

**NATIONAL FEDERATION OF THE BLIND OF IOWA**

**2017 STATE CONVENTION**

**September 29–October 1, 2017**

**Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites, Des Moines Northwest**

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**WELCOME**

**The members of the planning committee welcome you to the 2017 National Federation of the Blind of Iowa state convention!**

**Jerad S. Nylin, President, National Federation of the Blind of Iowa**

**Cindy Ray, President, Des Moines Chapter, Affiliate Board member**

**Katy Olsen, Chair, Student Committee**

**Michael Barber, President, Iowa Diabetes Action Network, Affiliate Board Member**

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**Bob Ray, Nominating**

**Cindy Ray, Resolutions**

**Helen Stevens, Registration**

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**NFB PLEDGE**

**“I pledge to participate actively in the efforts of the National Federation of the Blind to achieve equality, opportunity, and security for the blind; to support the policies and programs of the federation; and to abide by its constitution.”**

**AGENDA**

***Friday, September 29, 2017***

**8:30-11:30 a.m. Meals From the Heartland Janae Burgmeier**

**Community Service Project -**

**Start your convention experience off right! Join the Des Moines Chapter to have fun and help those in need by participating in this community service project. We need at least 10 members to participate; all are welcome. Project time listed includes transportation time to and from the event. contact Janae janae.burgmeier@gmail.com to sign up or for more information.**

**1:00-3:00 p.m. Iowa Diabetes Action Michael Barber, President**

 **Network Annual Meeting**

**Nebraska Room**

**Registration begins at 12:00 and costs $5.**

**3:00-5:00 p.m. At Large Chapter Meeting April Enderton, President --Wisconsin Room**

**Registration begins at 2:30 and costs $5.**

**3:00-5:00 p.m. Student Committee Meeting Katy Olsen, Chair**

 **--Indiana Room**

**Registration begins at 2:30 and costs $5.**

**Attention Iowa Students!!! Please join us for a great opportunity to network with other blind students around the state. We will discuss our plans for the upcoming year and details about the start of our Iowa Association of Blind Students division. See you there!**

**3:00-7:00 p.m. Convention Registration, Between Salons B and C, lobby**

**4:00-9:00 p.m. Exhibit Hall, Salon D**

**5:15-6:45 p.m. BBQ Reception --Salon B**

**Potato Salad, Vegetable Crudités with Dip, Buffalo wings with Bleu Cheese and Celery, Barbequed Pork Slider Sandwiches, Loaded Potato Skins with cheddar, bacon, sour cream and chives. $20 if not pre-registered by September 20.**

**7:00-8:00 p.m. Resolutions Committee Cindy Ray, Chair**

 **Meeting--Wisconsin Room**

**Open to all. Hear the resolutions before they come to the convention floor for a vote.**

**8:00-12:00 p.m. Hospitality--Salon B Student Committee**

**Students host hospitality night. Cash Bar available (Please drink responsibly).**

***Saturday, September 30, 2017***

**7:00-8:00 a.m. Convention Registration, Between Salons B and C, lobby**

**7:00-8:45 a.m. Exhibit Hall, Salon D**

**7:00-8:00 a.m. President’s Breakfast, Salon B**

**8:00-8:45 a.m. Affiliate Board Meeting, Salon B**

**Open to all**

**GENERAL SESSION, Salon C**

**9:00 a.m. Call to Order**

**9:05 a.m. Opening Ceremonies**

**Invocation: Cindy Ray, President, Des Moines Chapter**

**Pledge of Allegiance, National Anthem: Terri Wilcox, Des Moines**

**National Federation of the Blind Pledge**

**Welcome to the Hotel**

**Welcome to Urbandale: John Forbes, legislator—District 70, Owner, Medicap Pharmacy, Urbandale**

**9:20 a.m. Moving a Braille Bill Through the Iowa Legislature: A resolution on the revamped 1993 Braille Bill**

**9:45 a.m. National Report Kevan Worley, National Representative, President--Worley Enterprises, Colorado Springs, Colorado**

**10:15 a.m. O6: The ultimate life remote with Voiceover Support demonstration: Nick wilcox, Des Moines**

**10:20 a.m. Developing Accessible Technologies to Enhance Quality of Life: Kyle Rector, PhD, Assistant Professor, Computer Science, University of Iowa**

**10:35 A.m. Why I Am a Federationist**

**10:45 a.m. National Association of Blind Students Report Bryan Duarte, Board member National association of blind Students,**

**11:00 a.m. Presentation from Vanda Pharmaceuticals Jay Blind, Account Manager, Vanda Pharmaceuticals**

**11:15 a.m. Department Report, Emily Wharton--Director Iowa Department for the Blind, Des Moines**

**12:00 p.m. Adjourn**

**12:15-1:45 p.m. Networking Lunch, Salon B, Karly Prinds, Host**

**Do you know the people that make up the membership of the National Federation of the Blind of Iowa? Come to this informal lunch, to meet new people, and get to know the affiliate with group questions.**

**12:15-1:45 p.m. Exhibit Hall, Salon D**

**2:00 p.m. General Session Resumes, Salon C**

**2:05 p.m. Presidential Report: “A Year of Learning, Reflecting and New Opportunities in the National Federation of the blind of Iowa,” Jerad S. Nylin, President**

**2:30 p.m. “Newfound Confidence in Myself,” Katy Olsen, Recent graduate, Louisiana Center for the Blind**

**2:45 p.m. “Skydiving to Raise Expectations for Blind Students,” Danny Grimes, North Liberty**

**3:00 p.m. Why I Am a Federationist**

**3:15 p.m. “Finding My Way to the National Federation of the Blind: Help with The** Massage &Bodywork Licensing Examination (MBLEx),” **Kristen Steele, Underwood**

**3:30 p.m. Parental Rights Bill and Resolution**

**3:55 p.m. Newsline Demonstration and Funding, Mike Barber, NEWSLINE coordinator**

**4:10 p.m. Partnering with the Delta Gammas to Raise Expectations, Sarah Gornik, President, Tau Chapter, Delta Gamma Sorrority, Iowa City**

**4:25 p.m. Building the Federation: It Starts with Us**

**5:00 p.m. Adjourn**

**6:00-7:00 p.m. Pre-Banquet Reception and Cash Bar, Prefunction lobby B and C**

**7:00 p.m. Annual Banquet, Salon B**

**Master of Ceremonies: Scott Van Gorp – NFBI Secretary**

**Invocation: Cindy Ray – President, Des Moines Chapter**

**Banquet Address: Kevan Worley – National Representative**

**PAC Plan**

**Awards**

**Auction and Raffles**

**Sunday, October 1, 2017**

**8:15 a.m. Morning Devotions, Salon B, Katy Olsen, Leader**

**Start your morning off right with inspiring discussion and a positive message. Members of all denominations are welcome.**

**Business Session, Salon C**

**9:00 a.m. Call to Order**

**9:05 a.m. Business Meeting**

 **2016 Meeting Minutes – Scott Van Gorp, Secretary**

 **Treasurer’s Report – David Hammel, Treasurer**

 **Auditing Committee Report – Karen Clayton, Chair**

 **Resolutions Committee Report – Cindy Ray, Chair**

**10:30 a.m. Chapter and Division Reports**

**10:45 a.m. Elections – Bob Ray, Nominating Committee Chair**

**Election of Delegate and Alternate to the 2018 National Convention**

 **Old Business**

 **New Business**

**11:30 a.m. Final Remarks – Jerad S. Nylin, President and Kevan Worley, National Representative**

**12:00 p.m. Adjourn**

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***Kyle Rector, PhD:* *Kyle Rector will present her research in designing, developing, and evaluating accessible technologies that enhance quality of life. She will discuss her previous work relating to yoga and art exploration, and talk about her current research at the University of Iowa. To participate in her research project go to: https://uiowa.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\_0cCoVOmd2rkz5fn***

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**The National Federation of the Blind of Iowa knows that blindness is not the characteristic that defines you or your future. Every day we raise the expectations of blind people, because low expectations create obstacles between blind people and our dreams. You can live the life you want; blindness is not what holds you back.**