**
National Federation of the Blind of West Virginia 2024 State Convention
Holiday Inn-University Area, 1188 Pineview Dr.
Morgantown, WV 26505

AGENDA**

**Thursday, October 31, 2024**3:00 PM Hotel Check-in
3:30 PM Drop off auction items and door prizes
 presidential suite #215

5:00 PM Dinner on your own (Bourbon Room)

7:30 PM NFBWV Board of Directors Meeting
 (Bourbon Room): Sheri Koch, Chair

**Friday, November 1, 2024**BLIND COMMUNITY UNITY DAY:
8:000 AM Vendor Booths Setup (Liberi Section)

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8:30 AM Welcome (Montani Semper Section): Sheri
 Koch, NFBWV President

 A Moment of Silence for those we’ve lost

 Vendor mini presentations: 10 minutes
 each

 WV Library Commission: Donna
 Calvert

 WV Assistive Technology System
 (WVATS): Doug Cumpston

 Jehovah’s Witness (JW.org) Robert &
 Geraldine Johnson, Ron & Diane Barnett

 VISIONS: Amanda Udell

 American Printing House for the Blind
 (APH): Lee Huffman

 Jim Sullivan Monarch)

 LiveAbility Center for Independent
 Living: Annetta Johnson

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 This & That Gadgets Table: Sheri Koch
 Demonstrations provided by blind
 equipment owners: NFBWV members,
 other interested gadget users

10:00 AM BREAK

10:15 AM Vendor booths (Liberi Section)

11:30 PM BOX LUNCH (Montani Semper Section)

12:30 PM GENERAL SESSION ORGANIZATION &
 AGENCY REPORTS: (Montani Semper
 Section)

 National Federation of the Blind, A
 National Rverview of our Mission and
 Impact: Jesse Sherik, National
 Representative

12:50 PM National Federation of the Blind of West
 Virginia, A State and Grassroots
 Perspective on our Mission and Impact:
 Sheri Koch, NFBWV President

1:00 PM WV School for the Deaf and the Blind:
 Melanie Hesse, WVSDB Dean of Students

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1:20 PM Cabell-Wayne Association of the Blind:
 Toni Walls, Executive Director

1:40 PM Seeing Hand Association for the Blind:
 Karen Haught, Executive Director

2:00 PM LiveAbility Center for Independent Living,
 Morgantown: Annetta Johnson,
 Administrative Director

2:20 PM American Foundation for the Blind,
 Huntington: Aaron Preece, AccessWorld
 Editor in Chief

2:40 PM American Printing House for the Blind,
 Huntington: Lee Huffman, Low Vision
 Product Manager, Product Development
 and Jim Sullivan, Director, Social Enterprise

3:00 PM BREAK

3:15 PM LET’S TALK: West Virginia Division of
 Rehabilitation Services (WVDRS); Services
 and Policies; a Pannel Discussion: Pisnu
 Bus-Iam, Director; (Blind Services
 Staff) Candice Ward, Assistant Director,
 Rachel Hatfield, Rehabilitation Services

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 Manager 1, Gentry Cline, Deputy Director,
 Kevin Maynus, Rehabilitation Specialist for
 the Blind, Tammy Murdock, VISIONS
 Manager, NFBWV members, Jesse Sherik,
 NFB National Representative, and other
 interested blind sstakeholders

5:00 PM Wrap-up and Adjourn

6:15 PM DINNER (Montani Semper Section)

8:00 PM AUCTION (Montani Semper Section)
 All Things West Virginia Auction: Marcus
 Soulsby, Auctioneer

**Saturday, November 2, 2024**8:30 AM GENERAL SESSION: (Montani Semper
 Section)
 Call to order, remarks, & announcements:
 Sheri Koch, NFBWV President
 Pledge of Allegiance, Harold ThomasHH

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 NFB Pledge, Lead by Karen McDonald
 “I pledge to participate actively in the
 efforts of the National Federation of the
 Blind; to achieve equality, opportunity,
 and security for the blind; to support
 the policies and programs of the
 Federation; and to abide by its
 constitution.”

8:35 AM WHAT’S GOING ON AT THE NATIONAL
 LEVEL, NFB Report: Jesse Sherik, National
 Representative

9:00 AM WHAT’S GOING ON AT THE STATE LEVEL,
 NFBWV Report: Sheri Koch, NFBWV
 President

9:15 AM FUNDAMENTALS OF SELF-ADVOCACY:
 Jesse Shirek, National Representative

10:15 AM BREAK

10:30 AM TRAINING FOR LIFE AT AN NFB CENTER:
 My Experience at the Louisiana Center for
 the Blind: Ahmad Shafi, NFBWV Member
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11:00 AM CHALLENGING INACCESSIBILITY AT THE
 UNIVERSITY LEVEL: Miranda Lacy &
 Harold Rogers, WVU Students and NFBWV
 Members at Large, and Sheri Koch

11:45 AM MY EXPERIENCE AS A TEACHER OF
 TOMORROW: Wendy Bailey

12:00 PM LUNCH (On your own) hotel restaurant

1:30 PM GENERAL BUSINESS SESSION (Montani
 Semper Section)

 BUILDING OUR AFFILIATE: A ROADMAP
 FOR TODAY AND TOMORROW; Final Report
 of the Committee of the Whole on
 Membership Building): Review & Progress
 Report: Ed McDonald, 1st Vice-president
 and President Members at Large

      RESOLUTIONS & POLICY STATEMENTS: Ed
 McDonald, Sheri Koch

 FINANCIAL MATTERS: Garrett Harris,
 Interim Treasurer

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 ELECTION OF OFFICERS

 CHAPTER REPORTS: Sightless Workers Guild
 President, Jack Yahnke; and Members at
 Large President, Ed McDonald

 OEN DISCUSSION: Review of Blind
 Community Unity Day; Initiatives &
 Priorities for the Coming Year

4:30 PM WRAP-UP AND ADJOURN

6:30 PM BANQUET
 Master of Ceremonies: Ed McDonald
 Keynote Speaker: Jesse Sherik

 **Sunday, November 3, 2024**9:00 AM IN MEMORIUM, Remembering those we’ve
 loved and lost: Marla Sewell (Montani
 Semper Section)

10:00 AM WRAP-UP AND ADJOURN

**THANKS YOU FOR SHARING YOUR TIME, SPIRIT, AND GREAT IDEA! THE FELLOWSHIP WAS WONDERFUL. BE SAFE GOING HOME**.