National Federation of the Blind of Idaho

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**2021 NFBI State Convention Agenda**

**March 25-27, 2021 Virtual Convention**

We will be using the Zoom platform.

This means that it is available to all interested persons anywhere and everywhere.

Registration: Simply email the following information to treasurer@nfbidaho.org. Your name, phone number, email, mailing address, your Chapter, and your State.

***“Building a Supportive Community to Inspire the Dreams of All”***

Our NFB National Representative is Dr Marc Mauer, NFB Past President

The following zoom link will be used for the Reception, Resolutions Committee, all General Sessions, Exhibits, and Banquet.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/2077415267>

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**ZOOM Conference Basics: The following tips will help you get the most from ZOOM Conference.**

**Telephone:**

To mute or unmute your audio, press \*6.

Note: during convention, all persons will be muted by default. You must raise your hand to request the ability to speak.

If your name is mentioned as a winner of a door prize, you must raise your hand to claim your prize.

To raise your hand to ask a question, or claim your door prize, press \*9.

Always allow the host to lower your hand.

**Windows Desktop or Laptop Computer:**

Mute your microphone by pressing Alt+A or press spacebar on the mute audio button.

To unmute, press Alt+A again or press the spacebar on the unmute button.

To raise your hand, press Alt+Y.

Always allow the host to lower your hand.

**iPhone or iPad:**

Tap on the settings button and look through the options to improve your experience.

There are two buttons, meetings and general. Meetings has settings you should review.

Auto connect to audio allows you to select connect to internet audio.

This gets rid of the prompt before you connect to a meeting and ensures you get the best sound quality.

Always mute my microphone when joining a meeting ensures you are never accidentally heard until you want to speak.

Then just double tap the unmute audio button when you have something to contribute.

Always turn off my video ensures you never unintentionally show yourself or your environment when you did not mean to.

**Important:** To prevent the annoyance of VoiceOver always speaking the names of participants as they join and leave, turn off Show name when participants join.

When connecting, you will get a prompt saying, "to hear others, please join audio."

Select the "call using internet audio" option or go into settings and select internet audio to always be automatically connected.

**Important:** Find and double tap the mute my audio button until you want to be heard. Or go into settings and choose to always mute audio upon entry.

To raise your hand, tap on the more button on the far right, then double tap the button to raise your hand. This will exit you to the main screen. Allow the host to lower your hand.

To know who is currently speaking, swipe to the far left. It will say, displaying person's name avatar.

You may want to use the earbuds that came with your iPhone.

Again, always make sure your microphone is muted when you are not speaking to prevent creating noise or people hearing you

**Thursday March 25, 2021**

7:00- 8:00 PM Reception by Host Chapter, Treasure Valley Chapter

8:30- Resolutions Committee

**Friday March 26, 2021**

9:00 Call to order, invocation, one minute message, announcements

9:15 Keynote Address, Mike Hingson

9:35 Update from the Idaho Educational Services for the Deaf and Blind Jeanne-Marie Kopecky

9:55 "Idaho Educational Services for the Deaf and the Blind Transition Program." Kristy Buffington, Secondary Transition Coordinator IESDB

10:20 We’re Blind and We Garden: Candy Harris, Donna Beronda, Master Gardener, Vickie Bateman, Ramona Walhof

10:45 Talking Book Library Update, LeAnn Gelskey, TBS Program Supervisor

11:05 Announcements regarding exhibits, and afternoon breakouts

11:20 Protections Under Idaho Law for parents with disabilities, Kelly Buckland, Executive Director, National Council for Independent Living, Washington D.C.

11:50-12:00 Reports and Resolutions

12:00-2:15 Exhibits

12:00- 12:30 Karl Smith, Axis Technology, 866-824-7885, [karl@axistech.net](mailto:karl@axistech.net). carry products from Vispero, Humanware and Hims. These include but are not limited to Braille displays and embossers, note takers, screen reading and magnification software and low vision scanning and reading hardware and software. For Convention I am offering a special price on the Victor Stream reader from Humanware of $375.00 including shipping in the US. This is a $50 discount from the current price of $425.00 plus shipping from Humanware. The supply is limited so first come first serve.

12:35- 1:05 Joyce Shoemaker, Vision Matters, Boise ID, 206-200-7907, [joyce@visionmatters.net](mailto:joyce@visionmatters.net). We will be presenting the Enhanced Vision product line, which includes Desktop video magnifiers, portable video magnifiers, and OCR text to speech devices. We will also show the latest and greatest in OrCam My Eye Pro and Read

1:10- 1:40 Joseph McDaniel, Vispero, 17757 US Highway 19 N. Ste. 560, Clearwater FL 33764, 909-633-2226, [JMcDaniel@vispero.com](mailto:JMcDaniel@vispero.com). I and my co-worker Ron Miller will discuss our Braille Displays and our Jaws/Fusion/Zoomtext Software products.

1:45- 2:15 Aileen Zaken, Leading Edge Vision, 14685 N Forestdale Drive, Rathdrum ID 83858, 877-551-6658, [leadingedgevision@outlook.com](mailto:leadingedgevision@outlook.com). We will be exhibiting the new CloverBook Pro a lightweight, transportable device with a built-in distance camera and OCR.  It has unique features; these features will be demonstrated during the session.

2:30-3:30 Breakout Sessions

Option 1. Blindness topic Discussion, Lisa Baker Discussion leader

Option 2. Workout with Northwest Association for Blind Athletes

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/92598619055?pwd=UlhkVlVQZ2FnUi9PSWdtS1A1SG1IQT09>

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2:30-4:30 Workshop for Parents of Blind Children Carlton Walker, President National Organization of Parents of Blind Children, Attorney at Law, Teacher of Blind and Visually impaired Children, and parent of a blind child

(Registration in advance is required)

3:45-5:00 Building the National Federation of the Blind of Idaho through chapters, discussion groups, and member mentoring.

6:00-7:30 State Board Meeting (This is an open meeting and all are welcome)

8:00-9:30 Evening Activity (Escape Room)

**Saturday, March 27, 2021**

9:00 Invocation, NFB Pledge and Announcements

9:10 National Report: Dr. Marc Maurer, NFB Past President

9:50 Connecting People with Usher Syndrome: Ashley Stewart, Ambassador, Usher Syndrome Coalition

10:10 Blind People in Science: Amelia Palmer, Mike Hingson, Britt Raubenheimer

10:40 Idaho Access Project: Dianna Willis, Jeremy Maxand

11:00-11:15 Auction report: Auction Committee

11:15-11:45 What should we expect in our schools in educating our blind children: Carlton Walker President, National organization of Blind Children, Attorney at Law, Teacher of blind and visually Impaired Children, and Parent of a Blind Child

11:45 Reports and Resolutions

12:00-1:00 Student Meeting

1:00 State Report: Dana Ard, Affiliate President

1:20 ICBVI Update: Beth Cunningham, Agency Administrator

1:45 The Supersense App for the Blind: Shane Lowe, Operations Manager at Mediate

2:05 Meet our Teacher of Tomorrow: Andrea Amastoy

2:25-2:50 Getting to Know our New Federationists Natalie Morgan, Shane Ostermeier, Tom Newhof

2:50 Auction report

3:00 Business Meeting including Elections and Chapter Reports

**Saturday Evening**

**6:00 Banquet**

Welcome and Invocation

Mistress of Ceremonies: Susan Bradley, President NFB Treasure Valley Chapter

Special Award Honoring Senator James Risch presented by Dana Ard

Remarks: Senator James Risch

Banquet Address: Dr Marc Mauer, NFB Past President

Door prizes will occur throughout the banquet

Scholarship Class: Vickie Bateman, Chair

Funding Our Movement through Preauthorized Contribution Plan PAC

Auction: Larry Bateman Auctioneer

**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.

**NFB 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 policies and programs of the Federation and to abide by its Constitution.

**Committees**

**Convention Planning Committee:**  Sandy Streeter, Chair, Alison Steven, Frank Skogsberg, Megan Geisler, Amelia Palmer, Natalie Morgan

**Auction/Fundraising/Doorprize/Committee:** Ramona Walhof, Chair, Erin Olsen, Jud Cottrell, Vickie & Larry Bateman, Frank Skogsberg, Caitlan Walch, Joe Thompson, Natalie Morgan, Fawn Owens, Bailie Weir.

**Resolutions Committee: Erin**Olsen, Chair, Tom Newhoff, Al Schneider

**Nominating Committee**: Ramona Walhof, Chair, Sandy Streeter, Megan Geisler

Scholarship Committee: Vickie Bateman, chair Sandy Streeter, Susan Ford, Leslie Mora, Mike Gibson

**Zoom Committee:** Erin Olsen, chair, Don Winiecki, Fawn Owens, Susan Bradley, Joe Thompson, Larry Bateman, Shane Ostermeier, Alison Steven, TJ Squires, James Bybee, Utah