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NATIONAL FEDERATION OF THE BLIND OF IOWA

2020 STATE CONVENTION

October 30–October 31, 2020

Anywhere and Everywhere on Zoom

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The members of the planning committee welcome you to the 2020 National Federation of the Blind of Iowa state convention!

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AGENDA

***Friday, October 30, 2020***

Exhibits and Presentations

Join Zoom Meeting

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9:00-10:00 A.m. Pat Fischer – Nanopac

10:00-11:00 A.M. Chris Grabowskiand Kim Loftis – Mystic Access

11:00 A.M. 12:00 P.M. Video presentations

* Norma Boge – Lifetech Iowa
* National Federation of the Blind Independence Market

1:00-1:30 P.M. Jennifer Lyman – Vanda Pharmaceuticals

2:00-3:00 P.M. Jeff Gardner – Irie AT

Meetings

1:00-3:00 p.m. At Large Chapter Meeting April Enderton, President

Abbie Taylor, a blind author, will be the guest speaker for this year’s convention meeting. Annual chapter elections will also be held. Of course, there’s much more in store, so make plans to be there!

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3:30-5:30 p.m. Iowa Association of Blind Students Katy Olsen, President

See separate agenda for details on the student meeting

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5:45-6:30 p.m. Resolutions Committee Meeting Sharonda Goode, Chair

Open to all. Hear the resolutions before they come to the convention floor for a vote.

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7:00 P.m.-9 P.m General Session

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7:00 P.m. Call to Order: Scott Van Gorp, President, National Federation of the Blind of Iowa

7:05 P.m. **Opening Ceremonies**

Invocation: Cindy Ray, Secretary, National Federation of the Blind of Iowa

Pledge of Allegiance

National Anthem: Terri Wilcox, Bord Member, National Federation of the Blind of Iowa; David

Hammel, Treasurer, National Federation of the Blind of Iowa; Cindy Ray,

Secretary, National Federation of the Blind of Iowa;

Sharonda Goode, Des Moines Chapter

National Federation of the Blind Pledge

Welcome (TBD)

7:20 P.M. Convention Arrangements: Cindy Ray, Convention Coordinator and Secretary, National Federation of the Blind of Iowa

7:25 P.m. National Report: What’s Happening in the Federation?

Adelmo Vigil, National representative; National board member and president, National Federation of the Blind of New Mexico

8:15 P.M. NABS Report: What has NABS been up to this year?

Kenia Flores, FirstVice President, National Association of Blind Students

8:30 P.M. Building the National Federation of the Blind – an open discussion on how we can add more members to the family and how to support the ones we already have? – Scott van Gorp, President, National Federation of the Blind of Iowa

9:00 P.M. Adjourn

9:05 P.M. Hospitality – Convention planning committee

Come join us for some Karaoke!

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***Saturday, October 31, 2020***

8:00-8:45 a.m. Affiliate Board Meeting Scott Van Gorp, President

Open to all

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GENERAL SESSION

9:00 A.M. Call to Order

9:05 A.M. Presidential Report

9:35 A.M. Iowa Department for the Blind Report Emily Wharton, Director, Iowa Department for the Blind

10:05 a.m. Report from Iowa Educational Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired (IESBVI)

Steve Gettel, Superintendent, IESBVI

10:40 A.M. Accessible Absentee voting update in Iowa from the perspective of the National Federation of the Blind of Iowa – Scott van Gorp, President, National Federation of the Blind of Iowa

10:50 A.M. Disability Rights Iowa’s work on accessible absentee voting and other initiatives of interest – Jane Hudson, Executive Director, Disability Rights Iowa

11:20 A.M. Why I’m a Federationist – Members from around the National Federation of the Blind of Iowa share what draws them to the Federation and why it is important to them.

11:40 A.M. How can I prepare for an emergency and how can I help as a blind person when one strikes? Richard Webb, Secretary/Treasurer, Southeast Iowa chapter

12:00 p.m. Recess

12:05-1:15 P.M. Parent meetup – Open discussion time for educators and parents of blind children to discuss issues in education and other settings and possibly form a parents division in Iowa – Chelsea Page, Des Moines chapter

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Business Session

2:00 P.M. Call to Order

2:05 P.m. Business Meeting

* 2019 Meeting Minutes – Cindy Ray, Secretary, National Federation of the Blind of Iowa
* Treasurer’s Report – David Hammel, Treasurer
* Auditing Committee Report – Karen Clayton, Chair
* Resolutions Committee Report – Sharonda Goode, Chair

3:00 P.m. Report from the Friends of the Library

3:10 P.M. Chapter, Division, and Committee Reports

3:30 P.m. Elections – Bob Ray, Nominating Committee Chair

Election of 5 2-year terms for officers, and 2 2-year terms for board members. Election of Delegate and Alternate to the 2021 National Convention

* Old Business
* New Business

4:30 P.m. Final Remarks –Adelmo Vigil, National Representative, Kenia Flores, First Vice President, National Association of Blind Students and Scott Van Gorp, President, National Federation of the Blind of Iowa

5:00 P.M. Adjourn

6:30 p.m. Annual Banquet

* Master of Ceremonies: Mike Harvey – First Vice-President, National Federation of the Blind of Iowa
* Invocation: Cindy Ray – Secretary, National Federation of the Blind of Iowa
* Banquet Address: Adelmo Vfigil, – National Representative

PAC Plan: Adelmo Vigil, – National Representative and Chelsea Page, Pac Chair for Iowa

* Awards – Scott Van Gorp, President, National Federation of the Blind of Iowa

Following Banquet:

Convention Planning Committee host hospitality

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Convention Notes:

We will be having a 50-50 drawing through the convention. Below is a note from Joe Goode, Des Moines Chapter, National Federation of the Blind of Iowa

CASH for the CAUSE:

Play 50/50 during the Convention to support the National Federation of the Blind of Iowa and win some cash. Tickets will be sold for $2 a piece during all general sessions and banquet throughout the 2020 NFBI Convention. Once the pot is up to $200, a drawing will occur, with half of those funds going to the affiliate and the other half to the winner. This drawing resets the 50/50, thus the process begins again. Tickets can then be purchased for a new 50/50 game, and every time the total reaches $200, we reset!

The more games you play and the more tickets you buy for each game contributes to our cause and increases your chance to win cash!

Tickets can be purchased on cashapp by sending funds to Sharonda Goode, (cashtag $ShariRockz) and her phone number is 602-281-5955. Feel free to text with questions about the game.

Life is nifty when you play 50/50!

MISSION OF THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF THE BLIND OF IOWA

The National Federation of the Blind of Iowa knows that blindness is not the characteristic that defines you or your future. Every day we raise the expectations of blind people, because low expectations create obstacles between blind people and our dreams. You can live the life you want; blindness is not what holds you back.

THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF THE BLIND PLEDGE

I pledge to participate actively in the efforts of The National Federation of the Blind to achieve equality, opportunity, and security for the blind; to support the policies and programs of the federation; and to abide by its constitution.