National Federation of the Blind of Ohio (NFBO)

Every year the Ohio Affiliate President appoint willing members to serve on various committees that help to guide the mission of the organization.

So, it is my honor and privilege to present the Ohio Committees for 2021.

Thank you all for serving!

2021 NFBO Committees and Descriptions

AWARDS COMMITTEE

Charge: To oversee the awards process, to provide information and feedback when necessary, and to make reasonable judgments about NFBO awards.

Annette Lutz, Chair

Jerry Purcell

Ali Benmerzouga

Emily Kiehl

BELL COORDINATOR

Charge: To communicate and help with planning the inhouse bell program and to organize the bell Academy and plan efficient ways to promote and execute the important programs.

Eric Duffy, Coordinator

COMMUNITY SERVICE COMMITTEE

Charge: To educate the Ohio Affiliate about the professional and personal benefits of community service, to encourage chapters, divisions, and individuals to participate in projects in their communities, to encourage members to identify or develop and implement their own service projects, and to educate the public about NFB philosophy and the skills and abilities blind people bring to community service

Cheryl Fields, Chair

Pat McPherson

Maggie Stringer

Candice Armstrong

Shelley Duffy

Gary Williams

Gloria Robinson

Joann Williams,

CONSTITUTION and RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Charge: To make sure that all NFBO constitutions follow the state and national constitutions, both philosophically and rhetorically.

Charge: To oversee the submission process and to write and distribute clearly articulated and philosophically sound resolutions.

Barbara Pierce, Chair

Jim Weiss

Eric Duffy

Debbie Baker

Todd Elzey

Jessica Stover

Andra Stover

Candice Armstrong

DEAF-BLIND COORDINATOR’s

Charge: To aid and provide information to those who are in this unique community and to serve as a vehicle to foster a positive relationship for the deaf-blind community.

William Turner, Co-chair

Suzanne Turner, Co-chair

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Charge: To advise the president about policies, legislation, strategies, and initiatives in which NFBO should be engaged to improve educational opportunities for blind youth throughout the state.

Suzanne Turner, Chair

Ali Benmerzouga

Chris Sabine

Debbi Baker

Wilbert Turner

Caroline Karbowski

Marianne Denning

Anne Casey

Sadie McFarland

FINANCING THE MOVEMENT COMMITTEE including (SUN coordinator, Jernigan Fund coordinator, PAC coordinator)

Charge: To make members aware of these specific organizational fundraising opportunities and to implement strategies to increase participation.

Sherry Ruth, Co-chair

Colleen Roth, Co-chair

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

Charge: To investigate additional opportunities to increase NFB-O resources and to implement effective fundraising strategies and programming.

Jim Weiss, Chair

Maggie Stringer

Todd Elzey

Colleen Miller

Marion Parker

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Charge: To increase the organization’s visibility and effectiveness in the state legislature and to continue to support our efforts in Washington throughout the year.

Eric Duffy, Chair

Todd Elzey

, Chris Sabine

, Jordy Stringer

, Andra Stover

, William Turner

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Charge: To implement effective strategies to recruit and retain members and to reinvigorate the chapters and divisions of NFBO.

Carolyn Peters, Chair

Sheila Hardy-Wilson

Maggie Stringer

William Turner

Jim Weiss

Haley Thurston

Asia Quinones-Evans

Susan Day

Gloria Robinson

PROMOTION AND PUBLICITY WEBSITE AND NEWSLINE COMMITTEE

Charge: To assist with updating the web page content and the Newsline service, as well as, promoting and advertising NEWSLINE. Members on this committee should be proficient computer users.

To develop content and suggest creative ways to promote NFBO branding. Responsibilities include; research audience preferences and discover current trends, create engaging text, image and video content, design posts to sustain readers’ curiosity and create buzz around new issues, stay up to date with changes in all social platforms ensuring maximum effectiveness, train leaders how to use social media in a cohesive and beneficial way, develop an optimal posting schedule, considering web traffic and engagement, and oversee social media accounts.

Todd Elzey, Chair

Cheryl Fisher

Chris Sabine

Jim Weiss

Maggie Stringer

Candice Armstrong

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Charge: To conduct the affiliate scholarship program and to develop and implement effective strategies to increase the visibility of the program and increase participation.

Jordy Stringer, Chair

Cassandra Jones

Suzanne Turner