**AGENDA**

**2015 Convention**

**National Federation of the Blind**

**of Washington**

**Marci Carpenter, President**

**October 30-November 1, 2015**

**Red Lion Hotel Seattle Airport**

**18220 International Blvd**

**Seattle, WA 98188**

The National Federation of the Blind of Washington 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. You can live the life you want; blindness is not what holds you back.

**Important Information and Announcements**

Unless otherwise noted, all meetings and exhibits will take place in the Seattle Room. Other meetings will take place in the Tacoma Room. Both rooms, along with the hotel restaurant, bar and Tully’s coffee stand, are located in a building next to the main hotel.

The guide dog relief area is a raised grassy area in the parking lot on the south side of the hotel. The hotel has established it as a pet relief area so it has a garbage can and baggies.

The Hospitality Suite will open late Friday afternoon. The Greater Seattle chapter will welcome you with snacks and beverages. The suite will be open at times when we are not in session. This is also the location for the Student Pizza Lunch and Organizing meeting on Saturday. Current or prospective college students as well as high school and middle school students are encouraged to come to the lunch.

There will be an exhibit space in the Seattle room on Friday from 1:00pm-5:00 pm.

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**CONVENTION AGENDA**

**Friday, October 30**

1:00 pm-5:00 pm Exhibits

4:30 pm-6:00 pm Washington Association of Guide Dog Users meeting-Tacoma room

7:00 pm NFB of Washington Board of Directors meeting

8:00 pm-8:30 pm Resolutions Committee meeting-Tacoma room

8:15 pm-10:30 pm Entertainment and Games, including cash bar

**Saturday, October 31**

8:00 am Convention Registration

9:00 am Opening Announcements

9:05 am Welcome

The Honorable Mia Gregerson,

Mayor, City of SeaTac, Washington

9:15 am NFB National Report

Everette Bacon, President, National Federation of the Blind of Utah

Board member, National Federation of the Blind

10:00 am Blind People At Work in a Spa

Tasha Budnik, Downtown BANYA, Everett, Washington

10:10 am News from the National Association of Blind Students

 Sean Whalen, President, NABS

10:30 am Break

10:45 am What’s Happening at the Washington State School for

The Blind?

Dean Stenehjem, Superintendent, WSSB

11:00 am Programs and Celebrations of the Washington Talking Book and Braille Library

Danielle Miller, Program Manager, Washington Talking Book and Braille Library

11:15 am Youth Programs at the Washington Department of

Services for the Blind

Janet George, Program Coordinator, DSB

11:30 am Informed Choice in Rehabilitation Services

Daniel Frye, Director, New Jersey Commission for the Blind

11:45 am Reports and Resolutions

Noon Adjourn

12:10 pm Student Lunch and Organizing meeting, Washington Association of Blind Students

Cindy Bennett, Coordinator

Hospitality Suite, room , Red Lion Hotel

12:10 pm Parent Lunch, Washington Association of Parents of Blind Children

Jennifer Gandarias, President

Tacoma Room

2:00 pm Sports and Recreation Help Us lives The Lives We Want

 Boys in the Field

 Luc Gandarias and Humoody Smith

 Programs of the United States Association of Blind

 Athletes, Christopher Anise, Spokane, Washington

2:30 pm The Workforce Innovation and

Opportunity Act: Impacts on Rehabilitation Services

Luoma Durand, Director, Washington State Department of Services for the Blind

Michael McKillopp, Deputy Director, Washington State Department of Services for the Blind

2:50 pm Celebrating The History of the NFB of Washington

Denise Mackenstadt, NFBW Historian, Sequin, Washington

3:10 pm Blind People At Work in Sports Stadiums

Tanna Dieken, Seattle, Washington

3:20 pm Landmark Decision in Access to Information in the Schools

Noel Nightingale, President, Greater Seattle Chapter, NFB of Washington

3:30 pm Break

3:45 pm Technology To Help Us Live The Lives We Want

Andrea Travis, Washington Access Fund

4:00 pm Presidential Report

Marci Carpenter, President, NFB of Washington

4:15 pm Chapter Building and Perspectives of a Life in the Federation

Carl Smith, National Federation of the Blind of Utah

4:45 pm Reports and Resolutions

5:00 pm Adjourn

6:00 pm Reception and Cash Bar

7:00 pm Convention Banquet

Gary Mackenstadt, Master of Ceremonies

Presentation of Scholarships

Banquet Address, Everett Bacon, National Representative

**Sunday, November 1**

9:00 am Business Meeting

Report from the Nominating Committee

Resolutions

Chapter Reports

Wrap-Up

11:00 am Adjourn