# National Federation of the Blind of Virginia

# Connecting the Dots: Building the Federation in the NFB of Virginia

# May 6-8, 2016

# Baltimore, Maryland

## Friday, May 6

5:00-6:30 p.m. – Arrival and Check In; Fourth Floor Lobby

6:00-7:30 p.m. – Welcome Dinner; Members Hall

7:30-8:30p.m. – What is the National Federation of the Blind and How Do We Talk with Others About the Federation?; Mark Riccobono, President, National Federation of the Blind; NFB of Utah Auditorium

8:30-9:30 p.m. – Why You? Why Us?; Joanne Wilson, Federation Leader; NFB of Utah Auditorium

9:30 p.m. – Hospitality and Networking; Members Hall

## Saturday, May 7

7:00-8:00 a.m. – Breakfast; Members Hall

8:00-8:45 a.m. –Philosophy Basics; Mark Riccobono, President, National Federation of the Blind; Members Hall

8:45-9:30 a.m. – Interactive Philosophy Discussion; Members Hall

Table 1: Althea Pittman and Chris Walker

Table 2: John Halverson and Mike Valentino

Table 3: Fredrick Schroder and Uricka Harrison

Table 4: Mark Roane and Deepa Goraya

Table 5: John Bailey and Brian McCann

Table 6: Sandy Halverson and Stephanie Deluca

Table 7: Harold Wilson and Brittany Savage

9:40 a.m.-12:00 p.m. – Building the Federation Break-out Sessions

During this block of time, there will be three concurrent sessions: Chapter Building, Revitalizing Chapters, and Putting Everyone to Work. All participants must attend all three break-outs. Sessions will run as follows: 9:40-10:20 a.m., 10:30-11:10 a.m., and 11:20a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Station 1: New Chapter Building; Parnell Diggs, Director of Government Affairs, National Federation of the Blind; and Melissa Riccobono, President, National Federation of the Blind of Maryland Parents of Blind Children; Dining Room

Station 2: Reinvigorating Your Chapter; Tracy Soforenko, First Vice President, NFB of Virginia and Joanne Wilson, Federation Leader; 4th Floor Conference Room

Station 3: Putting Everyone to Work; Sharon Maneki, President, National Federation of the Blind of Maryland; and Anil Lewis, Executive Director of the Jernigan Institute, National Federation of the Blind; NFB of Utah Auditorium

12:00-1:00 p.m. – Lunch; Members Hall

1:00-3:20 p.m. – Afternoon General Session; NFB of Utah Auditorium

1:00– 2:00 p.m. – NFB of Virginia Board of Directors Meeting; Michael Kasey, President, National Federation of the Blind of Virginia

2:00-2:40 p.m. – How We Got Here; Dr. Marc Maurer, Immediate Past President and Director of Legal Policy, National Federation of the Blind; and Fredric Schroeder, PhD, Immediate Past President, National Federation of the Blind of Virginia and First Vice President, World Blind Union

2:40-3:20 p.m. – How Do We Improve Our Advocacy at the National, State, and Local Levels? (Panel Discussion); Gabe Cazares, Government Affairs Specialist, National Federation of the Blind; and Charlie Brown, Past President, NFB of Virginia; Moderator: Parnell Diggs, Director of Government Affairs, National Federation of the Blind

3:20-3:30 p.m. – Break

3:30-4:00 p.m. – Making the Ask: role play of interacting with prospects, selling a product, or explaining the Federation; Anil Lewis, Executive Director of the Jernigan Institute, National Federation of the Blind; Members Hall

4:00-6:00 p.m. – Our Center, Our Movement: A Tour of the Jernigan Institute

Break into three smaller groups touring each of the following for thirty-five minutes with five minutes in between each session.

A) International Braille & Technology Center

B) Independence Market

C) Tour including history of the building and tenBroek Library

6:00-6:30 p.m. – Break

6:30-8:30 p.m. – Banquet; Members Hall

8:30 p.m. – Hospitality; Members Hall

## Sunday, May 8

8:00 a.m. – Breakfast; Members Hall

Happy Mother’s Day!