**NCABS December 2014 Conference Call Minutes**

 • Call to Order- 9:03 p.m.

 • Attendance (10)- Kathryn, Kevin, Bobbi, Alan, Eric, Monique, Josue, Devonte, Trey, and Sharon.

 • President’s Report

 • Regional Conference- NCABS will partner with the South Carolina and Virginia Associations of Blind Students to host a regional NABS seminar in NC.

 • Two restaurants have agreed to allow NCABS to braille menus for them. Each menu will be worth $30; and please continue to reach out to local restaurants proposing this idea. Kathryn, Bobbi, and Veronica will draft a formal email to send to restaurants.

 • Send Kathryn stories about your experiences with getting accommodations in higher education. These letters will be apart of a packet presented to legislators during Washington Seminar.

 • 1st Vice President

 • Please remember our Scentsy fundraiser during this holiday season.

 • We are considering changing our website to being hoosted on Wordpress.com

 • If you can code, or are interested in working on the website please let Kevin know.

 • 2nd Vice President

 • The Membership/Publicity committee is working on updating our website, creating a logo, a brochure, and a flyer for the January seminar.

 • Each conference call, one member in attendance will win a $10 gift card to a restaurant.

 • Member’s Spotlight- various NCABS members will be featured on our website for their accomplishments.

 • Treasurer’s Report

 • No transactions in the last month

 • Balance of $1,592.27

 • Washington Seminar- Monday January 26-Thursday January 29 2015

 • The appointments for North Carolina will be on Tuesday and Wednesday

 • Sharon Newton is the Legislative Director this year for North Carolina.

 • Let Sharon Weddington know by December 17th if you would like to go.

 • Kathryn, Eric, Trey, and Bobbi expressed interest in going.

 • January Seminar Saturday January 31st at GMS

 • This event is paired with the Eastern Athletic Association for the Blind and the Envisioning Youth Empowerment (EYE) Retreat.

 • Approximate time window is between 8am and 5pm.

 • Let Kathryn know if you are interested in being reimbursed for travel fees.

 • More details to come

 • NFB National Scholarship open now until March 31st.

 • Kathryn and Alan are previous winners. Reach out to them if you would like their advice on applying.

 • An NFB scholarship committee member will be on the January call to answer questions you may have about the application process.

 • EYE Retreat staff applications are now open

 • Triad Goal Ball team will play between February 15th and May 15th.

 • Questions

 • Sharon Newton spoke about Washington Seminar

 • Send the Congressional districts of your school and hometown ASAP.

 • Dress in business attire when going to Washington Seminar appointments.

 • Gift Card Winner- Trey Roach

 • Adjournment- 9:42 p.m.