**National Federation of the Blind of Tennessee**

**2020 Virtual State Convention**

**October 23-24, 2020**

**AGENDA**

*(All Times Are Central Daylight Savings Time)*

**Thursday, October 22, 2020**

7:00 – 8:00 PM State Affiliate Board Meeting

**Friday, October 23, 2020**

4:00 – 6:30 PM *Preconvention Breakouts*

Tennessee Association of Guide Dog Users

Tennessee Association of Blind Merchants

Seniors Division Organizational Meeting

6:00 – 7:00 PM Resolutions Committee

7:00 – 9:00 PM *General Session*

7:00 – 7:05 PM Welcome -Terry Smith, President

7:05 – 7:20 PM Opening Ceremony

“America the Beautiful” – Jana Jackson, Nashville

“Roll Call of Chapters” – Terry Smith, President

“The NFB Pledge” – Craig McFarland, Munford

7:20 – 7:35 PM Presidential Report – Terry Smith, President

7:35 – 8:00 PM “A VR Update and the Latest on Specialized Pre-Employment Training Services for Blind Clients” – Mandy Johnson, Division of Rehabilitation Services Assistant Commissioner and Tiffany Kelley, DRS Sensory Director

8:00 – 8:10 PM “A Tennessean Comes Home: The Perspective of Another State President” – Cassie McNabb, Former Affiliate President, New Hampshire

8:10 -8:30 PM “Building the Federation One Family at a Time” - Carlton Walker, President, National Organization of Parents of Blind Children

8:30 – 9:00 PM “An Update from Our National Office” – Kevan Worley, National Federation of the Blind of Colorado

**Saturday, October 24, 2020**

*General Session*

10:00 – 10:20 AM “Why I Am a Federationist” – James Brown, Nashville

10:20 – 10:45 AM “A One-on-One Interview with Dr. Fred Schroeder” – Terry

Smith, NFBTN President

10:45 - 10:55 AM “Life Changing Experiences Through Structured Discovery” - Rachel Kuntz, Resource Development Coordinator, Blindness Inc.

10:55 – 11:10 AM “Let’s Hear from Our Favorite Librarian” – Ruth Hemphill, Tennessee Library for Accessible Books and Media

11:10 – 11:40 “Digging Up Tennessee” - The Blind History Lady

11:40 – 11:50 “TAGDU Salutes the Guide Dog Schools” – Jimmy Boehm, NFBTN Vice President

11:50 – 12:00 Wrap Up – Terry Smith, President

12:00 - 12:30 *Break*

12:30 - 1:30 *Scholarship Celebration – Jimmy Boehm, Master of Ceremonies*

“You Don’t Have to Be Brilliant to Be Resilient” -David DeNotaris

Scholarship Presentations – Deborah Carter, Scholarship

Committee Chair, Memphis

Call to Action / MIC Pledges

1:30 – 3:00 *Business Meeting*

State Financial Report, Melissa Smith, Treasurer

Legislative Report, James Brown, Legislative Committee Chair

Membership Committee Report, Jimmy Boehm, Vice President of NFBTN and Membership Committee Chair

Chapter and Division Reports

Volunteer Chapter

Southeast Chapter

Scenic City Chapter

Nashville Chapter

Clarksville Chapter

Memphis Chapter

At-Large Chapter

Merchants Division

TAGDU

Seniors Division

Resolutions, Craig McFarland, Munford

2021 Officers

Selection of National Delegates

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Wrap Up by Terry Smith, NFBTN President

3:00 Adjourn