2023 NFBO Committee Appointments

Here are the NFB-O committees for 2023 together with the committee charges:

1: AWARDS COMMITTEE

Details

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

Appointed Committee:

Chair: Annette Lutz,

Jerry Purcell,

David C. Perry,

2: BELL COORDINATORS

Details

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.

Appointed Committee

Co-Chairs: Marianne denning and Debbie Baker

3: CONSTITUTION  Committee

Details

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

Appointed Committee

Chair: Barbra Pierce,

Carolyn Peters,

Colleen Roth,

4: RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Details

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

Appointed Committee

Chair: Frank Bragassa

 Joel Carson

Debbie Baker,

Christopher Sabine,

Annette Lutz,

Wilbert Turner

5: DEAF-BLIND Committee

Details

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.

Appointed Committee

Chair: Delcenia Brown,

Tomeka Hurt,

William Turner,

6: EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Details

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

Appointed Committee

Chair: Debbie Baker,

Suzanne Turner

Joann Williams

Marion Parker

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

Details

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

Appointed Committee

Co-Chairs: Pat McPherson and Colleen Roth

Misty Hagan

8: LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Details

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.

Appointed Committee

Chair: Suzanne Turner

David C. Perry,

Emily Kiehl,

Kinshuk Tella,

Martin Hagan

Frank Bragassa

Joel Carson

9: MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Details

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

Appointed Committee

Chair: Suzanne Turner

Kathy Legg

Marion Parker

LuAnn Bowers

 Gloria Robinson,

10: NEWSLINE Coordinator

Details

Charge: To assist the state president with updating the content on  the Newsline service, as well as, promoting and advertising NEWSLINE.

Appointed Committee

Co-Chairs: Shane Popplestone and Asia Quinones -Evans

11: PROMOTION AND PUBLICITY Committee

Details

Charge: To develop content and suggest creative ways to promote NFBO branding. Responsibilities include but are not limited to research, audience preferences and discover current trends, create engaging text, image and video content, design posts to sustain readers’ curiosity and create buzz around current issues, stay up to date with changes in all social platforms ensuring maximum effectiveness, train leaders how to use social media in a cohesive/beneficial way, and oversee social media accounts. Members on this committee should be proficient computer users.

Appointed Committee

Chair: Christopher Sabine

Emily Kiehl

Bernice Jackson

12: SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Details

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

Appointed Committee

Co-Chairs: Kinshuk Tella and Kristin Coen

13: Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion committee

Detail

Charge: to provide education and training, guidance and advocacy where needed. Our diverse community includes, but is not limited to, the intersectionality of ability, age, religion, race, ethnicity, culture, gender identity or expression, and sexual orientation.

Appointed Committee:

Chair: Dr. Carolyn Peters

Christopher Sabine

Masquenada Douglas,

William Turner,

Tammy Smith,

Walter Mitchell,

14: Employment Committee

Detail

Charge: To inform the president about policies, legislation, strategies, and initiatives on why NFBO should be involved to improve employment opportunities for blind persons throughout the state and beyond; the importance of holding various platforms on accessible technology, socializations skills, resume writing, career exploration and preparing employers for interviewing and hiring blind people; also prepare members for the National and various Career Fairs through, Learning about new employment resources. Networking and interviewing techniques; finally educating members on the significance on how to advocate for reasonable accommodations, rehabilitation services and other vital resources to aid one in being productive and successful in obtaining and maintaining a career.

Appointed Committee

Chair: Suzanne Turner

Aundra Stover,

Shawn Martin,

David Perry,

Denise Hudson,

Randolph-sheppard Committee

Charge:

 To work hand-in-hand with the National Association of Blind Merchants and the Ohio Vendors Representative Committee to maximize opportunities in Ohio’s Business Enterprise Program, to advocate for blind licensees and prospective licensees in the program, to keep the NFB of Ohio Board of Directors informed regarding current issues surrounding the program, and to sponsor and provide ongoing training and education regarding entrepreneurship and other topics of interest to blind vendors.

Annette Lutz: chair

Frank Bragassa

 Jon, Diakogeorgiou

 Christopher Sabine,