The Science and Engineering Division of the National Federation of the Blind Annual

Business Meeting Minutes for July 5, 2018

A meeting of the Science and Engineering Division of the National Federation of the Blind (SEDNFB) was held at the Rosen Shingle Creek Resort in Orlando, Florida, on Thursday, July 5, 2018.

The meeting was called to order by President John Miller at 7:00 p.m.

Business matters were handled throughout the division meeting. There was no specific span of time dedicated to business matters.

Treasury Report

The treasurer, Al Maneki, presented the Treasurer's Report. On July 5, 2018, the SEDNFB general fund had a balance of $627.00. This balance did not include money collected at the July 5, 2018 meeting. The treasurer's report was approved.

Contributions

Following the SEDNFB’s board recommendation, it was moved that the SEDNFB contribute $75.00, to each of the following funds: The Jernigan Fund, the TenBroek Fund, and the White Cane fund. The motion was carried.

Minutes

The membership agreed that the minutes for the SEDNFB 2017 business meeting need not be read since the minutes had been distributed by e-mail. The minutes were approved.

Elections

Since 2018 is an even-numbered year, elections were held. There are four officers and two Board members. Elected were: John Miller, President; Ashley Neybert, Vice-president; Louis Maher, Secretary; Alfred Maneki, Treasurer; Purvi Contractor, Board Member; and David Hertweck, Board Member.

Scholarship

The Science and Engineering Division and the Computer Science Division are raising funds for a $3000 to $5000 scholarship given by the NFB, to a worthy student at the NFB convention.

Please consider donating to the NFB towards this scholarship.

To donate:

There are two ways to donate to the NFB STEM Scholarship: one method is online, and the second method is buy mail.

If you wish to make an online donation: go to

<https://nfb.org/scholarships>

and activate the "Donate Now!" link. Fill out the required fields. On the "Contribution Note" field please enter "STEM Scholarship". Once your donation has been submitted, you will receive an automatic acknowledgment of your donation. Please forward this donation acknowledgement to John Miller (Johnmillerphd@hotmail.com) so that he can track our progress towards our funding goal.

To donate by mail: Please make a check payable to NFB.

On the memo line write STEM Scholarship.

Mail the check to

NFB accounting/scholarship

200 East Wells St. at Jernigan Place

Baltimore, MD 21230.

During the 2018 NFB convention, $2200 worth of pledges were made towards the 2019 NFB STEM scholarship.

Please make your contributions by March 1, 2019 so that your contributions can count towards the 2019 STEM Scholarship.

Presentations

Below is a list of talks, taken from the agenda, that were scheduled to be given during the 2018 SEDNFB meeting.

Analyzing Engineering Data – John Miller

E.A.S.Y. Interactive Tactile Graphics Update

* Al Maneki

Applying NFB Philosophy for Succeeding in Chemistry

* Ashley Neybert

Graphiti - A Real-Time 2D Tactile Graphics Display

* Dave Wilkinson, APH

Did You Know Blind People Can Access Mainstream Math and Graphics without Sighted Help?

* John Gardner

Education Program Update - Natalie Shaheen

Jernigan Institute Update - Anil Lewis

Medical Device Engineering

* David Hertweck

Perspectives from Current Students in STEM

- Harry Staley

- Purvi Contractor

Adjournment

The division meeting adjourned at 10:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Louis Maher, Secretary

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