**National Federation of the Blind of Arkansas Affiliate Board Agenda**

**April 10, 2021**

**Call to Order:**

Nena Chadwick, President

April Scurlock, Vice-President

Brent Philpot, Second Vice-President

David Henry, Treasurer

Terry Sheeler, Secretary

Keith Clark, Board MemberTime

Donavon Cavender, Board Member

Bettye Johnson, Board Member

Freddie Wilkey, Board Member

**Visitors:**

**NFB Pledge**

I pledge to participate actively in the effort 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.

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 have the life you want; blindness is not what holds you back.

Meeting Minutes:

Meeting minutes for March 2021, need to be approved. Typed and sent electronically by Terry Sheeler.

Treasurer Report

Treasurer’s report for March 2021, need to be approved. Typed and sent out by David Henry.

OLD BUSINESS

There will be things on the agenda that will always be on here just for reminders, and for future updates. Also, I will try to make sure that the links will be added to make it easier for you to find what you are looking for.

Each Chapter should send Meeting Minutes and Treasurer’s Reports as an attachment to Nena Chadwick, so that they can all be sent to National to be archived, each month.

Washington Seminar :

Legislative Director - David Henry

National Convention 2021 Stronger Together: Transforming & Unifying Our Future

Host State Maryland July 6-10,2021 Virtual

New Orleans ,LA - July 5-10, 2022 In Person

Registration is now open, if you want to be eligible to receive door prizes or to vote please make sure you are registered by May 31,2021.

Venue/contract, for 2021 has been received and needs to be reviewed with Patti Chang for final approval before being signed.

Host committee is NFB of NWA Chapter.

Convention Committee:Vendor/Sponsors

1. Speakers
2. Door Prizes/Auctions
3. Nominations
4. Resolution
5. Food /Registration

Convention 2022-2023 - Location: Convention vs Non Convention hotels. This has been tabled.

NEW BUSINESS

Membership Mentor - New

The chapter presidents and I discussed how to handle the membership on boarding process and came to an agreement that 1-2 people would be completely in charge of everything membership. This includes all the paperwork for new and existing members, making sure dues are paid on time for new calendar year & convention times for voting and convention prizes.Also for follow up with questions and answers. This person or persons will need to like talking to people and keeping great records. So if you are truly interested, or want more , please let me know

Membership Dues

Raising yearly dues to $12 per year

Constitutions:

Formats were sent to Chapter Presidents or their committee chairs.

National President Updates:

Presidential Release - 504

2021 Motto: FORWARD

Takeaways:

1. RAINN Training for Affiliate Board Members in April
2. Survivors Task Force
3. Communications and Engagement, Cultural and Training, Procedures and Oversight

Latest Blog Post: “Surviving Domestic Violence: I Found My Way Out”:

The Voice of the Nation's Blind Blog highlights personal experiences and stories of blind people. In the recent article, Cheryl Fields shares about the pathway of healing and journey to peace. Read the blog, "[Surviving Domestic Violence: I Found My Way Out](https://nfb.org/blog/surviving-domestic-violence-i-found-my-way-out)." If you are interested in sharing a story, please email CommunicationsTeam@nfb.org.

 RAINN Discussion if anyone wants to have a discussion on the training itself, or on the subject overall. Let me know and we can get together one on one or in a group . Or if you would like more resources let me know and I will be happy to help with that.

**Collections Advisory Council:**

The Jacobus tenBroek Library is looking to put together an advisory council of people who are aligned with the missions of the National Federation of the Blind and possess an interest in history, research, literature, museums, archives, and other related subjects. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Nichole Chrissis at nchrissis@nfb.org.

**Market Product of the Month:**

**Independence Market April**

This month the Independence Market has two products of the month. The first is a Micro-Speak Talking Digital Voice Recorder (8 gig) that is priced at $60. The second is a Wilson Digital Voice Recorder (Version 8) priced at $42. Either (or both) of these items can be purchased by contacting the Independence Market at 410-659-9314, extension 2216, or by email at Independencemarket@nfb.org.

**Upcoming Accessibility Boutiques (all via Zoom):**

April 14: A Deep Dive into Accessibility Testing

April 27: Accessibility of Google Workplace

May 25: Procuring Accessible Software for Your Organization

June 16: Getting the Most Out of Microsoft Office with a Screen Reader

June 29: Gaming for Everyone

To register go to the National Website and search Accessibility Boutiques. There will be a registration form.

**Chapter Reports:**

NWA

River Valley

Central

At Large

Students

Pac Plan - Chair Donna Walker

**Announcements:**

**Dates to keep in Mind:**

(all times eastern)

* April 15: [Bolotin Awards](https://www.nfb.org/bolotin) nominations deadline
* May 3: Presidential Release LIVE, 8:00 p.m.
* June 1: Presidential Release LIVE, 8:00 p.m.
* July 6-10: NFB National Convention, anywhere and everywhere

**Presidents Announcements:**

Welcome to the Arkansas Family:

Jada, Ka’lon, Caroline and Cole to our Arkabs Division

Ashley, Gregg and Nikki to our Central Chapter

Happy April Birthday to :

Ashley, Central

DSB Meeting

June 11 @ 1 pm on zoom. Terry Sheeler

NFBAR next meeting is May 11,2021 @ 8pm

Adjourn