# National Federation of the Blind of Montana

# 2021 State Convention

# Saturday, September 25, 2021

# Virtual Meeting Conducted Via Zoom

# 9:00 AM-5:00 PM

## Ninth Annual NFB of Montana Convention

## Theme: The Shape of Things to Come

https://www.nfbofmt.org/2021convention.html

9:00 AM-Noon

Call to Order and Welcome: Jim Marks

National Anthem: Sheila Leigland

Pledge of Allegiance: Jim Aldrich

Pledge of the National Federation of the Blind: Bruce Breslauer

Invocation: Edward Robbins

Introduction of the NFB-MT Board of Directors: President Jim Marks, First Vice-President Joy Breslauer, Second Vice-President Sheila Leigland, Secretary Robert Jaquiss, Treasurer Edward Robbins, and Board Members Jim Aldrich, Bruce Breslauer, Linda Hurlock and Denise Moses

National Report: Kathryn Webster, National Representative

Minutes of 2020 Convention-Robert Jaquiss

Treasurer's Report, Ted Robbins

President Report: Jim Marks

Resolutions: Resolutions Committee Chair Joy Breslauer

Elections: Nominations Committee Chairman Rik James

Appointment of Delegate and Alternate Delegate to 2022 Washington Seminar: Jim Marks

Appointment of Delegate and Alternate Delegate to 2022 National Convention: Jim Marks

Chapter and Committee Reports: Great Falls Chapter President Sheila Leigland, Treasure State Chapter President Rik James, Yellowstone County Chapter Jim Marks, and Committee Reports by Committee Chairpersons as Time Allows

### Noon-1:00 PM:

Lunch on your Own. Note that the Zoom conference line will remain open during lunch, but no content or monitoring will occur during the lunch hour. Conventioneers are welcome to chat with one another during this lunch break.

### 1:00-2:00 PM:

Panel Discussion: Of Doctor's Offices and Uninvited Prayers. Moderator Joy Breslauer. Speakers Sheila Leigland, Bruce Breslauer, and James Aldrich.

### 2:00-2:20PM:

Bookshare and One Million Books. George Kerscher, Benetech and DAISY Consortium

### 2:20-2:30 PM:

NFB Newsline Update. Jim Marks, President and Samantha Chase and Robert Jaquiss, Montana NFB

Newsline Coordinators

### 2:30-2:45 PM:

Tactile Loan Library, Robert Jaquiss

### 2:45-3:00 PM:

Montana Talking Books Library Update: Marilyn Bennett, Outreach and Digital Resources Librarian, Montana State Library

### 3:00-3:15 PM:

Break

### 3:15-3:20 PM:

PAC Plan, Ted Robbins

### 3:20-3:40 PM:

Blind and Low Vision Services Update, Darrel Hannum, Bureau Chief

### 3:40-4:00 PM:

Montana School for the Deaf and Blind: Paul Furthmyre, Interim Superintendent

### 4:00-4:30 PM:

Keynote Address, Kathryn Webster, NFB National Representative

### 4:30-4:45

Appreciations and Recognitions

### 4:45-5:00 PM:

Closing Remarks and Unfinished Business: NFB of MT President Jim Marks

Auction of Magic with Speech

Next Year's NFB-MT Convention Location

Grand Door Prize Drawing for an all-expenses-paid trip to next year's Treasure State convention if it is not virtual, plus $200.00 spending money.

Adjourn

### Additional Information:

Please become a member of the NFB of Montana. Dues are $5 per year or $100 for a lifetime membership. To pay dues or to make a donation to the NFB of Montana, please visit our webpage and follow the links to make payments online through PayPal. The website is:

www.nfbofmt.org

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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.