# Self-Advocates Advisory Committee

CALIFORNIA SCDD

State Council on Developmental Disabilities

Advocacy

January 2012

# SAAC Meeting Agenda

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| **Call to Order**<br>Public Comment<br>Approve SAAC November "meeting notes" | 10.00 - 10.20 | Jennifer Allen |
| **I. Personal Leadership**<br>a.Advocacy mission statements and 2012 planning<br>b.Facilitation Summaries and support (Facilitation Video) | 10.20 - 11.30 | |
| **2. Committee Leadership**<br>a.Professionalism- Presentation Checklist, flash drives<br>b.Committee activities: 2012 action plan | 11:30 - 12:30 | Jennifer/SAAC |
| **Lunch** | 12.30 - 1.30 | |
| **3.Council Meeting Agenda Items**<br>a.SCDD Action items<br>b. Budget updates<br>c. SAAC report & member Reports | 1:30 - 2:45 | Jennifer/SAAC |
| **Break** | 2.45 - 3:00 | |
| **4. Advocacy**<br>a.SAAN organization<br>b.Boards For All Series<br>c.Convention on Rights of Persons with Disabilities | 3:00 - 4:00 | |
| **Recap and Wrap Up** | | Jennifer |

# Committee Business

Quorum and Introductions

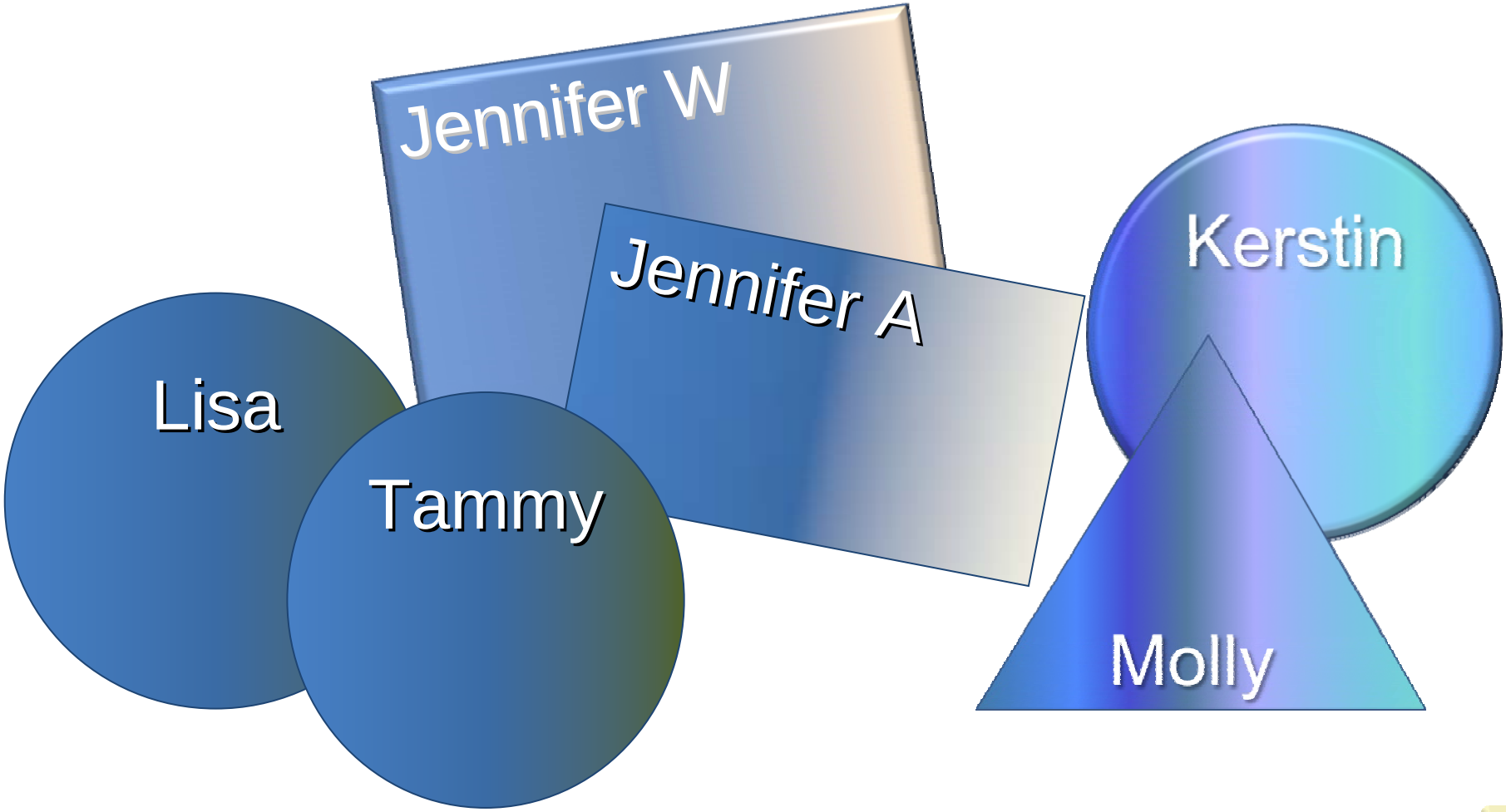
Public Comments

★ Approval of November 2011 Minutes

★ = Action Item

# Action Plan Updates

*Mission statements lead to actions*
*Leading by Example*



# 2012 Advocacy Plan

## *Mission Statements*

**Lisa**
My SCDD Advocate Mission is to support increased job development skills for myself and others and to empower people to live full lives.

**Molly**
My SCDD Advocate Mission is to work with communities to improve access to healthcare for people with disabilities.

**Tammy**
My SCDD Advocate Mission is to be effective and efficient in my job to support the Self-Advocate Advisory Committee and the Council. I will be a good communicator, organized and understand assigned leadership projects.

# 2012 Advocacy Plan

## *Mission Statements*

**Kerstin**
My SCDD Advocate Mission is to help myself and others to speak up, speak out and hear our voices. Help empower people with developmental disabilities as well as myself.

**Jennifer A**
My SCDD Advocate Mission is to provide information about resources and independent decision-making to high school students who are preparing to enter the community. Use my experiences to encourage and lead others by my example in advocacy leadership, financial planning and organization.

**Jennifer W**
My SCDD Advocate Mission is to support and inspire others through my role as an educator and facilitator, including but not limited to people with unique qualities.

# 2012 Advocacy Plan

Vision Mission & Values

## *Lead by Example*

**Name:** _____

**2012 Leadership Goals and Support**

**Advocacy Mission:**

**Leadership Goals** (What the goals mean to me)

**Goal** (What it means to me)

| Plan | Do/Steps | Support/Team | Complete by |
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# Facilitation: Summary and Support

## Boards For All

Boardsmanship Training Series

### Facilitation and Mentoring

# Facilitation Summary

## Jennifer's Facilitation Summary

| Category | Preparation | Meetings | Organization |
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| Adaptations | Large Print/Put main ideas into pictures | | |
| Professional Needs | Support on reviewing action items and remembering members of the board, committee | Help others understand me<br>Details: | prioritize projects committee work. Bringing materials to meetings |
| Partnership | Emails & phone calls are best | Sit side by side/cue each other (tap & write notes) | |

## Lisa's Facilitation Summary

| Category | Preparation | Meetings | Organization |
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| Adaptations | Magnifier/Large print | | |
| Member Need | Talk about ideas before meetings<br>Preparing statements and/or reports | PowerPoint slides when giving a presentation. Note taking important points. Take notes on a computer | Getting information (especially regarding budgets, etc.) |
| Professional Needs | Printer at home | | |
| Partnership | Email & phone calls are best | Sit side-by-side. Cue by tapping, whispering, pointing. | |

# SAAC Professionalism

## Community Presentations

- Updates from members
- Checklist and evaluation forms
- Recommendations

## SAAC Meeting Resources

- Meeting slides
- Presentations
- Resource information

# 2012 Leadership - Action Plan!

1. Action: _____

2. Action: _____

| 2012 | Committee Actions |
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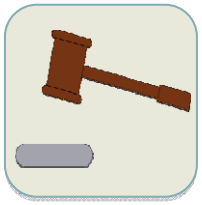
| Jan – Mar | |
| April - Jun | |
| July - Sep | |
| Oct - Dec | |

# SCDD Meeting Agenda



- SCDD - Action Items
- Employment First Meeting Recap
- Budget 2012 - 2013
- SAAC Report and member reports

# SCDD Agenda

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- AB2 Executive Director
- Federal/State Legislation
- SCDD Bylaw changes
- Nominating Committee Report
- Sponsorships
- Supported Employment Demonstration Project

# SCDD Action Items

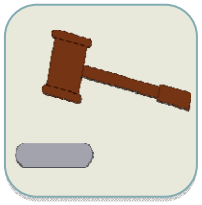
## Area Board 2

Executive Director: Sarah May

## Federal Legislation

HR 3356
HR 3086
HR 3610
S. 2020

# SCDD Action Items



## Federal Legislation:

**HR 3356** amends ADA to impose requirement of detailed notice of ADA violation (structural barrier to entry) before a person could pursue lawsuit. *Delays moving forward. Creates hurdles.*

**HR 3086** Fair Wages for Workers with Disabilities Act 2011, phase out wage certificates under Fair Labor Standards which allow subminimum wage rates.

**HR 3610** Streamlining Workforce Development Programs 2011 Consolidates 33 of 47 job training programs (*needs of workers with disabilities not referenced*)

**S. 2020** Keeping All Students Safe - Limits use of seclusion and restraints of students. *Note*: Council supported HR 4247 and S 2860 in the past but opposed amendments that were considered. *These amendments are not in 2020 at this time.*

*(italics: SCDD-LPPC )*

# State Legislation - Update

## State Legislation

### AB 254

Requires Regional Centers, when developing IPP for transition age youth or working age adult, be guided by Employment First Policy.

When student is 14 years, require planning team to discuss school-to-work opportunities and inform them, parents, legal guardian or conservator that Regional Center is available to participate in IEP meetings to discuss transition. Also require planning team to address integrated employment opportunities, while respecting person's right to choose.

*Did not pass out of Assembly Committee*

# SCDD – Action Item

## Amendments to Bylaws

Replace "consumer" with "self-advocate" or "family advocate"

1. SAAC becomes a standing committee.
2. Employment First becomes standing committee.
3. Executive Committee include: SAAC & EF Committee membership.
4. Eliminate indemnification language - not necessary.
5. Add quorum requirement (*legal opinion of Attorney General*)

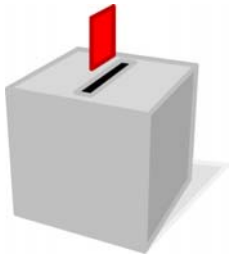
*Executive Committee* approved amendments with minor change:
Allow LPPC to take positions consistent with State Plan and LPPC platform

# SCDD – Action Item

## Election of Vice Chairperson

Perform duties of the Chair, if Chairperson is absent or Chairperson requests Vice Chair to do so. *(with same authority as Chair).*

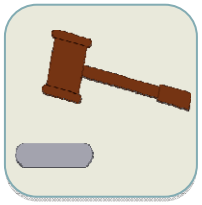
Also serves as Vice Chair of Executive Committee & Parliamentarian.



**Nominees:**

Lisa Cooley
Kerstin Williams
Patti O'Brien
Jennifer Allen
Ray Ceragioli

# SCDD Agenda - Sponsorships



**Supported Life Institute $999**

Purpose: Help keep registration fees low for 2nd annual Assistive Technology Expo.

**Tarjan UCEDD $999**

Purpose: Scholarship support for families of children with developmental disabilities to participate in a training event in March.

# SCDD Agenda - Sponsorships

## California Field Demonstration Project

1. Asks the State Council to be a partner
2. Seeks money from a federal grant and private sources
3. Work with 4 Supported Employment Providers

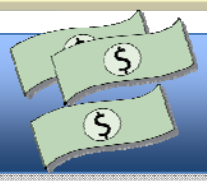
Find good jobs, with benefits in communities.

Pay providers incentive money to increase number of people in good jobs.

Trained in benefits counseling to advise people better.

4. Test approach and evaluate results.

# 2012-2013 CA Budget Summary



## State Budget Reductions Snapshot

- Governor projects $9.2 billion deficit for 2012-13
- Assumes voters will approve (November 2012)

½ cent tax increase
Increase state income tax rate for highest earners

- If tax is not approved, then:

  Additional $5.4 billion cuts for year

  K-12 Education, College and Universities

  Courts, fire protection, flood control, state parks,
  Law enforcement

- Healthcare

  2013 - Duo eligible (Medicare/MediCal) enrolled in managed care plans

- CalWorks (Significant reductions)

# 2012-2013 CA Budget Summary

## 2012-2013 Budget - DDS Snapshot

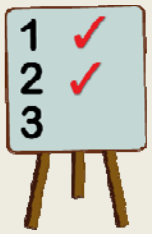
- $200 million cut to DDS
- Possible extension of current 4.25% reduction to provider
- Possible extension of current 4.25% regional center operations
- Reduction to developmental center budget

## Having a voice – Stakeholder meetings:

- 6 stakeholder meeting series (Feb and March)
- 3 representatives from statewide organizations
- 3 representatives from 7 service categories
- 1 family member representative from developmental centers
- 1 representative from DDS CAC

# SAAC Member Reports

**THINK** about what you want share with the Council.



**PLAN** - your notes

**DO** - Give your report

# Self-Advocacy Network

## Advocacy and Leadership

### PURPOSE

The Network is a partnership that creates a stronger united voice around the state. It links advocates with community, regional and statewide leadership.

- Personal leadership
  Choosing direction for your life and taking action.
- Community Involvement
  Making a difference in your community and developing the knowledge and skills to make a difference.
- Peer Representation
  Speaking or acting on behalf of other people with disabilities.
- Advocacy
  Making your voice heard about what is important to people with disabilities in your community and state.

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### HOW IT WORKS

Each area board region and statewide advocacy group elects a representative who meet together every three months to:

- Learn about leadership
- Share advocacy interests
- Create plans and take action

Member Responsibilities

- Help create statewide advocacy plan.
- Help create community regional advocacy plans.
- Carry out advocacy activities.
- Share information and leadership tools.
- Contribute to Network progress reports.
- Lead by example.

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# Self-Advocacy Network

## Advocacy and Leadership

### SUPPORT

The Council believes people with disabilities should lead advocacy efforts in their communities and statewide.

The Council will support the Network by providing:

- Travel related costs
- Meeting facilitation and leadership training
- Online resources in easy-to -understand formats
- Network leadership materials for community use
- Training for facilitators who support Network members.
- Annual Network summit to share resources and leadership development.

### SUPPORT

Area boards and statewide organizations will:

- Provide facilitation support to carry out activities.
- Assist communication between Network and advocacy groups.
- Help create advocacy plans.
- Support advocacy activities.

### OUTCOMES

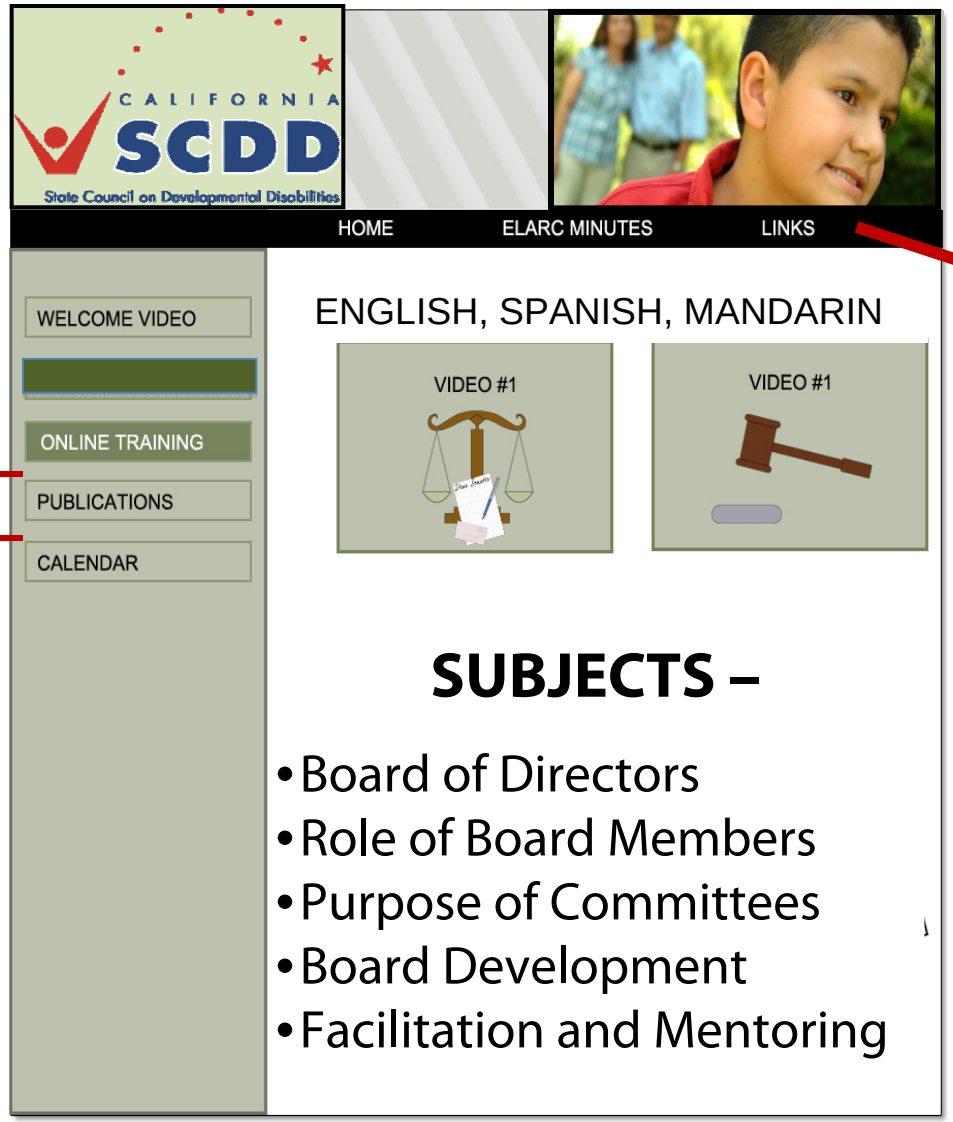
**Network members increase:**

- Personal leadership accomplishments
- Community involvement
- Peer representation
- Advocacy

**Network** :

Has strong membership with operating rules
Uses multi-media, easy-to-understand information
Increases regional and statewide advocacy
Conducts annual Network Summit
Produces annual report (booklet and video)

# Boards for All




Boardsmanship Resources

Meeting schedule

DDS
Lanterman Act
Budget information
State Council
ARCA

# Boards for All

- Six videos, narrated training scenes.
- Each video illustrates a boardsmanship concept.
- Each video includes worksheet.
- Volunteer mission statement

# United Nations

CRPD

## Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD)

# What is a Convention?

A convention is an agreement between countries to obey the same law about a specific issue.

When a country signs and ratifies (approves) a convention, it becomes a legal promise and guides actions of the government.

It leads the government to adapt and change its own laws to support the goals of the convention.

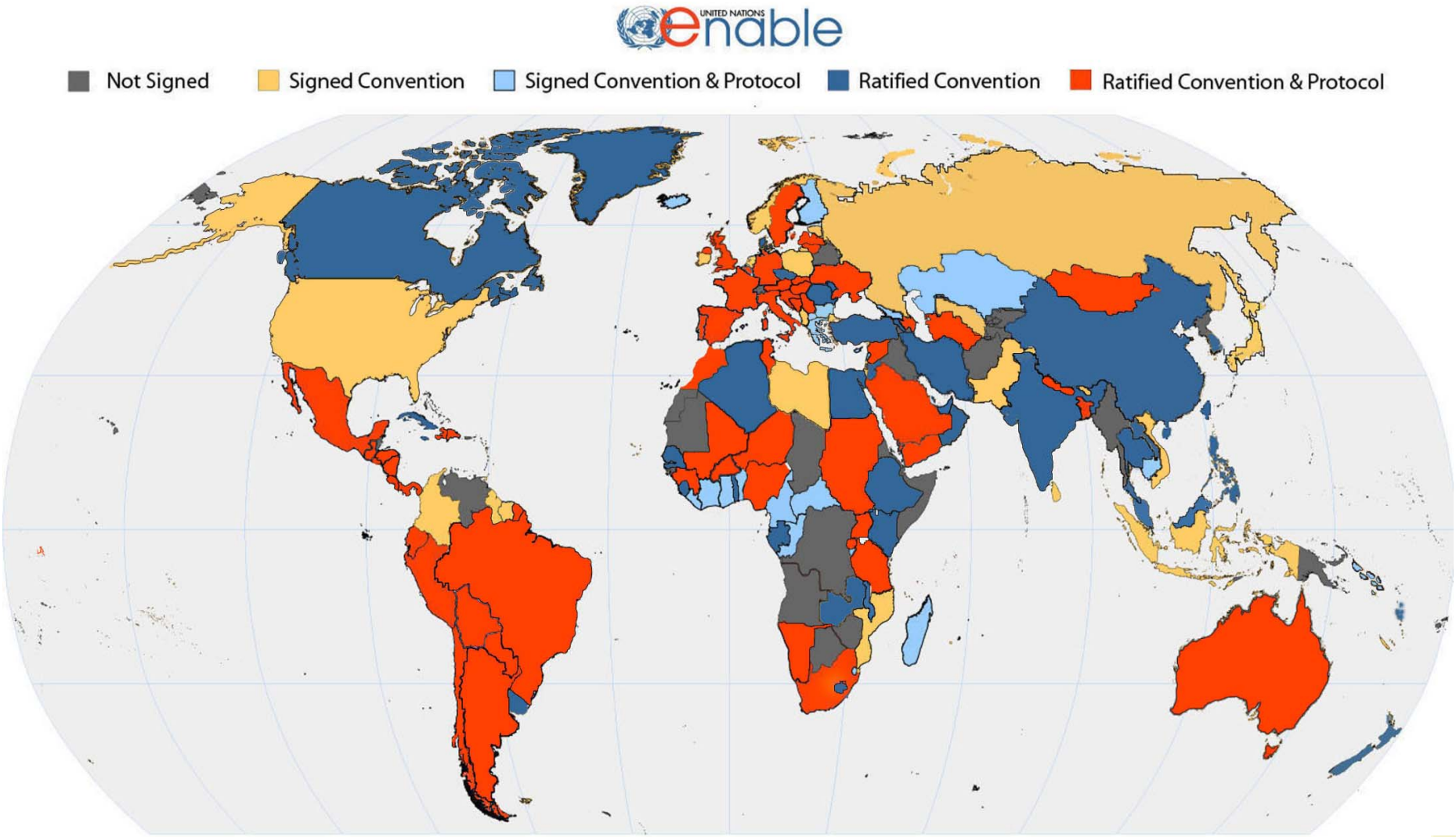
# CRPD General Principles

- Freedom to make their own choices and independence
- Non-discrimination
- Full participation and inclusion in society
- Accept people with disabilities as part of human diversity
- Equal opportunity
- Accessibility (transportation, places, information)
- Respect children with disabilities (respected for abilities)

# CRPD States Parties 2011

147 signatories

99 ratifications



# United States Process

## US Status

"**SIGNATORY**"

President Obama ordered the treaty to be signed, July 2009.

*Means:*

United States agrees with the ideas in the treaty.

United States is interested in joining the treaty.

# United States Process

## US Next Steps

### "RATIFICATION"

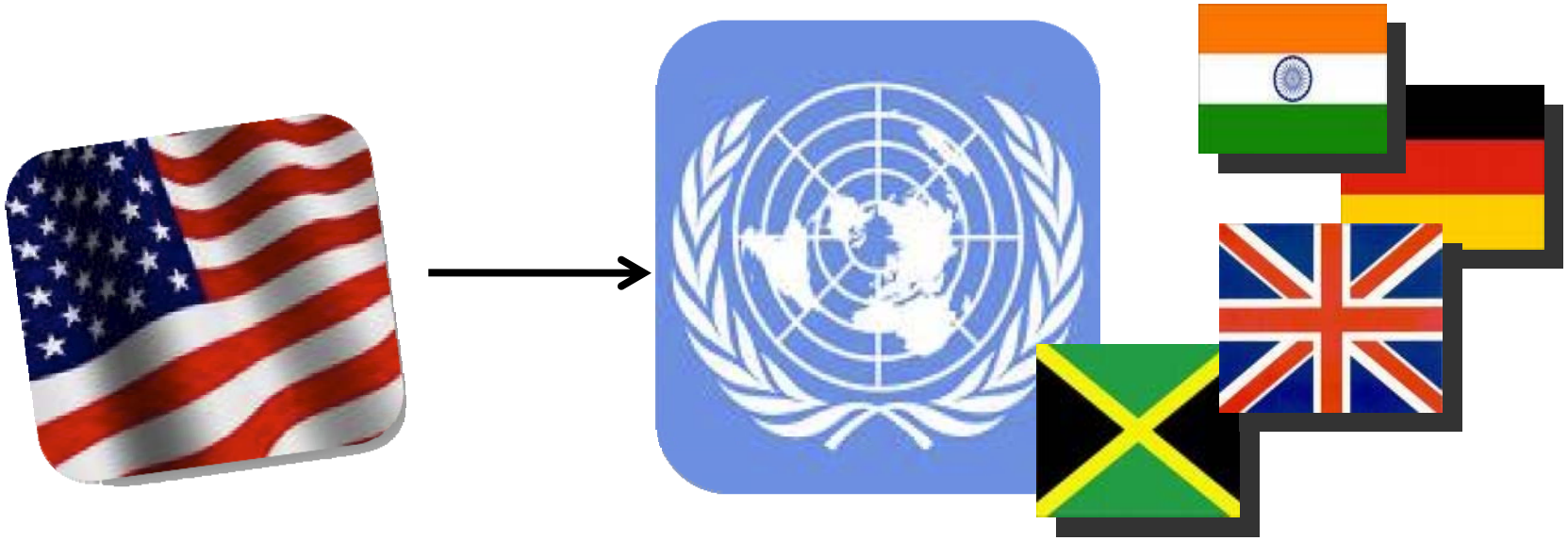
UNITED STATES SENATE

To become law, the Senate votes to accept the treaty

There needs to be a two-thirds majority vote for approval

# US Next Steps

## "STATES PARTY"



When the United States ratifies the treaty it must follow what the treaty says to do.

# Committee Agreement - March

| March | Committee Actions |
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