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Memo To: All NFB of SC Members and Others

From: Frank Coppel, President

The 72nd Annual State Convention of the NFB of SC is drawing near. For the first time, our Convention will be held the weekend of October 28, 29, and 30 at the Sands Resort/Ocean Dunes Hotel in Myrtle Beach. I hope you are making plans to attend! This will be our best Convention to date.

General Convention registration and pre-registration pick-up will begin at 1:00 p.m. Friday, October 28, in the hotel lobby. The total registration package is \$85 (if you do not pre-register by September 23). This includes the Luncheon and the Banquet as part of the total registration package. If you pre-register, the cost will be \$70 for the entire Convention.

Information about the pre-registration process is enclosed in this letter. There is also a pre-registration form provided for your convenience. Simply complete the form and mail it to the State Office with your check or money order for \$70 per person, and pick up your packet at the Convention.

It will be necessary to register for the convention to be eligible for the special room rate of \$87 ocean view and \$99 for ocean front per night including tax. There will be no additional charge for persons seventeen years of age and younger staying in a room with an adult. These room rates will be available three days before or three days after the convention.

Exhibit tables will be set up by 1:00 p.m. on Friday. Should you want exhibit space, there will be a \$100 charge (\$35 for NFB of SC chapters and divisions) and an application to complete. David Houck is in charge of all exhibits. Any questions pertaining to exhibits should be directed to him. The Reception and party will begin at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, October 28.

Division and Committee meetings will also be held on Friday. We will have a free continental breakfast on Saturday and Sunday mornings which this year will be in the convention session meeting room.

The Convention will be called to order at 9:00 a.m., Saturday, October 29. As usual, there will be a Saturday noontime Luncheon. The Banquet will be held Saturday evening at 7:00 pm. We will begin

precisely at 8:30 a.m. on Sunday, October 30, and adjourn around 12:00 noon.

Please make your reservations by calling The Sands resort Central Reservations at 1-800-599-9872. Be sure to make your reservations as soon as possible, but no later than October 1. While this is the cut-off date for the NFB of SC room block, rooms will not last that long. For those who are arriving Thursday, October 28, the same room rates will apply. It is strongly recommended that you immediately make your reservations to be assured of room accommodations.

The Hotel is obligated to retain the block of rooms reserved by the NFB of SC only for a short time. After that time, reservations will be honored if there are still available accommodations.

Please be sure to be clear on the type of reservation you want--one, two, or three person rooms, etc.--and be sure to specify that this is for the NFB of SC Convention to get these special rates.

If you pay in advance, your reservation will be guaranteed; however, you will not have to pay as long as you arrive by 6:00 p.m. Any amount you pay, of course, will be applied toward your bill.

We will have door prize drawings as usual. Lenora Robertson of Rock Hill is the Chairperson of the Door Prize Committee. All door prizes should be given to Lenora at the State Convention. See you in Myrtle Beach on October 28!

### **CONVENTION PRE-REGISTRATION & REGISTRATION**

At the April 9 NFB of SC board meeting, we discussed streamlining convention registration by continuing the pre-registration service for this year's state convention in Myrtle Beach, October 28—30. Here is how the procedure will work.

Pre-registration for the state convention will be \$70 per person. Registration at the convention will be \$85 per person. Those wishing to save \$15 in registration fees by pre-registering will need to send to the state office the following:

- \* Name(s) of those pre-registering,
- \* Whether they are a blind Voting member or a sighted Associate member,
- \* The chapter or division they are a dues paid member of,
- \* Whether they want a large print or Braille agenda, and
- \* A check or money order payable to the NFB of SC for \$70 for each preregistering member.

Pre-registrations are to be mailed in by no later than Friday, September 23, so that all information concerning registration will be available prior to the beginning of the convention. Pre-registration funds received are non-refundable and non-transferable. When you arrive at the convention, your name tag and Braille or print agendas will all be ready for you at the registration table. A Pre-registration Form is attached for your convenience. This will be especially helpful if a chapter is pre-registering its chapter members.

In this way, we hope to reduce the long registration line and make your arrival more pleasant and relaxed. Those arriving at the convention can register for a flat fee of \$85 per person, but we are certain that you will find our pre-registration flat fee of \$70 worth the savings and the advanced effort.

# October 28-30 NFB of SC Convention Pre-registration form \$70 Deadline for pre-registration is September 23, 2016

After September 23, registration is \$85 per person Agenda Name Voting(V)/ or Chapter/Division Print (P) Associate(A) Member or Oganization Braille (B) 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 <u>11</u> <u>12</u> 13 <u>14</u> 15

| Total # X | \$70 = \$                   |
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| Mail to   | Convention Pre-registration |
|           | NFB of SC                   |
|           | 119 S. Kilbourne Rd.,       |
|           | Columbia SC 20205           |



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Memo To: Companies and Agencies Serving the Blind

### 2016 NFB of SC Exhibit Hall Application Form

The largest statewide convention of the blind in the nation will be held October 28-30 at the Sands Resort Ocean Dunes Hotel located at 201 75th Ave. N. Myrtle Beach SC 29572 as the NFB of SC holds its 71st Anniversary Convention.

One of the highlights of the convention will be the Exhibit Hall. The Exhibit Hall offers agencies, businesses and the opportunities to display their services on behalf of the blind at the convention. Even aids and appliances catalogs are welcome to be displayed in the Exhibit Hall. We are planning to have at least 200 delegates represented from all across the state. You will want to display for this big event. Exhibit Hall hours are Friday, October 28 from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.; Saturday, October 28 from 7:00 to 8:15 a.m. and from 5:45 to 6:15 p.m.; and Sunday morning from 7:15 to 8:15 a.m. Please fill out the Exhibit Hall Application and return it to NFB of SC Convention Exhibit Hall, 119 S. Kilbourne Rd., Columbia, SC 29205 with a \$100.00 check for state agencies and other nonfederation exhibitors for Exhibit Hall space by no later than October 1.

Please make your hotel reservations now by calling 1-800-599-9872 with the Ocean Dunes Hotel in Myrtle Beach and be sure to state that you are with the NFB of SC Convention. I look forward to seeing you there!

Cordially. David Houck David Houck Exhibit Hall Chairman

## 2016 NFB of SC Convention Exhibit Hall Application October 28-30 @ Sands Resort Ocean Dunes Hotel in Myrtle Beach, SC

| Organization Name:                 |  |
|------------------------------------|--|
| Person Responsible:                |  |
| Address:                           |  |
|                                    |  |
| Phone:                             |  |
| Estimated date and time of arrival |  |
| Number of tables                   |  |
| Number of chairs                   |  |
| Number of electrical outlets       |  |
| Other comments:                    |  |

Please return this application with a check for \$100.00 for state agencies and other non-federation exhibitors payable to the NFB of SC by no later than October 1 to:

NFB of SC Convention Exhibit Hall 119 S. Kilbourne Rd. Columbia, SC 29205

We welcome display information such as brochures and catalogs. Remember, there are at least 200 delegates expected. Please make your reservations now by calling 1-800-599-9872 with the Sands Resort Ocean Dunes Hotel located at 201 75th Ave. N. Myrtle Beach SC 29572 at and be sure to state that you are with the NFB of SC Convention.

David Houck Exhibit Hall Chairman