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# President's Message

I want to welcome everyone to the 61st annual conference and convention of the American Council of the Blind, for our first ever hybrid gathering broadcast across ACB Media Network and in-person in Omaha, Nebraska. In these unique times, the efforts of our members to pull together and present an outstanding event is a testimony to the passion and tenacity of our ACB Family.

The theme of the 2022 convention is “Here, There and Everywhere!” This is a great theme for this year’s convention since today’s obstacles represent tomorrow’s opportunities. Making opportunities turn into successes for people who are blind or visually impaired is what our work at ACB is all about!

You will hear more about ACB’s successes during what should be our busiest and most information-packed convention ever.

Every ACB convention relies on scores of volunteers who work to make this event possible. I want to personally thank the members of the Convention Committee, chaired by Janet Dickelman; the Convention Program Committee, and the ACB Media Network team.

Likewise, let me acknowledge the work of our Alexandria and Minneapolis staff. You are all fabulous!

Finally, a very warm welcome to those of you attending the ACB convention for the first time. This hybrid event will offer our members and friends a wonderful chance to experience a truly exceptional program in the comfort of your own home or in Omaha at the fabulous Hilton Hotel in the heart of the city. There will be over 25 hours of audio-described virtual tours, a robust vendor exhibit hall and amazing live tours, daily general sessions with knowledgeable presenters across the full range of issues that impact our community and over 100 breakout sessions from our affiliates, committees, and sponsors. This unique experience will shape our organization for years to come, and we can't wait to get together in person or on the ACB Media Network. Plan on joining us in 2023 and come to Schaumburg, Illinois next year.

Enjoy a great convention!  
Dan Spoone, ACB President



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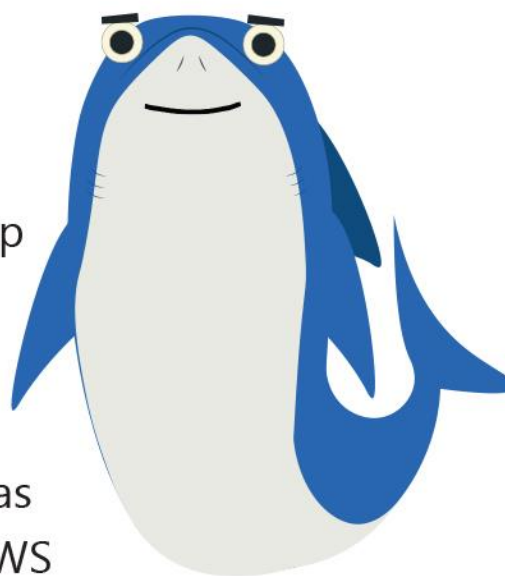
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have many convention specials and a free gift just for visiting us!

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meeting. All skill levels are welcome. We'll  
demonstrate and discuss the recent  
developments and look at what's coming in  
2023. Bring your questions and join the fun as  
we kick off the 2022 Convention with the JAWS  
teams from Training, Sales, and Marketing.



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# Calendar

## **Saturday, June 18**

6:00 pm - 11:00 pm: ACB Summer Auction; Virtual

## **Wednesday, June 22**

10:00 am - 1:00 pm: Exhibit Hall Virtual Tour; Virtual

7:00 pm - 8:00 pm: Reading of Standing Rules  
Credentials; Virtual

## **Thursday, June 23**

10:00 am - 11:15 am: Reaching Beyond Their Borders:  
International Programs of US Schools for the Blind;  
Virtual

11:30 am - 2:15 pm: GDUI: School Updates; Virtual

1:00 pm - 2:15 pm: BRL Constitutional Changes; Virtual

1:00 pm - 2:15 pm: AI in Music and Pictures; Virtual

1:00 pm - 2:15 pm: Audio Description: “Nothing About  
Us Without Us”; Virtual

2:30 pm - 3:45 pm: ACBRA Business Meeting; Virtual

2:30 pm - 3:45 pm: BRL Nominations and Candidate  
Forum; Virtual

2:30 pm - 3:45 pm - Seeing Eye Woofs and Wags; Virtual  
4:00 pm - 5:15 pm: BRL Other Business; Virtual  
4:00 pm - 5:15 pm: Yoga with Leslie Spoone; Virtual  
4:00 pm - 5:30 pm: Audio Description Update on TV  
Broadcast and Cable Networks and the CVAA; Virtual  
5:30 pm - 6:45 pm: AABT Business Meeting; Virtual  
5:30 pm - 6:45 pm: Adaptive Sports: GET UP, GET  
MOVING, and Make Life Fun!; Virtual  
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm: Nominating Committee; Virtual  
7:30 pm - 8:45 pm: Prose and Poetry Reading; Virtual

## **Friday, June 24**

1:00 pm - 2:15 pm: Residential Adjustment to  
Blindness; Virtual  
1:00 pm - 2:15 pm: You Gotta Have Harp; Virtual  
1:00 pm - 2:15 pm: Science for Superheroes: Video  
presentation and discussion of Cryopreservation;  
Virtual  
1:00 pm - 2:15 pm: NLS Expands its Foreign Language  
Collection; Virtual  
2:30 pm - 3:45 pm: Super Computers and Super Pups;  
Virtual

2:30 pm - 3:45 pm: LUA Business Meeting; Virtual

2:30 pm - 3:45 pm: En-Vision America; Virtual

4:00 pm - 5:15 pm: Cardio Exercise with Leslie Spoone;  
Virtual

5:30 pm - 6:45 pm: ACBS Business Meeting; Virtual

5:30 pm - 6:45 pm: Affiliate Presidents Meeting; Virtual

5:30 pm - 6:45 pm: Bookshare Office Hours; Virtual

7:30 pm - 10:00 pm: Showcase of the Performing Arts;  
Virtual

10:00 pm - 11:15 pm: Showcase After Hours; Virtual

### **Saturday, June 25**

10:00 am - 11:15 am: IVIE Business Meeting; Virtual

11:30 am - 12:45 pm: Do you really need Indeed?  
Indeed you might; Virtual

1:00 pm - 2:15 pm: AAVIA Business Meeting; Virtual

1:00 pm - 2:15 pm: ACBF Business Meeting; Virtual

1:00 pm - 3:45 pm: RSVA Business Meeting; Virtual

1:00 pm - 2:15 pm: ACB Committee Chairs Meeting;  
Virtual

1:00 pm - 2:15 pm: The Art of Disability Culture:  
Nontraditional Visually Impaired Artist panel; Virtual

2:30 pm - 3:45 pm: CCLVI Business Meeting and  
Elections; Virtual

2:30 pm - 3:45 pm: Audio Description Project: Self-  
Description: Too Much or Just Enough - Blind  
Community Perspectives; Virtual

2:30 pm - 3:45 pm: Social Security at Work; Virtual

4:00 pm - 5:15 pm: BPI/MCAC/GDUI Candidates  
Forum; Virtual

4:00 pm - 5:15 pm: Sister Power Happy Hour; Virtual

5:30 pm - 6:45 pm: ACB Families Goes to Camp; Virtual

5:30 pm - 7:30 pm: ACB Next Generation and ACB  
Students Convention Pep Rally; Virtual

7:30 pm - 8:45 pm: FIA Writers' Workshop; Virtual

7:30 pm - 10:00 pm: ACB Film Night; Virtual

7:30 pm - 8:45 pm Keys to the Convention (Virtual)

9:00 pm - 11:00 pm: ACBL Milly's Place; Virtual

### **Thursday, June 30**

6:00 pm – 9:00 pm – Registration, HH Blackstone  
Ballroom A



## **Friday, July 1**

8:00 am – 7:00 pm – Registration, HH Blackstone Ballroom A

8:00 am - 3:15 pm: Henry Doorly Zoo; Left Outside Hilton Lobby

10:00 am - 4:00 pm: ACB Board Meeting; HH Hill & Virtual

4:00 pm - 6:45 pm: CCLVI/BITS: Vendor Showcase; CHI 213 & Virtual

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm: Scholarship Winners' Dinner (by invitation only); CHI 215

8:00 pm - 10:00 pm: ACBS/Next Gen Friday Night Bash; CHI 208

8:00 pm - 11:00 pm: "Come Together!" Welcome to Omaha; HH Blackstone B

9:00 pm - 12:00 am: RSVA/IVIE Mixer; CHI 215

## **Saturday, July 2**

8:00 am – 6:00 pm – Registration, HH Blackstone Ballroom A

8:00 am - 9:30 am: AABT Breakfast and Program: The Statue of Liberty - The Rest of the Story; CHI 215 & Virtual

8:30 am - 10:30 am: Goalball; TBA

10:00 am - 11:15 am: Berl Colley Leadership: Moving from Safe Spaces to Brave Spaces; CHI 211 & Virtual

10:00 am - 11:15 am: BITS: Navigating Your World; CHI 213

10:00 am - 11:15 am: BrailleSense 6, Productivity has Never Been More Fun! CHI 208 & Virtual

10:00 am - 11:15 am: What's New with JAWS, Fusion, and ZoomText; CHI 215 & Virtual

10:00 am - 12:00 pm: City Bus Tour with a Twist; Left Outside Hilton Lobby

10:00 am - 3:45 pm: Boys Town; Left Outside Hilton Lobby

11:30 am - 12:45 pm: AAVIA and Advocacy Committee: Civil Rights Panel; CHI 215 & Virtual

11:30 am - 12:45 pm: Berl Colley Leadership; CHI 211 & Virtual

11:30 am - 12:45 pm: BITS: On the Go - Laptops and Tablets; CHI 213 & Virtual

11:30 am - 12:45 pm: Furry Tails; CHI 208 & Virtual

1:00 pm - 2:15 pm: Making Gay History; CHI 208 & Virtual

1:00 pm - 2:15 pm: RSVA: "All about the Nebraska Business Enterprise Program"; CHI 215 & Virtual

1:00 pm - 2:15 pm: Safety Education Empowering Defense Intro Workshop; HH Merchant

1:00 pm – 2:15 pm: NLS Focus Group, HH Rome

1:00 pm - 5:00 pm: Exhibit Hall Opens; CHI Exhibit Hall A

1:00 pm - 5:00 pm: Community Hospitality; HH St. Nicholas & Virtual

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm: City Bus Tour with a Twist II; Left Outside Hilton Lobby

2:30 pm - 3:45 pm: ACBS, Blind Activism and Advocacy Panel; CHI 208 & Virtual

2:30 pm - 3:45 pm: RSVA: The Value of Randolph-Sheppard Business Enterprises as Career Opportunities; CHI 215 & Virtual

2:30 pm - 3:45 pm: Pitch in an Elevator: Talking It Up When You Are Going Down; CHI 211 & Virtual

2:30 pm - 3:45 pm: 411 From the IAC: Low-Tech, High-Tech Fitness Journey; CHI 213 & Virtual

4:00 pm - 6:00 pm: BPI Movie: Rocky Horror Picture Show; CHI 208

4:00 pm - 5:30 pm: CCLVI: Fred Scheigert Scholarship Winners' Reception; HH Cozzens

4:00 pm - 5:15 pm: RSVA: “Outlook Enrichment Assistance”; CHI 215 & Virtual

4:00 pm - 5:15 pm: ACB Next Generation: Meet the Framily; CHI 211 & Virtual

4:00 pm - 5:15 pm: 411 From the IAC: Unlocking the secrets of shopping; CHI 213 & Virtual

4:00 pm - 5:15 pm: Keys to the Convention; HH Hill

4:00 pm – 5:30 pm: NLS Focus Group, HH Rome

4:00 pm - 5:15 pm: Catholic Mass; HH Prague

4:00 pm - 5:15 pm: Interdenominational Church Service; HH Mercer

4:00 pm – 5:15 pm: Jewish Service: Temple Israel, HH Flat Iron

5:00 pm - 6:45 pm: Come Tailgate with ACBDA; HH Grand A

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm: Walking Everywhere! HH Grand Ballroom Foyer & Virtual

6:30 pm - 10:00 pm: Kids Explorers Club; HH Paxton

7:00 pm - 10:00 pm: Opening General Session: CHI Grand Ballroom & Virtual

## **Sunday, July 3**

7:00 am - 8:15 am: GDB Breakfast; CHI 213 & Virtual

7:00am - 5:00 pm: Kids Explorers Club - Fontanelle Forest; HH Paxton

8:00 am – 5:00 pm – Registration, HH Blackstone Ballroom A

8:30 am - 12:00 pm: ACB General Session; CHI Grand Ballroom & Virtual

10:45 am - 4:45 pm: Malcolm X Center and Black History Museum; Left Outside Hilton Lobby

11:00 am - 5:00 pm: Exhibit Hall Opens; CHI Exhibit Hall A

12:15 pm - 2:15 pm: AAVL Lunch: Unraveling the Medicare Tangle; CHI 213 & Virtual

12:15 pm - 2:15 pm: RSVA® Awards Luncheon "Celebrating over 50 years of achievement and advocacy"; CHI 215 & Virtual

12:45 pm - 3:45 pm: Mormon Trail; Left Outside Hilton Lobby

1:00 pm - 2:15 pm: "BPI: Beyond Swiping: Seeking Romantic Connection and Compatibility in the 21st Century"; CHI 208 & Virtual

- 1:00 pm - 2:15 pm: LUA: Up Close and Personal with NLS Director, Jason Broughton; CHI 211 & Virtual
- 1:00 pm - 2:15 pm: Safety Education Empowering Defense Intro Workshop; HH Merchant
- 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm: Community Hospitality; HH St. Nicholas & Virtual
- 2:30 pm - 3:45 pm: 3D Audio Excursion; CHI 208 & Virtual
- 2:30 pm - 3:45 pm: Not Your Mother's Library; CHI 211 & Virtual
- 2:30 pm - 3:45 pm: Student Led Discussion; CHI 215 & Virtual
- 2:30 pm - 3:45 pm: Update Your Zoom Profile Pic; HH Washington City
- 4:00 pm - 5:15 pm: A Day in the Life an Audio Engineer/Describer; CHI 208 & Virtual
- 4:00 pm - 5:15 pm: Providing Quality and Affordability: APH High-tech Refreshable Braille Solutions; CHI 215 & Virtual
- 4:00 pm - 5:15 pm: To Mobility and Beyond: Update on Public Right-Of-Way Accessibility Guidelines (PROWAG); CHI 211 & Virtual



5:30 pm - 6:45 pm: The Human Side of They: What are the Colors of Our Rainbow; HH Cozzens

5:30 pm - 6:45 pm: ACBF: Everyone Can Play!; CHI 211 & Virtual

5:30 pm - 6:45 pm: Conversation with the World Blind Union CEO, Marc Workman; CHI 215 & Virtual

5:30 pm - 6:45 pm: Scholarship Winners Reception; HH Grand Ballroom A/B

5:30 pm - 6:45 pm: What's new with GPS Products at HumanWare; CHI 213 & Virtual

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm: Get Up and Get Moving with a walk across the Bob Kerrey Pedestrian Bridge; Left Outside Hilton Lobby

7:30 pm - 8:45 pm: 1st Act: Enjoy some laughs with RSVA® Comedian Willie Farrell; HH Blackstone B

8:00 pm - 9:45 pm: BPI Mixer: Bobbing into Omaha!; HH Cozzens

8:00 pm - 10:00 pm: Get Social with SASI; HH Hill

9:00 pm - 12:00 am: 2nd Act: Show your talent with RSVA® Karaoke!; HH Blackstone B

10:00 pm - 12:00 am: Open Mic Night with BPI; HH Cozzens

## **Monday, July 4**

7:00 am - 8:15 pm: ACBF Breakfast; Preserving Our Memories; CHI 213 & Virtual

7:00 am - 8:15 pm: BRL Breakfast; CHI 211 & Virtual

7:00 am - 5:00 pm: Kids Explorers Club- Amazing Pizza Machine; HH Paxton

8:00 am – 5:00 pm – Registration, HH Blackstone Ballroom A

8:30 am - 12:00 pm: ACB General Session; CHI Grand Ballroom & Virtual

11:00 am - 5:00 pm: Exhibit Hall Opens; CHI Exhibit Hall A

12:15 pm - 2:15 pm: "Selling Yourself: How to Put Your Best Foot Forward in the Evolving Employment World."; CHI 213 & Virtual

12:15 pm - 2:15 pm: Voices from Around the World Luncheon: A Tapestry of Stories: Overcoming Challenges and Achieving Success in the US; CHI 211 & Virtual

12:30 pm - 2:30 pm: City Bus Tour with a Twist III; Left Outside Hilton Lobby

12:15 pm - 4:30 pm: Strategic Air Control and Aerospace Museum; Left Outside Hilton Lobby

1:00 pm - 3:45 pm: VIVA Business Meeting; HH Hill

1:00 pm - 2:15 pm: Blind Dating in a Sighted World:  
The Non-verbal Cues of Dating; CHI 208 & Virtual

1:00 pm - 5:00 pm: Community Hospitality; HH St.  
Nicholas & Virtual

2:30 pm - 3:45 pm: Breath and Sound; HH Cozzens

2:30 pm - 3:45 pm: Smart Home Living; CHI 211 &  
Virtual

2:30 pm - 3:45 pm: Social Justice and Identity-Based  
Training; CHI 208 & Virtual

2:30 pm - 3:45 pm: To Mobility and Beyond: Challenges  
Facing Pedestrians in 2022; CHI 213 & Virtual

2:30 pm - 5:15 pm: IVIE Business Expo; HH Merchant

3:00 pm - 5:00 pm: City Bus Tour with a Twist IV; Left  
Outside Hilton Lobby

4:00 pm - 5:15 pm: How to Not be Afraid of Your  
Kitchen 101; CHI 208 & Virtual

4:00 pm - 5:15 pm: MCAC Social; HH Grand Ballroom A

4:00 pm - 5:15 pm: To Mobility and Beyond: Yes, You  
Can! Local Success Stories; CHI 213 & Virtual

4:00 pm - 5:15 pm: Unraveling Advocacy for Vision  
Rehabilitation Services; CHI 215 & Virtual

5:30 pm - 6:45 pm: BPI: Colors of the Rainbow: What Is an Ally; HH Cozzens

5:30 pm - 6:45 pm: What's new with Braille at HumanWare; CHI 213 & Virtual

5:30 pm - 6:45 pm: Empowering Ourselves to Advocate for the Best Mental Health and Emotional Well Being Care; CHI 208 & Virtual

5:30 pm - 6:45 pm: Wine Tasting: Sparkles and Fireworks; HH Washington City

5:30 pm - 10:45 pm: Baseball and Fireworks; Left Outside Hilton Lobby

6:00 pm - 12:00 pm: RSVA® Casino Trip; Left Outside Hilton Lobby

7:30 pm - 9:00 pm: Bingo - It's a Families Tradition; CHI 215

7:30 pm - 10:00 pm: Community Karaoke; CHI 208 & Virtual

## **Tuesday, July 5**

7:00am - 5:00 pm: Kids Explorers Club - Henry Doorly Zoo; HH Paxton

8:00 am – 4:00 pm – Registration, HH Blackstone Ballroom A

8:30 am - 12:00 pm: ACB General Session; CHI Grand Ballroom & Virtual

11:00am - 5:00 pm: Exhibit Hall Opens; CHI Exhibit Hall A

12:15 pm - 1:00 pm: AAVIA Lunch; CHI 211

12:15 pm - 2:15 pm: ACB Lions Reverse Visit; CHI 213 & Virtual

12:15 pm - 4:00 pm: Outlook Collaborative Tour; Left Outside Hilton Lobby

1:00 pm - 2:15 pm: Meet the Talking Book Narrator; CHI 215 & Virtual

1:00 pm - 2:15 pm: AAVIA - Perspective from an attorney from the UK; CHI 211 & Virtual

1:45 pm - 4:45 pm: Lewis and Clark Visitors Center; Left Outside Hilton Lobby

1:00 pm - 5:00 pm: Community Hospitality; HH St. Nicholas & Virtual

2:30 pm - 3:45 pm: Choosing Where to Live as You Age: Downsizing Part 1; CHI 213 & Virtual

2:30 pm - 3:45 pm: Knuckling Down on Endocrinology: Current and Future Treatment Strategies; CHI 208 & Virtual

2:30 pm - 3:45 pm: One Book, One ACB; CHI 215

2:30 pm - 3:45 pm: Ten Ethical Issues Lawyers Face Today; CHI 211 & Virtual

4:00 pm - 5:15 pm: Self-Care is Health Care; CHI 215 & Virtual

4:00 pm - 5:15 pm: Choosing Where to Live as You Age: Downsizing Part 2; CHI 213 & Virtual

4:00 pm - 5:15 pm: Knuckling Down on Using and Demonstrating Durable Medical Equipment; CHI 208 & Virtual

4:00 pm - 5:15 pm: Take a Walk in the Park; CHI 211 & Virtual

5:30 pm - 6:45 pm: ACBL: Lessons in Leadership; CHI 215 & Virtual

5:30 pm - 6:45 pm: Me to the Third Power: Finding, Working and Sharing Myself; Our Journey with Mental Health and Emotional Well-Being; CHI 208 & Virtual

5:30 pm - 6:45 pm: RDC "Two Scoops with No Calories"; CHI 213 & Virtual

5:30 pm - 6:45 pm: Wine Tasting: Tannin Tuesday; HH Washington City

5:15 pm - 9:15 pm: TreeRush Adventure Tour; Left Outside Hilton Lobby



7:00 pm - 8:30 pm: DKM/JPMorgan Reception  
(invitation only); HH President's Suite

7:30 – 9 pm: A Conversation with Kelly Buckland, U.S.  
Department of Transportation, CHI 213

Join the ACB Transportation and Pedestrian and  
Environment Access Committees for a wide-ranging  
conversation regarding accessibility and disability  
rights with Mr. Kelly Buckland, Disability Advisor,  
Office of the Assistant Secretary on Policy, US  
Department of Transportation (Washington, DC)

7:30 pm - 9:30 pm: Dance of the Ages; HH Grand  
Ballroom A/B

### **Wednesday, July 6**

7:00 am - 8:15 am: NIB Breakfast; CHI 208 & Virtual

7:00 am - 5:00 pm: Kids Explorers Club - Children's  
Museum; HH Paxton

8:00 am – 4:00 pm – Registration, HH Blackstone  
Ballroom A

8:30 am - 12:00 pm: ACB General Session; CHI Grand  
Ballroom & Virtual

9:00am - 1:00 pm: Exhibit Hall Opens; CHI Exhibit Hall A

10:00 am - 3:00 pm: Update and Audio Describe Your Profile Photo, HH Flat Iron

12:15 pm - 2:15 pm: MCAC Luncheon; CHI 213 & Virtual

12:15 pm - 5:15 pm: Train Day; Left Outside Hilton Lobby

12:45 pm - 4:45 pm: Sweet Tooth Tour; Left Outside Hilton Lobby

1:00 pm - 2:15 pm: "It Takes a Village: Working Together to Prepare Students in Transition"; CHI 211 & Virtual

1:00 pm - 2:15 pm: ACBRA Program; CHI 208 & Virtual

1:00 pm - 2:15 pm: Understanding where our writing system Braille has been; CHI 215 & Virtual

1:00 pm – 2:15 pm: NLS Focus Group, HH Rome

1:00 pm - 5:00 pm: Community Hospitality; HH St. Nicholas & Virtual

2:30 pm - 3:45 pm: A Candid Conversation about a Critical Concept; CHI 213 & Virtual

2:30 pm – 3:45 pm: ACBDA: Accessible Pharmacy. Knuckling down on Accessibility; CHI 211 & Virtual

2:30 pm - 3:45 pm: New uses for Braille in Periodicals; CHI 215 & Virtual

2:30 pm - 3:45 pm: The History and Current Role of Fraternal Benefit Societies; CHI 208 & Virtual

2:30 pm – 3:45 pm: NLS Focus Group, HH Rome

4:00 pm - 5:15 pm: ACB Membership Committee Seminar; CHI 213 & Virtual

4:00 pm - 5:15 pm: Audio Description Award Winners; CHI 215 & Virtual

4:00 pm - 5:15 pm: Games with Ralph; HH Hill

4:00 pm - 5:15 pm: Knuckling Down with Peer Mentor Relations; CHI 211 & Virtual

5:30 pm - 6:45 pm: DKM Reception; CHI 211 & Virtual

5:30 pm - 6:45 pm: GDUI: Wrap-up and Awards CHI 215 & Virtual

5:30 pm - 6:45 pm: Making Sense of the Census; CHI 208 & Virtual

5:30 pm - 6:45 pm: Microsoft Windows Accessibility and Features; CHI 211 & Virtual

5:30 pm - 6:45 pm: Wino Wednesday; HH Washington City

6:00 pm - 9:45 pm: Riverboat Cruise; Left Outside Hilton Lobby

7:30 pm - 10:00 pm: It's Play Time!; CHI 208 & Virtual

## **Thursday, July 7**

7:00 am - 5:00 pm: Kids Explorers Club - Urban Air; HH Paxton

8:00 am – 2:00 pm – Registration, HH Blackstone Ballroom A

8:30 am - 5:00 pm: ACB General Session; CHI Grand Ballroom & Virtual

10:00 am - 3:00 pm: Update and Audio Describe Your Profile Photo, HH Flat Iron

6:30 pm - 9:30 pm: Kids Explorers Club Party; HH Paxton

7:00 pm - 9:30 pm: ACB Banquet; HH Grand Ballroom A/B/C/D & Virtual

9:00 pm - 11:30 pm: Get Up and Move Dance Party; HH Grand Ballroom Foyer

## **Friday, July 8**

10:00 am - 3:00 pm: Update and Audio Describe Your Profile Photo, HH Flat Iron

10:45 am - 3:00 pm: Brewery Tour; Left Outside Hilton Lobby

5:45 pm - 8:30 pm: Crime Dinner; Left Outside Hilton Lobby

# **Abbreviations in this Program**

ACB - American Council of the Blind

AABT - American Association of Blind Teachers

AAVL - Alliance on Aging and Vision Loss

AAVIA - American Association of Visually Impaired Attorneys

ACBDA - ACB Diabetics in Action

ACBF - ACB Families

ACBGE - ACB Government Employees

ACBL - ACB Lions

ACBNG - ACB Next Generation

ACBRA - ACB Radio Amateurs

ACBS - ACB Students

ADP - Audio Description Project

AFB - American Foundation for the Blind

APH - American Printing House for the Blind

BITS - Blind Information Technology Specialists

BOP - Board of Publications

BPI - Blind LGBT Pride International

BRL - Braille Revival League

CCLVI - Council of Citizens with Low Vision International

DKM - Durward K. McDaniel First-Timer

FIA - Friends-in-Art of ACB

GDUI - Guide Dog Users, Inc.

IRC - International Relations Committee

IVIE - Independent Visually Impaired Entrepreneurs

KEC - Kids Explorers Club

LUA - Library Users of America

MCAC - Multicultural Affairs Committee

NIB - National Industries for the Blind

NLS - National Library Service for the Blind and Print  
Disabled

RSVA - Randolph-Sheppard Vendors of America

SASI - Sight and Sound Impaired Committee

VIVA - Visually Impaired Veterans of America

## **ACB Café**

Stop by the ACB Convention Café to grab a quick cup of coffee, pastry, sandwich, salad or snack as you rush



from one meeting to another or as you head out on a tour. Meet at the Café to visit with friends or just rest a while between activities.

The Café is in the convention center in room 210. The Café menu will be printed in the newspaper and available at the information desk, along with any daily specials.

## **Registration Information**

### **Sponsored by Vanda Pharmaceuticals**

Registration is in the hotel in the Blackstone Ballroom A.

Pre-registration packets can be picked up anytime Registration is open, but Thursday evening, June 30th from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm and Friday and Saturday from 8:00 am to 11:00 am are reserved exclusively for pre-registration pickup only.

Onsite registration will only be done from 11:00 am to 7:00 pm on Friday and 11:00am to 6:00 pm on Saturday. This will help to better manage the lines during the first days of the convention.

Hours are:

- Thursday, June 30: 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm

- Friday, July 1: 8:00 am to 11:00 am (pre-reg pick-up only) and 11:00 am to 7:00 pm for pre-reg pick-up and onsite registrations.
- Saturday, July 2: 8:00 am to 11:00 am (pre-reg pick-up only) and 11:00 am to 6:00 pm for pre-reg pick-up and onsite registrations.
- Sunday, July 3 and Monday, July 4: 8:00 am to 5:00 pm
- Tuesday and Wednesday, July 5 and 6: 8:00 am to 4:00 pm
- Thursday, July 7: 8:00 am to 2:00 pm

When you register, you will receive your convention ID badge, program, and a goody bag filled with information and surprises. You must register to purchase tickets to events and be eligible to win great door prizes. Always wear your badge because it admits you to the exhibit area and helps hotel personnel and volunteers provide better service.

If you are pre-registered, your packet will be waiting for you. You may not pick up a packet for someone else. If you have any questions about your registration or need to purchase more tickets, go to Registration in Blackstone Ballroom A in the hotel.

A one-day pass is available for \$10.00 with no program and \$15.00 with a program. This pass is color-coded by day and is good for only the day on which it is purchased. With this pass, you may attend exhibits and other programs and purchase tickets for that day only. If you wish to attend additional days at the convention, you must pay the full administrative fee.

**Refunds:** ACB will make no refunds for convention administrative and registration fees, sponsorship donations or tickets that you just don't want. Refunds are not made for events that you miss for any reason other than extreme illness (see below) or for events that you simply do not enjoy.

Refunds will be issued only for meals, events, and tours if:

An individual has pre-registered and requests the refund in writing to the American Council of the Blind, 6200 Shingle Creek Parkway, Suite 155, Brooklyn Center, MN 55430, or calls (612) 332- 3242, on or before June 20th, 2022; and the individual does not attend any part of the convention.

In case of illness during the convention requiring you to return home or to be hospitalized, refunds will be issued only for the meals, events, and tours taking place after

your absence begins. If the guarantee has already been given for a meal function or a tour, no refund for that function will be given. Refunds for tour tickets are only made under certain conditions. See tour instructions for more information.

**Lost tickets:** ACB will not replace tickets that are lost during the convention. All ticket packets are checked before they are distributed at the convention and tickets that are lost or misplaced must be purchased again.

**Reselling tickets:** Only tour tickets will be accepted for resale. In general, meal functions and social events at the hotel do not sell out. You may wish to explore other methods of selling luncheon, banquet, and other such tickets.

ACB is not responsible for notifying you if you have paid for a ticket through pre-registration for an event or tour that is already sold out. Your name will be put on a waiting list in the event of cancellations, or in case additional tickets become available.

## **Communication Center Services**

The Marcia Nigro Dresser Communication Center is in Herndon in the Hilton and is open from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm, Friday, July 1 through Wednesday, July 6. This is

where you can place ads in the paper, make braille or print copies or volunteer to help produce the newspaper.

### **Convention Newspaper:**

This year's newspaper is "The Goldenrod Gazette" and will be published each day, Friday through Wednesday, in braille and large print; pick up a copy at the Information Desk. The paper is also available on the ACB convention email list and via download at the Information Desk before 10:00 am.

For \$10 ACB Students (ACBS) will deliver the newspaper to your hotel room door and it will be waiting for you each morning. After you sign up for newspaper delivery, activate your service by giving your room number and your format preference to the Information Desk.

### **Ads and Announcements:**

Ads and other items for publication must be in the Communication Center by 2:00 pm each day. The BOP allows an ad to run for up to three days to give important convention announcements more space. Ads must be no longer than 75 words. BOP editorial policy prohibits the production or distribution of campaign materials by the Communication Center.

Cost of advertising in the newspaper is:

- Individuals, ACB affiliates and blind representatives of MLM companies - \$20/day or \$50 for 3 days
- Exhibitors - \$40/day or \$110 for 3 days
- All others - \$50/day or \$140 for 3 days.

Pay for advertising at Registration and then show your receipt at the Communication Center when submitting your ad.

### **Braille and Photocopying:**

Photocopying is available at the Communication Center for 10 cents per page. Braille services are available as follows:

- Individuals, ACB affiliates, and blind representatives of MLM companies, 10 cents per page
- Small businesses and small nonprofits, 20 cents per page
- All others, 35 cents per page

If your committee or affiliate needs something in braille or large print, bring files early in the day so we can fit your job between other tasks. A test copy will be printed to let you know the number of pages per copy. Be sure to label your computer card or thumb drive and tell us



how many of each format you need and by what time. Please make payment at registration.

Thanks to HumanWare for once again donating the use of the braille embossers and to American Thermoform and American Printing House for their generous donation of braille paper.

Please remember that the Communication Center is a working room. While the convention is a great place to meet and greet, loud conversations make it difficult to hear the speech synthesizers on the computers. Help us help you get the information you need.

## **Digital Information & Internet**

### **Sponsored by Amazon**

If you have registered for the convention, you will receive Zoom invitations for the virtual and all the hybrid sessions. You can join via computer or phone.

Much of the conference will be streamed on ACB Media using multiple streams. All general sessions, and much of our afternoon and evening programming will be live streamed on ACB Media 1.

Other sessions will be recorded and replayed on ACB Media. Sessions will be available as podcasts after the

convention and archived for later listening on ACB Media.

### **Ways to Connect to ACB Media Programming:**

1. Amazon Alexa-enabled device (recommended)  
Alexa “Ask ACB Media to play Media n.” (n = the stream number). For example, to listen to General Session during National Convention; “Alexa, ask ACB Media to play Media 1.”
2. PC / browser access (recommended):  
Visit [acbmedia.org](http://www.acbmedia.org/n) at <http://www.acbmedia.org/n> (n= stream number). The site has a built-in media player. There is no need to install or use a media player on your device. Hit the play button and the stream will begin playing immediately.
3. Smart Device Access (recommended):  
Download “ACB Link” from your app store. Find “Radio” along the bottom of the screen, then “Menu” in the top left corner. Select “Streams” and then choose the stream you wish to listen to. Double tap the play button.
4. Victor Reader Stream Access:  
Navigate to “Internet radio library” in the “online bookshelf.” Locate the Humanware playlist. From the playlist, select ACB Media n (n = stream number) and hit play.