**
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

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

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

 VISIONS: Amanda Udell

 WV Assistive Technology System
 (WVATS): Doug Cumpston

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

 WV Library Commission: Susan Ward

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

 Jim Sullivan Monarch)

 LiveAbility Center for Independent
 Living: Annetta Johnson

 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)

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 National Federation of the Blind, A
 National Rerview 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 and Wendy Bailey, Statewide
 Outreach Specialist for WVDE

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

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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 Bua-Iam, Director;
 (Blind Services Staff) Candice Ward,
 Assistant Director, Rachel Hatfield,
 Rehabilitation Services Manager 1,
 Gentry Cline, Deputy Director,
 Kevin Maynus, Rehabilitation Specialist
 for the Blind, Tammy Murdock,
 VISIONS Manager, NFBWV members,

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 Jesse Sherik, NFB National
 Representative, and other interested
 blind stakeholders

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
 Thomas
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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

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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
 at Large

11:00 AM CHALLENGING INACCESSIBILITY AT
 THE UNIVERSITY LEVEL: Miranda Lacy
 & Harold Rogers, WVU MSW Students
 and NFBWV Members at Large, and
 Sheri Koch facilitating

11:30 AM MY EXPERIENCE AS A TEACHER OF
 TOMORROW: Wendy Bailey

12:00 PM LUNCH

1:30 PM NFBWV GENERAL SESSION;
 Convention Business (Montani Semper
 Section)

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 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 Chapter

      RESOLUTIONS: Ed McDonald

 FINANCIAL MATTERS: Garrett Harris,
 Interim Treasurer

 ELECTION OF OFFICERS

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

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 OPEN 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,
 Members at Large (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**.