From Scott White

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Greetings Fellow Federationists:

The 74th annual convention of the National Federation of the Blind is rapidly approaching, so before everyone’s schedule is entirely packed, I wanted to write to you to ask for your assistance. The NFB-NEWSLINE® team will be hosting a demonstration room and a table in the Exhibit Hall this year. Both of these activities will require a number of volunteers and we would greatly appreciate any time that you could offer to help with our convention activities.

We have recently launched new service features, and we want to give convention attendees an opportunity to become familiar with these additions so that they can make the most of them. To aid us in this effort, in addition to our two tables in the Exhibit Hall, the NFB-NEWSLINE® team has arranged for a demonstration room that will allow for hands-on demonstrations of our recent service enhancements, such as the new newspaper email features, and the latest update to our NFB-NEWSLINE® Mobile application for the iPhone. We will also demonstrate some of the newest smaller features and services added to the system and the latest publications now available to the blind such as the new Meredith Magazines.

Our demonstration room will be available for walk-in traffic for five hours on Wednesday, July 2nd, and Thursday, July 3rd, to answer questions about NFB-NEWSLINE. Our tables in the Exhibit Hall will need to be staffed for a total of twenty-three hours starting on Wednesday, July second, through Saturday, July fifth, so we need plenty of help! We are looking for support from our members who are familiar with the NFB-NEWSLINE® service.

Additionally, we need volunteers to staff our room’s four workstations to help convention attendees learn about recent service initiatives. Our volunteers will be asked to assist visitors in many ways—by providing information, handing out literature, and helping sign up new subscribers. We will provide interested volunteers with information on these new service initiatives before convention via conference call during the week of June 22 so that everyone is up to speed.

Please send an e-mail indicating your interest in volunteering during convention to my assistant, Nijat Worley. Nijat can be reached via email at nworley@nfb.org or by calling (410) 659-9314, extension 2234.

Thank you in advance for your time and for your volunteer work

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