Wednesday July 15th

## 11:00 - 11:30 AM—IT HAPPENED IN FLORIDA

* A discussion of how Florida became the first state to offer Freedom Scientific software to everyone statewide and how Florida residents can get it.
* Douglas Gerry, National Software Sales Manager, Vispero

## 11:00AM - 12:00 PM—DEMOCRACY LIVE: ACCESSIBLE AT HOME VOTING

* Accessible vote-by-mail is the fastest growing method of voting in the United States. Come learn about how it works and see how you can ensure equal access to voting safely and securely from home.

## 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM—WE’RE BLIND, BUT NOT COLOR-BLIND

* Do you want to be an ally for racial justice within the Federation and beyond? Do you feel proclaiming color-blindness isn’t enough? Using perspectives from sociology, this session will help participants understand how racism operates beyond the level of individual prejudices.
* Angela Frederick, PhD, Facilitator

## 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM—SELF-ADVOCACY AND LEGAL STRATEGIES

* Join moderators Pam Allen and Dick Davis as we discuss self-advocacy and litigation with members of the government affairs and legal staff. Hear success stories, best practices, and lessons learned.
* 11:30 AM -12:25 PM—Session 1: Using Progressive Advocacy and Legal Strategies to Resolve Barriers
* 12:35 -1:30 PM—Session 2: Self-Advocacy and Litigation in Employment Matters

## 12:00 - 1:45 PM—NOPBC BREAKOUTS

* *12:00 - 12:45 PM—NOPBC Concurrent Workshops, Session III*
* It’s All About That Braille: Embracing the Slate and Stylus
* I Like to Move It: The True Advantages of the Long White Cane
* Tech Talk: Harnessing the Power of the Google Suite of Products
* Oh Yes, I Made Mistakes—And Lived to Tell the Tale
* Let’s Socialize: Learning the “Soft Skills” of Socialization
* *1:00 - 1:45 PM—NOPBC Concurrent Workshops, Session IV*
* It’s All About That Braille: Making Braille Fun
* Tech Talk: Choosing a Braille Embosser
* Singing for My Supper: Blind Adults and Their First Jobs
* Let’s Socialize: Accessible, Virtual Ways to Retain Friendships

## 12:00 - 2:00 PM—NOPBC YOUTH TRACK SESSIONS

* (Visit <http://nopbc.org/2020-virtual-youth-track> for more information.)
* Impromptu Fashion Show

## 12:30 - 1:30 PM—MEET BLIND, INCORPORATED

* Build Your Future at BLIND, Inc. with urban cane travel, practical and exotic cooking, fastest Braille learning, tech galore, internships and jobs, physical fitness and self-defense, dogsledding, and white water rafting. Become part of our extended family!
* Jennifer Kennedy, Executive Director

## 12:30 - 1:30 PM—THE OS TRAP FOR BLIND STUDENTS

* Discuss the negative results blind students often experience using a Braille notetaker as their sole accessibility device during their K-12 matriculation, versus the continuity of platform in Windows 10 achieved when the ElBraille is used in this same role.
* Ron Miller, Blindness Technology Product Specialist, Vispero, Presenter

# 12:00 - 1:30 PM—BANKING DURING THE PANDEMIC AND DIGITAL ACCESSIBILITY

* Join JPMorgan Chase for an interactive conversation on digital banking during the pandemic. Discuss your banking experiences during the pandemic and provide feedback around online accessibility.

## 2:00 - 4:30 PM—NFB BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING (Open to All)

## 5:00 PM—RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

* Sharon Maneki, Chair

## 5:00 – 6:00 PM—ACCESSIBLE VOTE-BY-MAIL: ORIGINS AND DEMO

* Hear about the origins of accessible vote-by-mail, the process of ballot distribution, and screen reader support and security. See a demo of accessible ballot features.
* John Schmitt, Five Cedars Group, Presenter

## 5:00 - 6:30 PM—FINANCIAL RESOURCES FOR CHANGING TIMES

* In these uncertain times, COVID-19 has changed our lives and impacted many people with disabilities. Participate in this Wells Fargo workshop to discuss financial resilience and managing your finances during a crisis, such as COVID-19.

## 5:00 - 6:30 PM—NOPBC YOUTH TRACK SESSIONS

* (Visit <http://nopbc.org/2020-virtual-youth-track> for more information.)
* Harry Potter Escape Room

## 5:00 - 7:00 PM—RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

* Technology is omnipresent in our lives. While it is invaluable in education and employment, the blind are still excluded from many products. Hear about new advances and discuss how to influence developers to include accessibility in their offerings.
* Brian Buhrow, Chair

## 5:00 - 7:00 PM—UPWARD MOBILITY SEMINAR

* Back again, this ever-popular seminar will help you move forward in your career, life, and relationships. A blueprint to live the life you want! Sponsored by the NFB Employment Committee.

## 5:00 - 7:00 PM—DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION COMMITTEE MEETING

* Attend our annual meeting to hear about our activities and to learn how you can become involved with our committee. Let's learn from each other to grow our understanding and to increase our impact around diversity, equity, and inclusion.
* Shawn Callaway and Rosy Carranza, Co-Chairs

## 6:00 - 6:45 PM—THE ULTIMATE ONLINE BRAILLE BOOK FAIR

* Sponsored by the American Action Fund for Blind Children and Adults. Learn about ShareBraille, how you can get and contribute free Braille books, and how you can advance Braille literacy everywhere by reusing those hard-copy Braille books.
* Melissa Riccobono, Braille Outreach Specialist, American Action Fund for Blind Children and Adults, Presenter

## 6:00 - 7:00 PM—MICROSOFT SOUNDSCAPE

* Microsoft Soundscape explores the use of innovative audio-based technology via 3D audio cues to enable people to build a richer awareness of their surroundings, thus becoming more confident and empowered to get around. We’ll examine how Soundscape has helped our users enjoy new experiences and develop new skills.
* Chantelle Smith, Orientation & Mobility Specialist & Access Consultant, National Council for the Blind Ireland; Michael Evans, Orientation & Mobility Specialist, Guide Dogs Victoria (Australia); Amos Miller, Microsoft; and Jarnail Chudge, Microsoft, Presenters

## 6:00 - 8:00 PM—NFB-NEWSLINE® FROM TELEPHONE TO AMAZON ECHO

* Learn about the National Federation of the Blind’s free audible information service. Information on how to access this resource using a touch-tone telephone, iPhone app, Victor Reader, and Amazon Echo will be discussed. Share your ideas for new content with NFB-NEWSLINE staff.

## 6:00 - 9:00 PM—NFB LEGAL OFFICE HOURS: ACCESS BARRIERS

* Meet with a disability rights attorney to discuss access discrimination concerns, including voting, Uber and Lyft services for service animal users, GoDaddy, telehealth, COVID-19 information, and more. Schedule your appointment by emailing [vyingling@nfb.org](mailto:vyingling@nfb.org).

## 7:00 - 8:00 PM—NOPBC YOUTH TRACK SESSIONS

* (Visit <http://nopbc.org/2020-virtual-youth-track> for more information.)
* Resolutions Explained

## 7:00 - 8:30 PM—BLIND FEDERAL EMPLOYMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

* Come learn about issues facing federal employees and applicants. Share your experiences with and your solutions to federal workplace challenges.
* Ronza Othman, Chair
* 7:00 - 9:00 PM—NFB LGBT MEETING
* Building the NFB and giving back with pride! Proposed topics include education of the blind LGBT community, overview and availability of LGBT books, and community resources. Contact Tai Tomasi at 515-710-4402 for more information.
* Tai Tomasi, Chair

## 7:00 - 9:00 PM—COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE: OPEN TO ALL

* Join together with chapter, affiliate, and division leaders to learn best practices in communications. We’ll explore the tools available to us through our national office and exchange ideas. Learn to effectively use communication to build the Federation.
* Liz Wisecarver, Chair

## 8:00 - 9:30 PM—COMMITTEE ON AUTOMOBILE AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

* A look at our progress and plan for meeting our goals chiefly around Resolution 2019-13: Regarding the Proliferation of Dockless Electric Scooters.
* Maurice Peret, Chair

# 8:00 - 10:00 PM—NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BLIND STUDENTS (NABS) ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

* We invite students and avid learners to join us for our annual national student division business meeting! Let’s celebrate our many organizational accomplishments, express gratitude for our leadership that has made them possible, and shape the future of blind students.
* Kathryn Webster, President