National Federation of the Blind of

North Dakota

2019 Agenda

Clubhouse Hotel & Suite

4400 15th Ave., S.

Fargo, ND 58103

Milton Ota, President

NFB of North Dakota

Fargo, North Dakota

National Representative

Adelmo Vigil, President

NFB of New Mexico and

NFB Board of Director

Alamogordo, New Mexico

Mark Riccobono, President

National Federation of the Blind

Baltimore Maryland

ONE MINUTE MESSAGE

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 LIVE THE LIFE YOU WANT; BLINDNESS IS NOT WHAT HOLDS YOU BACK. THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF THE BLIND IS NOT AN ORGANIZATION SPEAKING FOR THE BLIND-IT IS THE BLIND SPEAKING FOR OURSELVES.

NFB Pledge

I pledge to participate actively in the efforts of the National Federation of the Blind to achieve equality, opportunity, and security for the blind; to support the policies and programs of the Federation; and to abide by its constitution.

CODE OF CONDUCT

The National Federation of the Blind of North Dakota and the National Federation of the Blind along with our other affiliate observe the “code of Conduct”. Information can be found at: <https://www.nfb.org/about-us/history-and-governance/code-conduct>

OFFICERS

Milton Ota, President, Fargo, ND

Jesse Shirek, Vice-President, Fargo, ND

Sherry Shirek, Secretary, Fargo, ND

Jesse Shirek, Treasurer, Fargo, ND

Board of Directors

Richard Early, Moorhead, MN, 1-Year

Josh Biddle, Fargo, ND 2-year

2019 NFB of North Dakota Convention

AGENDA

9:00 AM – Call to Order

Memmorial:

Duane Iverson

Rosemary Bonham

Pledge to the American Flag

NFB Pledge

Invocation

House Keeping Details

Red River Valley Chapter – Presentation of Charter

Presentation of NFB Medallion Coin

9:30 AM – National Report

Adelmo vigil, President NFB of New Mexico, Alamogordo, New Mexico,

National Representative, Member of the Board of Directors of the National Federation of the Blind

10:15 AM – BREAK

10:30 AM – ND Talkingbook Library

Susan Hammer-Schneider

North Dakota State Talking Book Library, Bismarck, North Dakota

10:50 AM – Recreation for the Blind and Sighted

Robert Moore, Beap Baseball/Bowling, Organizing, Moorhead, Minnesota

11:00 AM – Report from North Dakota Vocational Rehabilitation

Robyn Throlson, Acting Director, North Dakota Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, and Aimee Volk, Vision and Independent Living Services Administrator, Bismark, North Dakota

11:15 AM – Voting in North Dakota

Judy DeWitz, Protection and Advocacy, Bismarck, North Dakota; Representing Secretary of State, Elections Office, North Dakota(We will be giving time for hands-on)

12:00 PM – Luncheon/Banquet

Banquet Address, Adelmo vigil, National Representative

1:30 PM – Report from North Dakota School for the Blind

Paul Olson, Superintendent, School for the Blind, Grand Forks, North Dakota

1:55 PM -- I Cane Give Initiative

James Alan Boehm, I Cane Give Initiative, Nashville, Tennessee

2:20 PM – National Association of Blind Students

Justin Salisbury, Board member, national Association of blind students, Honolulu, Hawaii

2:45 PM – BUSINESS MEETING OF THE NFB OF NORTH DAKOTA

Roll Call

Secretary’s Minutes of the 2018 Convention

Treasurer’s Report

President’s Report

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Elections

Board of Director (2-Year)

Delegate to 2020 National convention

Alternate Delegate to 2020 National Convention

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Also, here is our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/You-Cane-Give-Initiative-1558518134229769/>

# THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING …

# Clubhouse Hotel and Suite

# Portercreek Restaurant

# Adelmo Vigil

# Secretary of State of North Dakota, Elections Equipment / Protection and Advocacy of North Dakota

To all who donated door prizes

# To all our presenters

THE END