**You Are Cordially Invited to Attend**

**The 68th Annual Convention of the**

**National Federation of the Blind of New Hampshire**

***“The Power of the Dream!”***

The National Federation of the Blind of New Hampshire will hold its sixty-eighth annual convention in Concord, NH, on Saturday September 14, 2024. Please join us as we come together as blind Granite Staters and work together to make a positive difference in the lives of blind people across New Hampshire.

The NFB of NH brings blind people together to empower and learn from one another and to celebrate our achievements as we work together. The NFB of NH is an organization of blind and low vision Granite Staters who believe that blind people can live the lives we want.

This year, our in-person convention will take place at the Holiday Inn – Downtown at 172 N Main St in Concord NH.

A Continental Breakfast will be available to attendees who have paid registration.

The convention will get underway at 9:00 AM EDT and conclude at 5:00 PM EDT.

**CONVENTION NOTES**

**NATIONAL FEDERATION OF THE BLIND PLEDGE**

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 programs and policies of the Federation and to abide by its constitution.

**NATIONAL FEDERATION OF THE BLIND ONE MINUTE MESSAGE**

The National Federation of the Blind 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.

**FRAGRANCE FREE POLICY**

The National Federation of the Blind of New Hampshire’s goal is to be sensitive to members with perfume and chemical sensitivities who, as a result, may suffer potentially serious health consequences. In order to address this concern, members and participants at conventions and other meetings should refrain from wearing scented products, including, but not limited to, perfumes, colognes, aftershave lotions, or similar products. We want to ensure full participation in all of our state-wide activities.

**INTEGRITY AND RESPECT**

The National Federation of the Blind of New Hampshire holds its members to the standards outlined in the National Federation of the Blind Code of Conduct. To allow all attendees the opportunity to benefit from the convention, we are committed to providing a welcoming environment for everyone. We thank you for your help in cultivating an environment where our diverse participants enjoy mutual respect. Thank you for doing your part to maintain the high expectations of our organization.

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**Registration**
Pre-registration is requested and encouraged. The registration fee is $15.00. Only registered attendees are eligible for the continental breakfast and door prizes.
It will not be possible to purchase the box lunch on the day of the convention.
There will be a registration table at the convention.

**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. Only dues paying members are eligible to vote. If we are not able to obtain adequate results, we will be taking a roll call vote.

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

**9:00 – 9:20 AM** Convention Call to Order - President Deanna O'Brien

 Music: The Power of the Dream by Celine Dione

 Pledge of Allegiance – Tony Bonnano

 NFB Pledge - Carl Provencher

 NFB Philosophy – Nancy Downing

 Invocation - Richard Chabot

 Welcome by President – Deanna O’Brien

**9:20 – 9:30 AM** Legislative Letters - letters from members of Congress and other government leaders. These letters will be presented by affiliate members or government staff.

**9:30 – 10:00 AM** Dr. Randy Pierce, President and CEO Future In Sight

“Four Cornerstones to increase our NFB Affiliate success”

**10:00 – 10:45 AM** Danielle McCann – National Representative

 National Report

Danielle McCann is the Membership Building Coordinator at our national office. She is passionate about bringing people in to the Federation and helping them feel at home in our dynamic movement.

**10:45 – 11:00 AM** Break

**11:00 – 11:45 AM** Jason LaFontaine, Program Manager, New England Disabled Sports and Lex McGlynn, Intern

 New England Disabled Sports is a nationally recognized program which provides year-round adaptive sport instruction to adults and children with physical and cognitive disabilities.

**11:45 AM – 12:30 PM** Chris Peterson, Accredited Financial Counselor, Founder and CEO of Penny Forward

Penny Forward’s mission is to help people build the knowledge to confidently navigate the complicated landscape of personal finance through education, mentoring, and mutual support.

**12:30 – 2:00 PM** Lunch

**2:00 – 2:30** **PM** Danielle McCann – National Representative

 Banquet Speech

**2:30 – 3:15 PM** David Kingsbury, Assistive Technology Instructor, Carroll Center for the Blind

Carroll Center for the Blind Assistive Technology Instructor David Kingsbury will present an overview of the third edition of his free book, “The Windows Screen Reader Primer: All the Basics and More.” He will also demonstrate how to use JAWS PictureSmart for describing images.

**3:15 – 3:30 PM** Break

**3:30 – 4:00 PM** Presidential Report

 Treasurer’s Report

Nominating Committee Report

 Elections

**4:00 – 4:30 PM** Dr. Randy Pierce, President and CEO Future In Sight

Randy will be demonstrating the Ray-Ban Meta Smart Glasses

**4:30 – 5:00 PM** Conclusion and Raffle

**5:00 PM** Adjourn