**You Are Cordially Invited to Attend**

**The 69th Annual Convention of the**

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

***“Seize the Day!”***

The National Federation of the Blind of New Hampshire will hold its sixty-ninth annual convention in Concord, NH, on Saturday May 3, 2025. 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 Grappone Conference Center – at 70 Constitution Avenue 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 advances the lives of its members and all blind people in the United States. We know 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. Our collective power, determination, and diversity achieve the aspirations of all blind people.

**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.

**Board of Directors**
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**Registration**
Only registered attendees are eligible for the continental breakfast, door prizes, afternoon snack, raffles and games.
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)

**8:30 – 9:30 AM** Continental Breakfast

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

 Music: “Seize the Day”

 Pledge of Allegiance – Suzie Hoight

 NFB Pledge – David Brownell

 NFB Philosophy – Melissa Abbott

 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.

**9:30 – 10:15 AM** Grace Pires - National Representative

National Report

Grace is the President of the Rhode Island affiliate and a member of the National Board

**10:15 – 10:45 AM** James Ziegra – Attorney – Disability Rights Center.

**10:45 – 11:00 AM** Break

**11:00 – 11:30 AM** Scott Vittner – Administrator – New Hampshire State SBVI

**11:30 AM – 12:00 PM** Scott Joffre – Youtubing, Tik-Toking, etc.

**12:00 – 1:30 PM** Lunch

**1:30 – 2:00** **PM** Grace Pires – National Representative

 Banquet Speech

**2:00 – 2:40 PM** Stephen Poirier – Sideways Innovations

Student Cane Game

**2:40 – 3:10 PM** Dana Trahan – NH Affiliate Legislative Director

 Student Panel Discussion on Washington Seminar

**3:10 – 3:30 PM** Afternoon Break and Snack

**3:30 – 4:00 PM** Affiliate Business

Presidential Report

 Music: “The World Will Know”

 Treasurer’s Report

Nominating Committee Report

 Elections

**4:00 – 4:30 PM** Jean Shiner

Voter’s Coalition and NFB Newsline

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

**5:00 PM** Adjourn