**NABS Notes**

**October 2014**

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**NABS Updates**

As November elections loom up around the corner, we within the blind community celebrate the recent decision in Maryland to allow online absentee ballats. This judgement marks a miniscule but vital step towards the freedom and equality of voice which we within NABS promote. We hope that secure and private voting options will continue to expand across the states!October also brings the beginning of state conventions within the NFB, so make sure to keep an eye out for developments within your state’s student affiliate of NABS. And, while you’re at it, if you think of updates from your student’s state division which you would like published in our next month’s edition, you are most welcome to send them along to Gabe at:

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**State Updates:**

The Ohio Association of Blind Students is gearing up for the Ohio State Convention, Oct 31-Nov 2 in Columbus.  New to this year's convention will be live streaming, coordinated by OABS Vice President Aleeha Dudley.  Several OABS members will be speaking on the convention floor as well.  Lillie Pennington (Recording Secretary) will speak on a panel about Stem 2 U, which will come to Columbus this year.  Aleeha will demo the KNFB Reader app for the general assembly. OABS President Kaiti Shelton will speak on Friday morning on a panel called "Braille is Cool," and will tell her story of braille literacy both as a student, and as someone who started learning print and became a low vision student who was lucky enough to not fall through the cracks.  Dr. Maurer will be the affiliate's national rep this year, which is really exciting to all but especially the students. Ohio's student seminar and elections for the 2014-2015 term will be held from noon-2:00 PM on Saturday, November 1.  We hope that all who can attend will join us for a review of how OABS did in 2014, discussion of where we want to go in the coming year, socialization and networking, and most important, \*\*\*FREE PIZZA! In late September, OABS concluded a successful raffle fundraiser within the Ohio affiliate.  The division raised $257, and 50% of the proceeds have been donated to the 2015 Ohio BELL Program.  We are hoping to expand our fundraising efforts to NABS and other parts of the NFB in the future.  
Submitted by Kaiti Shelton, OABS President.

**NABS On Social Media**

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on twitter and friend us on facebook.

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www.nabslink.org

**NABS Minutes 10-13-14**

Meeting called to order: 8:05 pm

Members present: Sean Whalen, Karen Anderson, Bre Brown, Candice Chapman, Cody Bair, Garrett Mooney, Rebecca Leon

Treasurer's Report

Current balance: $2627.51

Committee Updates

Membership: Membership is beginning to plan for the November call.

Communications: NABS Notes were released for September.

Fund raising: The first conference call was held on Thursday October 9th.

Slate: The committee is working on a few more articles to publish a full slate.

Website: The contact list is up to date. We would like to add a section about our committees to

the site.

Karen will update contact information on our spreadsheet in dropbox as it changes on the

website.

We have allocated $350 to send a rep to Illinois. Karen motioned and Garrett seconded. All

approved.

We would like to form a team of people to focus on our legislative issues.

Our next board meeting will be November 9th.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:36 pm

Respectfully submitted

Bre Brown