The National Federation of the Blind in Computer Science Annual Business Meeting Minutes for July 10, 2025

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A meeting of the National Federation of the Blind in Computer Science (NFBCS) was held at the Marriott New Orleans Hotel, in New Orleans, LA, on Thursday, July 10, 2025.

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

# Business Meeting

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

The membership agreed that the minutes from the NFBCS 2024 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, 2025, the NFBCS treasury had a balance of $496.08. The treasurer's report was approved.

It was moved that the NFBCS contribute a total of $250 to the NFB: $125 to the STEM scholarship, and $125 to the White Cane fund which sends money directly to the general treasury of the Federation. The motion was carried.

Since 2025 is an odd-numbered year, no elections were held.

The business meeting adjourned at 3:12 PM.

Next, the rest of the program was presented.

# Presentations

Below is a list of talks that were given during the 2025 NFBCS meeting.

Strength and solidarity. How the NFB in Computer Science and the Center of Excellence in Nonvisual Accessibility can create a more accessible world, Jonathan Mosen, Executive Director for Accessibility Excellence, NFB

An update from Amazon: Progress on improving AWS accessibility, Meg Walsh, Head of Product, Technical Content Experience, Michael Wunderlich,

Principal Technical Writer, Technical Content Experience, Anna-Karin Salander, Software Development Manager, Developer Experience, Charli Riggle, Principal

A11y Specialist, AWS Accessibility, Michael Forzano, Senior Software Engineer, Amazon Worldwide Stores Accessibility

On Saturday, July 12, Amazon Web Services (AWS) held a meeting where individuals could test out the accessibility of the AWS command line interface. AWS representatives took notes on our experiences.

Updates from Microsoft: news on Outlook Office 365 and Web Accessibility: Doug Geoffray

Using AI as a Blind Technologist: A Panel Discussion,

Moderator: Michael Sahyun, NFB-CS Board member

The Many Tongues of Voice Synthesis: How RH Voice is making computers talk around the world, Olga Yakovleva, Principle Architect, RH Voice

Working in the Tech Field at Different Career Stages: A panel discussion,

Moderator: Harry Staley, IT Contractor, and NFB-CS Board member

A New Approach to Multi-Modal Accessibility: The Inclusio Project, Seyoon Choi, Product Design and Evaluation Specialist Consultant, Inclusio

project.

# Adjournment

The division meeting was adjourned at 4:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Louis Maher, Secretary

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