

Greetings, Fellow Federationists:

It is time for the annual National Federation of the Blind of Iowa state convention to be held September 29-October 1, 2017 at the Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites, Des Moines Northwest, 4800 Merle Hay Road, Des Moines, Iowa 50322. This year's convention will be packed with information and fun! We are honored to have Kevan Worley join us and serve as our national representative on behalf of President Marc Riccobono.

This year we have online registration and we would prefer registration be done online, but like usual you can still mail in your registration along with your check to: NFBI, P.O. Box 93071, Des Moines, IA 50393.

To save \$5 off the cost of each food event you attend and the registration fee, pre-register and pay for the convention no later than September 20, 2017. After September 20, 2017 all prices go up by \$5.00, so pre-register today!

Register online here, or copy and paste the below URL in your web browser.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/national-federation-of-the-blind-of-iowa-2017-convention-tickets-36986874738>

Hotel room rates this year will be \$82.00 plus tax per night for standard and king-sized rooms. These rates are available from September 27-October 2, 2017. When reserving your room, please mention the below information:

Group Name: NFBI-National Federation of the Blind of Iowa

Group Code: NFB

Reservations Deadline: September 15, 2017, 5:00 p.m.

Make your reservations by:

Calling: 515-278-4755 or 800-HOLIDAY (800-465-4329)

Clicking www.holidayinn.com/desmoinesia and using the 3-letter code NFB

Meetings and events

The Iowa Diabetes Action Network will hold its annual meeting on Friday, September 29, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. Registration for this session will begin at 12:00 p.m. Cost is \$5.

The At Large Chapter of the National Federation of the Blind of Iowa will hold its annual meeting at 3:00 p.m., Friday, September 29, 2017. Annual chapter dues will be collected and they are \$5.

Attention Iowa Students!!! Please join us at 3:00 p.m., Friday, September 29, 2017 for a great opportunity to network with other blind students around the state. We will discuss our plans for the upcoming year as well as details about the start of our Iowa Association of Blind Students division. Dues of \$5 will be collected at registration beginning at 2:30 p.m. See you there!

Join us Friday, September 29, 2017 from 5:15-6:45 for this year's BBQ reception that will include Potato Salad, Vegetable Crudites with Dip, Buffalo Wings with Bleu Cheese and Celery, Barbequed Pork Slider Sandwiches, Loaded Potato Skins with cheddar, bacon, sour cream and chives. The cost for this meal is \$15.

Convention registration will be open from 3:00-7:00 p.m. on Friday, September 29, and will resume Saturday, September 30, at 8:00-8:45 a.m.

The Resolutions Committee will consider resolutions at 7:00 p.m. on Friday evening. Submit resolutions electronically to Cindy Ray at cindyray@gmail.com by September 15, 2017. You may also bring resolutions in final Braille and written form to the committee meeting.

The students are very excited to be hosting the hospitality event at this year's convention. It will be a night of fun team-building activities for members of all ages. There will be games, music, and a cash bar. Come join the fun and mix and mingle with old and new friends!

Our annual President's breakfast buffet will begin on Saturday morning at 7:00 a.m. The cost for this event is \$15.

Saturday lunch will be an informal program, with Federationists coming together to hear about why the federation is important to each of us, and how we can get more out of our federation. The price for your plated lunch is \$15.

Saturday evening will be the annual Banquet of the National Federation of the Blind of Iowa. Kevan Worley will deliver this year's banquet address, and our very own Scott Van Gorp will be the Master of Ceremonies. Pre-registration is \$35.00.

Sunday, October 1, 2017 morning Devotional: Start your morning off right with great people and a great message. All denominations are welcome. This will be discussion based and will be led by Katy Olsen.

Look for more convention information as it becomes available through our various communications channels.

I look forward to greeting you at this year's National Federation of the Blind of Iowa state convention!

Sincerely,

Jerad S. Nylin, President

National Federation of the Blind of Iowa