National Federation of the Blind

At Large Chapter Meeting Agenda

August 28, 2012

Call In number: 619-326-2700

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7:00PM-Round the Phone introductions (Buna Dahal)

Buna Dahal Centennial

Alice George Loveland

Dana Robinson Trinidad

Diana Chavez Denver

Eric Woods Englewood

Jessica Beecham Littleton

Jerry Phillips Fort Collins

Jaime Federa Englewood

June Mason Denver

Karen Norton Fort Collins

Monique Melton Denver

Scott LaBarre Denver

Sandy Slike Pueblo

Zubie Devish Meeker

7:15PM-State Convention (Scott LaBarre)

58th state convention is coming up Thursday Oct 25-Sunday Oct 28th in Boulder at the Millennium Harvest House Hotel. Convention was held there in 2010 and was the largest CO state convention with over 300 in attendance. Room rates are 85.00 regardless of the number of individuals in the room.

Logistical detail… The state offers financial assistance and the deadline for applying is September 17th. Apply by contacting Scott’s office 303-504-5979 and speak to Lisa Bonderson. Lisa’s e-mail is lbonderson@labarrelaw.com.

The items that cost money for convention are the room, registration fees.

September 17th last day to request financial assistance

PREREGISTRATION BEGINS SEPTEMBER 15th

Registration fees $15.00

Friday luncheon $15.00

Saturday Luncheon $15.00

Saturday Banquet 30.00

PREREGISTRATION ENDS OCTOBER 15th

After pre-registration

Registration 20.00

Friday luncheon 20.00

Saturday luncheon 20.00

Saturday banquet 40.00

Convention is the annual meeting of the National Federation of the Blind of Colorado. There are social events, general sessions, break out events, seminars, etc… We are contemplating putting on a history seminar on Thursday which will cover the history of the National Federation of the Blind of Colorado. This is a good refresher for individuals who are familiar and a great session for people who are not familiar with the history. On Thursday night there will be some sort of social event and a leadership session. Last time the convention was in Boulder there was a big bonfire in the fire pit outside the hotel.

Friday morning, registration opens and you can get your tickets and convention badge. Exhibit hall is open on Friday morning. There are usually about 12 venders at convention. At 10:00am first general session begins. The general sessions address all kinds of issues from having elected officials come to speak to individuals from vocational rehabilitation. This year we will have someone talking about our voting rights. We talk about the programs that we run including BELL. We talk about the CO Center for the Blind. We will talk about the recent Goodwill protests. We will be putting together a video montage of the two protests. We got a couple of good coverage in the press for Denver and Colorado Springs.

There were over 90 protests across the country and a lot of press coverage nation-wide.

We will talk about what is going on legislatively. Our National Representative will be giving a report. Anil Lewis is our National Representative this year. He is the director of strategic initiatives at the National Center. He gives great speeches and is a fun guy to be around. It will be great to have him throughout the weekend. At the Colorado Convention we always have a topic called My blindness Myself. It is where a panel speaks about blindness and the effect that it and the NFB has had on their lives. That is a flavor of what will happen during general sessions. There will be a state presidential report. Friday afternoon we will have breakout sessions of all types from employment seminars to judo sessions you never know what you will get! We will have a chapter development seminar for the chapter presidents. Friday evening there is a big reception and it is followed by a social event. Two years ago there was a big costume party. The Boulder chapter is planning a Hollywood themed costume party. Resolutions committee will meet on Friday along with other committees. On Sunday morning when we have our business session we decide whether or not to adopt the resolutions.

Saturday morning there is another general session followed by a luncheon. The divisions typically meet on Saturday. Saturday evening we have an annual banquet that is the highlight and spiritual highpoint of the convention. We present scholarships and have a keynote address from the National Rep. There is usually social stuff going on after convention. Sunday there is business meetings. This is a sketch of what happens at convention and we will be working over the next month to finalize the agenda. The agenda usually comes out around 10 days before convention.

BOULDR RAFFLE

The Boulder chapter is having a raffle that will offer the winner the chance to win two nights in the convention hotel as well as registration costs. The following links allow pay pall access to purchase tickets. Tickets are 1 for $5.00 or 3 for $10.00.

To purchase one ticket for five dollars click

<https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=_s-xclick&hosted_button_id=RXK78UL6B5RQ6>

To purchase three tickets for ten dollars click

<https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=_s-xclick&hosted_button_id=6G7YHU7JCD66Q>

To purchase seven tickets for twenty dollars click

<https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=_s-xclick&hosted_button_id=YXYRZJBP3PF24>

If you would like to make other purchasing arrangements or need assistance with the site, please contact Maryann Migliorelli at 303-499-9125 or by e-mail at maryannmigs@gmail.com.

BOULDER TOUR SURVEY

The Boulder chapter is conducting a survey to find out which tours people might be most interested in attending. Visit the following link to complete the survey.

[www.surveymonkey.com/s/nfbco](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/nfbco)

7:45PM-At Large Chapter Constitution Finalization (Jessica Beecham)

Due to the fact that several members did not receive or did not remember receiving a copy of the proposed constitution, the conversation has been postponed to the September meeting.

7:50PM-Adjournment