

**National Federation of the Blind of Nevada**

**2016 Annual State Convention**

**November 11 – November 13**

**Grand Sierra Resort**

**2500 East 2nd Street**

**Reno, NV 89595**

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**THE 2016 CONVENTION COMMITTEE**

Terri Rupp, Michael Ausbun, Sarah Alawami, Chun Chao, Kimie Beverly, Frida Aizenman, Amanda Bolton, and Thomas Kearns

**EXHIBITORS**

A.T. Guys and Blindfold Games

**SPECIAL THANKS**

The Grand Sierra Resort staff, all of our speakers, guests, Federation friends, family, and National President Mark Riccobono.

The National Federation of the Blind 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 have the life you want; blindness is not what holds you back.

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2016**

**CONVENTION REGISTRATION 1:00PM - 5:00PM**

Located just outside of the McKinley Room

Convention Registration $10.00

Banquet Ticket $40.00

Membership Dues $10.00

**NABS ANNUAL MEETING 3:00PM - 5:00PM**

(Nevada Association of Blind Students)

McKinley Room

Michael Ausbun, NFB of Nevada Vice President and National Association of Blind Students Secretary, will lead us in the reorganization of the Nevada Association of Blind Students. Presenting are Past and present NABS Board Members along with our NFB National President, Mark Riccobono.

**RESOLUTION MEETING 5:00PM - 6:00PM**

McKinley Room

Policies and Procedures of the Organization begin here at the Resolutions Meeting.

**NFB OF NEVADA BOARD MEETING (open to all) 6:00PM - 7:00PM**

McKinley Room

Everyone is welcome to attend the board meeting of the National Federation of the Blind of Nevada.

**ACCESSIBLE FAMILY GAME NIGHT 7:00PM - 9:00PM**

Family Hospitality Suite

Hosted by the Nevada Organization of Parents of Blind Children, $10.00 gets you snacks, refreshments, and a fantastic couple hours of competitive fun with accessible games. Contact Terri Rupp at 702-524-0835 for the Family Hospitality Suite location.

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2016**

**CONVENTION REGISTRATION (last chance) 7:00AM - 9:00AM**

Located just outside of Sierra 2

Convention Registration $10.00

Banquet Ticket $40.00

Membership Dues $10.00

**COMMENCEMENT 9:00AM - 9:30AM**

Sierra 2

 Welcome to the 2016 National Federation of the Blind of Nevada State Convention. Led by Terri Rupp, Convention Chair, please join us as we honor our great nation and Federation leaders with an invocation, the National Anthem, Pledge of Allegiance, and NFB Pledge.

**NFB NATIONAL REPORT 9:30AM - 10:00AM**

Sierra 2

National Federation of the Blind President, Mark Riccobono, reports on what’s happening across the nation in the National Federation of the Blind.

**NFB OF NEVADA PRESIDENTIAL REPORT 10:00AM - 10:30AM**

Sierra 2

NFB of Nevada President, Kimie Beverly, reports on what the state of Nevada has accomplished in the past year.

**SERVING THE FEDERATION LOCALLY, NATIONALLY, AND BEYOND 10:30AM - 12:00PM**

Sierra 2

NFB of Nevada Vice President, Michael Ausbun, shares his experience of serving the organization locally, as an intern at our National Center, and as a volunteer at the World Blind Union Conference. 10:30AM

Melissa Riccobono, First Lady of the National Federation of the Blind, a blind parent, and [www.blindparents.org](http://www.blindparents.org) head contact for the Parents of Blind Children. 10:50AM

Christella Garcia, licensed Massage Therapist by trade, and Bronze Paralympic Metal Winner in the 2016 Rio Paralympic Games. 11:10AM

Will Geddes from the Geddes Law Firm 11:30AM-11:50: Employment Discrimination: The INS and outs of title one of the Americans with Disabilities Act

Announcements, Questions, and Answers 11:50AM

**LUNCH BREAK (on your own) 12:00PM - 2:00PM**

Exhibitors A.T. Guys and Blindfold Games will be available just outside of the meeting room during lunch break.

**NOPBC AROUND THE TABLE DISCUSSION LUNCH 12:30PM - 1:30PM**

(Nevada Organization of Parents of Blind Children)

Family Hospitality Suite

Join parents of blind children in a relaxed group discussion on all topics concerning raising blind children. $10.00 will get you pizza and refreshments.

**SERVING THE FEDERATION LOCALLY, NATIONALLY, AND BEYOND (continued) 2:00PM - 4:00PM**

Sierra 2

Assembly Woman, Amber Joiner, Committee on Education. 2:00PM

Question and Answer session 2:20PM

Mary Zabel, Director of Disability Resource Center, University of Nevada, Reno, and her colleague, Darrin McCarthy. 2:30PM

Question and Answer session 2:50PM

Nancy Denninger, Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor. 3:00PM

Question and Answer session 3:20PM

Jennifer Kennedy NOMCT, graduate of the Louisiana Tech Professional Development and Research Institute on Blindness, “A Method to the Madness”, and Bre Brown, Louisiana Center for the Blind Alumni, National Association of Blind Students First Vice President, “Never Too Soon for Training.” 3:30PM

Question and Answer session 3:50PM

**BRIDGES AND BELLS PANEL 4:00PM - 4:50PM**

Sierra 2

Lisa Bonie, Executive Director of the Northern Nevada Center for Independent Living, discusses the importance of building bridges in the community. 4:00PM

Helen McCoy, Nevada BELL Academy Co-coordinator discusses our upcoming BELL (Braille Enrichment Learning and Literacy) Academy. 4:20PM

Question and Answer session 4:40PM

**ANNOUNCEMENTS 4:50PM - 5:00PM**

Sierra 2

**ADJOURNMENT 5:00PM**

**MEET THE PRESIDENT MIXER 6:00PM - 7:00PM**

Sierra 1 & 2

Meet NFB President Mark Riccobono, First Lady Melissa Riccobono, NFB of Nevada President Kimie Beverly, and mix and mingle with fellow federation members new and old while enjoying refreshments from the cash bar before the banquet.

**BANQUET 7:00PM - 10:00PM**

Sierra 1 & 2

Banquet Chair: Michael Ausbun

Keynote Address: National President, Mark Riccobono

Award Plaque presentation to Senator Heller for his support in the Space Available Bill, presented by Michael Ausbun, our Legislative Director.

Unity Scholarship Awards presented by Scholarship Committee Chair, Terri Rupp.

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2016**

**NFB OF NEVADA BUSINESS SESSION 9:00AM - 12:00PM**

Sierra 2

Treasurer’s Report, Chun Chao, NFB of Nevada State Treasurer 9:00AM

Affiliate Constitutional Amendments 9:20AM

Resolutions 9:40AM

Elections 10:00AM

The positions up for election are:

* President
* Secretary
* Treasurer
* Board Member I
* Board Member III

Thank you for being a part of the 2016 National Federation of the Blind of Nevada State Convention. With love, hope, and determination, we transform dreams into reality.