Monday January 31, 2011

National Association of Blind Students

Midwinter Gathering

Holiday Inn Capitol Hotel

Washington, D.C.

Columbia Ballroom

7:30-8:30 Breakfast meet-and-greet for new students, Starbucks

If this is your first Washington Seminar, come have breakfast with us! Members of the NABS board will be around to answer any questions you may have.

8:00-9:00 Registration ($5.00)

9:00 Call to Order and Welcome

Arielle Silverman, President, National Association of Blind Students

9:05 All About NFB Scholarships!

Patti Chang, Chair, NFB Scholarship Committee

9:20 Accessing our Books: Updates from RFB&D, BookShare, and NFBNewsline

Annemarie Cooke, Consultant, Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic, Princeton, NJ

Allison Hilliker, Collection Development Associate, BookShare, Palo Alto, CA

Renee West, Manager of Marketing and Outreach for Sponsored Technology Programs, National Federation of the Blind

9:50 Slammin Scientists: Some Comments on the NFB Youth Slam Experience

Jeremy Ellis, Waterloo Iowa, University of northern Iowa student; 2009 Youth Slam participant

Ashley Ritter, Mentor, 2009 Youth Slam

Mary Jo Hartle, Director of Education Programs, NFB Jernigan Institute

10:15 What are we Fighting For? A Legislative Update

Jesse Hartle, Governmental Affairs Specialist, National Federation of the Blind

10:25 Beyond the Classroom: Accessing Sports, Clubs and Community Involvement

Cindy Bennett, Asheville, North Carolina, University of North Carolina, Wilmington student.

Bre Brown, President, West Virginia Association of Blind Students

Mika Baugh, President, Indiana Association of Blind Students.

10:50 Accessing Testing: What’s New at ETS

Ruth Loew, Assistant Director, Office of Disability Policy, Princeton, NJ

10:55 Accessing Financial Aid: An Update

Dave Rives, U.S. Department of Education, Washington, D.C.

11:00 A Word from our NFB National President

Marc Maurer, President, National Federation of the Blind

11:15 Accessing Learning Technology: New Challenges, New Strides

Tony Olivero, International Braille and Technology Center, National Federation of the Blind

Glinda Hill, Education Program Specialist, Office of Special Education, U.S. Department of Education; Washington, D.C.

Daniel Goldstein, Brown, Goldstein & Levy, LLP; Baltimore, MD

11:45 Roll Call of States

12:00 Adjourn

12:15-1:30 NABS Presidents' Luncheon. Each state please send one delegate to this luncheon.

2:00-2:40 Breakout Session I

NFB Philosophy: What you’ve always wanted to know about the NFB (but were afraid to ask)!

Led by Nijat Worley, Treasurer, National Association of Blind Students

Technology Q&A. Bring your questions about notetakers, screen-reading software, or access to popular applications!

Led by Domonique Lawless, Board Member, National Association of Blind Students, and Tony Olivero, International Braille and Technology Center, National Federation of the Blind

Advocacy in School and on the Job

Led by Sean Whalen, Second Vice-President, National Association of Blind Students

Social issues-meeting people, dating, and getting involved on campus and in the community!

Led by Meghan Whalen, Board Member, National Association of Blind Students

Division development. Learn how to organize a student division in your state, or make your current division stronger!

Led by Karen Anderson, First Vice-President, National Association of Blind Students

2:45-3:30 Breakout Session II. See above.

3:30 Adjourn