

**NATIONAL FEDERATION OF THE BLIND OF ALASKA
ANNUAL STATE CONVENTION**

October 11-12, 2019

Coast International Inn
3450 Aviation Ave.
Anchorage, Alaska 99502
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Program Agenda

Friday:

- 12:15PM **Registration**
- 1:00 **Welcome**
- 1:05 **Tribute to Susan Gillett**
- 1:20 **National Federation of the Blind Basics**, Bonnie Lucas, President, NFBAK
- 1:40 **“Wood is the Medium I Use to Build Confidence”**, Kevin Whitley, First Vice President, NFBAK
- 2:00 **ADA Hiring and Reasonable Accommodation in the Workplace**, Leslie Jaehning, DLC Staff Attorney
- 2:25 **National Library Service Update**, Utah State Library, Lisa Nelson
- 2:45 **Title I of the American with Disabilities Act**, David Newman, State of Alaska Equal Employment Opportunity Program, Alaska ADA Coordinator
- 3:00 **Title II of the American with Disabilities Act**, Mauria Gerdeman, State of Alaska Equal Employment Opportunity Program, Alaska ADA Staff Member
- 3:15 **“My Experience as a Member of the State Equal Opportunity Employment Commission”**, Bill Craig, Second Vice President, NFBAK
- 3:25 **Benefits & Work Incentives Counseling in AK**, Larrisa Cummings, Center for Human Development at the University of Alaska Anchorage
- 3:55 **Alaska Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired – Update**, Regan Mattingly, Executive Director, ACBVI
- 4:05 **Transportation Committee Report: Anchorage Municipality**, Elijah Haynes, Travel Instructor, ACBVI
- 4:20 **Vanda Pharmaceuticals Non24**
- 4:25 **Introduction to Script Talk**, Walmart Pharmacy Staff
- 4:30 **Way Finder Beacons at UAA**, Nate Kile, Technology Specialist & Youth Transition Coordinator, ACBVI
- 4:45 **Accessible voting in Alaska**, Julie Hussman, Municipality of Anchorage, Region 2 Supervisor
- 5:15 **Family and Friends Meet, Greet and Eat**, National Federation of the Blind of Alaska, Displays: ATLA, Assistive Technology of Alaska, Display/Questions
Guiding Eyes, Display/Questions
Vanda Pharmaceuticals, Display/Questions
NFB of Alaska, Hands on Exhibit Table
Division of Elections, Try Latest Accessible Voting Machine

8:00 PM **Convention adjourn until Saturday morning**

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Saturday:

- 8:30 AM **Registration, Coffee and Muffins**
- 9:00 **Invocation, Welcome, Color Guard**
- 9:10 **The State of the National Federation of the Blind**, Mark Riccobono, President
- 9:55 **The NFB of Alaska, 2019 and Beyond**, Bonnie Lucas, President
- 10:15 **Treasurer's Report**, Carmen Jameson
- 10:20 **Insights from the 2019 NFB National Convention**, Linda Newman and Turkan Rollins, First time attendees
- 10:30 **Building the Leaders of Tomorrow**, Kathryn Webster, President, National Association of Blind Students
- 10:45 **Blind Student Experiences at UAA**, Kelsy Tallant
- 10:55 **My Journey from Student to a Real Job**, Tom Class
- 11:05 **An Unexpected Adventure**, Michael Carey-Thomann
- 11:15 **My Story of becoming Blind to Volunteering and Hopeful Employment**, Kristine Bradley
- 11:25 **Accessible Voting Issues in Alaska**, Jessie Weber, Brown, Goldstein & Levy, LLP
- 11:45 **Guiding Eyes Update**, Mike Goehring, Company Representative
- 12:00 PM **Lunch.** Some exhibits will still be available; mingling highly encouraged!
- 1:30 **Blind Services in Alaska - Update**, Duane Mayes, Director Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, State of Alaska
- 1:50 **Reflections**, SueEllen O'Connor, Blind Services Coordinator, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, State of Alaska
- 2:10 **The State Independent Living Council: What is it?**, Michael Christian, Director
- 2:20 **Work Experiences and More**, Nate Kile, Youth Services, ACBVI
- 2:40 **"I Never Imagined": Ski for Light to Norway**, Kevin Whitley
- 2:50 **New, and Well-Seasoned Dog Guides, and Their Handlers**, Panel Discussion, Kevin Whitley, Tom Class, Kelsy Tallant, Kami Wright, Bill Craig, Nate Kile
- 3:40 **Technology We Are Using Right Now**, Demonstrations, Q&A, iPhone Apps, KNFB Reader, AIRA and Be My Eyes, Etc.
- 4:15-5:15 **Break from meeting room.** Discussion in waiting area of monthly outreach phone call.
- 5:15 **Banquet, Program to be Announced.**