**National Federation of the Blind of Ohio’s**

**2025 NFBO Committee Appointments**

Here are the NFB-O committees for 2025 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.

Annette Lutz, Chair

Jerry Purcell

LuAnn Bowers

David C. Perry

Sabrina Brashers

2: BELL COORDINATOR,

Details

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

Eric Duffy, Coordinator

3: CONSTITUTION  COMMITTEE

Details

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

Dr. Carolyn Peters, Chair

Marianne Denning

Jason Revalee

4: RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Details

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

Michael Bullis, chair

Wilbert Turner

Frank Bragassa

Annette Lutz

David C. Perry,

Jason Revalee,

Asia Quinones-Evans

William 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.

William Turner and Delcenia Brown co-chairs

6: FUNDRAISING and FINANCING THE MOVEMENT COMMITTEE, including, (PAC)

Details

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

Theresa McKinney, Chair

LuAnn Bowers

Ivory Pattilo

Marianne Denning

Jo Ross

Sabrina Brashers,

MaKenzie Love

Pat Mcpherson

Chacity Gilliam

7: 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.

Suzanne Turner, Chair

Shane Popplestone

Marianne Denning

LuAnn Bowers

William Turner

Shawn Martin

Christopher Sabine

David C. Perry

Emily Kiel

Eric Duffy

Ivory Thomas

8: MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Details

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

Kathy Legg, William Turner, Co-Chairs

Andra Stover

Jessica Stover

David C. Perry

Sabrina Brashers

Tremaine Riley

Santina Riley

Pat Mcpherson

Suzanne Turner

Chacity Gilliam

Ivory Thomas

9: NEWSLINE and WEBSITE COMMITTEE

Details

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

Co-Chairs

Shane Popplestone

Asia Quinones-Evans

10: 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.

Christopher Sabine, Chair

Jaclyn Schiemann

11: 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.

Krissy Coen-Mishla, Chair

Andra Stover

Jo Ross

Ivory Thomas

12: DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION COMMITTEE

Details

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.

Suzanne Turner, Chair

Christopher Sabine

Marion Parker

Jaclyn Schiemann

13: EMPLOYMENT COMMITTEE

Details

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.

Dave Perry, Chair

Suzanne Turner

Shawn Martin

William Turner

Jason Revalee

14: RANDOLPH-SHEPPARD COMMITTEE

Details

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.

Frank Bragassa, Chair

Annette Lutz