**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.