specialists from providing community instruction. While it is recognized that O&M specialists don't have the "right" to drive students in personal vehicles, students with visual impairments *do* have the right to training in the community – and schools *are legally obligated* to provide the transportation. Federal law clearly establishes that O&M instruction is a related service and that O&M services include instruction in the community.

Transportation, when it is required to assist a child in benefitting from special education, is also considered a related service. Students receiving O&M services have a unique need to receive O&M instruction in community settings to meet their unique needs and, therefore, to benefit from special education. Consequently, O&M students require transportation to community settings to benefit from special education. Concerns exist in those cases where school districts are not providing or allowing reasonable means of transportation which is resulting in students with visual impairments not developing age-appropriate skills for safe travel in home and community environments. Such students are likely to be completing high school without the travel skills needed to acquire and maintain gainful employment, further their education, pursue careers, and successfully transition to independent adult life.

Attempting to determine the scope of the problem within California, an ad hoc committee of the California Association of Orientation and Mobility Specialists (CAOMS) is conducting an ongoing survey. To date, 64 O&M specialists, representing 53 districts and SELPAs, have responded. Of those respondents, 39% reported limitations in providing O&M services due to transportation restrictions imposed by their school districts, meaning that they are not allowed to drive their students and no alternative transportation options have been provided. Many respondents indicated that they were limited to instruction on campus, or to areas where they could walk or reach by public transit within their scheduled lesson times.

Additional respondents indicated that they had partially addressed transportation limitations through a variety of means, including use of on-demand car services such as Uber and Lyft, scheduling with district school buses that are off-duty, driving district automobiles to transport students and working with parents to provide off-campus transportation. Others indicated that alternative means of transportation were offered, but with significant administrative and scheduling hassle. Such policies may limit the O&M specialist's ability to assess student needs, to propose appropriate IEP goals, and to address existing IEP goals.

The CAOMS ad hoc committee has consulted with attorneys from Disability Rights Advocates and with Ruderman & Knox, L.L.P. Attorneys from both firms confirmed that O&M instruction within the community is a significant component of our students' legal entitlement to a free appropriate public education (FAPE), and both indicated their belief that it will take legal action to make significant changes within our state. They advise that we, O&M specialists and TVIs, focus our efforts on parent education, specifically relating to the educational rights of their child and how to advocate for those rights during the IEP. To help our fellow O&M specialists in this effort, the CAOMS ad hoc committee has gathered legal and educative resources for educating school administrators on the unique transportation needs of O&M. The committee also solicited support from the California Council of the Blind (CCB) who wrote and passed *CCB RESOLUTION 2017 – 01: addressing Restrictions on Orientation & Mobility and Special Education Teaching Instruction* with the intent to raise this for consideration as a resolution at the next national ACB convention. Members of the ad hoc committee have also presented at statewide O&M conferences and plan to present at parent meetings and conferences where possible and the PowerPoint presentations are available for review. Documents containing the above noted resources and contact information for both attorneys can be found on the CAOMS website at <u>www.caoms.org</u>

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CCLVI Scheigert Scholarships 2018-2019

The Council of Citizens with Low Vision International (CCLVI), an affiliate of the American Council of the Blind, annually awards three scholarships in the amount of \$3,000 each to fulltime college students - an incoming freshman, an undergraduate and a graduate student - all of whom must be low vision, maintain a strong GPA and be involved in school/local community activities.

Application materials must be received by 11:59 pm Eastern Time March 15, 2018. Scholarship monies will be awarded for the 2018-2019 academic year. To access the guidelines, application and vision certification form, visit <u>http://cclvi.org</u> and click on <u>Scheigert Scholarship</u> link.

Applications will be available to complete and submit online from January 1, 2018 to the March 15 deadline. Questions may be directed to <u>scholarship@cclvi.org</u> or 844-460-0625.

We look forward to receiving your application materials.

~ EAC Goes to TRB ~

Members of your Environmental Access Committee take on the Transportation Research Board meetings again! Watch for an update from them soon with news from TRB.



Caption photo: EAC members at the entrance to the TRB poster sessions, Lukas Franck, Jennifer Graham, JoAnne Chalom, Janet Barlow, Beezy Bentzen, Meg Robertson.

DISTRICT REPORTS

District 3 - Maggie Winn

Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ontario and Wisconsin

District 3 would like to wish a happy and heartfelt retirement to Judy Holmes. Judy began her career in education in 1977, earning a B.A. degree in Elementary Education from Goshen College in Goshen, IN. Judy's career in Orientation and Mobility began in 1980, earning a M.A. degree from Western Michigan University. Judy has been an incredible asset to the O&M Field and field of education. Judy's career has impacted students in Indiana, Germany, Illinois, Wisconsin and Michigan. She has been a member of IAOMS and multiple AER boards, and presented at numerous conferences making contributions to the field of O&M. Judy has contributed to the future of O&M through supervising interns. Most recently, Judy worked for 19 years as a COMS and TVI for the Macomb Intermediate School District. Thank you Judy for all the ways you have touched the lives of students, parents, and other professionals over the past 40 years!

Illinois

IAER is hosting a wonderful and informative conference in Naperville, Illinois. This year's theme is **"EnVISIONing the Future."** For more conference information, please visit **http://il.aerbvi.org/conference.htm**

February 15 & 16, 2018

Michigan

The annual Michigan AER conference will be held April 26 and 27, 2018. The conference will be held in Livonia, MI at the Marriott at Laurel Park Place. For more conference information, please visit <u>http://maerbvi.org</u>



2018 Lions Clubs of Michigan Scholarship for the Visually Impaired

Three \$3,000 scholarships to be awarded

Please mail completed scholarship application to:



The Lions of Michigan State Office Attn: Scholarship Committee 5730 Executive Drive, Lansing, MI 48911 *www.lionsofmi.com*

Phone: (517) 887-6640 Fax: (517) 887-6642 email: *lions@lionsofmi.com*

Criteria:

- 1. Must be legally blind and provide verification (letter from optometrist or ophthalmologist or letter from vocational counselor).
- 2. Applicants must be a resident of the State of Michigan and a United States Citizen (International students must provide proof of citizenship) and either attending or accepted by an accredited trade or business school, college or university.
- 3. Applicants must complete the official scholarship application (both sides).
- 4. Must submit two letters of recommendation.
- 5. Must submit an essay outlining why you need the scholarship.
- 6. Must have a minimum GPA of 2.5 (transcript required).
- 7. Completed scholarship applications must be postmarked NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 31st annually.
- Must attend the Lions of Michigan Forum to accept scholarship during a ceremonial presentation. (Actual check(s) will be issued to the school/university/equipment manufacturer upon submission of documentation. Two weeks notice required).

ENCOUNTER CAREER OPPORTUNITIES NOT SURE OF YOUR CAREER PATH?

MARCH 16TH THROUGH 18TH, 2018

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS 14 AND OLDER (BSBP CURRENT STUDENTS AND VI STUDENTS WHO ARE INTERESTED IN BSBP SERVICES)

Join us for a career exploration weekend showcasing careers that don't require a 4-year college degree. Students will explore careers in several areas including: the culinary arts, computer assembly, and computer numeric control (CNC) machining.

Register at: <u>https://goo.gl/forms/qhRR5hgcPQqz2a1J3</u>

Still have questions? Contact Jaclyn Tollas at <u>TollasJ@michigan.gov</u> or <u>(269) 337-7897</u> BSBP Training Center <u>1541 Oakland Drive, Kalamazoo, MI</u>

You will need a completed medical report or physical to stay at the Training Center

Leader Dogs

Leader Dogs for the Blind has a free bi-annual Pro Seminar for Orientation and Mobility Specialists. The next scheduled date is April 8th-10th.

Arrive on April 8th, and the seminar is held on Monday and Tuesday. Earn ACVREP approved CE credits.

Follow the link below for more information.

http://www.leaderdog.org/programs/o-and-m-seminars-for-professionals-anduniversities/guide-dog-seminar

Leader Dogs for the Blind Summer Experience Camp will be held Saturday, June 23– Saturday, June 30, 2018. Camp applications will be available online on October 1st, 2017. Deadline for applications will be March 31st, 2018.

Summer Experience Camp is a unique summer camp for boys and girls ages 16 and 17 who are legally blind combining summer fun, independent travel skill training, leadership development, an introduction to guide dogs and the opportunity to spend time with peers facing similar challenges.

Follow the link below for more information.

http://www.leaderdog.org/clients/programs/summer-experience-camp

MDE-LIO is pleased to announce the March 23, 2018 workshop, Orientation and Mobility From Birth to Three: Building a Strong Foundation. Through this hands-on, interactive workshop, participants will be equipped to readily apply skills, techniques, and knowledge to ensure our wee ones are successful now and in the future. The presenter is Marjorie (Marjie) Wood (M.Ed., COMS, TVI) from Austin, Texas.

Audience: Certified Orientation and Mobility Specialists (COMS), Teacher Consultants for the Visually Impaired (TCVIs), Preschool Teachers, Early-On staff, Parents of children with visual impairments, and University students

Cost: \$50 per person, \$25 for college students and family members of children who are BVI Location: Ingham ISD's Thorburn Education Center (<u>2630 West Howell Road, Mason, MI</u> <u>48854</u>)

Register online: https://mdelio.org/blind-visually-impaired/events/orientation-and-mobilitybirth-three-building-strong-foundation

Note: For anyone interested in staying in the area the night before and/or night after this workshop, a block of rooms is being held at the Staybridge Suites Okemos until February 22, 2018 at the rate of \$75 per night (not including the 13% city and state sales tax). Guests should call the front desk of the hotel (517-347-3044) to make their reservations. They should ask for the State of MI, Department of Education event when making the reservation.

Wisconsin

SAVE THE DATE!

The upcoming NCOMA Conference will be held September 28th-29th 2018 in Milwaukee, WI. Call for presentations will be announced soon.

The Collaborative Vision Conference (WAER annual conference) is April 26 & 27, 2018 in Stevens Point, Wisconsin. For more information, visit <u>http://waer.aerbvi.org/conference.htm</u>. Wisconsin is pleased to announce that Vision Forward hosted the first CaneQuest for the state. Two O&M Specialists planned the event, the Wisconsin Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired helped with mailings and six O&M Specialists were able to travel to Milwaukee to help with the event. Scouts, those in third through sixth grade participated in this event.

Minnesota

The Lighthouse Center for Vision Loss in Duluth, MN has upcoming camps for Transition age youth (14-21).

The Tentative dates and topics for camps are as follows:

June 11th-16th: College Prep. Students will get a taste of what it is like living the college life. They will stay in a college dorm and participate in panels to learn more about what it is like being a college students with a vision loss. They will also learn about accessing accommodations and other things that will make living the college life the best it can be! July29th – August 5th: Technology and O&M. Students will learn basic technology skills and the technology related to orientation and mobility. They will participate in Bus travel, city travel, and much more exploring all over Duluth, MN.

August 5th – August 10th: Blind and Socially Savvy. Minnesota State Services for the Blind has partnered with the professionals trained in teaching vital social skills that will help them be more confident with themselves and in the workplace. The Lighthouse will be hosting their second session of Blind and Socially Savvy and provide lots of recreational fun to go along with the program.

August 11th – August 18th: Advanced Technology Camp. Students who are looking to expand their technology skills to a more advanced level and become more educated into the intricate world of accessible technology and the workings of a computer.

This information is not yet up on the website, but will be within the next few weeks. <u>http://www.lcfvl.org/transition</u>

District 4 - Lynnette McElwain

Connecticut, Massachusetts, Maine, New Brunswick, Newfoundland, New Hampshire, New York, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, Quebec, Rhode Island, Vermont

Northeast Chapter of AER

President Rishi Connelly reported that their next annual conference is in the planning stages for November 2018 and will be held in the great state of Rhode Island. Recently their O&M chair Sharisse Roberts ran a survey monkey to assess any interest for a Spring O&M Division Workshop. Results are pending.

The New York AER

The NYSAER Chapter had another successful conference in October at the Marriott Hotel in Albany. There were around 80 attendees as well as great speakers and many opportunities to network with colleagues and other professionals. They are also in the process of reviewing their constitution to see what changes may be needed to meet the changing needs of its membership. Licensure of O&M Specialists continues to be an area of ongoing discussion and lobbying.

District 5 - JoAnne Chalom

Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Puerto Rico, Tennessee

<u>Alabama</u>

<u>Scholarships</u>

The Alabama Chapter of the Association for the Education and Rehabilitation of the Blind and Visually Impaired (AER) has established several awards which may be presented at the annual training conference. The awards are as follows:

Grider Award

The Grider Award is presented to a person who has made a significant contribution in working for persons who are blind or visually impaired to promote an understanding of blindness and visual impairment in the mainstream of society. The recipient of this award must be or have been actively involved in helping persons who are blind or visually impaired have fuller, more meaningful, productive, and independent lives. He or she shall have exemplified the pioneer spirit, dedication to service, and quality of direct services to persons who are blind or visually impaired as shown by the life and reputation of Charles B. Grider.

Cox Award

The Cox Award is presented to a member of the Alabama Chapter. This person must have been a member for at least three years and must have shown, in the judgment of the Awards Committee, his or her commitment to the goals and principles of this chapter.

Paraprofessional of the Year Award

This award will honor a full-time paraprofessional who is a member. The award will be presented to a paraprofessional who has been employed at least three years, has performed duties conscientiously, has taken pride in the work performed, has shown initiative, has assumed additional responsibility when called upon, and has demonstrated a good working relationship with supervisors, co-workers, and the public. The recipient shall have promoted an understanding of blindness and acceptance of persons who are blind or visually impaired by the public.

Florida

VI Undergraduate Scholarship

FAER scholarships are limited to upper-class undergraduates (juniors or seniors) who have been admitted as full time students at an accredited college or university. The institution of higher education is to be one that prepares individuals to work with people who are visually impaired. The scholarships may be granted prior to enrollment, but payment will require verification of enrollment each semester of its duration. Stay tuned for more information. Applications are due sometime in August.

Kentucky

KAER Annual Conference March 6-9, 2018 The Campbell House in Lexington, KY Because of You – I Can! Featuring Displays of Statewide Student Multimedia Artwork!

The Conference is being held at The Campbell House in Lexington. Attendees will experience an equestrian farm paired with southern charm at The Campbell House. This classic hotel with large columns, horse farm fencing and antebellum style has become a favorite getaway for equestrian enthusiasts and travelers of all types. For more information contact Teresa Osborne, KAER 2018 Conference Chair, Wendy Strode, wendy.strode@ksb.kyschools.us

North Carolina North Carolina

NCCVIB Conference North Carolina Conference on Visual Impairment and Blindness April 19-20, 2018 Sheraton Chapel Hill Preparing for Tomorrow Today

The NCCVIB Conference will be held at the Sheraton Chapel Hill. The theme is "Preparing for Tomorrow Today." Whether you work with infants/toddlers, pre-schoolers, students, Kindergarten through high school, or adults, we all seek innovative ways to support them by preparing for tomorrow today.

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