

**Michigan Association of Blind Students
business meeting 2019 Michigan State Convention
Grand Rapids Michigan
November 9th, 2019
call to order 1:05 pm**

roll call of the board:

- Jeff Crouch President
- Robert Parsons Vice President
- Rachel Pavone secretary
- Taylor Arnt board member
- Tony gebhard board member

Guests Speakers:

- student rep Elizabeth Rouse
- national representative James Gashel

Members:

- many members at large were in attendance at the conference, most of whom paid dues. A record of dues paid was taken by Rachel and Taylor and will be forwarded to the treasurer for follow-up from those who did not pay.

1. talk from Elizabeth the NABS Representative

2 talk from Jim gashal

3. white cane sponsors

HIMS: not present

Humanware: presented

4. New Business:

we talked about updating the constitution so that there are 2 board positions with the executive board instead of 4 board members. We also wanted to start an apprentice program to go along with that so we would pick 2 high school students to be mentored by the 2 board members so that one day they can come up in the rankings and run the student division. we had a majority like this idea and so we elected to change the constitution and the amendment passed

5 Presidential report (President Jeff Crouch)

6. secretaries report (Rachel Pavone)

7 treasurers report supposed to be given by Hayley Laskowski but was given by Jeff Crouch due to her inability to attend.

8. we said farewell to the people that were leaving the board, which were Tony, Taylor and Rachel

9. VOTING we did a voice vote even though we were supposed to do a hand raised silent vote

we talked about each position before votes. The positions that were up for this year were the 2 board positions which were 2-year terms and then the secretary's spot which is a 1-year term.

we started with secretary

we had no one that wanted to run, therefore we put this off until after the board position votes.

we talked about board position 1 which was the person that was in charge of fundraising we had 3 people run for this position it was Jerusalem Yazmine and Delacie Jerusalem won this spot and is the new board member

the next board position was for communications, including all of the social media that we need

Yazmine won this board position

we then went back to secretary and the only person that was nominated was Victor Marques, so he automatically won the position and is now the new secretary

Interns were nominated and elected. These interns are Steven Crouch and Makahi Couthen.

we then congratulated the new board members and adjourned at 2:35 pm.