The National Federation of the Blind in Computer Science Annual Business Meeting Minutes for July 8, 2021

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A meeting of the National Federation of the Blind in Computer Science (NFBCS) was held, online, by Zoom, on Thursday, July 8, 2021.

The meeting was called to order by President Brian Buhrow at 1 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time (EDT).

One program item was presented, after which President Buhrow called the business meeting to order at 1:30 P.M.

The membership agreed that the minutes from the NFBCS 2020 business meeting need not be read since the minutes had been distributed by e-mail. The minutes were approved.

The treasurer, Curtis Chong, next presented the Treasurer's Report. On June 30, 2021, the NFBCS treasury had a balance of $509.49. The treasurer's report was approved.

It was moved that the NFBCS contribute a total of $200.00: $100 to the STEM scholarship, and $100 to the White Cane fund. The motion was carried.

Since 2021 is an odd-numbered year, no elections were held. There are four officers and three Board members. The current officers and board members are:

Brian Buhrow, President; Steve Jacobson, Vice-president; Louis Maher, Secretary; Curtis Chong, Treasurer; Jeanine Lineback, Board Member; Harry Staley, Board Member, and Jim Barbour, Board Member.

The NFB national organization asked all divisions to move their accounting year to January 1, of the current year, to December 31, of the current year. This would make the terms of all NFB members be the same for all chapters, affiliates, and divisions.

Curtis Chong made the following motion.

1. The NFBCS would move its accounting year from July 1 of the current year through June 30 of the next year; to January 1 of the current year through December 31 of the current year.

2. The membership terms of all people who paid dues in 2020 and 2021 would have their membership terms end on December 31, 2021.

This motion passed.

The business meeting was adjourned at 2:02 P.M. EDT.

Next, two more program items were presented.

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Below is a list of talks that were given during the 2021 NFBCS meeting.

AN INTRODUCTION TO MathML  
Louis Maher, Secretary, NFB in Computer Science

NECESSITY IS THE MOTHER OF INVENTION: HOW RHFVOICE WAS CREATED  
Olga Yakovleva, Creator of RHVoice, A Multi-Lingual Open-Source Speech Synthesizer

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE MOZILLA FOUNDATION, A PANEL DISCUSSION  
Harry Staley, NFBCS Board member: Moderator  
Tyler Duzan, Senior Product Manager, Mozilla Foundation  
+Asa Dotzler, Accessibility Product Manager, Mozilla Foundation

Ed Rogers brought us up to date with the U.S. distribution plans for the Bristol Canute 9 X 40 multi-line Braille display.

The division meeting was adjourned at 4:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Louis Maher, Secretary

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