**National Federation of the Blind of Virginia**

**Meeting of the Board of Directors**

Saturday, May 16, 2020

12:45 Pre-Registration

1:00 P.m. - 4:00 P.M.

The meeting will be conducted over Zoom

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A description of the 3:00 PM Effective Meetings Seminar is provided at the end of this agenda.

1. Call to Order and Invocation by Chimere Roberts
2. remembrance of Brian Miller – Bonnie O’Day
3. Roll Call
4. Reading of Minutes from the January 20, 2020 meeting of the Board of Directors by Evelyn Valdez, Recording Secretary
5. Treasurer's Report by Mark Roane, treasurer
6. Braille Enrichment for Literacy & Learning (BELL) Academy In Home Edition with Supplemental Virginia Specific Programming Update by Louise Walch, Coordinator
7. Project RISE Update – Kathryn Webster, Program Coordinator
8. NFBV Leadership Fellows Program – Domonique Lawless and Joe Orozco
9. Changes to Virtual Meeting Scheduling and Hosting through Zoom – Tracy Soforenko
10. Access to web sites for COVID-19 and Unemployment – Tracy Soforenko
11. Accessible Mail In voting- tracy Soforenko
12. 2020 National Convention
    1. Registration and schedule
    2. Virginia Caucus
    3. Promoting the convention– Tracy Soforenko
    4. Door Prizes
    5. Chapter and Division Contributions- Mark Roane
       1. White Cane Fund
       2. tenBroek Fund
       3. SUN Fund
       4. Jernigan Fund
    6. McDonald Fellowship and Jernigan Scholarship - -Mary Durban
    7. Helping everyone connect with a virtual convention
13. Division Updates
    1. Virginia Association of Blind Students – Nick Patrillo, President
    2. Virginia Seniors Division – Nancy Yeager, President
    3. Virginia Association of Blind Merchants – Jimmy Cunningham, President
    4. Blind Parents Group – Jessica Read
    5. Virginia Parents of Blind Children – Beth Sellers
14. NFBV Committee Reports
    1. Membership Committee Activities, Sandy Halverson, Chair
       1. Membership List Updates and the new member form
       2. Chapter contribution to the state affiliate as defined in your chapter constitution
       3. National Membership Committee programs – Kathryn Webster, National Membership Committee Co-Chair
    2. NFB of Virginia Scholarship Program – Jimmy Morris, James f. Nelson Scholarship Committee, Chair
    3. Communications Committee –Chris Walker, Communications Committee Chair
    4. Fundraising Committee:  Earl Everett, Chair
    5. Legislative Committee – Deepa Goraya and Nijat Worley, Co-chairs
       1. Virginia Legislative Update – Nijat
       2. National legislative updates - Deepa
    6. Public Outreach – Corlis Jones and Uricka Harrison
    7. Convention Operations & Logistics Joe Orozco, chair
15. Other Functions
    1. Newsline®, John Halverson
    2. G. Affiliate Advocate, Stewart Prost
16. Effective Meetings Training – Susan D’Mello

Let's face it, leading a truly efficient, interesting, and productive meeting can be very tricky. Everyone has attended a painfully long and pointless meeting before, and you may fear that, despite your best efforts, you will wind up leading such meetings. In this interactive presentation, you will learn about common pitfalls of meetings, and receive concrete tips on how to improve the effectiveness of your chapter meetings, both in-person and virtual, resulting in better attendance and more engaged members.

1. Other Business
2. Date & Location of next board meeting – August 1 via Zoom