Dear NOBBL Members,

On behalf of the National Organization of Blind Black Leaders (NOBBL) President, Shawn Callaway and the Executive Board, we send you Season’s Greetings, and the hope for a prosperous New Year.

As we move toward 2025, there are a few reminders that I want you to be aware of prior to the end of 2024.

First, the National Office procedure for managing members on the President Membership Management Portal will become in full effect as of January 1st 2025. President Callaway has appointed me as the Membership Coordinator for the National Organization of Black Blind Leaders. Additionally, I am also the NOBBL Secretary, who keep records on current NOBBL paid members. Thus, the Membership Portal will change everyone’s status from “current to “grace” on January 1, 2025. And, on February 1st, members who have not paid their $10 dues to the NOBBL online is then put into a status of “expired”.

What does this mean?

Secondly, the NOBBL is urging all 2024 paid members and those who would like to become a NOBBL member in 2025 to go online and pay your $10 dues beginning January 1st through January 31st. After you complete this process, I have the pleasure of changing your status from “grace to “current.”

Please, take a moment to review the instructions on how to pay your 2025 dues below. If you have any questions or need assistance, you may email me at [SMTurner.234@gmail.com](mailto:SMTurner.234@gmail.com).

 Note:

1. Members should go to the webpage: [nfb.org/divisiondues](http://nfb.org/divisiondues)

2. Please make sure to review the dues options and add $10 in the edit field.

3. Input your demographics.

4. Select National Organization of Blind Black Leaders, which is a check box.

5. Please enter your credit card information and submit.

6. Finally, a confirmation email will be generated to your email address.

This process will assist Treasurer, Denice Brown and myself with keeping good and accurate records by having a list of paid members prior to the National Convention. Also, the Division will follow the National Office’s regulations. And lastly Paying online in January will offer members a much easier process and reduce long lines at the 2025 NOBBL Division meeting in New Orleans as well.

Please share the attachment with those who wish to become a member.

We thank you for your dedication and commitment in serving as an integral part of the National Federation of the Blind.

The National Federation of the Blind advances the lives of its members and all blind people in the United States. We know 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. Our collective power, determination, and diversity achieve the aspirations of all blind people.

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