

Smoking at the Conference

The authors of the Accessibility Guide received some feedback about air quality at the STC 53rd Annual Conference in Las Vegas last year. In response to this concern, the authors of this year's *Guide* would like to emphasize the following information.

Minneapolis has been a smoke-free city since 2004, when smoking was banned in bars and restaurants. The smoke-free ordinance applies to all restaurants, bars, bowling alleys, pool and billiard halls, private clubs and other food and liquor establishments that need a license to operate from the City of Minneapolis. The ordinance does not apply to hotel/motel rooms, outdoor spaces, private residences or locations where the use of tobacco is part of a recognized religious ritual."

The Minneapolis Convention Center is a smoke-free facility. Both the Marriott and the Hilton are 100% smoke free. Other hotels may be smoke free as well.

If you are a smoker, you will be able to enjoy smoking in the great outdoors. If you are sensitive to cigarette smoke, the conference venue should not present any problems.

The AccessAbility SIG and the contributors to this year's *Accessibility Guide* appreciate your feedback and look forward to addressing the needs of *all* conference attendees, this year and in the years to come.

See you in Minneapolis!

