



— 2022 —

NATIONAL FEDERATION OF THE BLIND OF UTAH  
ANNUAL STATE CONVENTION

*“BUILDING A SENSE OF COMMUNITY BY RAISING EXPECTATIONS!”*

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APRIL 28-30 | SHERATON PARK CITY  
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# #NFBU22

*The National Federation of the Blind knows that blindness is not the characteristic that defines you or your future.*

*Everyday we raise expectations because we know that low expectations create barriers between you and*

*your dreams. You can live the life you want;*

*blindness is not what holds you back.*

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## **THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF THE BLIND PLEDGE**

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 programs and policies of the Federation; and to abide by its constitution.

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## **NFB OF UTAH MISSION STATEMENT**

In the National Federation of the Blind of Utah the blind and interested sighted persons come together to create programs to improve the quality of life of the blind; to provide a means of collective action for parents of blind children; to promote the vocational, cultural, and social advancement of the blind; to achieve the integration of the blind into society on a basis of equality with the sighted; and to take action which will improve the overall condition and standard of living of the blind. We work toward the removal of legal, economic, and social barriers to full participation by blind people in all aspects of community life. The NFB of Utah is the blind speaking for ourselves.

# CONVENTION INFORMATION

## REGISTRATION CHAIRPERSON:

**Jerry Nealey**, *Member, Weber/Davis Chapter*

## DOOR PRIZE CHAIRPERSON:

**Danielle Frampton**, *Member, Salt Lake Chapter*

## AUCTION CHAIRPERSON:

**Stephanie Cordova**, *Member, Salt Lake Chapter*

## SCHOLARSHIP CHAIRPERSON:

**Marnie West**, *Member, Weber/Davis Chapter*

## VENDOR FAIR CHAIRPERSON :

**Willie Black**, *Member Board of Directors*

## REGISTRATION:

**Convention registration is \$5 per person!** Registration will be open before all general sessions (*any additional times are stated in the agenda below*). You may pay for meals, Banquet, and Membership Dues with cash or card. Registration will be held right outside the main general session ballrooms, in the Lobby.

## MEALS:

**There will be a free welcoming dinner on Thursday** evening April 28 beginning at 6pm.

**On Friday and Saturday**, Boxed Lunches will be available for \$10 per person.

**On Saturday evening**, Banquet Dinner will be \$15 per person.

You can pay for meals ahead of time by going to [www.nfbutah.org](http://www.nfbutah.org) and selecting the donate button. There you will be prompted by Paypal. Please place the word "meals" in the note field.

**Affiliate Membership Dues are \$1. You must pay membership dues in order to vote during elections and resolutions.**



## **VIRTUAL:**

Join us on Zoom. Everyone will be muted and cameras will be disabled. There will be opportunities for interaction using the raise hand feature during designated times.

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*or stream the convention on YouTube!*

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCXJU3pIPw9tcmE72GLauB1w>

## **DOOR PRIZES:**

We will draw for a variety of door prizes during each general session and at the banquet. You must be registered with the convention in order to have your name placed in the drawing, and you must be present when your name is called in order to win. You may win multiple door prizes, so be sure to arrive on time and attend every session.

## **GUIDE DOG RELIEF AREAS:**

Parking for guide dogs is located on the grass parking strips near the parking lot. There is also a back door of the hotel which leads out to another relief area. Please be courteous and pick up after your dog.

## **HOTEL LAYOUT:**

Prospector Ballroom and Silver Mine room are located on the east side of the hotel on the third floor. When you come in the front doors of the hotel, turn right, go to the elevators take them to the third floor. Turn left once the doors open and head to the conference side/east side of the hotel. Timbers restaurant, Timbers Patio, and Outlook Room are located on the northeast side of the lobby, and a Starbucks, and the Wasatch Room are in the southwest corner of the lobby. There are elevators in the lobby area and next to Starbucks that will take you to and from your rooms. There is also a gift shop, as part of Starbucks.

**The Sheraton offers a free shuttle service to and from the historic Main street in Park City. See front desk for details.**

Our annual food and fundraising option will be held Saturday at noon. Please bring your checkbooks!

## **NFB OF UTAH WELCOMES OUR 2022 CONVENTION HONORED GUESTS**

### **NFB NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE: JOHN G. PARÉ JR.**

- Mr. Paré is the executive director for Advocacy and Policy at the National Federation of the Blind. In this position he oversees the NFB-NEWSLINE® program, the largest electronic newspaper service in the world, the Independence Market, and the Federation's Governmental Affairs office. He has testified before the House of Representatives Committee on Appropriations Legislative Branch Subcommittee regarding library services for blind Americans.
- He has worked with Federation members on the passage of the Pedestrian Safety Enhancement Act, the Marrakesh Treaty Implementation Act, and many other bills currently moving through Congress.
- He has helped organize educational protests regarding the danger posed by silent electric vehicles, sub-minimum wages for people with disabilities, and the protection of the American with Disabilities Act.
- He has also appeared on CNN, Fox, BBC, and various radio programs to discuss issues affecting blind Americans.
- He loves to walk and is constantly striving to set a new personal record for steps walked in one day.

## **NFB DISTINGUISHED SPEAKERS: PEGGY AND CURTIS CHONG**

Peggy is actively working to preserve the history of the blind of Colorado. For more than three decades, Peggy has been gathering information, stories, lists, news articles, books and more concerning the blind. For the past ten years, she has been analyzing and then re-researching the subject. The facts and stories have become enlightening, surprising and inspiring for everyone. Such a rich history we (the blind), in the United States have been left by blind people whose stories have rarely been told. Their lives have changed the lives of each American and we did not even know it.

While Chong has held significant positions in the corporate sector- -namely, a 17-year career as programmer analyst, team coordinator, and designer and consultant, it was his work with the National Federation of the Blind (NFB) that propelled the organization into the modern century of technology innovation. In 1997, he became the Director of Technology in NFB's International Braille and Technology Center in Baltimore, Maryland. With his guidance and oversight, the NFB was able to expand NFB NEWSLINE to a nationally based service with a toll-free number. Curtis is passionate about encouraging other people who are blind to pursue computer careers and making the right tools available to people who are blind to do whatever jobs they choose to do.

# THURSDAY, APRIL 28, 2022

## **VIRTUAL ON ZOOM:**

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## **SPONSORSHIP DINNER:**

*6:00 to 7:30 p.m. • Timbers Patio*

**Title Sponsor:** Comcast.

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**Silver Sponsors:** Willie B's Café, Axis Technology, Park City Realtors, Disability Law Center, Envision America.

**Exhibit Level Sponsors:** Utah Natural History Museum, Utah Assistive Technology Program, Disabled Rights Action Committee, Sundance Film Festival, Salt Lake Acting Company, DSBVI Utah, Utah Library for the Blind and Print Disabled.

**\*FREE to ALL registered convention attendees.**

## **RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE MEETING:**

*7:00 to 8:30 p.m. • Silver Mines*

**Resolutions Chairperson:** Karl Smith, *2nd Vice President, NFB of Utah.* Come learn about the 2022 resolutions that will be presented at this year's convention. All are welcome.

## **ACCESSIBLE GAME NIGHT:**

*8:00 to 10:00 p.m. • Timbers Patio*

**Hosted By Spanish Division.** Come play accessible board and card games for fun and prizes. It will be a great night to unwind and have fun with NFBU members. All games are fully accessible and virtual!

# FRIDAY, APRIL 29, 2022

## CONVENTION REGISTRATION:

*7:30 a.m. • Third Floor Lobby*

Registration is \$5 per person.

Membership Dues \$1 per person.

Boxed lunches on Friday and Saturday are \$10 per person.

Banquet on Saturday evening is \$15 per person.

## FRIDAY MORNING GENERAL SESSION

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### CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME:

*9:00 a.m. • Prospector Ballroom*

Invocation: Cindi Vega, Member, Salt Lake Chapter.

National Anthem: Mia Walker, Young Blind Actress

Color Guard Presentation: Nathan Osterguard, President, Blind Veteran Association.

### NFB PLEDGE

Welcome: Everette Bacon, President, NFB of Utah.

### SOWING THE SEEDS OF COMMUNITY: A REPORT FROM OUR NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVE:

*9:40 a.m.*

John Paré, Executive Director, Advocacy and Policy.

### TRAINING OUR COMMUNITY:

*10:10 a.m.*

Adam Rushforth, Coordinator, Training and Adjustment Services, DSBVI Utah.



**WHY I AM A FEDERATIONIST: RAISING EXPECTATIONS THROUGH BLINDNESS SKILLS TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT:**

*10:30 a.m.*

*Victoria West, Member Salt Lake Chapter.*

**LIBRARY SERVICES FOR THE BLIND: WHAT'S NEW WITH BARD, NEWSLINE, AND MORE:**

*10:50 a.m.*

*Lisa Nelson, Director, Utah State Library for the Blind and Print Disabled.*

**WHY I AM A FEDERATIONIST: ONE OF OUR OWN COMES HOME!:**

*10:10 a.m.*

*Kaden Colton, Instructor BLIND Inc.*

**FUTURE STANFORD GRAD AND BLAZING TRAILS!:**

*11:20 a.m.*

*Trisha Kulkarny, President, National Association of Blind Students.*

**COMCAST AND ACCESSIBILITY: BUILDING BRIDGES IN ENTERTAINMENT AND SO MUCH MORE!:**

*11:35 a.m.*

*Deneiva Knight, Director, External Affairs at Comcast.*

**ADJOURN**

*11:55 a.m.*

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS LUNCH:**

*12:00 to 1:15 p.m.*

**Invocation: Ken Duke, President, Salt Lake Chapter**

**NFB of Utah Board Meeting and Chapter Report.**

Come and hear from all the members of the NFB of Utah Board, chapters, divisions, clubs, and groups of the NFB of Utah.

## **FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION**

**\*\*HUGE DOOR PRIZE. BE SURE TO BE ON TIME.\*\***

### **BUILDING OUR FUTURE: PRESENTATION OF THE 2022 NFBU SCHOLARSHIP FINALISTS:**

*1:35p.m.*

*Marnie West, Chairperson, NFB of Utah Scholarship Committee.*

### **STATE OF THE STATE:**

*1:45p.m.*

*Everette Bacon, President, NFB of Utah.*

### **A WORD FROM OUR FRIENDS AT NON 24 VANDA PHARMACEUTICALS!:**

*2:10 p.m.*

### **WHAT'S NEW WITH UTAH TRANSIT AUTHORITY:**

*2:20 p.m.*

*Amanda Salmon, C Civil Rights Compliance Officer, UTA.*

### **MAKING THE MUSEUM A PLACE FOR EVERYONE INCLUDING THE BLIND!**

*2:30 p.m.*

*Utah Natural History Museum.*

### **IS BUYING A HOME ACCESSIBLE? ASK ALEXA!:**

*2:45 p.m.*

*Justin Lundy, Lundy LLC.*

### **WHY I'M A FEDERATIONIST:**

*3:05 p.m.*

*Alex Reyes, President Spanish Division.*

## PEGGY CHONG BLIND HISTORY LADY

3:20 *p.m.*

## ADJOURN

3:50 *p.m.*

## VENDOR EXHIBITS

4:00*pm* – 6:00*pm* • *Silver Mines*

Special Thanks to all of our sponsors and exhibitors listed at the end of the agenda!

## FIRE AND ICE NIGHT: ICE CREAM, LATIN DANCE & KARAOKE:

8:00 to 10:00 *p.m.* • *Timbers Patio*

Presented by NFBU's Project STRIVE and the Spanish Division of the NFB of Utah. Come enjoy a fun night of ice cream, karaoke, and learn a few popular Latin dance moves. **All are invited to this FREE event!**

# **SATURDAY, APRIL 30, 2022**

## **CONVENTION REGISTRATION:**

*7:30 a.m. • Third Floor Lobby*

**Registration** is \$5 per person.

**Membership Dues** \$1 per person.

**Boxed lunches** on Friday and Saturday are \$10 per person.

**Banquet** on Saturday evening is \$15 per person.

## **DIVISION MEETINGS:**

*9:00 a.m. • Prospector Ballroom*

**A presentation by Peggy Chong** the Blind History Lady!

## **YOUR VOICE MATTERS – UTAH PARENTS OF BLIND CHILDREN AND UTAH BLIND PARENTS MEETING:**

*10:00 a.m. • Prospector Ballroom*

**Moderator: Sarah Erb, President, NFB of Utah Parents Division.**

Come meet other parents and network with some of the top leaders in the state. Participate in hands-on activities on how to make things accessible for your child. Learn how to advocate for your child from some of the state's and nation's leaders in blindness education. Participate in parent panels, networking, break-out groups, and much more.

## **SPANISH DIVISION MEETING:**

*10:00 a.m. • Silver Mines*

**Moderator: Alex Reyes, President.**

Take part in our Spanish Division so that together we can help in changing common myths and misconceptions of blindness within other cultures. English translation will be provided.

## **STUDENT GROUP MEETING:**

*11:00 a.m. • Silver Mines*

**Moderator: Trisha Kulkarny, NABS President.**

# FOOD AND FUNDRAISING LUNCHEON

## **2022 NFBU ANNUAL AUCTION:**

*12:10 to 1:30 p.m. • Prospector Ballroom*

**Invocation:** Laura Vincent, *Member, Board of Directors*

**Auctioneer:** Cameron Frampton, *Member, Salt Lake Chapter.*

**Auction Chairperson:** Stephanie Cordova, *Salt Lake Chapter.*

One hundred percent of funds raised through the annual auction are used for funding a summer braille enrichment program for elementary school children, and collegiate scholarships.

## **SATURDAY AFTERNOON GENERAL SESSION**

**WELCOME AND BIG DOOR PRIZE!**

### **IS TECHNOLOGY SAVING THE BLIND?:**

*1:45 p.m.*

**Curtis Chong**, *Retired Accessible Technology Specialist.*

### **UTAH BELL ACADEMY: WHY THE NFB OF UTAH CONTINUES TO RING ITS BELL:**

*2:10 p.m.*

**Katie Chevalier**, *Coordinator, Utah Bell Academy.*

### **SCIENCE WITHOUT SIGHT! FIREBALLS, LAVA, AND MORE!**

*2:20 p.m.*

A collaboration with NFBU Project STRIVE and Dr. Ned Lindholm, Adjunct Professor of Chemistry, Salt Lake Community College.

**Moderated by:** Cheralyn Johnson, *Coordinator, Project STRIVE.*

### **WHY I'M A FEDERATIONIST:**

*2:55 p.m.*

**Macaryn Biggers**, *A.T. Trainer, New Jersey Commission for the Blind.*



**ADVOCACY IN ACTION: A SPOTLIGHT ON  
WASHINGTON SEMINAR A VIRTUAL EXPERIENCE:**  
*3:15 p.m.*

**Moderator:** *Chelsea Peale, Legislative Chair, NFB of Utah.*

**NFB OF UTAH TREASURER'S REPORT:**  
*3:35 p.m.*

**Mark Turley, Treasurer, NFB of Utah.**

**NFB OF UTAH RESOLUTIONS:**  
*3:35 p.m.*

**Karl Smith, 2nd Vice President NFB of Utah.**

**NFB OF UTAH BOARD ELECTIONS:**  
*4:30 p.m.*

**ADJOURN**  
*5:00 p.m.*

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NATIONAL FEDERATION  
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## 2022 BANQUET

THIS 30TH DAY OF APRIL

AT SIX-THIRTY IN THE EVENING

MASTER OF CEREMONIES

MR. EVERETTE BACON

BANQUET ADDRESS:

MR. JOHN G. PARÉ

PRESENTATION OF NFB OF UTAH

SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

MRS. MARNIE WEST

PAC PLAN PRESENTATION

MR. CHRIS WYCOFF

DIAMOND AUCTION ITEMS

MR. CAMERON FRAMPTON

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all our 2022 sponsors and vendors,  
without you we couldn't put on such  
a wonderful convention. It takes the  
love and support of our local and  
national community sponsors to  
make what we do happen.*

*Thank you!*

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