**Please Join the**

**At Large Chapter of the National Federation of the Blind of New Mexico**

**State Convention**

**October 25th**

**Sheraton Albuquerque Uptown**

**2600 Louisiana Blvd. NE**

**Albuquerque, NM 87110**

***1:30 PM - 3:00 PM (Wurlitzer)***

**The National Federation of the Blind is a community of members and friends who believe in the hopes and dreams of the nation’s blind. Every day we work together to help blind people live the lives they want.**

**Meeting starts promptly at *1:30 PM***

**Suggested reading material:** [Membership in the National Federation of the Blind: Equality, Opportunity, and Security through Collective Action (nfb.org)](https://nfb.org/sites/default/files/images/nfb/publications/bm/bm19/bm1904/bm190402.htm)

The open house will be on November 2nd at 8 p.m. EST. If you are interested in participating, you can send an e-mail to membership@nfb.org to register and get information.

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**Business Meeting Agenda**

1. **1:30 pm Call to Order, Janet Montoya, ALC President**
2. **Rollcall and Introduction of Guests, Frank Maestas, Board member 1**

**3. NFB pledge: ALL**

**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.**

**4.National Federation of the Blind Belief Message: ALL**

**The National Federation of the Blind advances the lives of its members and all blind people in the United States. We know 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. Our collective power, determination, and diversity achieve the aspirations of all blind people.**

1. **Approval of the agenda**
2. **Approval of the September minutes**
3. **Treasurer’s Report, German Benitez, NFBNM state treasurer**
4. **Presidential release** [nfb.org/sites/nfb.org/files/08-2024/presidential\_release\_october\_2024\_chapter\_version\_final.mp3](https://nfb.org/sites/nfb.org/files/08-2024/presidential_release_october_2024_chapter_version_final.mp3)
5. **Discussion topics:**

* **Comment about the presidential release**
* **Blindness Equality Awareness Month**
* **SF Rideshare Rally**
* **November elections**

**10. Committee Reports**

* 1. **Legislature, Larry Lorenzo, committee chair**
  2. **Membership, German Benitez, committee chair**
  3. **Fundraiser, Martin Gallegos, committee chair**

**11. Birthdays for October**

**12. Open discussion, next meeting will be November 26th.**

**13. Adjourn**

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