The National Federation of the Blind in Computer Science Annual Business Meeting Minutes for July 3, 2023

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A meeting of the National Federation of the Blind in Computer Science (NFBCS) was held at the Hilton Americas Houston in Houston, Texas, on Monday, July 3, 2023.

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

# Business Meeting

Five program items were presented, after which President Buhrow called the business meeting to order at 3:25 P.M.

The membership agreed that the minutes from the NFBCS 2022 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 27, 2023, the NFBCS treasury had a balance of $532.70. The treasurer's report was approved.

The treasurer said that the bank requires that the NFBCS must maintain a minimum balance of $250.00.

It was moved that the NFBCS contribute a total of $250.00: $125 to the STEM scholarship, and $125 to the White Cane fund. The motion was carried.

The treasurer noted that PayPal is now charging $0.66 per $5 transaction.

Since 2023 is an odd-numbered year, no elections were held.

Lewis Wood <lewislwood@gmail.com> made a proposal to improve our internal convention procedures for navigation, registration, and fee payments. He has created a repository with his preliminary ideas at (<https://lewislwood.github.io/nfb-tech-ideas/>). He designed the repository to allow techies and non-techies to be able to edit and add to the discussion. The discussion files are markdown files.

It was proposed that we form a subcommittee to improve our internal procedures. It was suggested that the Assistive Technology Trainers Division be included in this effort.

The president asked that people send suggestions to him at buhrow@nfbcal.org.

The business meeting adjourned at 3:55 PM.

Next, the rest of the program was presented.

# Presentations

Below is a list of talks that were given during the 2023 NFBCS meeting.

THE NFB BUILD PROGRAM  
Kennedy Zimik, Nonvisual Accessibility Specialist, Center of Excellence in Nonvisual Accessibility, Jernigan Institute

MATHCAT: A PURRFECT WAY TO HELP OTHERS AND YOURSELF  
Neil Soiffer, Chief Listening Officer, Talking Cat Software

A TOUCH OF CODE: TAPPING INTO CREATIVITY WITH SVG  
Marco Salsiccia, Senior Native Mobility Accessibility Coach, Deque Systems Inc.; Chancey Fleet, Assistive Technology Coordinator, Andrew Heiskell Braille, and Talking Book Library

I AM AN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SPECIALIST FOR THE MILITARY  
Charles Black, Information Technology Specialist, U.S. Military

REMOTE INCIDENT MANAGER  
Matt Campbell, Chief Technology Officer, Pneuma Solutions

WHAT IS ACCESS KIT AND WHY IS IT WORTH KNOWING ABOUT?  
Matt Campbell, Project Lead, [Accesskit.dev](https://accesskit.dev/)

GITHUB ACCESSIBILITY: BRIDGING THE DISABILITY DIVIDE THROUGH CODE COLLABORATION  
Ed Summers, Head of Accessibility, GitHub

THE ACCESSIBLE EQUATION EDITOR - A WEB APPLICATION FOR ONLINE ACCESSIBLE BRAILLE MATH  
Sam Dooley, Senior Consulting Software Engineer, Lake Pines Braille LLC

# Adjournment

The division meeting was adjourned at 5 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Louis Maher, Secretary

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