# NABS Notes – April 2022

**“You cannot get through a single day without having an impact on the world around you. What you do makes a difference and you have to decide what kind of a difference you want to make.” -Jane Goodall**

Welcome to the April edition of our NABS Notes! As we all know, the saying goes, “April showers bring May flowers,” and we know that the shower of a workload you’re facing to end the semester can seem intimidating and overwhelming at times; however, we also know our students are bound and determined to succeed, so rest assured in the knowledge that we’re cheering you on every step of the way! Since we’re also aware that study breaks help the mind stay focused and sharp, we encourage you to take some time to read up on all things new and exciting in our student movement, and reach out to anyone in NABS leadership with questions. Read on to learn more about our upcoming events and updates from committees. In this edition you will find:

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## 2022 NABS Membership Announcement

The process for becoming an active member of our organization has changed as of January 1, 2022. The full details of the procedure can be found on the [Become a Member](https://nabslink.org/become-member) page on our website.

As a brief overview, becoming an active member of NABS has three components: paying membership dues of $5, filling out our 2022 membership application, and being notified by a NABS leader regarding the status of your membership. You can pay your dues using the “[Donate Now](https://nabslink.org/donate-now)" link at the top of our website or see the Become a Member page for other payment options.

Whether you are a new or returning member, we ask that you fill out the [2022 membership application](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScp_IYqTMPgjf3pxeRojn9UTbQW6cUXz7QkdL2S0hbzrjH0sQ/viewform?usp=sf_link) to ensure we have your most updated information.

Please note that in order to run for a Board position and/or vote in our 2022 NABS Business Meeting at this year's National Convention, your membership dues of $5 and application must be received no later than Thursday, June 30, 2022.

After you've completed the above steps, a NABS leader will notify you regarding your membership status.

If you are unsure of your membership status or have more generalized questions about the updated membership application process, please email Board Member Gene Kim at [gene.sh.kim@gmail.com](mailto:gene.sh.kim@gmail.com). If you have questions about payment options or want to confirm your dues were received, please email Treasurer Elizabeth Rouse at [elizabethrouse.nfb@gmail.com](mailto:elizabethrouse.nfb@gmail.com).

## April Blog Post | Cooking Creatively: Tips for Dorm Cooking

Join NABS 1st Vice President Mausam Mehta in this month’s [blog post](https://nabslink.org/blogs/cooking-creatively-tips-dorm-cooking-0), which shares just a pinch of her journey from culinary cringe to culinary queen as she shares some of her tried and true tips on how best to make a dorm kitchen work for you!

## April Episode of the NABS Now Podcast | Spring into Traveling with NABS - Tips & Advice on Your Adventures Ahead

Are you ready to jump on a plane and go where your travel whims take you? Us, too! That’s why this episode of the NABS Now Podcast is all about planning and executing a great and accessible trip. Planning isn’t your thing? That’s cool, but you should still give us a listen on your impromptu flight. Make sure those seatbelts are fastened and tray tables at an up-right position! 😉

Thank you to our special guests Skye Dunfield and Kyle Garcia.

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Are you interested in assisting with the planning and production of the NABS Now Podcast? Email Nina at: [ninam0814@gmail.com](mailto:ninam0814@gmail.com) for more information.

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## Committee Updates

### Reaching into the Future

Please join us for our next Outreach committee call, taking place on Sunday, May 15 at 8 PM EDT, and [reach out to committee chair Nina Marranca](mailto:ninam0814@gmail.com) with questions on how to get further involved.

### Gearing Up for Fundraising Galore in the Big Easy

The NABS Fundraising Committee has been hard at work preparing for some exciting fundraising opportunities at National Convention in New Orleans this summer! While our plans are not completely finalized yet, we can assure you that you will not want to miss out on the action. We’ve got some pretty sweet NABS swag in the works and will be conducting at least one additional fantastic fundraiser to celebrate being back in-person!

Please join us for our next committee call, taking place on Sunday, May 15 at 9 PM EDT, and [reach out to committee chair Logan Stenzel](mailto:stenzellogan@gmail.com) with questions on how to get further involved.

### Resolutions 101

If you missed the April meeting of the NABS Legislative and Self-Advocacy Committee, we regret to inform you that you may be behind the knowledge curve on composing resolutions for our upcoming National Convention; however, our committee members would love to share the knowledge we accumulated from Resolutions Committee Chair Sharon Maneki. We encourage you to reach out with questions or ideas related to the resolutions process anytime over the coming months, and consult the article [Time to Write Resolutions](https://nfb.org/images/nfb/publications/bm/bm21/bm2105/bm210517.htm) in the May 2021 issue of the Braille Monitor to learn more.

Please join us for our next committee call, taking place on Sunday, May 22 at 8 PM EDT, and [reach out to committee chair Elizabeth Rouse](mailto:elizabethrouse.nfb@gmail.com) with questions on how to get further involved.

### You May Want to Get Involved with DEI

Please join us for our next DEI committee call, taking place on Sunday, May 22 at 9 PM EDT, and [reach out to committee chair Sara Luna](mailto:sol.sky.luna@gmail.com) with questions on how to get further involved.

Please note that all committee calls for the month of May have been postponed for one week in observance of Mother’s Day.

… And don’t forget our monthly NABS Sound Board, taking place on Sunday, May 29 at 9 PM EDT!

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