65th Annual State Convention

National Federation of the Blind of New Hampshire

Deanna O’Brien, President

Location: Anywhere & Everywhere

Saturday, September 25, 2021, 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM EDT

Board of Directors
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Registration
Those wishing to register are asked to contact Carolyn Corrigan by email at: auntiec31@gmail.com. Please provide your name, phone number, address, and email. Those who are not able to do so through email are asked to reach out the Carolyn Corrigan via phone at: 603-313-1920.  The deadline for registration is Friday, September 24, 2020.

 Voting
 During the convention there will be a need to have voting.  for the voting process, we will be asking for a voice vote from our members.  If we are not able to obtain adequate results we will be taking a role call vote of dues paid members.

**ZOOM Conference Basics: The following tips will help you get the most from ZOOM Conference.**

**Telephone:**

To mute or unmute your audio, press \*6. You must raise your hand to request the ability to speak.

If your name is mentioned as a winner of a door prize, you must vocally respond or raise your hand to claim your prize.

To raise your hand to ask a question, or claim your door prize, press \*9.

Always allow the host to lower your hand.

**Windows Desktop or Laptop Computer:**

Mute your microphone by pressing Alt+A or press spacebar on the mute audio button.

To unmute, press Alt+A again or press the spacebar on the unmute button.

To raise your hand, press Alt+Y.

Always allow the host to lower your hand.

**iPhone or iPad:**

Tap on the settings button and look through the options to improve your experience.

There are two buttons, meetings and general. Meetings has settings you should review.

Auto connect to audio allows you to select connect to internet audio. This gets rid of the prompt before you connect to a meeting and ensures you get the best sound quality.

Always mute My Microphone when joining a meeting ensures you are never accidentally heard until you want to speak.

Then just double tap the unmute audio button when you have something to contribute.

Always turn off My Video ensures you never unintentionally show yourself or your environment when you did not mean to.

**Important:**

To prevent the annoyance of VoiceOver always speaking the names of participants as they join and leave, turn off Show Name when participants join.

When connecting, you will get a prompt saying, "to hear others, please join audio."

Select the "call using internet audio" option or go into settings and select internet audio to always be automatically connected.

Find and double tap the mute My Audio button until you want to be heard. Or, go into settings and choose to always mute audio upon entry.

To raise your hand, tap on the More button on the far right, then double tap the button to raise your hand. This will exit you to the main screen. Allow the host to lower your hand.

To know who is currently speaking, swipe to the far left. It will say, displaying person's name avatar.

 You may want to use the earbuds that came with your iPhone.

Again, always make sure your microphone is muted when you are not speaking to prevent creating noise or people hearing you

**Convention Agenda (all times in Eastern Daylight Time)**

8:30 AM – ZOOM will be activated

9:00 AM - Welcoming Remarks - President Deanna O'Brien

 Poetic Reading – Dennis O’Brien

 Pledge of Allegiance – David Brownell

 NFB Pledge - Carl Provencher

 NFB Philosophy – Dennis O’Brien

 Invocation - Richard Chabot

9:20 AM – Legislative Letters - letters from members of Congress and other government leaders. These letters will be presented by affiliate members or government staff.

9:50 AM - National Report - National Representative, Pam Allen, First Vice President of the National Federation of the Blind, President of the NFB of Louisiana, and Director of the Louisiana Center for the Blind will be sharing with us what is going on in our organization on a National Level.

10:35 AM – Dan Frye –Administrator for New Hampshire Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired

11:20 - Jody Ianuzzi – First Vice President of New Hampshire Affiliate, President of the Monadnock Chapter – “What the NFB means to me.”

11:30 AM – 1:30 PM - Lunch Break

1:30 PM – Stephanie Hurd – Community Relation Coordinator, Future In Sight

1:50 PM - Jean Shiner – Voter’s Coalition

2:10 PM – Deb Moore – Board Member of New Hampshire Affiliate – “What the NFB means to me.”

2:15 PM – Renee West – NFB Newsline

2:30 PM – Charles J. Saia, Executive Director – NH Governor’s Commission on Disability

3:00 PM – Presidential Report - President, Deanna O’Brien

3:20 PM – Break

3:30 PM – Elections

 Nominating Committee Report

 Elections

4:00 PM – Video Presentation – Ken Sheldon

4:15 PM – Grand Door Prize

4:30 PM - Tribute to Ed Meskys

5:00 PM - Adjourn