***New Mexico Association of Blind Students Team Newsletter for July 2018!***

Hello from Kaity Ellis, President of the New Mexico Association of Blind Students, a Proud Division of the National Federation of the Blind of New Mexico. It is with great excitement we announce that we are raising funds for a fantastic opportunity so be sure to read the newsletter to find out more! We hope that all of you will join us in helping all students in our great state who are blind to live the life they want! We hope you enjoy this newsletter! Best wishes for a safe and fun summer! Kaity Ellis, President.

**Recap of Monthly Association Meeting.**

1. **School concerns** - Members brought up significant concerns to the board and our affiliate president. The board, our student president, and affiliate president are working to address these concerns.
2. **A final decision for the July fundraiser at the National Convention -** A decision was made not to hold a July fundraiser at the National Convention due to other factors. Instead, the board decided to hold a fundraiser to help send a student to Washington, D.C in January.
3. **A final decision on the amount of money to spend on business cards -** No decision yet. A decision will be made at the next meeting.
4. **Committee meeting times -** Committee chairs are working with the president to set meeting times. As soon as the times are set, an announcement will be made.

**The next meeting will be on August 12, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. Please e-mail our secretary at** [**secretary.nmabs@gmail.com**](mailto:secretary.nmabs@gmail.com) **if you would like to have an agenda for the upcoming meeting.**

**Committee reports:**

1. **Membership and Promotion Committee - Andres Romero, Board Member.**

We are looking at doing a fun technology event in the fall! If you would like to become a member, please contact us!

1. **Funds Committee, Emilio Martinez-Treasurer.**

We are holding a fundraiser to help send a student to Washington D.C in January! We hope to raise at least $500.00. To donate to the fundraiser, please follow this link [gofundme.com/help-blind-students-to-see-dc](http://link.email.dynect.net/link.php?DynEngagement=true&H=I%2BqMhXDuIS2UKpxeclV2P1kiIeW469uvYpMfs1p051i6SxhM4FXuho2EbBXHC8FsbjmtvdkJzasxXjqvNnTu6UJit5GmBnGtkFkpQaweK%2BXNTVWFlZHkJiQM1CYIEiVl&G=21&R=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.gofundme.com%2Fhelp-blind-students-to-see-dc%3Futm_source%3Dinternal%26utm_medium%3Demail%26utm_content%3Dcampaign_link_t%26utm_campaign%3Dwelcome&I=20180628221006.000000121227%40mail6-46-usnbn1&X=MHw3NzY2NjI6VEVNUElEXzQ5MDQ7MXw3NzY2NjM6UVVFVUVJRF8xMzM1Njc1MjkwOzJ8Nzc2NjY0OkRPTUFJTl9nbWFpbC5jb207&S=c1KeVjocJ2A_tUCLFESUDhWh60F--3vsGmn7BFI7u08) Anything you give will be greatly appreciated. Please contact us if you have any questions.

1. **Legislative, Advocacy and Communication Committee - Kaden Calahan, Vice President.**

The board, our student president, and affiliate president are working to address any concerns students have throughout the state. Please contact us if you need any help.

**Our next News Letter will be available on August 17, 2018.**

**As always, the New Mexico Association of Blind Students Team is here for you. Please contact us!** Kaity Ellis, President @ [president.nmabs@gmail.com](mailto:president.nmabs@gmail.com)

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