

PAUL W. SCHROEDER

Paul Schroeder has an extensive career working at the intersection of policy advocacy and organization management on behalf of individuals with disabilities. He has established a successful track record in policy development, program implementation, managing personnel and fostering collaboration. Schroeder has worked to improve disability services as well as environmental and technological accessibility for individuals with disabilities, especially those with vision loss. He has helped secure increased appropriations for key programs and important improvements in policies including vocational rehabilitation and special education and played key roles in efforts to implement the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Communications and Video Accessibility Act.

Schroeder currently serves as the Vice President, Impact and Outreach for the American Printing House for the Blind (APH) which supports education for students who are blind or low vision. He is responsible for APH's public policy engagement and oversees several programs and services including Outreach and Training, the APH ConnectCenter, Museum, Prison Braille program and the National Instructional Materials Access Center. He began employment with APH in December 2020.

Prior to joining APH, Schroeder served as Vice President, Public Policy and Strategic Initiatives for Aira, a technology company that provides access to visual information.

Schroeder served as Vice President of Programs and Policy for the American Foundation for the Blind (AFB). During 22 years with AFB, Schroeder assumed increasing responsibilities, ultimately leading AFB's activities related to legislative and public policy, research and demographic trends, and efforts to improve access and information concerning education, employment, independent living, and technology. He also oversaw AFB's publishing and eLearning programs and several AFB web-based programs.

He has also led policy advocacy efforts for the VisionServe Alliance and the American Council of the Blind. He began his career in the Governor's Office of Advocacy for People with Disabilities in Ohio.

Schroeder is a member of various boards and committees, including the Board of Directors for the Maryland School for the Blind and the Assistive Technology Industry Association.

Schroeder earned a B.A. in Political Science and International Studies from American University. He lives with his wife in Silver Spring, Maryland.