



National Federation
of the Blind

2013 ANNUAL CONVENTION

ORLANDO, FLORIDA

JULY 1 to JULY 6



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THE MEMBERS OF THE
NATIONAL FEDERATION OF THE BLIND OF FLORIDA
WELCOME YOU TO THE
73rd ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE
NATIONAL FEDERATION OF THE BLIND

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WELCOME!

Welcome to the 73rd annual convention of the National Federation of the Blind being held in Orlando at the Rosen Centre Hotel and the Orange County Convention Center. A detailed description of the layout of the hotel can be found immediately after the “Convention Notes,” which are at the end of the program listings. Check the “Notes” for further information about a variety of convention topics. When you check in to the hotel, you will be asked to confirm your departure date. If you decide to leave earlier than the departure date you confirm when you check in, there may be a change fee.

ROOKIE ROUNDUP



All first-time convention attendees are cordially invited to attend a reception from 8:00 to 10:00 pm on Monday in Junior Ballroom G, level 1. President Maurer and other Federation leaders will be on hand to welcome you to the convention and preview the week's activities. Veteran conventioners should urge all first-timers to attend this special event.

PREREGISTRATION PACKET PICKUP

All who preregistered for convention may pick up their preregistration packets in the Grand Ballroom Prefunction Foyer, level 1. Preregistration begins at 9:00 am on Tuesday, at 8:30 am on Wednesday, and at other times as listed throughout the week.

ON-SITE REGISTRATION

If you did not preregister for convention, registration activities take place in the Grand Ballroom Prefunction foyer, level 1 beginning at 9:00 am on Tuesday, at 8:30 am on Wednesday, and at other times as listed throughout the week. The fee for registration at convention is \$30 per person. All those attending the convention (both local and out-of-town people) are asked to register. Convention registration is a requirement for door prize eligibility and a number of other convention activities. We condition rates for hotel rooms on proof of registration, including the showing of an NFB registration badge if requested.

EXHIBITS AND INDEPENDENCE MARKET

Exhibits and the NFB Independence Market are located in the Convention Center, West Hall Section WA1, level 2. There is a special *Sponsor-level exhibitors* preview for convention attendees on Tuesday morning from 9:00 to 11:00.

Exhibit hall hours of operation are:

Tuesday	9:00 to 11:00 am (Sponsors only)
Tuesday	11:00 am to 5:00 pm
Wednesday	8:30 am to 5:00 pm
Thursday	Noon to 1:45 pm and from 7:00 to 9:00 pm
Friday	Noon to 1:45 pm and 6:00 to 8:30 pm

Independence Market hours of operation are:

Tuesday	9:00 am to 5:00 pm
Wednesday	8:30 am to 5:00 pm
Thursday	Noon to 1:45 pm
Friday	Noon to 1:45 pm (final opportunity to visit the Market)

SERIOUSLY INTO BOOKS? HOW ABOUT MUSIC TOO?

At K-NFB, we've got you covered for music, books, and more. Get the latest low-down about our accessible media super market coming soon on your computer or mobile device. Learn how Blio e-books and eMusic can make a difference in your life. Shop our online media stores and choose from a growing selection of more than 700 thousand e-book titles and more than 17 million separate tracks of audio books and music available and ready to download as MP3 files. Visit our "Books, Music, and More" training sessions on Monday, Tuesday, and Friday as listed in the agenda, and learn how our new media tools can work for you!

SPECIAL ATTENTION ITEMS

- The Presidential Suite (2455), the Convention Organization and Activities Suite (2456), and the Florida Affiliate Suite (1656) are all open during much of the convention. All are welcome to come to these suites to visit. Appointments to meet with Dr. Maurer may be made at the Presidential Suite.
- Banquet tickets (\$60) may be purchased at the on-site registration area in the Grand Ballroom Prefunction foyer, level 1. No tickets will be available after 2:00 pm on Thursday. At the Banquet Exchange Table you may make arrangements to reserve a specific seat for yourself or for a group of up to ten people. On the evening of the banquet, tickets will be collected at the tables.
- General Sessions will be held in the Grand Ballroom, level 1.
- Individuals needing to conduct business with the NFB Treasurer may do so by going to Hospitality Suite 240, level 2 on Thursday between 5:30 and 7:30 pm, or on Friday between noon and 2:00 pm.

- Our media partner for the 2013 convention of the National Federation of the Blind is Insight Radio, the radio station of the Royal National Institute of Blind People (RNIB) of the United Kingdom. Insight Radio will stream the Board meeting, general sessions, and banquet of the convention and produce other convention-related features, interviews and Podcasts throughout the week.

CONVENTION AGENDA



MONDAY, JULY 1, 2013

**7:30 - 8:45 am—AMATEUR RADIO DIVISION EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS
Salon 19, level 2**

Discuss convention frequencies, hotel architectural features, and distributing special FM receivers for the hearing-impaired and Spanish-speaking attendees.
D. Curtis Willoughby (ka0vba), President

**7:30 am - 4:45 pm—NO LIMITS...THIRTIETH ANNUAL CONFERENCE FOR
FAMILIES AND TEACHERS OF BLIND/VISUALLY IMPAIRED CHILDREN
Junior Ballroom G, level 1**

7:30 to 8:45 am—Registration: adults \$35; children (5 to 18) no charge

9:00 to 10:45 am—Conference

11:00 am to 4:45 pm—Concurrent Workshops (see agenda listings)

Sponsored by the NFB's National Organization of Parents of Blind Children Division (NOPBC); Carlton Walker, President

**7:30 am - 5:00 pm—CONTEMPORARY ISSUES IN REHABILITATION AND
EDUCATION FOR THE BLIND—TWELFTH ANNUAL REHABILITATION
AND ORIENTATION & MOBILITY CONFERENCE**

W202C, Convention Center, level 2

7:30 to 8:30 am—Registration; 8:30 am—Conference begins

Registration Fees: Students \$75; Professionals \$85 before June 15; \$100 after that date applies.

Sponsors: National Blindness Professional Certification Board (NBPCB); and the Professional Development & Research Institute on Blindness (PDRIB) at the Louisiana Tech University. Chairperson: Dr. Edward Bell

**8:30 am—CHILD-CARE SERVICES (Preregistration by June 15 was required)
Salons 21, 22, 23, and 24, level 2**

Please see "Convention Note 6" for further information.

**8:30 - 11:30 am—JAWS 15, WINDOWS 8, AND TOUCH SCREEN WITH
FREEDOM SCIENTIFIC**

Salon 10, level 2

Join Eric Damery, JAWS Product Manager, and Jonathan Mosen for a session covering new details surrounding JAWS 14 AND 15 development. We will look closely at understanding Windows 8 with the new Modern Style apps, and touch screen support using JAWS 15, scheduled for public beta in September 2013.



MONDAY, JULY 1, Continued

8:30 am - Noon—JOB SEEKERS SEMINAR

W203B, Convention Center, level 2

Do you want a job? Learn the skills, low tech and high tech, that you need to get one. Monster.com shows you how to apply for jobs online. Experts from NFB training centers, state and private agencies, and others give you the skills and inspiration you need. Dress up and bring your résumé; the Job Fair begins at 2:00 pm today. Dick Davis, Chairperson, Employment Committee

8:30 am - 4:30 pm—NFB JERNIGAN INSTITUTE ACCESS TECHNOLOGY SEMINARS

W202B, Convention Center, level 2

8:30 - 9:30 am—iOS Etc.: Using iOS with Braille, Face-to-Face; communication apps for deaf-blind users will also be discussed.

10:00 - 11:30 am—Windows 8: What's New, What's Working, and What's Not; demonstrations on PC, Microsoft Surface, and a Samsung Tablet.

2:00 - 3:00 pm—Using Monster.com accessibility features to effectively grow your career.

3:30 - 4:30 pm—Travelocity: training on how to make reservations for flights, cruises, cars, and hotels on Travelocity.com.

9:00 am - 9:00 pm—SELF-DEFENSE WORKSHOPS

W206A, Convention Center, level 2

9 - 11 am; Noon - 2 pm; 3 - 5 pm: Self-Defense Workshops 1, 2, & 3

7 - 8 pm: Self-Defense Workshop for youth ages 11-14

8 - 9 pm: Self-Defense Workshop for youth ages 14-18

Sponsored by the Sports & Recreation Division; Lisamaria Martinez, President

10:00 am - Noon—VIDEO DESCRIPTION FOCUS GROUP: SESSION ONE

(Participants must have registered in advance.)

Hospitality Suite 256, level 2

An opportunity for sighted amateur describers to evaluate YouDescribe—Smith-Kettlewell's new web-based video-description tool for YouTube. Participants test the system by recording their own descriptions for selected videos and report on their experience. Offered by the Smith-Kettlewell Video Description Research & Development Center and the NFB Jernigan Institute.

 **MONDAY, JULY 1, Continued**

10:00 am - 5:00 pm—NATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF PROFESSIONALS IN BLINDNESS EDUCATION SEMINAR SESSIONS; Eric Guillory, President
Salon 19, level 2

11:00 am - 12:15 pm—NOPBC CONCURRENT SESSIONS FOR PARENTS AND TEACHERS

Access Tech: Apple Products (iPhone, iPad, iPod)

Salon 3, level 2

Instructor: Dan Wenzel

Early Childhood Language and Play

Salon 15, level 2

Instructor: Heather Field

The Inclusive Classroom

Salon 16, level 2

Instructors: Denise Mackenstadt and Kristen Sims

Social Skills for the Teen Years

Salon 17, level 2

Instructors: Deja Powell and Garrick Scott

Making and Understanding Raised Line Drawings

W204C, Convention Center, level 2

Instructors: E.A.S.Y. LLC Staff

11:00 am - 12:15 pm—NFB FTW!—YOUTH TRACK (Ages 11-18)

W204A, Convention Center, level 2—students ages 11-14

W204B, Convention Center, level 2—students ages 14-18

NFB for the Win! Start your convention off with a "behind the scenes" look at all things NFB. Explore the building blocks of the Federation, debunk common myths about blindness, and pick the brains of some NFB veterans! Youth age 14 may determine which session to attend. Sponsored by the NFB Jernigan Institute; contact Natalie Shaheen at nshaheen@nfb.org with questions.



MONDAY, JULY 1, Continued

Noon - 6:00 pm—NFB DIVISION CRAFT SHOW & DEMONSTRATIONS W202A, Convention Center, level 2

If you are interested in crafts and appreciate hand-made items, this is the place to be! Come and meet some very talented Federation crafters and purchase their beautiful items for sale. Joyce Kane, President, NFB Krafters Division

1:00 - 3:00 pm—EXPERIENCE MAGic® WITH FREEDOM SCIENTIFIC Salon 10, level 2

Join Eric Damery, MAGic Product Manager, to learn about the features of the completely re-written MAGic Screen Magnification with Speech software. MAGic's HD Text and Mouse, Speech on Demand™, and a brand new user interface, lead off the list of powerful enhancements that make MAGic 12 the most powerful, customizable, and easy to learn screen magnification product.

1:00 - 3:00 pm—VIDEO DESCRIPTION FOCUS GROUP: SESSION TWO (Participants must have registered in advance.)

Hospitality Suite 256, level 2

An opportunity for blind video description consumers to evaluate YouDescribe—Smith-Kettlewell's new web-based video-description tool for YouTube. Participants test the system by navigating the web site to listen to selected described YouTube videos and report on their experience. Participants are required to bring their own laptops and accessible technologies.

1:00 - 4:00 pm—INCLUSIVE PUBLISHING IN ACTION—PEARSON HIGHER EDUCATION NORTH AMERICA

Salon 20, level 2

Don't miss this opportunity to learn about and try out the latest accessibility features in a variety of Pearson's MyLab products! This hands-on event will focus on math, English, IT, and business.

1:00 - 4:00 pm—SENIORS SEMINAR: WE'RE STILL LEARNING & TEACHING Salon 13, level 2

1:00 pm—Registration; 1:30 pm—Seminar begins

Our seniors are the fastest growing part of our blind population. Come learn about the real potential of seniors and the services that are available. Please be prepared to teach what you already know. Ruth Sager, President



MONDAY, JULY 1, Continued

1:00 - 5:00 pm—HUMANWARE PRODUCT SHOWCASE AND USER GROUPS Salon 4, level 2

- 1:00 pm—Braille On-the-Go: Optimize an iOS or Android device with Braille
- 2:00 pm—BrailleNote: Learn what's new in KeySoft 9.3 and the next release
- 3:00 pm—All things GPS: iOS apps, Trekker Breeze or BrailleNote GPS
- 4:00 pm—The NEW Victor Stream, smaller, smarter, simple, and wireless

1:00 - 5:00 pm—DOMINION VOTING Hospitality Suite 252, level 2

Drop by and try out Dominion Voting's new accessible voting machine, the ImageCast® Evolution tabulator—a precinct-level, optical scan, ballot counter—which provides ALL voters an opportunity to vote privately and independently, and give your feedback to Dominion's design and sales staff.

1:30 - 4:30 pm—MY LIFE IS AVERAGE #TRUESTORY—YOUTH TRACK W204A, Convention Center, level 2—students ages 11-14 W204B, Convention Center, level 2—students ages 14-18

Have you ever felt like you're the only blind student around? Join other blind teens/tweens; your experiences are more common than you think. Work with your peers to create innovative solutions to life's challenges. Learn, play games, and get to know blind youth across America. Sponsored by the NFB Jernigan Institute; contact Natalie Shaheen at nshaheen@nfb.org with questions.

1:30 - 4:30 pm—BOOKS, MUSIC, AND MORE! Salon 14, level 2

Get a first-hand glimpse of our accessible media super market with more than 700 thousand e-Book titles and 17 million separate tracks of audio books and music of all genres, coming soon to your computer or mobile device. James Gashel, Presenter

2:00 - 3:00 pm—NATIONAL READING MEDIA ASSESSMENT: A NEW CHAPTER IN THE STORY OF LITERACY Hospitality Suite 244, level 2

If you are a teacher of blind or visually impaired students, this training is for you. Learn how to use the National Reading Media Assessment—a research-based online tool that clearly identifies whether a child needs Braille, print, or both. Dr. Jessica Ewell, NFB Jernigan Institute, Coordinator

 **MONDAY, JULY 1, Continued**

2:00 - 3:15 pm—NOPBC CONCURRENT SESSIONS FOR PARENTS AND TEACHERS

Access Tech: Apple Products (iPhone, iPad, iPod)

Salon 3, level 2

Instructor: Dan Wenzel

What's Available and Where Can My Child's School Get It?

Salon 15, level 2

Instructor: Eric Guillory

Movement and Exploration for the Young Blind Child

Salon 16, level 2

Instructor: Mary Jo Hartle

Aiming for Independence

Salon 17, level 2

Instructor: Melissa Riccobono

The ABCs of Braille

Salon 18, level 2

Instructors: Carol Castellano and Barbara Shalit

2:00 - 4:30 pm—JOB FAIR

W203A, Convention Center, level 2

Dress up, bring your résumé, and interview with employers who are genuinely interested in hiring blind people; interview coaching available. This is a new thing, and if it catches on, we will do it every year. Sponsored by the NFB Employment Committee; Dick Davis, Chairperson

3:30 - 4:45 pm—NOPBC CONCURRENT SESSIONS FOR PARENTS AND TEACHERS

Technology: Where Do I Start?

Salon 3, level 2

Instructor: Jack Mendez

 **MONDAY, JULY 1, Continued**

NOPBC CONCURRENT SESSIONS, Cont'd.

Social Skills for the Younger Years: Interaction and Play

Salon 15, level 2

Instructor: Conchita Hernandez

Out & About: Independent Mobility for Your School-Aged Child

Salon 16, level 2

Instructor: Denise Mackenstadt

Self-Advocacy: A Critical Life Skill

Salon 17, level 2

Instructor: Arielle Silverman

Persuade, Negotiate, Collaborate

Salon 18, level 2

Instructors: Sharon Maneki and Carlton Walker

5:00 - 6:30 pm—NFB LIONS GROUP

Salon 13, level 2

Federationists who are members of Lions or thinking of joining the Lions should come. Discuss activities of your club that help blind people locally or nationally. Learn about interesting activities in other Lions Multiple Districts.

Co-Chairpersons: Ramona Walhof and Milton Ota

5:00 - 7:00 pm—SPANISH SEMINAR

Salon 20, level 2

Blindness is blindness, no matter what the language. Meet new and old friends; learn about Federation philosophy and the truth about blindness—in Spanish.

Moderator: Alpidio Rolón

5:00 - 7:30 pm—MIX-AND-MINGLE RECEPTION FOR REHABILITATION PROFESSIONALS

Salon 11, level 2



MONDAY, JULY 1, Continued

6:00 - 10:00 pm—NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF GUIDE DOG USERS (NAGDU) ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

Salon 4, level 2

6:00 pm—Registration; 7:00 pm—Meeting begins
Learn about our Information & Advocacy Hotline, Guide Dog Consumers' Satisfaction Survey, current advocacy initiatives, and more. Also a panel discusses guide dogs in zoos, featuring Animal Kingdom, SeaWorld/Busch Gardens, and the Association of Zoos & Aquariums. Marion Gwizdala, President

6:30 - 10:00 pm—NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BLIND OFFICE PROFESSIONALS

Salon 6, level 2

6:30 pm—Registration; 7:00 pm—Meeting begins
Learn about assistive technology in the workplace, training opportunities, and any job announcements available. Lisa Hall, President

7:00 - 8:30 pm—LIVING HISTORY GROUP

Salon 15, level 2

Dedicated to recording, preserving, and appreciating Federation history. Michael Freholm, Chairperson

7:00 - 9:00 pm—NOPBC FAMILY NIGHT

Grand Ballroom B, level 1

Relax, chat, meet new families and teachers, and connect with old friends. "Veteran" attendees will be on hand to welcome you and provide information. Co-sponsored by PIBE.

7:45 - 10:00 pm—COMMUNITY SERVICE GROUP

Salon 16, level 2

You want to serve, but you need the motivation. You also need the opportunity. We bring the motivational speakers and the service organizations. You...just bring yourself, and together, let's get involved! Darian Smith, Chairperson

8:00 - 9:00 pm—WHITE CANE AND AFFILIATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Salon 20, level 2

Are there new and ingenious ways to collect money and spread the word about the NFB? I'm sure there are. Come and share your ideas on how to fund our movement. Alpidio Rolón, Chairperson

 **MONDAY, JULY 1, Continued**

8:00 - 10:00 pm—ROOKIE ROUNDUP

Junior Ballroom G, level 1

First-time convention attendees—don't miss this event! President Maurer and former rookies will be on hand to welcome you and answer questions about the week's activities. Coordinator: Pam Allen, Director of the Louisiana Center for the Blind and President of the NFB of Louisiana

8:00 pm - midnight—KARAOKE NIGHT 🎵🎵 (Admission: \$5.00)

Grand Ballroom A, level 1

Enjoy music, door prizes, and a cash bar; meet BLIND, Incorporated's students and alumni and share their experiences from training. Here's your chance to sing like a rock star; Braille song lists are available. Hosted by BLIND, Incorporated

8:30 - 10:30 pm—DEQUE TWEET UP!

Signature 2 Room, level two

At last year's NFB convention, Deque announced its newest product, Amaze—a revolutionary approach to accessibility. Now we are ready to share our free Amaze plug-in for Twitter and Facebook. Meet your Twitter friends face-to-face, make new friends, and learn how to download Deque's new Amaze plug-in.

9:00 - 10:00 pm—NFB AMBASSADORS COMMITTEE MEETING

Salon 17, level 2

Angela Wolf, Chairperson

9:00 - 11:00 pm—NABS SOCIAL

W204C, Convention Center, level 2

Drop in to the NABS Social (**N**ational **A**ssociation of **B**lind **S**tudents) to make some new friends or reconnect with old ones. Come chat with NABS members and leaders about our division or anything else that's on your mind. We hope to see you there. Sean Whalen, President

9:00 am - 5:00 pm—PREREGISTRATION PACKET PICKUP—Grand Ballroom Prefunction foyer, level 1

9:00 am - 5:00 pm—REGISTRATION (\$30) AND BANQUET TICKET SALES (\$60)—Grand Ballroom Prefunction foyer, level 1

9:00 am - 5:00 pm—INDEPENDENCE MARKET—WA1, Convention Center, level 2

9:00 - 11:00 am—SPONSOR-LEVEL EXHIBITORS PREVIEW WA1, Convention Center, level 2

The exhibit hall opens its doors and is dedicated solely to sponsor-level exhibitors. Come to say “thank you” to our sponsors and enjoy their interesting offers and demonstrations. Our convention sponsors are:

Accessibility Champions: Vanda Pharmaceuticals and Deque Systems, Inc.

Title: Monster Worldwide

Platinum: UPS; HumanWare; Oracle; Travelocity

Gold: Brown, Goldstein & Levy, LLP; Google; Market Development Group, Inc.

Silver: AT&T; Freedom Scientific; Pearson Higher Education

Bronze: Blackberry; C AND P—Chris Park Design; IBM; VitalSource Technologies

White Cane: Courseload; En-Vision America; HIMS, Inc.; eBay Inc.; Sprint; MegaVoice; SSB Bart Group; Learning Ally

11:00 am - 5:00 pm—EXHIBITS—WA1, Convention Center, level 2

1:00 - 4:00 pm—BLIND MUSICIANS GROUP

Salon 13, level 2

Share ideas and tips and network with other blind musicians. Linda Mentink, Chairperson

1:00 - 4:00 pm—TRAVEL AND TOURISM DIVISION

Salon 7, level 2

1:00 pm—Registration; 1:30 pm—Meeting begins

Discuss travel with blind consumers and blind travel professionals; panel discussions with guests Mark Jones, Manager, Domestic Services for Guests with Disabilities, Disney Parks and Resorts; Rob Nevin (Principal U-R-Able) Program ALT; and other panelists; elections; dues \$10; Cheryl Echevarria, Pres.

 **TUESDAY, JULY 2, Continued**

1:00 - 5:00 pm—HIMS, INC. SEMINAR

Salon 6, level 2

HIMS, a worldwide leader in the development and manufacturing of assistive blindness and low vision technology, will feature: the powerful Braille Sense U2 with New v8.0, Braille EDGE 40, with basic notetaking and SD card slot and the popular CANDY GRIP, the first 5.0" LCD HD handheld video magnifier.

1:00 - 5:00 pm—MATH EDUCATION SOFTWARE TOOL FOR THE BLIND TESTING SESSIONS

Hospitality Suite 244, level 2

Participants will be beta-testing a new math education software tool to write math on the computer and provide feedback to the developers. Participants should have pre-registered, but some walk-in space may be available. Sponsored by the Univ. of Alabama in Huntsville; gh, LLC; and the National Science Foundation.

1:00 - 6:00 pm—INSPIRING ARTISTS ~ BEGINNERS TO PROS

W202A, Convention Center, level 2

Experience tactile art as a creative way to gather and share information and ideas. This open art room offers free tools and materials for sculpting and tactile drawing. From 4-5 pm, Debbie Kent Stein and Ann Cunningham speak about the value of tactile art and effective ways to generate tactile images on-the-spot.

1:00 - 6:00 pm—NFB-NEWSLINE[®] DEMONSTRATION OPEN HOUSE

Hospitality Suite 235, level 2

Get your questions answered about NFB-NEWSLINE; learn about NFB's free audio information service; get hands-on experience with our new access methods, including the NFB-NEWSLINE Mobile app for iPhone; learn about emergency weather alerts and Breaking News category added to the service.

1:00 - 7:00 pm—SPORTS & RECREATION DIVISION ACTIVITIES

W206A, Convention Center, level 2

1:00 - 4:00 pm: Goalball Workshop

5:00 - 7:00 pm: Self-Defense Workshop 4

1:30 pm—RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE; Sharon Maneki, Chairperson

Junior Ballroom F, level 1



TUESDAY, JULY 2, Continued

1:30 - 4:00 pm—NATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF PROFESSIONALS IN BLINDNESS EDUCATION (PIBE) DIVISION MEETING

Salon 5, level 2

1:30 pm—Registration; 2:00 pm—Meeting begins

All professionals working with students from birth through age 21 are welcome and encouraged to join our informative and interactive meeting. Come network and collaborate—sharing and learning with colleagues and future educators.

Eric Guillory, President

1:30 - 4:30 pm—BOOKS, MUSIC, AND MORE!

Salon 14, level 2

Get a first-hand glimpse of our accessible media super market with more than 700 thousand e-Book titles and 17 million separate tracks of audio books and music of all genres, coming soon to your computer or mobile device. James Gashel, Presenter

2:00 - 4:00 pm—VANDA PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.

Salon 19, level 2

Circadian rhythm and sleep-wake expert, Dr. Steven Lockley, Associate Professor of Medicine, Division of Sleep Medicine at Brigham and Women's Hospital, Harvard Medical School, will speak about diagnosis and management of Non-24-Hour Disorder.

2:45 - 4:00 pm—NOPBC YOUTH STYLE SHOW (Admission: \$5)

W203C, Convention Center, level 2

This is an opportunity for your aspiring model to take a walk down the runway in a favorite outfit from his or her closet. Contact Kim Cunningham at (713) 501-9659 or kim@gulfimagesphoto.com to sign up or for further information.

All proceeds support the National Organization of Parents of Blind Children.

4:00 - 4:30 pm—KENNETH JERNIGAN FUND COMMITTEE MEETING

Salon 15, level 2

Allen Harris, Chairperson

4:00 - 5:00 pm—WRITING YOUR SCRIPT: NFB YOUTH TRACK (ages 11-18)

W204A, Convention Center, level 2

Whether you are an aspiring writer or just want to brush up on the basics, join members of the Writers Division for a fun and informative workshop.



TUESDAY, JULY 2, Continued

4:15 - 5:45 pm—SIXTEENTH ANNUAL MOCK TRIAL—NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BLIND LAWYERS (Admission: \$5.00)

Junior Ballroom G, level 1

Federation lawyers are pitted against each other while enacting a case addressing the civil rights of the blind with the audience serving as the jury. Although the subject matter is serious, the courtroom portrayals are very entertaining. Scott LaBarre, President

6:00 - 7:30 pm—NFB AFFILIATE PRESIDENTS AND TREASURERS SEMINAR

Signature 2 Room, level 2

All affiliate presidents and treasurers are asked to attend this session. Topics include CATs coding, internal controls, state and federal filings, end-of-year preparations, and discussing state issues with facilitators Charlie Brown and Bridgid Burke

6:00 - 9:00 pm—KURZWEIL 1000 USER GROUP MEETING

Salons 1 and 2, level 2

We are sharing near term releases and plans for Kurzweil 1000, and answering questions you may have about the product. A light dinner will be served. Participants must register and space is limited. To register go to: [Kurzweil 1000 User Group Meeting](#). Hosted by Stephen Baum, VP of Engineering at Kurzweil Educational Systems.

6:00 - 10:00 pm—NATIONAL ASSOCIATION TO PROMOTE THE USE OF BRAILLE (NAPUB) SEMINAR

Salon 6, level 2

6:00 pm—Registration; 7:00 pm—Meeting

Learn about Braille-related research, discuss current projects with vendors who produce Braille through hard copy and technology, experience the enthusiasm of some of our Braille Readers Are Leaders winners, and develop strategies for strengthening our division. Sandy Halverson, President

6:00 - 10:00 pm—NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BLIND STUDENTS (NABS)

Junior Ballroom F, level 1

6:00 pm—Registration (\$5.00); 7:00 pm—Meeting

Students, young professionals, parents, teachers, and anyone interested in learning about issues affecting blind students are welcome to attend. Sean Whalen, President

 **TUESDAY, JULY 2, Continued**

7:00 - 8:30 pm—PUBLIC EMPLOYEES DIVISION; Ivan Weich, President
Salon 15, level 2

7:00 - 9:00 pm—NFB KRAFTERS DIVISION BUSINESS MEETING
Salon 16, level 2

Join us to hear about our telephone conference classes taught by blind/visually impaired crafters and learn about our new email classes; become a paid member and take as many classes as you would like from July to July (in 2012 we had fifty-three classes). Joyce Kane, President

7:00 - 9:00 pm—NFB-NEWSLINE[®] TAKING MOBILE TO A NEW LEVEL!
Hospitality Suite 235, level 2

Learn about the NFB's free audible newspaper service for the blind, with specific information on our newest access method, the NFB-NEWSLINE[®] Mobile application for iPhone, and the variety of content available to subscribers.

7:00 - 9:00 pm—STATE AND U.S. CAPITOL HILLS AND BILLS
Salon 19, level 2

A joint state and federal legislative seminar to review the 2013 national legislative initiatives and talk about strategy for moving bills at the state level. Hear from seasoned Federationists about building a legislative agenda for your state, drafting policy, and mobilizing grassroots. Hosted by the NFB Government Affairs Team: Anil Lewis, Jesse Hartle, and Lauren McLarney

7:00 - 10:00 pm—NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BLIND VETERANS
Salon 17, level 2

How can we better serve our veterans, show our appreciation, and bring them into the Federation? Find out how to become involved with veterans' issues, such as legislative initiatives that impact 100 percent of service connected disabled veterans. Elections. Blind veterans and interested friends are welcome. Dwight Sayer, President

7:30 - 9:00 pm—LIBRARY SERVICES COMMITTEE
Salon 18, level 2

Please come and discuss the changes to BARD and other topics of interest. David Hyde, Chairperson



TUESDAY, JULY 2, Continued

7:30 - 9:30 pm—BLIND PARENTS GROUP

Salon 13, level 2

Blind parents share their experiences around child-raising issues, such as learning infant care, coping with printed homework assignments, finding print/Braille books, dealing with the public's misconceptions, and more.

Deborah Kent Stein, Chairperson

7:30 - 10:00 pm—COMMITTEE FOR THE PROMOTION, EVALUATION, AND ADVANCEMENT OF TECHNOLOGY

Salon 10, level 2

Hear exhibitors explain briefly what they are exhibiting and where they are located in the exhibit hall. We will also evaluate the effectiveness of what our Committee is doing now and consider programs for the coming year.

Gary Wunder, Chairperson

7:45 - 8:45 pm—JUDAISM MEETING

Salon 5, level 2

David Stayer, Chairperson, NFB in Judaism Group

7:45 - 9:00 pm—MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE SEMINAR: NEW GENERATION SOLUTIONS FOR GROWING OUR AFFILIATES AND CHAPTERS—REMOVING OLD BARRIERS

Signature 2 Room, level 2

Sharing energetic presentations on membership growth and combining the excitement of our Federation movement with New Generation methods. You will want to take these solutions home with you.

Ron Gardner, Chairperson

8:15 - 10:15 pm—SPECIAL PARALYMPIC PANEL PRESENTATION

Salon 7, level 2

Meet former and current Paralympic and international blind athletes from various sports and learn how they persevered to get to the top.

9:00 - 10:00 pm—SPANISH TRANSLATION COMMITTEE

Salon 8, level 2

We provide simultaneous translation into Spanish during the general sessions of the convention and other Spanish efforts for the Federation. Please join us if you would like to help with this effort.

Conchita Hernandez, Chairperson

 **WEDNESDAY, JULY 3, 2013**

8:30 am - 5:00 pm—PREREGISTRATION PACKET PICKUP—**Grand Ballroom Prefunction foyer, level 1**

8:30 am - 5:00 pm—REGISTRATION (\$30) AND BANQUET TICKET SALES (\$60)—**Grand Ballroom Prefunction foyer, level 1**

8:30 am - 5:00 pm—EXHIBITS and INDEPENDENCE MARKET—**WA1, Convention Center, level 2**

9:00 - 11:30 am—NFB BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING (Open to all)
Grand Ballroom, level 1

12:30 - 3:00 pm—SPORTS & RECREATION DIVISION MEETING
Salon 8, level 2

12:30 pm—Registration; 1:00 pm—Meeting begins
As always, the Sports & Recreation Division promises to be full of great tips on how to get up and move. At our meetings, we don't just sit—we move! Lisamaria Martinez, President

12:30 - 5:00 pm—DIABETES ACTION NETWORK SEMINAR
Salon 6, level 2

12:30 pm—Registration; 1:00 pm—Meeting begins
Learn about new, accessible diabetes equipment coming to market and strategies for living well with diabetes. Elect division officers and board members. Mike Freeman, President

12:30 - 5:00 pm—NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BLIND LAWYERS
Salon 19, level 2

12:30 pm—Registration; 1:00 pm—Meeting begins
Examine laws affecting blind people and others with disabilities; address ongoing struggles to gain equal access to websites, employment, legal texts, and exams; share practice tips for blind lawyers. Scott LaBarre, President

12:30 - 5:00 pm—NFB IN COMPUTER SCIENCE
Salon 3, level 2

12:30 pm—Registration; 1:00 pm—Meeting begins
Enhancing nonvisual access to information technology and improving the ability of blind I.T. professionals to compete in today's world. Curtis Chong, President



WEDNESDAY, JULY 3, Continued

12:30 - 5:00 pm—“MEETING CHALLENGES: GAINING OPPORTUNITIES”
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF THE BLIND IN COMMUNITIES OF FAITH
Salon 18, level 2

12:30 pm—Registration; 1:00 pm—Meeting begins
Speakers tell how their faith has helped them face and overcome challenges; also hear representatives from various faith-based libraries and publishing houses describe what their organizations do. Tom Anderson, President

12:30 - 5:00 pm—SENIORS IN CHARGE—NFB SENIORS DIVISION
BUSINESS MEETING AND (SOMEWHAT) SILENT AUCTION
Salon 9, level 2

Join us to hear enthusiastic seniors share ideas about what they are doing; find out ways (gathered at our seminar) to spread our message of hope to seniors who have recently become blind. And then we have our hugely popular not-so-silent auction (Coordinator: Margot Downey). Ruth Sager, President

1:00 - 3:00 pm—PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING & SEMINAR
Salon 13, level 2

What does a successful media interview look and sound like? Learn from experts and share ideas and strategies on how to harness the power of the media! Chris Danielsen, Chairperson; Jessica Freeh, NFB Public Relations Specialist; Jack L. Trammell, President, VNR1 Communications, Dallas, Texas

1:00 - 4:00 pm—NATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF PARENTS OF BLIND
CHILDREN ANNUAL MEETING: OPTIONS AND OPPORTUNITIES
Salon 10, level 2

Featuring a keynote address by the 2013 Distinguished Educator of Blind Children award winner, special guest speakers, news from NASA, cutting-edge information on products and services, summer programs for our kids, Parent Power, business meeting, elections, and much more. Carlton Walker, President

1:00 - 4:00 pm—PERFORMING ARTS DIVISION
Salon 14, level 2

Are you new to the Division and have questions about who we are? Do you have suggestions for future plans or activities for us? Would you like to learn more about our Division's 12-year history? Join us, voice your ideas, and let's plan for the future! Jordy Stringer, President



WEDNESDAY, JULY 3, Continued

1:00 - 4:30 pm—NATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF BLIND EDUCATORS Salon 15, level 2

1:00 pm—Registration; 1:30 pm—Meeting begins

Blind teachers discuss techniques they use in their classrooms; participants also meet in groups specific to grade level and content areas of interest to create a network of mentors. If you teach or are considering a career in teaching at any level, please join us. Sheila Koenig, President

1:00 - 5:00 pm—NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BLIND MERCHANTS: THE FOCUS IS ON THE FUTURE Salon 4, level 2

1:00 pm—Registration; 1:30 pm—Meeting begins

Creating new opportunities for blind entrepreneurs in and around Randolph-Sheppard. Nicky Gacos, President

1:00 - 5:00 pm—NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BLIND REHABILITATION PROFESSIONALS Salon 7, level 2

1:00 pm—Registration; 2:00 pm—Meeting begins

Network, share mutual interests, find placement strategies, and examine and discuss concerns and current issues. Melody Roane, President

1:00 - 6:00 pm—NFB-NEWSLINE® DEMONSTRATION OPEN HOUSE Hospitality Suite 235, level 2

Get your questions answered about NFB-NEWSLINE; learn about NFB's free audio information service; get hands-on experience with our new access methods, including the NFB-NEWSLINE Mobile app for iPhone; learn about emergency weather alerts and Breaking News category added to the service.

1:00 - 6:00 pm—INSPIRING ARTISTS ~ BEGINNERS TO PROS W202A, Convention Center, level 2

Experience tactile art as a creative way to gather and share information and ideas. This open art room offers free tools and materials for sculpting and tactile drawing. A tactile art exhibit is on hand so you can experience finished artwork. Instruction is available from Debbie Kent Stein and Ann Cunningham.



WEDNESDAY, JULY 3, Continued

1:00 - 6:00 pm—HUMAN SERVICES DIVISION

Salon 16, level 2

1:00—Registration; 2:00—Meeting begins; 5:00—Mingle and network
Psychologists; social workers; counselors; and music, art, or dance therapists meet to discuss topics and network. David Stayer, Vice President

1:30 - 4:30 pm—WRITERS DIVISION BUSINESS MEETING

Salon 17, level 2

Updating members on division business, announcing the 2013 winners of the youth and adult writing contests, learning about self-publishing, elections, and planning for the future. Robert Leslie Newman, President

1:45 - 3:15 pm—CEREBRAL PALSY AND BLINDNESS GATHERING

Salon 20, level 2

Attention all blind/visually impaired convention attendees who have cerebral palsy—come and discuss your ideas and concerns. Alex Kaiser, Coordinator

3:00 - 5:00 pm—PIANO TECHNOLOGY GROUP

Salon 5, level 2

Piano tuning and repairing is a challenging and rewarding career. Join us to learn about this exciting field. Don Mitchell, Chairperson

4:00 - 10:00 pm—SPORTS & RECREATION DIVISION ACTIVITIES

W206A, Convention Center, level 2

4:00 - 6:00 pm: Self-Defense Workshop 5

6:30 - 7:30 pm: Power Hour—Fee is \$1.00 per challenge; take on the Sports & Rec Div. Board members in arm wrestling, push-ups, or other fun activities.

8:00 - 10:00 pm: Self-Defense Workshop 6 for Women

5:00 - 6:30 pm—NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BLIND LAWYERS RECEPTION

Salons 1 and 2, level 2

For NABL members and seminar participants only to promote networking and fellowship within our membership. Hors d'oeuvres and cash bar available.

Scott LaBarre, President



WEDNESDAY, JULY 3, Continued

**5:00 - 7:00 pm—BRAILLE BOOK FAIR (Cosponsored by NOPBC and NAPUB)
W205A-B-C, Convention Center, level 2**

A book lover's dream! Browse tables of new and used Braille and print/Braille books. Volunteers will box your books, and the post office will deliver them to your home as Free Matter. Books are free; donations are encouraged to help support our Braille programs. Coordinator: Krystal Guillory

5:15 - 7:15 pm—BLIND ACADEMICS GROUP

Salon 14, level 2

All professors, matriculating graduate students, and future college-level teachers. Whether your specialty is comparative literature, musicology, economics, chemistry, or something esoteric that we haven't heard of yet, join us to discuss the many facets of thriving in academia. Dr. Adrienne Asch, Chairperson

6:00 - 8:00 pm—NFB COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Salon 17, level 2

Addressing trends in publishing our newsletters—going paperless, dropping or changing where and how to make available audio formatting, making use of NFB-Newsline and websites, and more! Robert Leslie Newman, Chairperson

**6:00 - 10:00 pm—NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF GUIDE DOG USERS
(NAGDU) SEMINAR**

Salon 10, level 2

6:00 pm—Registration; 7:00 pm—Seminar begins
Participate in the business of NAGDU as we discuss old & new business plus hold elections. Guide dog training programs offer their views of the Guide Dog Consumers' Bill of Rights. Also, test drive a guide dog! Marion Gwizdala, President

6:30 - 9:45 pm—SCIENCE & ENGINEERING DIVISION

Salon 18, level 2

6:30 pm—Registration; 7:00 pm—Meeting begins; John Miller, President



WEDNESDAY, JULY 3, Continued

6:30 - 10:00 pm—ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY TRAINERS DIVISION **Salon 19, level 2**

6:30 pm—Registration; 7:00 pm—Meeting begins

Topics: Cathy Anne Murtha of Access Technology Institute discusses techniques for training students; John Panarese of Mac for the Blind offers ideas for training on OS X; Pratik Patel of EZFire presents an overview of tablets from Android to Windows RT; and Serotek announces its new service for assistive technology trainers. Michael Barber, President

7:00 - 8:00 pm—DAISY BOOK OF THE *HOLY BIBLE* (Second session is from 8:15 to 9:15 pm)

Salon 7, level 2

The King James Version of the complete *Holy Bible* (narrated by Alexander Scourby) is now accessible and navigable down to the verse level using only your Victor Reader Stream or similar DAISY book player! Join us to experience the new DAISY navigation system and practice it using your own VR Stream. Contact: Norm Gardner at 801-380-3138.

7:00 - 8:30 pm—“GOLDEN MOMENTS” (A play written by Jerry Whittle; \$5.00 admission fee; one performance only)

Junior Ballroom G, level 1

The play is about a graduate student at the University of Tennessee finding a beautiful reader who teaches him the true meaning of life. All proceeds support the Buddy Program at the Louisiana Center for the Blind, a summer program for blind children which fosters independence.

7:00 - 8:30 pm—BOOKSHARE MEMBER PARTY AT NFB

Signature 2 Room, level 2

Calling all Bookshare members at NFB! Join us for fun, food, and festivities at our annual Bookshare Member Party. Connect with Bookshare staff and other members, learn about the latest news and updates, and share your feedback and ideas of how Bookshare can be even better.

7:00 - 9:00 pm—MUSIC TECH AND YOU WORKSHOP (\$5.00 fee)

Salon 16, level 2

Kevin Reeves, a recording artist and expert in music technology, introduces us to the world of composing, recording, and mixing through technology. Get your questions answered and learn from a demo. Presented by the Performing Arts Division; Jordy Stringer, President



WEDNESDAY, JULY 3, Continued

7:00 - 9:00 pm—NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BLIND AUTOMOBILE ENTHUSIASTS SEMINAR AND BUSINESS MEETING

Salon 13, level 2

Come and hear speakers from automobile clubs talk about their activities and participate in the division business meeting. David Hutchins, President

7:00 - 9:00 pm—COMMITTEE TO EMPOWER UNDERSERVED POPULATIONS; Ron Brown, Chairperson

Salon 15, level 2

If you are feeling underserved, come and let your voice be heard!

7:30 - 8:30 pm—NATIONAL READING MEDIA ASSESSMENT: A NEW CHAPTER IN THE STORY OF LITERACY

Hospitality Suite 244, level 2

If you are a teacher of blind or visually impaired students, this training is for you. Learn how to use the National Reading Media Assessment—a research-based online tool that clearly identifies whether a child needs Braille, print, or both. Dr. Jessica Ewell, NFB Jernigan Institute, Coordinator

7:30 - 9:00 pm—SELF-ADVOCACY IN HIGHER EDUCATION: KNOWING YOUR RIGHTS AND GETTING IT DONE

Salon 20, level 2

A workshop for current or soon-to-be college and post-graduate students to know your legal rights and learn effective strategies for self-advocacy in obtaining accommodations, accessing instructional materials and digital content, and requesting accommodations in high-stakes testing. Mehgan Sidhu, NFB Legal Counsel, Coordinator

7:30 - 9:00 pm—DAD'S NIGHT OUT

All dads, sighted and blind, are welcome. Contact Jim Beyer at (406) 239-2057 for location. Sponsored by NOPBC.

8:00 - 9:00 pm—FRIENDS OF RECOVERY MEETING

Hospitality Suite 256, level 2

All convention delegates involved in or interested in twelve-step recovery programs are invited to attend. A second Friends of Recovery meeting will be on Friday at 8:00 pm. Coordinator: Gary Ray



WEDNESDAY, JULY 3, Continued

8:00 - 9:30 pm—WEBMASTERS MEETING

Salon 5, level 2

A meeting for all *NFB affiliate and division* Webmasters to discuss the importance of an informative, accessible, and visually attractive Web site. Gary Wunder, Chairperson, Webmasters Group

8:15 - 9:15 pm—DAISY BOOK OF THE *HOLY BIBLE* (Second session)

Salon 7, level 2

The King James Version of the complete *Holy Bible* (narrated by Alexander Scourby) is now accessible and navigable down to the verse level using only your Victor Reader Stream or similar DAISY book player! Join us to experience the new DAISY navigation system and practice it using your own VR Stream. Contact: Norm Gardner at (801) 380-3138.

8:00 - 8:45 am—DEVOTIONS—Salon 17, level 2

8:15 - 9:15 am—PREREGISTRATION PACKET PICKUP—Grand Ballroom Prefunction foyer, level 1

8:15 - 9:15 am—REGISTRATION (\$30), AND BANQUET TICKET SALES (\$60)—Grand Ballroom Prefunction foyer, level 1



OPENING GENERAL SESSION

9:30 am INVOCATION

9:35 am WELCOMING CEREMONIES

9:55 am CELEBRATION OF FREEDOM: VETERANS RECOGNIZED
Dwight Sayer, President, National Association of Blind Veterans,
National Federation of the Blind; Winter Garden, Florida

10:05 am ROLL CALL OF STATES AND APPOINTMENT OF NOMINATING
COMMITTEE

11:45 am REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS

12:00 pm ADJOURN



Noon - 12:30 pm and 1:30 - 2:00 pm—PREREGISTRATION PACKET PICKUP—Grand Ballroom Prefunction foyer, level 1

Noon - 12:30 pm and 1:30 - 2:00 pm—REGISTRATION (\$30) AND FINAL BANQUET TICKET SALES (\$60)—Grand Ballroom Prefunction foyer, level 1

Noon - 1:45 pm—EXHIBITS AND INDEPENDENCE MARKET—WA1, Convention Center, level 2



THURSDAY, JULY 4, Continued

12:15 - 1:45 pm—LOUISIANA CENTER FOR THE BLIND ALUMNI RECEPTION

Signature 2 Room, level 2

All LCB alumni and those interested in learning more about how training at the Louisiana Center for the Blind will change your life are welcome. Pam Allen, Director



GENERAL SESSION

2:00 pm CALL TO ORDER

2:05 pm PRESIDENTIAL REPORT, Marc Maurer

3:00 pm REINTERPRETING AND EXPANDING “THE RIGHT TO LIVE IN THE WORLD”
Adrienne Asch, Ph.D., Director of the Center for Ethics at Yeshiva University and Edward and Robert Milstein Professor of Bioethics; New York, New York

3:20 pm EQUAL ACCESS FOR THE BLIND TO JOB SEARCHES ON THE INTERNET
Mark Conway, Chief Information Officer, Monster Worldwide; Maynard, Massachusetts

3:40 pm THE POETRY OF MOTION, THE GRACE OF MOVEMENT, THE DELIGHT OF PHYSICAL EXPRESSION: BLINDNESS NO BARRIER
Moderator: Natalie Shaheen, Director of Education, National Federation of the Blind Jernigan Institute; Baltimore, Maryland

Football: Jerry Whittle, First Vice President, National Federation of the Blind of Louisiana; Ruston, Louisiana

Hiking: Maurice Peret, Lead Cane Travel Instructor, Blind Industries and Services of Maryland; Baltimore, Maryland

Yoga: Lou Ann Blake, Director of Outreach, National Federation of the Blind Jernigan Institute; Baltimore, Maryland



THURSDAY, JULY 4, Continued

Goalball: Matt Simpson, Membership and Outreach Coordinator, United States Association of Blind Athletes; Colorado Springs, Colorado

Judo: Lisamaria Martinez, President, Sports and Recreation Division, National Federation of the Blind; Union City, California

Ballroom Dancing: Greg DeWall, Rehabilitation, Orientation, and Mobility Instructor, Society for the Blind; Sacramento, California

4:25 pm THE NEWEST DIGITAL BOOK PLAYER WITH ADDED CONNECTIVITY AND OTHER REVOLUTIONARY TECHNOLOGY
Gilles Pepin, Chief Executive Officer, HumanWare; Drummondville, Québec, Canada

4:40 pm REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS

5:00 pm ADJOURN



5:30 - 6:30 pm—NOMINATING COMMITTEE
Salon 17, level 2

5:30 - 6:30 pm—*JOURNAL OF BLINDNESS INNOVATION AND RESEARCH* (JBIR) ADVISORY COMMITTEE INFORMATIONAL MEETING
Salon 20, level 2

The Editorial staff of JBIR asks members interested in participating on an advisory committee to attend this meeting to learn more about JBIR. Discussion topics include the purpose, goals, and values of JBIR; the types of articles published; and how you can help promote the *Journal* and recruit authors.

6:00 - 8:00 pm—AMERICAN FOUNDATION FOR THE BLIND LAUNCHES NEW VERSION OF ACCESSNOTE!
Signature 2 Room, level 2

You are invited to a reception featuring the new version of our AccessNote notetaker app, with even more productivity for the classroom and workplace. We look forward to greeting AFB's old friends and making new ones.



THURSDAY, JULY 4, Continued

6:00 - 10:00 pm—"RECORD WITH US" PROJECT (\$5.00 Fee)

Hospitality Suite 256, level 2

This is your opportunity to record the perfect demo, professionally mixed and edited. Bring your favorite song with an accompaniment track or an original composition, and be prepared to record a short demo. You'll receive your recording shortly after convention. Presented by the Performing Arts Division

6:30 - 9:00 pm—COLORADO CENTER FOR THE BLIND OPEN HOUSE

Salons 3 and 4, level 2

Discover how good training can change your life! Meet the staff and students at the Colorado Center for the Blind; pick up a Braille recipe and a Braille puzzle; draw a tactile picture and learn about challenge recreation and the latest technology. Join us for this exciting open house! Julie Deden, Director

7:00 - 9:00 pm—EXHIBITS—**WA1, Convention Center, level 2**

7:00 - 9:00 pm—EMPLOYMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

Salon 20, level 2

Learn about resources that can help you with career planning, job search, and employment. Job Exchange: if you are looking for a job, bring your résumé; if you are looking for someone to hire, bring your job(s). What can the Committee do to increase the employment of blind people? Bring ideas. Dick Davis, Chairperson

7:00 - 9:45 pm—NOPBC CONCURRENT SESSIONS FOR PARENTS AND TEACHERS

7:00 - 8:15: Homeschooling a Blind/Visually Impaired Child

Salon 14, level 2

Instructor: Heather Field

7:00 - 8:15: IEP Basics for Parents of Blind/Visually Impaired Students

Salon 13, level 2

Instructor: Carlton Walker

8:30 - 9:45: IEP Development and Legal Process Overview

Salon 13, level 2

Instructor: Carlton Walker



THURSDAY, JULY 4, Continued

7:30 - 8:30 pm—AFFILIATE VOTING LIAISON SEMINAR

Salon 17, level 2

Learn how to work with your state and local boards of elections to eliminate barriers that prevent blind and visually impaired voters from casting a private and independent ballot. Coordinator: Lou Ann Blake, NFB Jernigan Institute.

8:00 - 9:30 pm—RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Salon 5, level 2

Technology is omnipresent in our lives. While it provides unprecedented advantages in education and employment, the blind are still excluded from many products. Hear about new advances; discuss ways we can influence developers to include accessibility in their hardware and software. Tony Olivero, Chairperson

8:00 - 11:30 pm—MONTE CARLO NIGHT

Salons 1 and 2, level 2

Try your luck at playing popular card games; bring friends along or make new ones—either way it's sure to be great fun; cash bar. Sponsored by the National Association of Blind Students Division



FRIDAY, JULY 5, 2013

8:00 - 8:45 am—DEVOTIONS—Salon 17, level 2

8:15 - 8:45 am—PREREGISTRATION PACKET PICKUP—Grand Ballroom Prefunction foyer, level 1

8:15 - 8:45 am—REGISTRATION (\$30)—Grand Ballroom Prefunction foyer, level 1



GENERAL SESSION

9:00 am INVOCATION

9:05 am FINANCIAL REPORT

10:00 am ELECTIONS

10:35 am A LIFE OF COURAGE: SURVIVING POTENTIAL DISASTER,
ANTICIPATING THE FUTURE, HELPING OTHERS
Hans Cohn, Member of the Order of the British Empire; London,
England, United Kingdom

10:50 am THE ELECTRONIC BRAILLER OF TOMORROW HERE TODAY:
DISTANCE LEARNING AND BRAILLE PRODUCTION IN ONE
DEVICE
David Pillischer, President, Electronic Braille LLC; Rivervale, New
Jersey

Peter Sullivan, Vice President of Software Development, Duxbury
Systems, Inc.; Westford, Massachusetts

11:10 am SUPPORTING THE BLIND OF AMERICA IN CONGRESS
The Honorable Daniel Webster, United States House of
Representatives, 10th Congressional District; Florida

11:30 am EQUAL ACCESS TO DIGITAL INFORMATION: TOOLS THAT HELP
IN GETTING IT DONE
Preety Kumar, Chief Executive Officer, Deque Systems, Inc.;
Herndon, Virginia

 **FRIDAY, JULY 5, Continued**

11:45 am REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS

12:00 pm ADJOURN



Noon - 12:30 pm and 1:30 - 2:00 pm—PREREGISTRATION PACKET PICKUP—Grand Ballroom Prefunction foyer, level 1

Noon - 12:30 pm and 1:30 - 2:00 pm—REGISTRATION (\$30)—Grand Ballroom Prefunction foyer, level 1

Noon - 1:45 pm—EXHIBITS AND INDEPENDENCE MARKET (final opportunity to visit the Market)—WA1, Convention Center, level 2

12:30 - 1:30 pm—CASH AND CARING COMMITTEE Salon 16, level 2

This new committee chaired by Ramona Walhof is organizing a network to help states and chapters learn of and build on experiences of other groups in raising funds for themselves and for the national treasury. Almost every project can have a fund-raising aspect, and planning increases the amount raised. We ask that each affiliate send at least one representative.



GENERAL SESSION

2:00 pm CALL TO ORDER

2:05 pm EXPLORING PHARMACEUTICALS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE BLIND
Robert Repella, Chief Commercial Officer and Senior Vice President, Vanda Pharmaceuticals, Inc.; Washington, D.C.

2:20 pm ENDING LEGALIZED DISCRIMINATION IN WAGE PAYMENTS FOR DISABLED AMERICANS
The Honorable Gregg Harper, United States House of Representatives, 3rd Congressional District; Mississippi



FRIDAY, JULY 5, Continued

2:40 pm **ADVOCACY AND POLICY REPORT**

John G. Paré, Jr., Executive Director for Advocacy and Policy,
National Federation of the Blind; Baltimore, Maryland

Anil Lewis, Director of Advocacy and Policy, National Federation of
the Blind; Baltimore, Maryland

Lauren McLarney, Governmental Affairs Specialist, National
Federation of the Blind; Baltimore, Maryland

Jesse Hartle, Governmental Affairs Specialist, National Federation of
the Blind; Baltimore, Maryland

3:30 pm **REPORTS, RESOLUTIONS, AND OTHER BUSINESS**

5:00 pm **ADJOURN**



**6:00 - 8:30 pm—EXHIBITS (final opportunity to visit the Exhibits)—WA1,
Convention Center, level 2**

**7:00 - 9:00 pm—SOCIAL SECURITY AND SSI: WHAT APPLICANTS,
ADVOCATES, AND RECIPIENTS SHOULD KNOW
Salon 19, level 2**

Seminar topics: Social Security and SSI benefits, including eligibility criteria, the application process, reporting obligations, and appeals process. Also get information on the Medicare prescription drug benefit income subsidy program. Presenter: Daniel B. Frye, J.D., Social Security Advocate/Consultant

**7:00 - 9:00 pm—BRAILLE PROOFREADING SEMINAR—NATIONAL
ASSOCIATION OF BLIND OFFICE PROFESSIONALS
Salon 6, level 2**

Have you wanted to get a feel for what it's like to do Braille proofreading? If you are a parent of a blind child, teacher of blind/visually impaired children, a rehabilitation teacher, or interested in learning what's happening in the Braille field, join us to get hands-on experience. Instructors: Mary Donahue & Lisa Hall

 **FRIDAY, JULY 5, Continued**

7:00 - 9:45 pm—BOOKS, MUSIC, AND MORE!

Salon 13, level 2

Get a first-hand glimpse of our accessible media super market with more than 700 thousand e-Book titles and 17 million separate tracks of audio books and music of all genres, coming soon to your computer or mobile device. James Gashel, Presenter

7:00 - 10:00 pm—THIRTEENTH ANNUAL SHOWCASE OF TALENT (\$5.00)

Junior Ballroom G, level 1

Join us for a night of great performances! Whether you perform in the show or support your friends from the audience, it is an enjoyable evening of great entertainment. Call (317) 643-1890 with any questions. Presented by the Performing Arts Division; Jordy Stringer, President

7:30 - 8:30 pm—DEMONSTRATION OF THE ORACLE SIEBEL CALL CENTER APPLICATION

Salon 18, level 2

Don Mauck, Accessibility Evangelist at Oracle, demonstrates the accessibility features built into the Oracle Siebel Open UI product. This new release of the #1 Call Center application (used by thousands of enterprises representing millions of business users worldwide) was developed to meet state-of-the-art accessibility standards including WCAG 2.0 and WAI-ARIA.

7:30 - 9:00 pm—DEMONSTRATION OF THE AUDIBLE TELEPROMPTER

Salon 15, level 2

Watch a demonstration and learn how you can give public speeches and read fluently aloud using the Victor Reader Stream as an audible teleprompter. Bruce Gardner will demonstrate the process. Bring your Victor Reader Stream and an NFB library card or another SD card that has at least one text document on it.

8:00 - 9:00 pm—FRIENDS OF RECOVERY MEETING

Hospitality Suite 256, level 2

All convention delegates involved in or interested in twelve-step recovery programs are invited to attend. Gary Ray, Coordinator



FRIDAY, JULY 5, Continued

8:30 pm - midnight—SALSA NIGHT ORLANDO 2013! (Admission: \$5.00)

Signature 2 Room, level 2

Join us for Salsa and Merengue group lessons being offered at 9:00 and 10:00; bring a partner or find one here. If you think you've got the best moves, show off at our dance competition at 11:00; cash bar. Fee benefits the NFB Spanish Translation Committee (Conchita Hernandez, Chairperson).



SATURDAY, JULY 6, 2013

8:00 - 8:45 am—DEVOTIONS—Salon 17, level 2

8:15 - 8:45 am—PREREGISTRATION PACKET PICKUP—Grand Ballroom Prefunction foyer, level 1

8:15 - 8:45 am—REGISTRATION (\$30)—*Final opportunity to register*—Grand Ballroom Prefunction foyer, level 1



GENERAL SESSION

9:00 am INVOCATION

9:05 am BRAILLE ENRICHMENT FOR LITERACY AND LEARNING (BELL):
CHANGING EDUCATIONAL EXPECTATIONS FOR THE BLIND OF
AMERICA

Moderator: Mark A. Riccobono, Executive Director, National
Federation of the Blind Jernigan Institute; Baltimore, Maryland

Sandy Halverson, President, National Association to Promote the
Use of Braille; Lead Coordinator, Virginia BELL Programs, National
Federation of the Blind of Virginia; Arlington, Virginia

Kayleigh Joiner, Junior, Stephen F. Austin State University;
Nacogdoches, Texas

Raveena Alli, Second Grader, Springdale Park Elementary School;
Atlanta, Georgia

9:30 am A TEACHER IN THE MOVEMENT WHO BELIEVED IN BLIND
CHILDREN AND TAUGHT THE LEGISLATURE TO SHARE HER
FAITH

Casey Robertson, Teacher of Blind Students; Hamilton, Mississippi

9:45 am ACCESSIBLE EDUCATION THAT WORKS: A COMMITMENT
FROM DESIRE2LEARN

Dennis Kavelman, Chief Operating Officer, Desire2Learn; Kitchener,
Ontario, Canada



SATURDAY, JULY 6, Continued

10:00 am VALUING THE TALENT OF DISABLED AMERICAN WORKERS:
ENDING SUBMINIMUM WAGE PAYMENTS

Moderator: Anil Lewis, Director of Advocacy and Policy, National Federation of the Blind; Baltimore, Maryland

Sheila Leigland, a worker at Goodwill being paid less than the minimum wage who escaped the exploitation; Great Falls, Montana

Serena Lowe, Senior Policy Advisor, Office of Disability Employment Policy, U.S. Department of Labor; Washington D.C.

Allison Wohl, Executive Director, The Collaboration to Promote Self Determination; Washington, D.C.

The Honorable Gregg Harper, United States House of Representatives, 3rd Congressional District; Mississippi

11:00 am LITERACY FOR THE BLIND WITHOUT BORDERS

Fredric K. Schroeder, Ph.D., Research Professor, Interwork Institute, San Diego State University Research Foundation; First Vice President, National Federation of the Blind; Vienna, Virginia

Scott LaBarre, Esq., LaBarre Law Offices; President, National Federation of the Blind of Colorado; Denver, Colorado

11:25 am CREATING OPPORTUNITY FOR THE BLIND OF THE UNITED KINGDOM, BUILDING PARTNERSHIPS WITH LIKE-MINDED BLINDNESS ORGANIZATIONS AROUND THE WORLD

Lesley-Anne Alexander, CEO, Royal National Institute of Blind People (RNIB); London, England, United Kingdom

11:45 am REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS

12:00 pm ADJOURN





SATURDAY, JULY 6, Continued

Noon - 1:45 pm—AMATEUR RADIO DIVISION BUSINESS MEETING
Salon 19, level 2; D. Curtis Willoughby (ka0vba), President

Noon - 1:45 pm—RAFFLES AND DRAWINGS
Salon 10, level 2

12:15 - 1:45 pm—NLS QUESTION-AND-ANSWER SESSION
Salon 9, level 2

A question-and-answer session with Karen Keninger, Director of the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, Library of Congress



GENERAL SESSION

2:00 pm CALL TO ORDER

2:05 pm A PARTNERSHIP WITH THE ORGANIZED BLIND MOVEMENT:
CREATING EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN THE
DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
Jan R. Frye, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Acquisition and
Logistics, Department of Veterans Affairs; Washington, D.C.

2:20 pm THE BLIND AT WORK IN AN UNUSUAL AND DEMANDING
PROFESSION
Cassandra McNabb-McKinney, Funeral Director and Embalmer;
President, National Federation of the Blind of New Hampshire;
Keene, New Hampshire

2:35 pm ACCESS FOR ALL: THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS IN THE 21ST
CENTURY
Roberta I. Shaffer, Associate Librarian for Library Services, The
Library of Congress; Washington, D.C.



SATURDAY, JULY 6, Continued

- 2:55 pm ON THE CUTTING EDGE: ACCESSIBLE TECHNOLOGY THAT PROVIDES GREATER OPPORTUNITY THAN EVER BEFORE IN HISTORY
Peter Chapman, President and CEO, Media Arc (a company incorporating K-NFB Reading Technology); Wellesley Hills, Massachusetts
- 3:10 pm AN ALTERNATE METHOD OF THOUGHT: ADDING POWER TO THE HUMAN MIND
Ray Kurzweil, Director of Engineering, Google Inc.; Mountain View, California
- 3:30 pm A COLLABORATION THAT ENHANCES OPPORTUNITY: THE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN PUBLISHERS AND THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF THE BLIND CHANGE POSSIBILITIES FOR LITERACY
Thomas H. Allen, President and CEO, Association of American Publishers; Washington, D.C.
- 3:50 pm A COMMITMENT TO EQUALITY OF OPPORTUNITY: A REPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
Eve L. Hill, Senior Counselor to the Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, United States Department of Justice; Washington, D.C.
- 4:10 pm DR. JACOB BOLOTIN AWARD
James Gashel, Chairperson, Dr. Jacob Bolotin Award Committee; Secretary, National Federation of the Blind; Denver, Colorado
- 4:45 pm REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS
- 5:00 pm ADJOURN





SATURDAY, JULY 6, Continued

7:00 pm—BANQUET

Grand Ballroom, level 1

INVOCATION

MASTER OF CEREMONIES: Fredric K. Schroeder

INTRODUCTIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

BANQUET ADDRESS: Marc Maurer

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

11:00 pm—SCIENCE FICTION MEETING

All persons interested in science fiction and fantasy are welcome to join in an open discussion. Please contact Ed Meskys for room location.

CONVENTION NOTES:

Note 1. A Federation Information Desk is in the registration area from Tuesday morning through Saturday if you have questions or need assistance. Members of the Florida affiliate are also available to provide assistance and hospitality throughout the convention.

Note 2. The Rosen Centre Hotel room rates are: singles and doubles, \$79; triples and quads, \$85. In addition to the room rates, there is a 13.5 percent tax. There is no charge for children under sixteen in the room with parents as long as no extra bed is required. Proof of convention registration is necessary, including the showing of an NFB registration badge if requested. Otherwise, regular hotel rates must be paid. This is a non-smoking hotel; smoking is permitted only at specified areas outside.

Note 3. Guide Dog Relief Areas: 1) use the exterior door just before the escalators on the west wall of the Grand Ballroom Prefunction Foyer; and 2) use the exterior door on the north wall just before the entrance to the Spa and Fitness Center (located west of the main Hotel entrance at the end of the east-west wing).

Note 4. All requests for announcements by President Maurer during General Sessions must be submitted in Braille.

Note 5. Raffle tickets will not be sold in the registration area, and no raffles or other such drawings will take place during convention sessions or at the banquet. The single exception will be that national divisions may (if they request it in advance) conduct drawings during the sessions or at the banquet. Groups or affiliates wishing to conduct their drawings (or any person wishing to know the winners) may go at noon on Saturday to Salon 10, level 2.

Note 6. Child-care for children between the ages of six weeks and twelve years is available during convention sessions, most meetings, and the banquet. Preregistration and payment by June 15 were required for child-care. Child-care is organized and supervised by Carla McQuillan, the executive director of Main Street Montessori Association. Alison McQuillan serves as the activities and staff coordinator. Please note that child-care services provides morning and afternoon snacks, but parents are required to provide lunch for their child(ren) every day. Times listed are the opening and closing times. A late fee of \$10 per quarter-hour per child will be assessed for late pickups. Child-care Services hours are:

Monday, 7/1	8:30 am to 12:30 pm and 1:30 to 5:30 pm
Tuesday, 7/2	Closed
Wednesday, 7/3	8:30 am to 12:30 pm and 1:30 to 5:30 pm
Thursday, 7/4	9:30 am to 12:30 pm and 1:30 to 5:30 pm
Friday, 7/5	8:30 am to 12:30 pm and 1:30 to 5:30 pm
Saturday, 7/6	8:30 am to 12:30 pm and 1:30 to 5:30 pm and
Banquet, 7/6	6:30 pm to 30 minutes after banquet ends

Note 7. Divisions, Committees, and Groups: The Federation carries on its business through affiliated divisions, committees, and groups listed below:

Divisions:

Agriculture and Equestrian: *Fred Chambers, President*
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 Communities of Faith, National Assoc. of the Blind in: *Tom Anderson, President*
 Computer Science, NFB in: *Curtis Chong, President*
 Deaf-Blind: *Burnell Brown, President*
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 Educators, National Org. of Blind: *Sheila Koenig, President*
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 Performing Arts: *Jordy Stringer, President*
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 Science and Engineering: *John Miller, President*
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 Travel and Tourism: *Cheryl Echevarria, President*
 Writers: *Robert Leslie Newman, President*
 Veterans, National Assoc. of Blind: *Dwight Sayer, President.*

Committees:

Ambassadors: *Angela Wolf, Chairperson*

Automobile and Pedestrian Safety, Committee on: *Deborah Kent Stein, Chairperson*

Blind Educator of the Year Award: *David Ticchi, Chairperson*

Cash and Caring (new): *Ramona Walhof, Chairperson*

Communications: *Robert Leslie Newman, Chairperson*

Distinguished Educator of Blind Children Award: *Cathy Jackson, Chairperson*

Employment: *Dick Davis, Chairperson*

Empower Underserved Populations, Committee to; *Ron Brown, Chairperson*

Genetic Education: *Barbara Pierce, Chairperson*

Imagination Fund: *Anil Lewis, Chairperson*

Jacobus tenBroek Award: *Ramona Walhof, Chairperson*

Jacobus tenBroek Memorial Fund: *Gary Mackenstadt, Chairperson; Joy Harris, Co-Chairperson*

Kenneth Jernigan Fund: *Allen Harris, Chairperson*

Library Services: *David Hyde, Chairperson*

Membership: *Ron Gardner, Chairperson*

Newel Perry Award: *Allen Harris, Chairperson*

PAC Plan: *Scott LaBarre, Chairperson; Carlos Serván, Garrick Scott, and Doug Trimble, Co-Chairpersons*

Promotion, Evaluation, and Advancement of Technology: *Gary Wunder, Chairperson*

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Scholarship: *Patti Gregory Chang, Chairperson*

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Spanish Translation: *Conchita Hernandez, Chairperson*

White Cane and Affiliate Finance: *Alpidio Rolón, Chairperson.*

Groups:

Blind Academics: *Adrienne Asch, Chairperson*

Blind Musicians: *Linda Mentink, Chairperson*

Blind Parents: *Deborah Kent Stein, Chairperson*

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NAVIGATING THE HOTEL:

Looking down from an airplane flying high above the Rosen Centre Hotel you would see a long tall structure oriented in a mostly east-west direction. It would appear to be very slightly V-shaped. Extending from the point of the 'V' you would see a long low structure oriented in a mostly north-south direction. Toward the south end of the low structure you would see a covered bridge about the length of a football field extending toward the west and connecting into the West Building of the Orange County Convention Center, a second very large low structure with a mostly east-west orientation. Your pilot might quibble a bit with you about your notions of north-south and east-west. If so, just tell the pilot that they will do quite nicely for navigation from the Hotel lobby to the Exhibit Hall, even though they might end you up on the wrong continent if you were flying across the Atlantic. So, put away your compass and enjoy the convention.

Back on the ground as you enter the Hotel through the revolving doors at the main entrance you will be facing south. You will be at about the center of the 24-story east-west wing of the Hotel. The main Hotel elevators will be directly ahead of you in a U-shaped elevator lobby. Slightly to your right (west) of the opening into the elevator lobby is the entrance to the long two-story north-south wing of the Hotel. Turning slightly to your left (east) takes you to the Hotel check-in desk, which is located on the south wall of the east-west wing. Opposite the Hotel check-in desk on the north wall of the east-west wing is the Bell Stand and the Concierge Desk.

All of the sleeping rooms are located in the 24-story east-west wing. The first three elevators on each side of the U-shaped elevator lobby serve floors 2 through 15. The last two elevators on each side serve floors 2 and 16 through 24. A short passageway on the west side of the elevator lobby between the third and fourth elevators serves as a shortcut between the elevator lobby and the north-south wing. It also serves as a convenient landmark to separate the low-floor elevators and the high-floor elevators. When you exit the elevator lobby on the sleeping room floors, the rooms ending in numbers 1 through 32 are east of the elevator lobby, and the sleeping rooms ending in numbers 33 through 64 are west of the elevator lobby.

West of the main entrance along the north wall of the east-west wing is Smooth Java, a full service coffee bar featuring Starbucks coffee. Beyond the coffee bar

across the end of the wing is the entrance to the Spa and Fitness Center. Just before the entrance to the Spa and Fitness Center is a door on the north wall to the outside. This door will be the most convenient way to reach one of the two dog relief areas at the Hotel. The Hotel gift shop is located on the south wall just before the Spa and Fitness Center.

All of the Hotel meeting rooms, restaurants, and other food and beverage areas are located in the two-story north-south wing. (There are a few meetings which will take place in Hotel hospitality suites, which are located on the second floor of the east-west wing.)

As you enter the north-south wing from the north end and head south, the large Lobby Bar which serves a variety of hot and cold foods as well as beverages is located on the west side. Beyond the Lobby Bar are many doors leading to the outside deck and pool area. On the east side is the 98Forty Tapas and Tequila Bar featuring forty premium tequilas and Spanish and Mexican specialties. Just beyond 98Forty is the Banshoo sushi bar followed by Red's Deli. This deli is open 24 hours a day and is a combination of convenience store and quick-service restaurant. The restaurant part of the operation opens at 6:30 am and continues until midnight, offering hot and cold deli-style sandwiches, salads, pizza, hot entrees, and desserts, either for dine-in or takeout to your room or the outside eating area near the pools. Continuing south beyond Red's Deli you will find the Hotel's two full service restaurants—Café Gaugin (which is open for breakfast, lunch, and dinner) and Everglades (which is open for dinner only).

Opposite the Everglades Restaurant you will find the Grand Staircase. Two separate curved flights merge into one on a landing and continue in a single flight to the second floor meeting rooms. When you enter the curved stairs from the lobby level you are heading west. The single flight from the landing reverses direction so that when you come off the stairway onto the second floor, you are facing east.

Continuing south beyond the Grand Staircase the floor surface changes from Terrazzo to carpet, and you enter the Ballroom Prefunction Foyer. (NFB preregistration, registration, banquet ticket sales, and Information Desk will be located here.)

Along the east side are seven sets of doors leading into the Grand Ballroom. Opposite the fifth set of doors are escalators and a staircase leading to the second floor meeting rooms and to the covered bridge walkway to the West Building of the Convention Center. The staircase is between the two escalators. The "up" escalator is on the west side of the staircase. The "down" escalator is on the east side of the staircase. Beyond the escalators and staircase is an

elevator to the second floor. Just before the escalators on the west wall of the Grand Ballroom Prefunction Foyer is an exterior door leading to another dog relief area.

The Junior Ballroom is located on the east side of the Prefunction Foyer just beyond the Grand Ballroom. There are two sets of doors into Section F of the Junior Ballroom followed by two sets of doors into Section G. The Executive Ballroom is opposite the Junior Ballroom on the west side of the Prefunction Foyer. We do not have any activities in the Executive Ballroom. The Prefunction Foyer ends with a door to the outside just beyond the Junior Ballroom.

The second floor meeting rooms consist of 24 salons numbered 1 through 24 and the Signature Two meeting room. Salons 1 through 12 are located along both sides of a U-shaped east-west corridor found immediately opposite the opening to the Grand Staircase. The numbering system begins with Salon 1 starting on the left (north) side of the corridor as you enter it continuing consecutively through Salon 6 on the north side, crossing over to Salon 7 on the south side and running back up the 'U' through Salon 12 on the south side of the "U," which is opposite Salon 1 at the entry point into the "U" on the north side.

Leaving the "U" you are facing west. Turning left (south) the first Salon on the east side of the north-south corridor is Salon 13. Salons 14 through 24 follow consecutively south along the east side of this corridor. If when leaving the "U" you turn right (north), you are headed toward the intersection of the north-south second floor meeting room corridor with the east-west corridor of the 24-floor sleeping room wing. Turning left (west) at this intersection takes you to a number of hospitality suite parlors, where some meetings are scheduled. The numbering system of the hospitality suites follows the same pattern as the numbering for sleeping rooms. Turning right (east) at the intersection takes you to the elevator lobby serving the sleeping rooms. All ten elevators in the main bank of elevators serving the sleeping rooms have a stop on the second floor.

Salons 13 through 24 are located directly above the Grand and Junior Ballrooms along the east side of a north-south corridor that is above the north-south Ballroom Prefunction Foyer. The escalators and staircase originating in the Ballroom Prefunction Foyer opposite the fifth set of Grand Ballroom doors terminate on this second floor corridor opposite Salon 19. Signature Two meeting room is located opposite Salon 17 west of the escalators and staircase. The entryway to the covered bridge to the Convention Center West Building is located west of these escalators. A Smooth Java Express coffee bar is located just before the beginning of the bridge.

The covered bridge walkway to the West Building of the Convention Center is 343 feet—slightly longer than the length of a football field. It connects to the second level of the West Building. You enter the West Building at the extreme east end of the West Concourse running from east to west. There will be food and beverages available for purchase from mobile concession stands located along the Concourse.

The doors to our Exhibit Hall and Independence Market are on the south side of the West Concourse at the point where you enter the Convention Center. We are using meeting rooms W202, W203, and W204 (each of which divides into three sections) on the north side of the Concourse. Further west beyond these meeting rooms there is a short balcony extending north from the main Concourse. We are using two meeting rooms W205 and W206 (each of which divides into three sections) which are located on the east and west sides of this balcony.

The full length of the West Concourse from east to west is a few feet more than a half mile. The Rosen Plaza Hotel is located just beyond the west end of the Concourse. The Exhibit Hall and meeting rooms we are using extend only about a fourth of the way along the Concourse toward the termination at the west end. It is possible to leave the Rosen Plaza Hotel, walk a short distance to an entry door to the second level of the West Concourse, walk the entire distance through the air-conditioned Concourse to the covered bridge walkway to the Rosen Centre Hotel, and travel across the walkway to the meeting room level of the Rosen Centre Hotel. The exterior doors of the Convention Center at the Rosen Plaza end will be open for entry from 6 am to 8 pm. The exterior doors of the Convention Center at the Rosen Centre end will be open for entry from 6 am to 11 pm. Doors at both ends will be open for exit 24 hours daily.

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