Greetings,

Day four of our National Convention and it’s been amazing! I hope everyone enjoyed our Opening Ceremony.

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)

# Important Reminder: Please do not forget to attend your affiliate caucus today from 11 AM to 1 PM; all are invited members and non members!

## Proposed Resolutions

The official policies of the National Federation of the Blind are established every year with annual resolutions adopted at the national convention. Those that pass the Resolution Committee will be considered by the full convention on July 10. As dues paying members in good standing this where we exercise our privilege to set policies in our organization. [Please review the 2021 proposed resolutions](https://nfb.org/civicrm/mailing/url?u=22149&qid=5690786) by clicking on the link below:
[www.nfb.org/resolutions](http://www.nfb.org/resolutions)

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

## Friday, July 9

## 9:00 - 10:00 AM—WINDOWS & IOS WITH THE FOCUS BRAILLE DISPLAY

## Zoom meeting ID: [914 6559 4035](https://zoom.us/j/91465594035)

Windows and iOS Tablets and iPhones are more powerful than ever, supporting productivity and entertainment, on-the-go or in the office, wherever you wish to take it. Focus Blue Braille Displays enhance productivity, increase accessibility and privacy without reducing portability.
Jeff Bazer, Sales Director, Vispero, and Ron Miller, Blindness Technology Product Specialist, Vispero

## 9:30 - 10:30 AM—NOPBC IEP LIVE SESSIONS

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

Get an overview of the IEP process. Discuss blindness-specific IEP issues.
Carlton Cook Walker, President

## 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM—AFFILIATE CAUCUSES

Join your state affiliate caucus to meet or renew ties with your Federation friends and family, to review this year’s resolutions, and to learn more about the work of the Federation. Visit your affiliate’s website or contact your delegate, typically your state president, for exact times and connection details.

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

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

## GENERAL SESSION II

## Zoom meeting ID: [987 4172 7764](https://zoom.us/j/98741727764)

**2:00 PM CALL TO ORDER AND INVOCATION**

**2:05 PM    PRESIDENTIAL REPORT**
Mark Riccobono, President, National Federation of the Blind; Baltimore, Maryland

**3:05 PM TRANSFORMATIVE INNOVATIONS IN TRANSPORTATION: A COMMITMENT TO A FUTURE INFORMED BY THE BLIND**
The Honorable Pete Buttigieg, Secretary, United States Department of Transportation; Washington, District of Columbia

**3:30 PM STRONGER TOGETHER: HOW THE ORGANIZED BLIND MOVEMENT BENEFITS FROM THE GLOBAL ADVANCEMENT OF THE UNITED NATIONS CRPD**
Gerard Quinn, United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities; Ireland

**3:50 PM TRANSFORMING ADVOCACY INTO VOTES: THE IMPACT OF THE FEDERATION ON VOTING EQUALITY**
Eve Hill, Partner, Brown, Goldstein, and Levy; Baltimore, Maryland

**4:05 PM TRANSFORMATIVE LEADERSHIP IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE BLIND: COLORADO RAISES EXPECTATIONS FOR ALL BLIND AMERICANS**
Jena Griswold, Colorado Secretary of State; Louisville, Colorado

**4:20 PM A STRONGER FUTURE TOGETHER THROUGH A COMMITMENT TO FULL PARTICIPATION: BUILDING THE TOOLS TO EMPOWER ALL TO VOTE**
Bradley Tusk, CEO and Co-Founder, Tusk Philanthropies; New York, New York

**4:35 PM REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS**

**5:00 PM ADJOURN**

## 5:15 - 6:15 PM—SAFETY AND SUPPORT TRAINING: EMPOWERMENT

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

While we recognize survivors of all types experience varying levels of trauma and pain, the healing journey is similarly unique and individualized. Join us for a deep conversation on empowerment techniques, owning your body, and taking control of your path toward healing.
Sponsored by the NFB Survivor Task Force.

## GENERAL SESSION III

Zoom meeting ID: [987 4172 7764](https://zoom.us/j/98741727764)

**6:30 PM CALL TO ORDER**

**6:35 PM FEDERATION SAFE: HEALING AND THE TRANSFORMATION OF PAIN INTO PROGRESS**
The 2021 National Federation of the Blind Survivor Task Force

**6:55 PM LEARNING FROM THE PAST AND BUILDING FOR OUR FUTURE: A REPORT FROM THE FEDERATION’S 2021 SPECIAL COMMITTEE**

**7:15 PM THE STRENGTH OF A CHAMPION: TRANSFORMING FEDERATION SPIRIT INTO PERSONAL PROGRESS**
Randi Strunk, Member, National Federation of the Blind of Minnesota and National Federation of the Blind Sports and Recreation Division

**7:35 PM STRONGER TOGETHER: RAISING CULTURAL COMPETENCY, ENGAGING DIVERSE BLIND MENTORS, AND ADVANCING THE EDUCATION OF BLIND YOUTH**
Monique Coleman, TVI, President of VISTAS Education Partners and Founder of the National Homework Hotline, Highland Park, New Jersey

**7:50 PM TRANSFORMING AND ACCELERATING ACCESSIBILITY: THE NEED FOR THE ORGANIZED BLIND MOVEMENT TO INNOVATE THROUGH INCLUSIVE DESIGN**
Sina Bahram, Founder and President, Prime Access Consulting; Research Triangle Park, North Carolina

**8:05 PM INNOVATING MAPPING TECHNOLOGY: A MISSION BUILT ON THE EXPERIENCE OF THE BLIND**
Jose Gaztambide, CEO, GoodMaps; Louisville, Kentucky

**8:20 PM STRONGER TOGETHER: TRANSFORMING ACCESSIBILITY FROM INKLING TO INNOVATION IN THE TECHNOLOGY INDUSTRY**
Moderator: Chancey Fleet, President, Assistive Technology Trainers Division of the NFB; Brooklyn, New York
Panel:
Eve Andersson, Senior Director of Accessibility, Google; Mountain View, California
Jenny Lay-Flurrie, Chief Accessibility Officer, Microsoft; Redmond, Washington
Sarah Herrlinger, Senior Director, Global Accessibility Policy & Initiatives, Apple; Cupertino California
Peter Korn, Director, Accessibility at Amazon Lab126, Amazon; Seattle, Washington

**9:05 PM TRANSFORMING THE FUTURE THROUGH PERSONAL AI: HOW THE BLIND CAN CONTRIBUTE AUTHENTICITY TO ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE**
Suman Kanuganti, CEO, Personal AI; San Diego, California

**9:15 PM REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS**

**9:30 PM ADJOURN**