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**NINTH TRAIN THE TRAINERS SEMINAR IS HISTORY**

The Conference Center once again was transformed into a technology wonderland last week! Five selected technology trainers who are above the beginner's level and wish to become experts in the use of mobile braille devices successfully completed the ninth Train the Trainers Seminar (TTT). The focus of this seminar was the use of braille notetakers – the BrailleNote Apex, the Braille Sense U2/Mini, and the Android-based BraillePlus 18. The training covers topics that include utilizing applications on the mobile braille devices such as word processor, address book, instant and text messaging via GoogleTalk, e-mail/Internet, wireless/Ethernet/broadband connectivity, and face-to-face communication. The goals of the seminar are to expand the participants' existing skills and to gain advanced skills in teaching deaf-blind individuals using various methods and techniques. All the participants and all the trainers were either blind or deaf-blind.

The trainers were *Bapin, Megan Dausch, and Scott Davert* from HKNC along with *Andy Granda*, an independent contractor/instructor from San Diego, CA, and *Bruce Visser* an independent contractor/instructor from Seattle, WA.



**Standing L-R: Bruce Visser, John Comstock, Scott Davert, Bapin, Ryan Odland. Seated L-R: Steve Noice, Andy Granda, Michelle Clark, Sonia Hernandez, Megan Dausch, and dog guide Buddy**



**The Conference Center in full swing**



**John C. practices while Andy G. observes**



**Scott D. instructs Michelle C. on the braille notetaker**