# **64th ANNUAL NATIONAL FEDERATION OF THE BLIND OF SOUTH CAROLINA VIRTUAL STATE CONVENTION!**

**August 21, 22, 23, 2020**



           **OF SOUTH CAROLINA**

**THEME “working together to help blind people live the lives they want”**

## **Integrity and Respect**

To allow all attendees the chance to benefit from all aspects of the convention, we are committed to providing a harassment-free environment for everyone. We appreciate your assistance in cultivating an atmosphere in which participants from diverse backgrounds may learn, network, and share with each other in an environment of mutual respect. Thank you for doing your part to contribute to our community and the high expectations we strive to maintain.

## **One Minute Message**

The National Federation of the Blind knows 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.  You can live the life you want:  blindness is not what holds you back.

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# **Friday August 21, 2020**

All times are EST

1:00p.m. – 2:30 p.m. South Carolina Association of Blind Students – Derique Simon, President

2:45 – 3:45 p.m. Parents of Blind Children Division – Jennifer Duffell Hoffman, President

4:00 - 5:00 p.m. - Annual Seniors Division Meeting

Shelley Coppel, President

5:10 - 6:20 p.m. Resolutions Committee meeting

Valerie Warrington, Chairperson

6:30 - 7:20 p.m. Computer Science and Technology division meeting

Thom Spittle, Chairperson

7:30 – 8:20 p.m. – Blind Merchants Division – Belinda Banks, Coordinator

8:30 p.m. National Federation of the Blind of South Carolina Board of Directors meeting – Frank Coppel, President

Open to all!

# **Saturday morning, August 22, General Session**

9:00 Call to order

Invocation

JW Smith, Member of the Board of Directors, National Federation of the Blind of South Carolina

Pledge

9:05 a.m. Welcome and Opening Ceremonies

9:15 a.m.  Greetings from host chapter

Laverne Addison, President, Charleston chapter, National Federation of the Blind of South Carolina

9:20 a.m. Convention Arrangements and Announcements

9:30 a.m. National Report,

Everette Bacon, Member Board of Directors, National Federation of the blind,

President, National Federation of the blind of Utah

10:15 a.m. “Doing Our Fair Share and then Some” A Tribute,

Parnell Diggs, Administrative Law Judge, Social Security Administration,

Immediate Past President of the National Federation of the Blind of South Carolina

10:35 a.m. Update from the South Carolina Commission for the Blind,

Darline Graham, Commissioner

10:55 a.m. Update from the South Carolina School for the Deaf and Blind,

Scott Falcone, Director of Outreach Services

11:15 a.m. My “VOICE” in the National Federation of the Blind,

Wayne Marshall, Independence Training Services LLC

I.T.S. “It’s For You”

11:30 a.m. Presidential Report

Frank Coppel

12:00 p.m. Adjourn

The Nominating committee will meet via Zoom fifteen minutes after the adjournment of the morning general session

# **Saturday Afternoon General Session**

2:00 p.m. call to order

2:05 p.m. A Report from The South Carolina Vision Partnership, Celebrating Twenty Years of making a difference in the lives of blind students in South Carolina

Marty McKenzie, Principal of Statewide Blind and Visually Impaired Education and Vision Consultant

2:20 p.m. A Report from Talking Book Services

Kristin White, Director

2:40 p.m. Meet the Scholarship Class of 2020

Shannon Cook, Scholarship Committee Chairperson

2:50 p.m. What is Happening with Newsline,

Steve Cook, NFB of SC State Newsline Coordinator

3:00 p.m. Rocky Bottom Retreat and Conference Center of the Blind Report

Frank Coppel, Chairman, Board of Directors

3:20 p.m. An update from the Federation Center of the Blind,

Ed Bible, Chairman Board of Trustees, David Houck, Executive Director

3:40 p.m. A Report from the National Federation of the Blind of South Carolina’s Successful Transitions Program

Jennifer Bazer, Director

4:00 p.m. Financial Reports,

National Federation of the Blind of South Carolina, Rocky Bottom Retreat and Conference center of the Blind, Successful Transitions,

Valerie Warrington, Treasurer, National Federation of the blind of South Carolina, Rocky Bottom Retreat and Conference Center of the Blind

4:15 p.m. Resolutions

4:30 p.m. Stewardship, Doing Your Fair Share,

Dale Wolthoff and David Houck, PAC Plan committee co-chairpersons

Shelley Coppel, SUN Shares committee Chairperson

5:00 Adjourn

# **Saturday Evening Banquet**

7:00 p.m. call to order

Invocation

Debra Canty, Second Vice President, National Federation of the Blind of South Carolina

Introduction of Head Table

Banquet Speaker

Everette Bacon, Member of the Board of Directors, National Federation of the Blind

Awards

2020 Scholarship Class

Banquet Fund Raiser

# **Sunday, August 23, 2020**

2:00 p.m. Call to Order

2:05 p.m. Memorial Service

Dorothy Barksdale, Columbia Chapter

2:15 p.m. Elections, and Other Business

5:00 p.m. Adjourn

# **National Federation of the Blind Pledge**

I pledge to participate actively in the effort 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.

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