Greetings,

Day two of our 2021 National Convention and I hope everyone had a fun and knowledgeable day yesterday. For your convenience you will be receiving a daily email containing that date's agenda pasted in the body of the email and attached as a word document including Zoom ID’s, dial-in numbers if you're dialing in; no passcodes are required.

I would strongly recommend saving dial-in and voting numbers as a contact or to your mobile devices or landline phone book. I have used heading 1 and heading 2 for easy JAWS navigation.

For everything convention related visit our convention webpage at
[National Convention | National Federation of the Blind (nfb.org)](https://nfb.org/get-involved/national-convention)

# Dial-in Numbers:

408-638-0968 (San Jose)

669-900-6833 (San Jose)

253-215-8782 (Tacoma)

346-248-7799 (Houston)

301-715-8592 (Washington DC)

312-626-6799 (Chicago)

646-876-9923 (New York)

# Presidential Suite

For a second year, the Presidential Suite will be in a Zoom room, accessed by connecting to <https://zoom.us/j/2235173348>. You will be able to leave a message with the host for Mark Riccobono, the elected President of the National Federation of the Blind. We will also have some limited opportunities for individuals or groups to schedule appointments to speak with him. Let the host know you would like to schedule a meeting and leave your contact information so we can reach you with the appointment time.

Also, come mingle with other members in the Presidential Suite. A host will be available to greet visitors, virtual meeting rooms will be available for Federation members to talk to one other, and Federation leaders will be available to answer questions and to make connections within the resource network of the movement. The host will place you in a room when you arrive in the suite. (Sorry, no popcorn or M&Ms provided.)

Presidential Suite hours are:
Wednesday: 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. | 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
Thursday: 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. | 5:00 to 6:30 p.m.
Friday: 9:00 to 10:45 a.m.
Saturday: 9:00 a.m. to12:00 p.m.

Presidential Suite Zoom Meeting ID:
223 517 3348

Presidential Suite Zoom Link:
<https://zoom.us/j/2235173348>

# Convention voting number:

667-206-6677

# EXHIBIT HALL

The Exhibit Hall at the national convention is always an exciting space to check out the latest technology and many other products and services of interest to the blind community. In a virtual environment, the exhibit hall experience will be different than it is in person, but there are many ways to connect, ask questions, and learn something new.

All attendees are encouraged to visit <https://crowd.cc/nfb21> (after June 25) where you will find many familiar and some new exhibitors. View their profiles at any time. Interact during the exhibit hall hours of operation. A list of exhibitors is available on our convention webpage, <https://nfb.org/convention>.

**Exhibit Hall hours of operation are**:
Wednesday: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Thursday: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Friday:9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
Saturday: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

# INDEPENDENCE MARKET

As with the Exhibit Hall, you cannot visit the NFB Independence Market in person. However, the Market will continue to accept phone orders during convention and has extended hours to reflect our multiple-time-zone convention schedule this year.

**Independence Market hours of operation are**:
Tuesday: 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday: 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Thursday: 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Friday: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Saturday: Closed

## Wednesday, July 7

## 10:00 - 11:00 AM—JAWS POWER TIPS

## Zoom meeting ID: [998 1309 2164](https://zoom.us/j/99813092164)

Join us as we cover the most popular JAWS power tips—each finely tuned for optimal productivity, breaking down into step-by-step actions that come together and perform some of the most powerful tasks. We’ll also share free training resources at freedomscientific.com/Training.

Matt Ater, VP, Software Products, Vispero; Rachel Buchanan, Product Manager, Training, Vispero; and Elizabeth Whitaker, Technical Trainer, Vispero

## 10:00 - 11:30 AM—GET CONNECTED IN YOUR EMPLOYMENT SEARCH

## Zoom meeting ID: [938 6932 2369](https://zoom.us/j/93869322369)

Are you looking for employment? Do you want to enhance your employability? Do you want to learn about assistive technology? The Chicago Lighthouse has an educated and experienced team that can offer a variety of programs to prepare you for employment.
Martha Younger-White, Senior Vice President, Employment & Rehabilitation Services, Chicago Lighthouse

## 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM—INCLUSIVE LEARNING THROUGH INCLUSIVE DESIGN

## Zoom meeting ID: [79 0944 5232](https://zoom.us/j/97909445232)

Inclusive design is about recognizing the diverse needs of users and designing to meet those needs. At D2L we include people using diverse assistive technologies and having diverse access needs in our research and design process to ensure that everyone can use our learning platform.
Sam Chandrashekar, Accessibility Lead, D2L, and Carin Headrick, Accessibility Test Strategist, D2L

## 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM—UPWARD MOBILITY SEMINAR

## Zoom meeting ID: [925 6111 1019](https://zoom.us/j/92561111019)

Learning and growth are both keys to human advancement. Don’t settle for a future (or a present) that’s limited. This seminar will provide you with tools to help you live the life you want and have fun doing it.
Sponsored by the NFB Employment Committee.
Dick Davis, Chair

## 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM—MUJERES OF THE FEDERATION

## Zoom meeting ID: [943 5570 3405](https://zoom.us/j/94355703405)

Come learn about cultural considerations regarding those who belong to this cultural group. Learn and be inspired by members and leaders. What steps can be taken to help Spanish speakers feel included into the Federation? How can we work on culturally appropriate outreach?
Rosy Carranza and Kenia Flores, Co-Facilitators

## 12:00 - 1:30 PM—TIPS FOR BUILDING A JOURNALISM CAREER

## Zoom meeting ID:[919 4139 8845](https://zoom.us/j/91941398845%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank)

Come join the Blind Professional Journalists Group as we discuss how we work in an exciting, dynamic profession. Let’s exchange ideas on technology and blindness skills to help us move forward.
Elizabeth Campbell, Chair

## 12:00 - 1:30 PM—BUILDING FINANCIAL RESILIENCE WITH ABLE

## Zoom meeting ID: [985 2508 8541](https://zoom.us/j/98525088541)

In this session, experts on ABLE, including ABLE account holders, will introduce you to ABLE accounts, discuss common misperceptions, and provide suggestions and resources for leveraging ABLE to improve your financial resiliency.
Bonnie Wallace, Wells Fargo, and Michael Morris, National Disability Institute

## 12:00 - 1:30 PM—NFB JERNIGAN INSTITUTE TOUR

## Zoom meeting ID: [951 0732 8515](https://zoom.us/j/95107328515)

This unique tour will be conducted by Mary Ellen Jernigan and Dr. Marc Maurer, who were involved before there was a Jernigan Institute. They worked with Dr. Jernigan and will share stories about the vision, development, and growth of the NFB National Center for the Blind.

## 12:00 - 1:45 PM—NOPBC BREAKOUTS

12:00 - 12:45 PM—NOPBC Concurrent Workshops, Session III

**What Are JAWS, Zoomtext, and Fusion Anyway?**

Zoom meeting ID: [984 6579 3370](https://zoom.us/j/98465793370)

**A New Generation of Braille Display: the Brailliant BI 20 and 40X**

Zoom meeting ID: [953 5779 3909](https://zoom.us/j/95357793909)

**What Is Structured Discovery?**

Zoom meeting ID: [944 3380 1222](https://zoom.us/j/94433801222)

**“Excuse Me, Blind Person”—Questions and Answers**

Zoom meeting ID: [967 6871 9867](https://zoom.us/j/96768719867)

**Paving the Way for Community Activities from Infancy to High School**

Zoom meeting ID: [992 5256 0598](https://zoom.us/j/99252560598)

1:45 PM—NOPBC Concurrent Workshops, Session IV

**Be My Eyes, Aira, Seeing AI, and More**

Zoom meeting ID: [940 9836 8715](https://zoom.us/j/94098368715)

**The QBraille XL from HIMS and What Sets It Apart**

Zoom meeting ID: [927 0824 9609](https://zoom.us/j/92708249609)

**Learning Shades: Helping Parents Learn and Teach Nonvisual Skills**

Zoom meeting ID: [916 7876 3307](https://zoom.us/j/91678763307)

**Tackling Mixed Messages Blind Kids Receive from a Sighted World**

Zoom meeting ID: [929 7962 5847](https://zoom.us/j/92979625847)

**How Braille Can Benefit All Children Who Have Low Vision**

Zoom meeting ID: [992 3453 6820](https://zoom.us/j/99234536820)

## 12:00 - 2:00 PM—NOPBC YOUTH TRACK SESSIONS

## Registration required. Email president@nopbc.orgfor details.

## 12:30 - 1:30 PM—SAFETY AND SUPPORT TRAINING: INCLUSION AND SAFETY

## Zoom meeting ID: [664 561 4114](https://zoom.us/j/6645614114)

Creating a culture that is safe and inclusive for all blind people takes intentionality and commitment from each person at every level of an organization. Learn strategies and approaches for navigating difficult conversations with empathy, openness, compassion, and trauma-informed support.
Sponsored by the NFB Survivor Task Force.

## 12:30 - 1:30 PM—ACCESSIBLE PRESCRIPTION LABEL LEGISLATION

## Zoom meeting ID: [995 9072 7916](https://zoom.us/j/99590727916)

Find out about the current state of accessible prescription labeling legislation, what states have passed and have pending legislation, and how you can get legislation passed in your state.
Sharla Glass, Public Policy and Community Outreach Liaison, Envision America

## 12:30 - 1:30 PM—LEADER DOGS FOR THE BLIND

## Zoom meeting ID: [954 7103 5017](https://zoom.us/j/95471035017)

We’re more than just dogs! Join us as we discuss the free programs and services that Leader Dog has to offer including guide dog training, orientation and mobility, a summer experience camp for teens, and our new virtual learning opportunities.

Leslie Hoskins, Outreach Services and Community Engagement Manager, Leader Dogs for the Blind

## 12:30 - 1:30 PM—HUMANWARE’S LOW VISION AND VR TREK SHOWCASE

## Zoom meeting ID: [930 3557 1926](https://zoom.us/j/93035571926)

Explore HumanWare’s low-vision portfolio starting with the Reveal 16 and the Explore magnifiers. Be excited with a sneak preview of its soon-to-be-released new family member. Finally, learn how to easily manage maps online and explore anywhere with the Victor Reader Trek.
Eric Beauchamp, Director of Product Management, HumanWare; Roger Steinberg, Low Vision Product Manager, HumanWare; and Peter Tucic, Brand Ambassador of Blindness Products, HumanWare

## 12:30 - 1:30 PM—AIRA ROADMAP: WHAT’S NEW AND WHAT’S COMING

## Zoom meeting ID: [979 3252 5705](https://zoom.us/j/97932525705)

Come hear from Aira’s Product Manager and UX designer about what has been happening behind the scenes at Aira and find out what you can expect in the next twelve months. You will also get to meet our engineering team and ask any questions you may have about our product.
Ryan Bishop, Product Manager, Aira

## 2:00 - 4:30 PM—NFB BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING (Open to All)

## Zoom meeting ID: [945 1453 3422](https://zoom.us/j/94514533422)

## 5:00 PM—RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

## Zoom meeting ID: [945 1453 3422](https://zoom.us/j/94514533422)

Sharon Maneki, Chair

## 5:00 - 6:00 PM—CHROME AND CHROME OS ACCESSIBILITY UPDATES

## Zoom meeting ID: [993 4503 0189](https://zoom.us/j/99345030189)

Get the latest on Chromebook accessibility, including new ChromeVox tutorials. Hear what's new with Chrome browser accessibility on all platforms, including improved Live Caption and learn more about automatic image descriptions which is now on Chrome on Android.
Akihiro Ota, Cynthia Shelley, and Kara Booker, Google

## 5:00 - 6:30 PM—NOPBC YOUTH TRACK SESSIONS

## Registration required. Email president@nopbc.org for details.

## 5:00 - 7:00 PM—RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

## Zoom meeting ID: [917 6999 9720](https://zoom.us/j/91769999720)

Technology is omnipresent in our lives. While it is invaluable in education and employment, the blind are still excluded from many products. Hear about new advances and discuss how to influence developers to include accessibility in their offerings.
Brian Buhrow, Chair

## 5:00 - 7:00 PM—FUTURE OF VOTING

## Zoom meeting ID: [925 1467 5511](https://zoom.us/j/92514675511)

Join us for three panel discussions focused on mobile voting:
Increasing Voting Accessibility through Mobile Voting moderated by Bradley Tusk, CEO, Tusk Philanthropies
The Fight to Expand Access to Mobile Voting for Voters with Disabilities moderated by Jocelyn Bucaro, Director, Mobile Voting Project
Case Study - Piloting Mobile Voting for Voters with Disabilities in Utah County moderated by Jocelyn Bucaro, Director, Mobile Voting Project

## 5:00 - 7:00 PM—SPECTRUM ACCESSIBILITY Q&A

## Zoom meeting ID: [954 8266 2286](https://zoom.us/j/95482662286)

Please join Petr Kucheryavyy from Spectrum’s Accessibility Center of Excellence for an open house Q&A session. You can come with specific accessibility questions or simply stop by to ask what the current accessibility features and offerings are at Spectrum.
Petr Kucheryavyy, Spectrum

## 6:00 - 7:00 PM—INDEPENDENCE SCIENCE: SCIENCE FOR THE SENSES

## Zoom meeting ID: [979 2324 2879](https://zoom.us/j/97923242879)

Come learn about Independence Science’s new product offerings and experience some science experiments you can do from the comfort of your own home or in class.
Michael Hingson, Lead Spokesperson, Independence Science, and Ashley Neybert, Lead Curriculum Design Specialist, Independence Science

## 6:00 - 8:00 PM—CULTIVATING THE EXPERIENCES OF REFUGEES AND IMMIGRANTS

## Zoom meeting ID: [946 1747 8857](https://zoom.us/j/94617478857)

Learn about the lives of refugee and immigrants. This is an open forum for those to learn more about personal experiences and finding support from other members.
Abdi Munin, Yasmin Reyazuddin, and Amir Abdolrahimi, Moderators

## 6:00 - 9:00 PM—NFB LEGAL OFFICE HOURS

Meet with a disability rights attorney to discuss blindness discrimination concerns regarding employment, technology, education, voting, travel, COVID vaccinations, housing, parental rights, and more. Schedule your appointment by emailing vyingling@nfb.org.

## 7:00 - 8:00 PM—FAMILY FEUD: BLIND, INC. STYLE

## Zoom meeting ID: [988 8892 8510](https://zoom.us/j/98888928510)

Survey says this will be a good time! Learn about what makes BLIND, Inc. a good answer to getting blindness skills training as our two groups go head-to-head in this fast-paced introduction to our training center.
Jennifer Kennedy, Executive Director

## 7:00 - 8:00 PM—IS A GUIDE DOG RIGHT FOR ME?

## Zoom meeting ID: [978 2593 6501](https://zoom.us/j/97825936501)

Have you ever wondered if a guide dog was the right choice for your mobility? Join Guide Dog Foundation for the Blind staff for an introductory presentation on what a guide dog can do, the characteristics of a successful guide dog handler, and our programs.
Lauren Berglund, Consumer Relations Coordinator, Guide Dog Foundation

## 7:00 - 8:00 PM—GET HIRED – TALENT NETWORK

## Zoom meeting ID: [956 8416 2853](https://zoom.us/j/95684162853)

The Workforce Innovation Center talent network allows interested job seekers who are blind or low vision to gain access to the latest job opportunities, events, training sessions, and other career-related information.
Mika Pyyhkala, Director of Digital Accessibility, Envision

## 7:00 - 8:00 PM—WHAT’S NEW WITH THE COLLEGE SUCCESS PROGRAM?

## Zoom meeting ID: [976 3815 9477](https://zoom.us/j/97638159477)

Join program director, Mary Alexander, program staff and mentors, Rachel Grider and Dezman Jackson, to get an overview of the impact of the CSP and to find out what’s been happening over the past year.
Mary Alexander, National Director, Initiatives for the Blind, Learning Ally

## 7:00 - 8:00 PM—NOPBC YOUTH TRACK SESSIONS

## Registration required. Email president@nopbc.org for details.

## 7:00 - 9:00 PM—NFB LGBTQIA+ GROUP

## Zoom meeting ID: [959 0828 9838](https://zoom.us/j/95908289838)

Please join us for discussions on intersectionality, coming out, presentation in the workplace, how to be an ally, and more. All are welcome.
Sanho Steele-Louchart, Chair

## 7:00 - 9:00 PM—COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

## Zoom meeting ID: [933 4584 3557](https://zoom.us/j/93345843557)

Join together with chapter, affiliate, and division leaders to learn best practices in communications. We’ll explore the tools available to us through our national office and exchange ideas. Learn to effectively use communication to build the Federation.
Liz Wisecarver, Chair

## 8:00 - 11:00 PM—NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BLIND STUDENTS (NABS) ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

## Zoom meeting ID: [940 3595 6213](https://zoom.us/j/94035956213)

We invite all students, avid learners, and allies to join us for our annual national student division business meeting! Register below to reflect on this crazy, unique year of virtual learning and look forward to the months ahead.
<https://forms.gle/D9jKCUTPt6HfPKUK8>.
Trisha Kulkarni, President

## 8:30 - 10:30 PM—STATE DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION OPEN FORUM

## Zoom meeting ID: [956 8868 5218](https://zoom.us/j/95688685218)

Are you interested in hearing about or sharing about affiliate committees for diversity, equity, and inclusion? Come to this open forum where affiliates that currently have committees will discuss them.
Shawn Callaway, Facilitator