# **National Federation of the Blind of Alaska 2024**

Friday, November 1st (1:00-8:00 PM) and Saturday, November 2nd (9:00 am-9PM)

Location: Mountainview anchorage Lyons Club Facility 501 North Pine St, Anchorage AK, 99508

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## The National Federation of the Blind of Alaska is committed to

promoting equity and inclusion of a

diverse global community.

Honoring the lived experiences of those with congenital and acquired blindness; those with different geographic backgrounds, different languages, labor and socioeconomic status in the exchange of ideas, opinions, and actions. Through advocac4y, awareness, and educational activities,

Strive to advance policies and practices that cultivate a climate of awareness and understanding; acceptance and opportunities for advancement; and respect for the dignity of all people.

Vision Statement

Our vision is to broaden the scope of awareness and understanding of the definition of full inclusion;

to explore and expand on the cultural makeup of the organization, providing education and training, guidance and advocacy where needed. Our goal is to cultivate a federation that is diverse, equitable, and inclusive.

The National Federation of the Blind knows that blindness is not the characteristic that defines you or your future. Every day we raise the expectations of blind people because low expectations create obstacles between blind people and our dreams. Live the life you want! Blindness is not what holds you back!

**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.

# Friday November 4:

# Virtual participation:

Invocation TBD

1:00PM: Welcome, Kevin Whitley, President

Treasurer’s Report, Pete McCall

1:15 PM: David Newman—[Alaska State ADA Coordinator](https://doa.alaska.gov/ada/), Appointed in 2018, he has worked to increase the rights of the blind in Alaska (from state websites to NewsLine)

1:40 PM: Loretta Roberts with Invision Script Talk

2:00 PM: Wang Cho, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, DVR

2:15 PM: Fit Bit and Door Prize by Kelsey T., NFB Board member

2:30PM, Jeff Dick—[Challenge Alaska](https://www.challengealaska.org/)

(Community recreation for Alaskans with disabilities)

3:00 pm: Kate Yenik, ATLA

3:15 PM: Story of Ryan Strunk, National Representative

3:45 PM: Door prize and Break

4:00PM: CB Brady—Executive Director, ([Alaska Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired](https://www.alaskabvi.org/))

\*4:15 pm: Rob C. Alaska Human Rights Commission

4:30 PM: Freya Anderson—[Talking Books of Alaska](https://lam.alaska.gov/tbc) (ever changing to serve the print and physically disabled)

4:45PM Tony Newman, Director of Senior Disability Services)

5:00 PM: Robert Posma , Lyons Club Representative

5:15 PM: Dave Bérube, Disability Law Center of Alaska, DLCA

Wrap up speech and door prize!!!

## 5:30 PMClose out and Begin : Social Hourto include

* Appetizers/finger foods
* Accessible games
* Braille Corner

# Saturday November 5

9:00 AM: Welcome,

Invocation TBA

9:10 AM: Ryan Strunk, National Representative --President’s report (Learn about ground-breaking initiatives of the National Federation of the Blind and more)

9:50 AM: President, Kevin Whitley (the affiliate president’s annual report and future projections)

Ski for Life and

Athlete’s Foundation Grant , staying in shape, Recreational Activities, Engaging in community like Lyon’s Club and fundraising opportunities

1015 AM: Door prize and fun activities with recreational therapy tools like soccer balls beep balls, and more

1030 AM Opening discussion of NFB Alaska State Code of Ethics and Constitution

10:40 AM: Claudia Chris with experience in the BEP Program

11:00 AM: Technology [Accessible Windows Software and iPhone Apps, All in One Place!](https://laufware.com))

11:15 AM: Fit Bit and Door Prize35

11:30 AM: Kelsey T, NABS

11:45 AM: Members chance to state their interests of what they would like to see from the NFB of Alaska that are not board members

## 12:00AM: -1:15 PM Lunch Break PM

1:15 PM: Music from Emillia N. Daughter, Jerem Daraman

1:20PM: Door Prize

1:25 PM: Julia Husman, Divisions of Elections

1:40PM : Guide Dog Pannel

2:05 PM: Review of NFB of Alaska State Constitution discussion

2:20 PM:—() [Chris Danielsen , NFB n Braille Monitor](https://nfb.org/resources/publications-and-media/braille-monitor) (flagship publication of the National Federation of the Blind)

2:30 PM: NFB Newsline Representative

2:40 PM: Legislation

3:00 PM: Break Cookies and popcorn

3:15 PM: Door prize

3:20: Board Member Elections

## 4:25PM: Door prize

4:40: Comments from new

## 5:00 PM: Break while Staff change out for Banquet

6:00 PM: Banquet, !!

Open with Music TBD

# Banquet Speech by National Representative, Ryan Strunk

# Acknowledgements of all sponsors

Message from 1st Vice President, Katie Lester

Closing from statement from President

Adjournment

Dream Maker Circle:

You can help build a future of opportunity for the blind by becoming a member of our Dream Makers Circle. It is easier than you think. You can visit your bank and convert an account to a P.O.D. (payable on death) bank account which is payable after your passing to the National Federation of the blind or one of our affiliates. Your legacy gift to the National Federation of the Blind or the National Federation of the Blind of {insert state} can be made in the form of a will or living trust, an income generating gift, or by naming us as the beneficiary of a retirement plan, IRA, pension, or a life insurance policy. You can designate a specific amount, a percentage, or list NFB as one of several beneficiaries. For additional information, please contact Patti Chang at (410) 659-9314, extension 2422 or at pchang@nfb.org.

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