Greetings,

Day three of our 2021 National Convention and I hope everyone is taking advantage of all the great workshops being offered. Today we have division meetings to look forward to and so much more. 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)

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301-715-8592 (Washington DC)

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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:
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:
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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**:
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**:
Thursday: 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Friday: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Saturday: Closed

## Thursday, July 8

## 10:00 - 11:00 AM—APH: OUR HIGH-TECH BRAILLE JOURNEY CONTINUES

## Zoom meeting ID: [954 6551 5159](https://zoom.us/j/95465515159)

APH made several significant announcements about its Braille product portfolio in early 2020. What followed was an unforgettable year of Braille innovation in a year best forgotten. Join us and learn about our innovative journey, the year that was, and the year that is to come.
Greg Stilson, Director, Global Innovation, American Printing House

## 10:00 - 11:00 AM—THE ART OF NSITE

## Zoom meeting ID: [933 7362 7283](https://zoom.us/j/93373627283)

This session will provide insight into how discovery, creativity, innovation, and entrepreneurship become the catalysts to strengthening workforce opportunities for people who are blind or visually impaired; and how mutualistic growth and replication can reduce unemployment.
Jonathan Lucus, NSITE

## 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM—NFB-NEWSLINE® SUPERHIGHWAY TO INFORMATION

## Zoom meeting ID: [987 8331 3084](https://zoom.us/j/98783313084)

Learn about a tool for information success, NFB-NEWSLINE Mobile 3.0. We will review new features, such as new article presentation, my queue, article sharing on social media, and KNFB Reader Basic. Share your ideas for new features and content with NFB-NEWSLINE staff.

## 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM—COMMITTEE FOR ADVANCEMENT AND PROMOTION OF BRAILLE

## Zoom meeting ID: [970 4340 1206](https://zoom.us/j/97043401206)

The committee will discuss developments in the teaching and delivery of Braille, research priorities, Braille-related policy, strategies for bringing improvements where needed, and resources and activities across our organization. All are welcome!
Jennifer Dunnam, Chair

## 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM—EMPLOYMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

## Zoom meeting ID: [955 7953 2854](https://zoom.us/j/95579532854)

The annual meeting of the NFB Employment Committee will address current initiatives, NFB member and job seeker needs, and future plans. Everyone is welcome!
Dick Davis, Chair

## 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM—APH’S QUEST FOR THE HOLY BRAILLE

## Zoom meeting ID: [917 2372 8256](https://zoom.us/j/91723728256)

Join APH on the Quest for the Dynamic Tactile Device. This session will investigate the history behind the initiative, our goals, and how you can get involved. We will also explore the global efforts to update electronic book standards to support this revolutionary tool.
Greg Stilson, Director, Global Innovation, American Printing House

## 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM—DIGITAL ACCESSIBILITY INSIGHTS FROM THE OFFICE OF CIVIL RIGHTS (OCR)

## Zoom meeting ID: [999 8147 7825](https://zoom.us/j/99981477825)

Hear directly from top enforcement officials, including the acting assistant secretary for the Office of Civil Rights, on OCR’s digital accessibility work. Learn how OCR resolves hundreds of these investigations annually and how entities can comply with Section 504 and ADA Title II.
Suzanne Goldberg, Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights; Mary Lou Mobley and Judith Risch, OCR National Digital Access Team

## 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM—ACCESSIBLE PHARMACY & BE MY EYES: MED MANAGEMENT

## Zoom meeting ID: [930 3392 0184](https://zoom.us/j/93033920184)

Accessible Pharmacy Services for the Blind and Be My Eyes will discuss how they collaborate to support blind and low-vision patients with medication and diabetes management.
Andy Burstein, CEO, Accessible Pharmacy; and Will Butler, VP of Community, Be My Eyes

## 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM—TEXT2VOTE

## Zoom meeting ID: [975 3258 2779](https://zoom.us/j/97532582779)

Everyone should be able to vote without any limitations, period! Our cutting-edge, patented solution will enable blind and low-vision voters to vote the same as everyone else. Please join us to hear more about the future of elections, right on your smartphone.
Lee Durham, CEO, Global Mobile

## 12:00 - 1:00 PM—NOPBC YOUTH TRACK SESSIONS

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

## 1:00 - 3:00 PM—NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BLIND REHABILITATIONPROFESSIONALS

## Zoom meeting ID: [956 0170 5562](https://zoom.us/j/95601705562)

Topics will include mentoring, transitioning from virtual to in-person training and services, the new employment landscape, professional ethics, and planning our future goals in our division. We can decide what rehabilitation feels like together.
Amy Porterfield, President

## 1:00 - 3:00 PM—COMMUNITY SERVICE DIVISION: COLORS OF HOPE

## Zoom meeting ID: [968 4934 6071](https://zoom.us/j/96849346071)

We have been hopeful and expecting brighter days! Can you sense the vibrant colors of hope appearing everywhere? Life is like a rainbow; you need both rain and sun to make its colors appear. Come be inspired as we triumphantly celebrate the bright and popping colors of hope.
Jeanetta Price, President

## 1:00 - 3:00 PM—AMATEUR RADIO DIVISION BUSINESS MEETING

## Zoom meeting ID: [974 7551 1274](https://zoom.us/j/97475511274)

Amateur radio can be a fun and rewarding hobby. Come find out how you can get on the air and how you can use the hobby to serve.
Karen Anderson (ke0cdq), President

## 1:00 - 3:30 PM—WRITERS DIVISION BUSINESS MEETING

## Zoom meeting ID: [943 1370 5770](https://zoom.us/j/94313705770)

Come join the Writers Division, learn of its future, and be a part of the new leadership team for next term. Enjoy readings by our contest winners and other division members.
Shelley Alongi, President

## 1:00 - 4:00 PM—NFB DEAFBLIND DIVISION BUSINESS MEETING

## Zoom meeting ID: [955 0105 0902](https://zoom.us/j/95501050902)

Get updates on national issues affecting the deafblind community, technology, and the division’s business matters and elections.
Alice Eaddy, President
1:00 PM—Registration ($5)

## 1:00 - 4:00 PM—NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BLIND MERCHANTS

## Zoom meeting ID: [950 3842 2172](https://zoom.us/j/95038422172)

"Get it Done in 21" Three ways to look at business: inside the box, outside the box, or the way we look at business—no box at all.
Nicky Gacos, President

## 1:00 - 5:00 PM—SPORTS AND RECREATION DIVISION MEETING

## Zoom meeting ID: [969 3376 8719](https://zoom.us/j/96933768719)

Join us for a high-energy meeting where we will discuss the business of the division and provide information, tools, and motivation to help you live the life you want through health and wellness.
Jessica Beecham, President

## 1:00 - 5:00 PM—NFB IN COMPUTER SCIENCE

## Zoom meeting ID: [930 1809 9496](https://zoom.us/j/93018099496)

Enhancing nonvisual access to information technology and improving the ability of blind information and computer technology professionals to compete in today’s world.
Brian Buhrow, President

## 1:00 - 5:00 PM—NFB IN COMMUNITIES OF FAITH

## Zoom meeting ID: [975 0579 8225](https://zoom.us/j/97505798225)

Publishers of faith-based literature will provide an update regarding the work of their respective organizations. Other speakers will describe how their faith has helped them to overcome challenges. We will have a business meeting and hold elections for division officers.
Tom Anderson, President

## 1:00 - 5:00 PM—NFB KRAFTERS DIVISION BUSINESS MEETING

## Zoom meeting ID: [983 8494 6170](https://zoom.us/j/98384946170)

Welcome to our thirteenth year of the Krafters Division! Little bit of business and more crafts. Register for door prizes at krafters.division.president@gmail.com. Craft vendors can be found at [www.krafterskorner.org](https://nfb.org/www.krafterskorner.org).
Tammy Freitag, President

## 1:00 - 5:00 PM—NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BLIND LAWYERS DIVISION MEETING

## Zoom meeting ID: [935 8618 0919](https://zoom.us/j/93586180919)

Examine legal issues arising out of the COVID-19 pandemic for the blind; address ongoing struggles to gain equal access to websites, employment, legal texts, and exams; share practice tips and technology tools for blind lawyers. Please go to [www.blindlawyers.net](https://nfb.org/www.blindlawyers.net) to register for the meeting.
Scott LaBarre, President

## 1:00 - 5:00 PM—NOPBC MEETING: JOURNEY TO EMPOWERMENT

## Zoom meeting ID: [414 052 0261](https://zoom.us/j/4140520261)

Keynote address by the 2021 Distinguished Educator of Blind Children; mix and mingle with vendors, blind mentors, and other parents; learn about cutting-edge products and programs for our youth; Parent Power and kids’ panels; business meeting; elections; and much more!
Carlton Cook Walker, President

## 1:00 - 5:00 PM—PERFORMING ARTS DIVISION & AUDIO DESCRIBING

## Zoom meeting ID: [973 9613 2138](https://zoom.us/j/97396132138)

Come prepared to network with other performers! Join us for our annual business meeting followed by a panel all about audio description, discussing the field as both a blind consumer and describer.
Katelyn MacIntyre, President

## 1:00 - 5:00 PM—PUBLIC EMPLOYEES DIVISION

## Zoom meeting ID: [938 4494 4218](https://zoom.us/j/93844944218)

This is our annual meeting of persons employed by federal, state, or municipal governments as well as employees of public utilities. We discuss issues affecting blind public servants.
Gary Van Dorn, President

## 1:30 - 4:00 PM—NATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF BLIND EDUCATORS

## Zoom meeting ID: [921 3283 9913](https://zoom.us/j/97770727700)

Blind teachers discuss techniques they use in their classrooms. Participants meet in groups specific to grade level and content area to create a network of colleagues and mentors. If you teach or are considering a career in teaching, please join us.
Cayte Mendez, President

## 2:00 - 4:00 PM—SENIORS DIVISION BUSINESS MEETING

## Zoom meeting ID: [977 7072 7700](https://zoom.us/j/97770727700)

We will elect officers and board members. Hear about our virtual retreats. We’ll discuss Accessible Pharmacy and accessible phones and a guest speaker shares his thoughts on agism. Must be dues-paying member to be eligible to win door prizes.
President, Ruth Sager

## 2:00 - 4:00 PM—HUMAN SERVICES DIVISION ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

## Zoom meeting ID: [990 1320 3657](https://zoom.us/j/99013203657)

We are a diverse group of blind professionals and students who have a passion for working with people. Please join us for our annual meeting which includes our business meeting and guest speakers. To register, email chapman.candicel@gmail.com.
Candice Chapman, President

## 2:00 - 5:00 PM—ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY TRAINERS DIVISION

## Zoom meeting ID: [963 8632 6253](https://zoom.us/j/96386326253)

Current and aspiring tech trainers: join us for professional development, networking, and fellowship. We’ll explore what it takes to become a great trainer, how to help our students build sustainable digital literacy skills, and strategies for remote training.
Chancey Fleet, President

## 2:00 - 5:00 PM—NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BLIND VETERANS MEETING

## Zoom meeting ID: [967 3572 1028](https://zoom.us/j/96735721028)

All veterans are invited. We will conduct our annual business meeting after a short networking period. We will be holding elections this year. Remember your dues must be paid in full to vote.
2:00 PM—Networking
3:00 PM—Business Meeting
Vernon Humphrey, President

## 2:00 - 5:00 PM—DIABETES ACTION NETWORK

## Zoom meeting ID: [952 2900 6407](https://zoom.us/j/95229006407)

Come learn about diabetes from a doctor, interact with a panel of insulin pump users, learn the ins and outs of accessibility, and hear from blind people who live daily with type 1 and type 2 diabetes.
Debbie Wunder, President

## 3:00 - 5:00 PM—NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF GUIDE DOG USERS

## Zoom meeting ID: [997 9772 9606](https://zoom.us/j/99797729606)

Come learn how the current Department of Transportation regulations have impacted air travel for guide dog users. Get current updates from our legal counsel about matters pertaining to guide dog users. Find out what NAGDU has been up to over the past year and elect our leaders!
Raul Gallegos, President

## 3:00 - 5:00 PM—PROFESSIONALS IN BLINDNESS EDUCATION

## Zoom meeting ID: [985 2633 3208](https://zoom.us/j/98526333208)

All professionals serving students from birth through age twenty-one 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

## 3:00 - 5:00 PM—SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING DIVISION

## Zoom meeting ID: [968 1451 1786](https://zoom.us/j/96814511786)

Learn how the blind operate in a microbiology lab, how to operate laboratory equipment remotely, about the project to survey the blindness accessibility of higher-level education, how the blind work in an electronics laboratory, and methods of teaching STEM to the blind.
John Miller, President

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

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

## 5:15 - 6:15 PM—LOUISIANA CENTER FOR THE BLIND: CHANGING LIVES AND EXCEEDING EXPECTATIONS

## Zoom meeting ID: [939 4976 7662](https://zoom.us/j/93949767662)

We look forward to gathering virtually with our LCB alumni and those interested in learning about our life-changing programs. Join us as we celebrate and share. Learn how LCB training will help you live the life you want!
Pam Allen, Executive Director

## OPENING GENERAL SESSION

## Zoom meeting ID: [973 7933 1900](https://zoom.us/j/97379331900)

**7:00 PM CALL TO ORDER AND INVOCATION**

**7:05 PM WELCOMING CEREMONIES: UNIFYING OUR MOVEMENT FROM WHERE THE FEDERATION FLAG FLIES HIGHEST TO EVERY CORNER OF OUR NATION
2021 National Convention Host Committee:**

Ronza Othman, President, National Federation of the Blind of Maryland; Baltimore, Maryland
Juhi Narula, Secretary, Maryland Association of Blind Students; Baltimore, Maryland

**7:35 PM CELEBRATION OF FREEDOM: VETERANS RECOGNIZED**
Vernon Humphrey, President, National Association of Blind Veterans, a Division of the National Federation of the Blind; Mauk, Georgia

**7:55 PM ROLL CALL OF STATES AND APPOINTMENT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

**9:25 PM LEADERSHIP AND COMMON BONDS: TRANSFORMATIVE CHANGE AND CIVIL RIGHTS GROUNDING FROM MARYLAND’S SEVENTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT**
The Honorable Kweisi Mfume, United States House of Representatives, Seventh Congressional District; Maryland

**9:45 PM REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS**

**9:50 PM ADJOURN**

## 10:00 - 11:00 PM—SAFETY AND SUPPORT TRAINING: ALLYSHIP AND BYSTANDER INTERVENTION

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

Please join us to learn about the important role of an ally or actively engaged bystander, learn tools and strategies to be the most effective ally/actively engaged bystander possible, and become empowered to contribute to creating a culture of safety and inclusion for all.
Sponsored by the NFB Survivor Task Force.

## 10:00 - 11:00 PM—FRIENDS OF RECOVERY MEETING

## Zoom meeting ID: [913 2678 0107](https://zoom.us/j/91326780107)

All convention attendees interested in getting or remaining clean and sober are welcome to our confidential meeting. For more information, call 828-505-0338.
Gary R., Coordinator