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

Business Meeting Minutes for July 9, 2019

A meeting of the Science and Engineering Division of the National Federation of the blind (SEDNFB) was held at the Mandalay Bay Resort and Casino in Las Vegas, Nevada, on Tuesday, July 9, 2019.

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 9, 2019, the SEDNFB general fund had a balance of $671.00. This balance did not include money collected at the July 9, 2019 meeting. The treasurer's report was approved.

Minutes

The membership agreed that the minutes for the SEDNFB 2018 business meeting need not be read since the minutes had been distributed by e-mail. The minutes were approved.

Contributions

Following the SEDNFB’s board recommendation, it was moved that the SEDNFB contribute $100.00 to the White Cane fund, $75 to the Jernigan fund, and $75 to the TenBroek fund. The motion was carried.

Elections

Since 2019 is an odd-numbered year, no elections were held.

Scholarship

The Science and Engineering Division and the Computer Science Division are raising funds for a $3000 or $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 by 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 2019 NFB convention, $2450 worth of pledges were made towards the 2020 NFB STEM scholarship. An additional carryover from 2019 of $425 brings the total to $2875.

Please make your contributions by March 1, 2020 so that your contributions can count towards the 2020 STEM Scholarship.

Presentations

Below is a list of talks that were scheduled to be given during the 2019 SEDNFB meeting.

Using MATLAB and Version Control – John Miller

College and Graduate School Blindness Accessibility Review Project - Don Winiecki

SENSE-SATIONAL Adventures in Summer Science Exploring the Great Lakes Watershed - Fred Wurtzel

Generating Statistics in Excel – Nathanael Wales

An Overview of the Orbit 20 Braille Notetaker –

Louis Maher

STEM Youth Programs - Natalie Shaheen

Blindness Initiatives Update - Anil Lewis

Experiences of a Mechanical Engineering Student with Low Vision - Jonathan Stewart

LabQuest Update - Ashley Neybert,

Independence Science

Performing Lab Work in Microbiology and Typesetting Mathematics Independently - Emily Schlenker

Power Modeling for an Electric Utility

- Marcus Schmidt

Software Design – Harry Staley

Joining the Science and Engineering Division

If you are interested in joining the NFB Science and Engineering division, please send your name, e-mail address, phone number, state, your primary field of interest, and a $5 check made payable to "S&E Division NFB" to:

Al Maneki

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Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,

Louis Maher, Secretary

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