

**2020 STATE CONVENTION**

**Friday through Sunday, October 2 - 4, 2020**

***Virtual by Zoom***

***Anywhere and everywhere Florida***

**Please Note: This agenda is subject to change at any time without notice.**

# NFB PLEDGE

## I pledge to participate actively

**In the efforts of the National Federation of the Blind**

**To achieve Equality, Opportunity,**

**And Security for the blind;**

**To support the policies and programs of the Federation;**

**And to abide by its constitution.**

### **Important Convention Information**

# You must be registered for the Convention to WIN door prizes! Door prizes will be awarded at general sessions and at the banquet. You must be PRESENT in the session or on approved National Federation of the Blind of Florida business to receive a door prize.

**Captioning is available during resolutions, board meeting, general sessions, and banquet.**

**Zoom Shortcuts to help up navigate the convention**

**See a more comprehensive list at the end of the agenda**

**Phone and Keyboard Shortcuts**

**Phone (Dial-In) Shortcuts**

**\*6: Toggle mute/unmute**

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**Windows Keyboard Shortcuts**

**Alt + A: Mute/unmute audio**

**Alt + V: Start/stop video**

**Alt + Y: Raise/lower hand**

**Below are the principles of engagement which will be read twice during the convention. We will vote on the rules Saturday morning during general session.**

**Principles of Engagement**

**1. Every member in good standing who registered for the convention by September 4, 2020, will be offered an opportunity to enroll in the NFBFL2020 voting system. All voters must be enrolled by *September 16,2020, at 12:00 p.m. EDT.***

**2. All individuals who are members, are registered for the convention, and who opt into the voter enrollment system by the specified time, will constitute the pool of convention voters.**

**3. All voting will be done via SMS (text message) or by phone.**

**4. Any matter must receive 51 percent support of the votes cast by the convention voters present and voting in order to be affirmed.**

**5. Present and voting will mean the subset of convention voters who actually cast a vote on a given question. Thus, voters who are indifferent to a matter cannot block its consideration by the Convention by choosing not to cast a vote.**

**6. All votes will be allocated three minutes for vote time.**

**7. After three minutes, if the outcome to the question under consideration is unclear, or system fails, the chair will have members vote by raise of hands for a definitive outcome.**

**8. If voting indicates 75 percent support for or against a question prior to the three -minute period elapsing, the chair may elect to move to the next order of business.**

**9. An opportunity to practice voting will be offered in the Convention on a question that has no impact on the policy of the organization.**

**Motions and Nominations from the Floor**

**1. Only members registered and in good standings will be able to make motions, second motions, and nominate candidates from the floor during the Convention.**

**2. Should a member wish to make a motion or nominate a member for election by the Convention, members will raise hand to bring it forward.**

**Resolutions**

**1. Resolutions to be presented to the Convention must proceed through the resolutions committee process as usual.**

**2. Resolutions being recommended to the Convention by the committee will be posted to the web at**[**nfbflorida.org/resolutions**](https://www.nfb.org/libraries/civicrm/extern/url.php?u=17648&qid=3886722)**by 8:00 p.m. EDT or three hours after the committee meeting (whichever is later) on October 2, 2020.**

**3. Chapter delegations will be encouraged to discuss resolutions during the Convention prior to the vote on October 4, 2020.**

**4. Those wishing to speak for or against a resolution on the floor of the Convention must submit their interest in doing so by sending an email to**[**resolutions@nfbflorida.org**](mailto:resolutions@nfbflorida.org)**by 5:30 p.m. EDT on October 3, 2020. The email must contain the individual’s full name, chapter, the number of the resolution they wish to discuss, whether they are for or against the resolution, and a phone number where they can best be reached in case there is an issue with the Zoom platform.**

**5. Reminders will be given at each of the general sessions prior to the deadline regarding the above process.**

**6. In determining the amount of debate a resolution requires, the chair may use the Zoom polling option to get a sense of the crowd, ask the delegates for their feeling on cutting off the debate, or engage some other strategy outside of the voting system to gauge the sense of the Convention.**

**Meetings prior to convention:**

* **Presidents meeting: Sunday, September 27, 2020 @ 6 p.m. Meeting ID:** [**96591597644**](https://zoom.us/j/96591597644)**or**[**+16468769923,,96591597644#**](tel:+16468769923,,96591597644%23)
* **Rookie Round up & Zoom training & practice voting – Monday September 28, 2020 @ 8 p.m.**

**Meeting ID:** [**949 1581 6697**](https://zoom.us/j/94915816697)**or**[**+16468769923,,94915816697#**](tel:+16468769923,,94915816697%23)

* **Secretary Meeting: Tuesday, September 29, 2020 @ 8 pm**

**Meeting ID:** [**817 7661 9504**](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81776619504?pwd=THhaM3hDcUk0S1hua2NDZHVLcjhXZz09) **or +13126266799,,81776619504#**

* **Treasurer meetings: Wednesday, September 30, 2020 @ 8p.m.   
  Meeting ID:** [**817 5199 7445**](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81751997445?pwd=U0dHS0dIMlUxL0sxODZwblRHUW1FUT09) **Passcode: 245160**

**Hospitality Suite**

**Friday October 2, 2020 5:00 pm -7:00 pm,**

Meeting ID: [970 6308 8490](https://zoom.us/j/97063088490?pwd=N2RvdnF3Ty9jSmM1L29YMFNmOXFJQT09) or

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**Saturday, October 3, 2020 12pm -1pm,**

Meeting ID: [973 6589 4900](https://zoom.us/j/97365894900?pwd=S2FVb3hYQVRQbUtNbXJ0TVdYMUxvUT09) or

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**Sunday, October 4, 2020 12pm -1pm,**

Meeting ID: [968 9497 4630](https://zoom.us/j/96894974630?pwd=YTg2UitJNXdUY092b2ZTNVNLNytCUT09) or

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**Exhibit Hall**

# Rafael Fernandez, Coordinator

# Hours of operation:

# Friday, October 2, 2020

**We will showcase the exhibitors for one hour at 9am to 10am** [943 4387 2348](https://zoom.us/j/94343872348) **& 1pm to 2pm** [979 3915 3705](https://zoom.us/j/97939153705)**. The exhibitors are invited use their own zoom from 10am-12pm and 2pm-5pm.**

**BLIND, Inc. Discussion Forum Zoom Meeting**

**Time: Oct 2, 2020 9:00 AM EST – 12:00 PM EST**

**Meeting ID:** [**844 9865 4039**](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84498654039?pwd=VEp0NVdnYS9QNEU0UUpHM0dYLzBydz09)

**Passcode: 505687**

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**En-Vision America**

**Time: Oct 2, 2020 10:00 AM EST – 12:00 PM EST**

**Webinar ID:** [**899 4285 8405**](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89942858405?pwd=a01RMkd0d1lxZ0VHMDh1Y1RxWlJ2dz09)

**Passcode: 783012**

**Or iPhone one-tap: +13126266799,,89942858405#,,,,,,0#,,783012#**

**OrCam Technologies Zoom Meeting**

**Meeting ID:** [**883 7453 0444**](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88374530444)

**iPhone one-tap: US: +13126266799,,88374530444#**

**Friends of Library Access, Inc. Zoom Meeting**

**Time: Oct 2, 2020 09:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)**

**Meeting ID:** [**890 3628 6329**](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89036286329)

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**Southeastern Guide Dogs Zoom Meeting**

**Meeting ID:** [**249 114 7096**](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2491147096?pwd=dmF0RUthc2JOQlp0Qk4rZm5JeWlRUT09)

**Passcode: 433175**

**Florida Vision Technology Exhibit Zoom Meeting**

**Time: Oct 2, 2020 10:00 AM and 2pm Eastern Time**

**Meeting ID:** [**642 849 3083**](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6428493083?pwd=dFlqM1BTN3J6VnZFd3VjeDY3ZGJiZz09)

**Passcode: 8009815119**

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**Vanda Pharmaceuticals Exhibit Zoom Meeting**

**Time: Friday, October 2, 2020 at 9am**

**Meeting ID:** [**943 4387 2348**](https://zoom.us/j/94343872348)

**Time: Friday, October 2, 2020 at 1am**

**Meeting ID:** [**979 3915 3705**](https://zoom.us/j/97939153705)

**Or Join by Telephone: (213)2505700, Meeting ID: 315 629 4935 #**

**Emerald Coast vision aids**

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***Schedule of Convention Events***

### ***Friday, October 2, 2020***

### **9:00 am - 10:00 am Exhibit Hall**

**Meeting ID:** [943 4387 2348](https://zoom.us/j/94343872348)

### **1:00 pm - 2:00 pm Exhibit Hall**

**Meeting ID:** [979 3915 3705](https://zoom.us/j/97939153705)

### **5:00 pm Blind Inc, Rachel R. Kuntz, Resource Development Coordinator**

### **Meeting ID:** [924 7045 0987](https://zoom.us/j/92470450987)

**Come and learn more about what Blind Inc has to offer.**

### **6:00 pm - 6:50 pm Colorado Center for the Blind**

### **Julie Dedem, Executive Director, Colorado Center for the Blind**

**Meeting ID:** [928 6308 2926](https://zoom.us/j/92863082926) Passcode 2020

### **Come and hear two current Florida students as they share their experience attending Blind Inc. As well as learn more about what the center has to offer.**

### **7:00 pm - 7:50 pm NFB of Florida Resolutions** **Committee**

**Camille Tate, Chair, NFB of Florida Resolutions Committee**

**Meeting ID:** [818 257 2901](https://zoom.us/j/8182572901?pwd=MGl3QUpWSnZiUHFOaHdYaE1TeDhZZz09)

**Come and hear the 2020 resolutions that we will be voting on during general session Sunday, October 4, 2020.**

### **8:00 pm - 9:00 pm NFB of Florida Open Board Meeting**

**Denise Valkema, President, NFB of Florida**

**Meeting ID:** [818 257 2901](https://zoom.us/j/8182572901?pwd=MGl3QUpWSnZiUHFOaHdYaE1TeDhZZz09)

**Come and learn what the state affiliate has been doing, meet the 2020 student scholarship finalists, hear the Roll Call of chapters, learn more about our comedian fundraiser, get an update on our PAC status, and so much more.**

**10:00 pm - 11:00 pm NFB of Florida FABS**

**Jorge Hernandez, coordinator**

**Meeting ID:** [967 2593 4593](https://zoom.us/j/96725934593)

**Come and learn what the students are doing in Florida.**

***Saturday, October 3, 2020***

**8:00 am Communities of Faith**

**Marilyn Baldwin Co Chairman Communities of Faith Committee**

**Pastor Russel Zimmerman, LCMS Pastor, Bay City, Michigan**

**Meeting ID:** [998 0233 1842](https://zoom.us/j/99802331842)

### **8:30 am Tailgate with Russ and Paul**

**Meeting ID:** [818 257 2901](https://zoom.us/j/8182572901?pwd=MGl3QUpWSnZiUHFOaHdYaE1TeDhZZz09)

**Join early and hear different interviews and commentary with Russell Davis and Paul Martinez.**

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## General Session

### **9:30 am to 12:00 Noon**

**Meeting ID:** [818 257 2901](https://zoom.us/j/8182572901?pwd=MGl3QUpWSnZiUHFOaHdYaE1TeDhZZz09)

### **9:00 am Call to Order**

**Denise Valkema, President, NFB of Florida**

### **9:05 am Invocation**

**Pastor Kenneth Dew   
Every Nation Tallahassee   
Tallahassee, Florida**

### **9:10 am NFB Pledge and the Pledge of Allegiance**

**Donald Christie, Treasurer, Tallahassee Chapter**

### **9:15 am Greeting from Mayor’s Office**

### **9:20 am Opening Ceremonies**

### **9:30 am Report from our National Movement**

### **National Rep, Ever Lee Hairston, NFB Board of Directors**

**9:50 am Honoring Congressman Darren Soto, Florida District 9**

**10:00 am Transplants Save Lives**

**Ashley Moore, Life Link**

**10:10 am Staying Fit During the Pandemic**

### **Jessica Beachem, President,**

### **NFB Sports and Rec Division**

### **10:20 am** **The Joys of owning your own business Gloria Mills Hicks, Board Member, Tampa Chapter**

### **10:30 am Rehabilitation Center Update**

**Ed Hudson, Bureau Chief, Florida Division of Blind Services Rehabilitation Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired**

### **10:40 am Veterans Administration Services**

**Bruce Davis, Visual Impairment Services Team Coordinator, Gainesville VA Medical Services**

### **10:55 am What’s new with Spectrum**

### **Petr Kucheryavyy, Senior Manager, Accessibility Center of excellence**

### **11:10 am The Evolution of the Guide Dog Movement**

### **John Byfield, Guide Dog Trainer Extraordinaire**

### **11:20 am Building Bridges Through Collaboration Andrew Warren, State Attorney**

**13th Judicial Circuit Hillsborough County**

**11:30 am Carlton Walker, president NFBF Parents of Blind Children**

### **11:40 am Announcements & Adjournment**

## 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm Lunch Break – On your own

## *Saturday General Interest Seminars*

***1:00 pm to 5:00 pm***

### **1:00 pm - 2:50 pm NFB of Florida Deaf-Blind Division Meeting**

**Meeting ID:** [947 3866 6133](https://zoom.us/j/94738666133)

**We will introduce and listen to Mark Armstrong, Senior Adult Specialist at the Helen Keller National Center. He will discuss free services, equipment assistance and other services available to deaf blind Floridians from the Helen Keller Institute. There will be time for Mark Armstrong to answer relevant questions. NFBF Deaf Blind Division will conduct a business meeting and elect new officers.**

### **1:00 pm - 1:50 pm Technology Seminar**

**Rafael Fernandez, NFB of Florida Board of Directors**

**Meeting ID:** [963 8663 3123](https://zoom.us/j/96386633123)

**Want to learn how to make your home smart? Join us at our seminar to learn about the awesome new technology available to make your life a little easier.**

### **1:00 pm - 2:50 pm Health Seminar**

### **Yolanda Candelaria, TTS, Outreach Coordinator of Big Bend Area Health Education Center (AHEC) Tallahassee, Florida**

**Meeting ID:** [884 2830 1064](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88428301064?pwd=MUFZQit1THBqdVBObmg2ay9oVnVRZz09)

**Passcode: 2020**

**Come hear how you can live a healthy and fit life. Ms. Candelaria will share with us about diabetes, high blood pressure and much more.**

### **2:00 pm - 2:50 pm Blind Parents’ Group**

### **Nicole Finchan-Shehan, Chair**

### **Meeting ID:** [917 4606 3660](https://zoom.us/j/91746063660)

### **We invite and encourage all blind parents, grandparents or any blind individual who care for children or perspective blind parents to join us for this exciting hour for sharing tips and tricks to navigating life as a blind caregiver. Lisa Maria Martinez, Coordinator of the NFB Blind Parents Connect Group and a mother of three children will join us. We will discuss relevant topics for our members and what we will focus on next year. Please invite anyone who would like to learn and share information. I look forward to seeing you all at our Blind Parents Connect meeting!!!**

### **3:00 pm - 5:00 pm FLAGDU Seminar and Business Meeting**

**Merry Schoch, President**

**Meeting ID:** [869 0354 5242](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86903545242)

**Passcode: 50**

**Meet the new president of the National Association of Guide Dog Users. Come hear from the most experienced guide dog trainer in the world, John Byfield. Blind people can raise puppies to become guide dogs. General health information for your guide dog during a pandemic. Hear from guide dog training programs and how they work with the needs of seniors and other disabilities for those who are blind.**

### **3:00 pm - 5:00 pm Book Club, Camille Tate Chair, NFB of Florida Board of Directors**

**Debra Kent-Stein, Editor of Future Reflections Magazine**

### **Meeting ID:** [957 0575 3885](https://zoom.us/j/95705753885)

**We will be discussing *Building the Lives We Want*, a comprehensive history of the National Federation of the Blind.** **Debra Kent-Stein chiefly edited this work, along with contributions from members of the National Federation of the Blind, including past President, Dr. Marc Maurer. We will talk about the first three chapters of this book, but feel free to read it in its entirety!**

### **4:00 pm - 5:00 pm NFB of Florida Seniors Group**

### **Gloria Mills-Hicks, Chair**

### **Meeting ID:** [968 7007 9712](https://zoom.us/j/96870079712)

### **We will have a panel discussion on crime prevention including scam calls and how to look like you know where you are going.**

**5:00 pm - 7:00 pm History Project**

**Dan Hicks, Coordinator**

**Stay tuned on the general session zoom call to hear 50 years of history for the NFB Florida State Affiliate.**

### **Dinner - On your own**

### **8:00 pm - 10:00 pm Comedy Show with Moody McCarthy**

**By Reservation Only**

**Link to purchase tickets:**

[**Comedian Moody McCarthy Fundraiser**](https://checkout.square.site/pay/013f451f73324ae08acf9f30c3a91450)

**Moody is an American stand-up comedian who has made multiple network TV appearances. Come and laugh out loud.*****Sunday, October 3, 2020***

### **8:00 am Nominating Committee**

***Delegates only***

**Miranda Kilby, Nominating Committee Chair**

**Meeting ID:** [929 2256 5972](https://zoom.us/j/92922565972)

### **8:00 am Devotional by Communities of Faith Group, Marilyn Baldwin, Chair**

**Peggy Fleischer, Co Chairman Communities of Faith**

**Pastor Doug Hansard, Jacksonville, Florida**

**Meeting ID:** [994 0645 9707](https://zoom.us/j/99406459707)

## 8:30 am Tailgate with Russell Davis

**Meeting ID:** [818 257 2901](https://zoom.us/j/8182572901?pwd=MGl3QUpWSnZiUHFOaHdYaE1TeDhZZz09)

## General Business Session

**9:30 am to 12:00 pm**

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### **9:00 am Call to Order**

### **Denise Valkema, President, NFB of Florida**

### **9:03 am Invocation Cantor Tanya Greenblatt**

### **Cantor of Congregation Beth Am of Tampa**

### **9:08 am NFB Pledge**

**Yvonne Rosenelli, Board member, Tampa Bay Chapter**

### **9:10 am Talking Book Library**

### **James Woolyhand, Bureau Chief, Florida Braille and Talking Book Library**

### **9:20 am Celebrating 30 years of the Americans Disability Act Raquel Pancho, ADA Coordinator, Office of the Chief of Staff, City of Tampa**

### **9:30 am Legislation update**

### **Camille Tate and Merry Schoch, Legislative Committee Co-Chairs**

### **9:40 am NFB-Newsline® Report**

### **Russ Davis, Newsline® Chair**

### **9:45 am Division of Blind Services Report**

**Robert Doyle, Director, Florida Division of Blind Services**

### **10:00 am President’s Report**

### **Denise Valkema, President, NFB of Florida**

**10:20 am Treasurer’s Report**

**Merry Schoch, Treasurer, NFB of Florida**

### **10:25 am Resolutions**

**Camille Tate, Chair, NFB of Florida Board of Directors**

### **10:55 am Nominating Committee Report**

### **Miranda Kilby, Committee, Second Vice President, NFB of Florida**

### **11:00 am Elections**

### **Denise Valkema, President, NFB of Florida**

### **12:00 pm Announcements & Adjournment**

**12:00 pm - 1:00 pm Lunch Break – On your own**

## *Sunday General Interest Seminars*

***1:00 pm to 5:00 pm***

### **1:00 pm - 2:50 pm Shine Workshop (Medicare)**

**Meeting ID:** [949 9546 3254](https://zoom.us/j/94995463254)

**Learn a little more about Medicare with Jean Burkin from Shine This organization can aid all of those who have Medicare.**

### **1:00 pm - 2:50 pm Parents of Blind Children**

**NFB of Florida Parents of Blind Children**

**Cherice Togun, President, FPOBC**

**Meeting ID:** [985 2863 3733](https://zoom.us/j/98528633733)

### **Transition Journeys**

### **Join us as we discuss appropriate transition services for blind children in Florida. Special guest Carol Castellano, former president of the National Organization of Parents of Blind Children and a leader in the National Federation of the Blind of New Jersey will explore the basic services your local and state agencies should offer and provide tips on how to fill in any possible gaps in services. Ms. Castellano is the author of a multitude of books on the education of blind children and a proud mother. We will close with a parent panel available to answer participants’ questions or concerns regarding their transition journeys.**

### **3:00 pm - 4:00 pm Technology**

**Jorge Hernandez, NFB of Florida Board of Directors**

**Meeting ID:**  [944 5455 2592](https://zoom.us/j/94454552592)

**Learn what braille and a tablet can become when merged! The Braille Note Touch Plus is the most innovative and powerful note taker in the Assistive Technology spectrum. Designed to be used in the classroom, at home or at work, the ground-breaking Braille Note Touch Plus will be your guide through your journey using braille, text-to-speech and gestures to manipulate each application you install. Braille Note Touch Plus combines the simplicity and accessibility of a note taker with the power and efficiency of a computer, a modern smartphone or tablet creating an out-of-the-world learning experience. Come and learn what you can accomplish with today’s most exciting technological combination of braille, speech and touch gestures.**

### **4:00 pm – 5:00 pm NFB of Florida Diversity and Inclusion**

**Marilyn Baldwin, Group Chair**

**Meeting ID:** [930 6684 2063](https://zoom.us/j/93066842063?pwd=N2NMeFYwekt0NEVPUTJaSUpjVWIxQT09)

**Two presentations by blind businessmen about Cultural Diversity and Race Relationships In their everyday life. Mr. Enrique Olio is an immigrant from Nicaragua, who is a motivational speaker, and a language interpreter for the Public Defender’s Office. He is also a Broadcast Color Analysts. Mr. Shawn Callaway is a member of our National NFB Board of Directors and Co Chairman of the Diversity and Inclusion Committee of the National Federation of the Blind. All are welcome to attend.**

### **3:00 pm - 5:00 pm NFB of Florida Legislation Committee**

### **Merry Schoch and Camille Tate, Co-Chairs, NFB of Florida Board of Directors**

**Meeting ID:** [918 2732 0459](https://zoom.us/j/91827320459?pwd=T2d4Y2JkbUFWbEJReUp5bmQ0bXJWZz09)

### **Come and join our Legislative Committee to learn about the legislative efforts of the National Federation of the blind and the National Federation of the Blind of Florida. We will talk about the happenings on a national front and the work we are doing in Florida.**

**6:30 pm Tailgate with Russell Davis**

**Meeting ID:** [818 257 2901](https://zoom.us/j/8182572901?pwd=MGl3QUpWSnZiUHFOaHdYaE1TeDhZZz09)

## *Convention Banquet*

***Sunday, October 3, 2020***

**7:00 pm to 9:00 pm**

**Meeting ID:** [818 257 2901](https://zoom.us/j/8182572901?pwd=MGl3QUpWSnZiUHFOaHdYaE1TeDhZZz09)

### **7:00 pm Call to Order and Remarks**

**Denise Valkema, President, NFB of Florida**

### **7:05 pm Welcome and Introductions**

**Paul Martinez and Russ Davis, Masters of Ceremonies**

### **7:10 pm Invocation**

**James E. Young, Tallahassee Chapter Board of Directors**

### **7:15 pm Keynote Address**

**Ever Lee Harrison, Board of Directors, National Federation of the Blind,**

### **8:10 pm Presentation of 2020 Scholarship Winners**

**Merry Schoch, Chair, NFB of Florida 2020 Scholarship Committee Chair**

### **8:40 pm Awards**

**Sylvia Young, Committee Chair**

**Merry Schoch, Thomas F Davis Award**

### **9:00 pm Announcements & Adjournment**

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## *Convention Sponsors and Exhibitors*

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**Florida Vision Technology**

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**The National Federation of the Blind of Florida thanks the Tampa and Tallahassee Chapters, the 2020 Convention Planning Committee, and everyone else for their dedication and hard work organizing the 2020 state convention. On behalf of the National Federation of the blind of Florida, we thank you for joining us at our 2020 state convention. We would like to acknowledge all our sponsors for their generous donations which made the 2020 state convention a great success, as well as everyone who contributed to the development process. The NFB OF FLORIDA also extends our appreciation to President Mark Riccobono and the Jernigan Institute for all their support throughout the year. We look forward to continuing to work with all of you in 2020.**

**Let’s Go build the Federation!**

**Sincerely,**

**Denise Valkema, President**

**National Federation of the Blind of Florida**

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**Zoom Information**

**Phone and Keyboard Shortcuts**

**Phone (Dial-In) Shortcuts**

**\*6: Toggle mute/unmute**

**\*9: Raise hand**

**Windows Keyboard Shortcuts**

**Alt + A: Mute/unmute audio**

**Alt + V: Start/stop video**

**Alt + Y: Raise/lower hand**

**Ctrl + T: Jump to chat with someone**

**Ctrl + W: Close current chat session**

**Mac Keyboard Shortcuts**

**Command + Shift + A: Mute/unmute audio**

**Space: Push to talk**

**Command + Shift + V: Start/stop video**

**Option + Y: Raise hand/lower hand**

**Command + K: Jump to chat with someone**

**\*A full list of keyboard shortcuts can be found on the Zoom website.**

**Tips and Tricks**

**“The Room is Zoom: An Overview for Many of the National Convention Sessions” (July 2020 Braille Monitor article)**

**Meet Me in the Cloud (audiobook that provides an accessible tutorial of the Zoom platform)**

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**JAWS and Zoom Scripts**

**There are recent updated scripts to help with Zoom for anyone running into issues with JAWS 2020. JAWS 2019 does not have Zoom script support provided by Freedom Scientific and users will need to use the speech on demand feature, which is a toggle using Insert+Space followed by S, to suppress zoom alerts. For JAWS 2020, copy the ZoomSoftware.jsb file into your JAWS 2020 settings folder (see instructions below if that folder’s location is a mystery), paste the file into your JAWS setting folder, and you are almost finished.**

**Restart JAWS and Zoom and everything should work! Here are a few important additional details that everyone using JAWS and Zoom together will need to take note of:**

**Make sure both Windows and the Zoom desktop app are up to date.**

**IMPORTANT! When you’re in Zoom you’ll notice when you press ALT+H, and the chat window is toggled open, you’ll hear notifications, but if the chat window is closed you won’t get the chat notifications.**

**With the chat window toggled open you can then use ALT+WINDOWS+S to mute notifications**

**For older versions of JAWS, users can download Bryan Hartgen’s scripts, but we can’t speak to their functionality.**

**In the absence of scripts users can also mute notifications by temporarily using INSERT+SPACEBAR, S, to toggle on speech on demand; this will keep JAWS from speaking while someone is listening to a Zoom presentation.**

**To quickly open your JAWS settings folder:**

**Press INSERT+J to move focus to the JAWS user interface**

**Press U for utilities or alt+U if you’re in the virtual viewer.**

**Press X for Explore Utilities**

**A windows explorer window will open, open the folder called ‘Explore my JAWS settings’**

**This is where you will paste the attached .JSB file.**