

NATIONAL FEDERATION OF THE BLIND OF IOWA

2018 STATE CONVENTION

October 5–October 7, 2018

Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites, Des Moines Northwest

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WELCOME

The members of the planning committee welcome you to the 2018 National Federation of the Blind of Iowa state convention!

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AGENDA

Friday, October 5, 2018

10:00 a.m.-Noon Tools to Boost Your Child’s IEP Kimberly Banks

 Salon D

Come learn about appropriate assessments, eligibility guidelines and building the IEP that best fits the needs of your child.

10:00 a.m.-Noon Child Care Provided. All kids 13 and under are welcome.

 Salon B

While you are in meetings, your kids will have the opportunity to create arts and crafts, play games, and meet other blind and sighted children from the state.

12:30-2:30 p.m. Iowa Diabetes Action Network Mike Barber, President

 Salon C

The Iowa Diabetes Action Network will hold its annual meeting with registration beginning at noon outside Salon C. Our main speaker will be Dr. Robert Dahlberg, a Des Moines dentist, who will talk about dental hygiene and your health. We will also hold our election of officers and board members. Registration/Dues is $5

12:30-2:00p.m. Child Care Provided: All kids 13 and under are welcome.

 Salon B until 2:00p.m., then Bennigan's West until 5:00p.m

1:00-5:00 p.m. Parents Networking Seminar Ryan Brems, facilitator

 Salon D

 This exciting event will be jam packed with informational programming and will give parents the opportunity to share experiences and connect with other families as well as professionals in the blindness field.

 See separate agenda for more details on this event

3:00-5:00 p.m. At Large Chapter Meeting April Enderton, President Salon C

 Kristen Steele will be our guest speaker. She will talk about her work as a blind, licensed massage therapist. Michael Barber will talk about the Library Consumer Advisory Committee. We will also hold our annual chapter election and have a little convention trivia. Registration begins at 2:45. Registration/dues is $5.

3:00-5:00 p.m. Iowa Association of Blind Students, Katy Olsen, President

 Salon B

 See separate agenda for details on the student meeting

 Registration begins at 2:30 and dues are $5.

3:00-6:45 p.m. Convention Registration Pick Up Helen Stevens, Chair

 Lobby between Salons B and C

5:15-6:45 p.m. Welcome Reception

 Salon B

 Come reconnect with friends you have not seen for a year, and make new friends at this event. Hors d'oeuvres will be served to those who have registered for the event and are wearing the wrist band for the event.

7:00-8:00 p.m. Resolutions Committee Meeting Tai Tomasi, Chair

 Salon C

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

8:00 p.m.-Midnight Hospitality

 Salon B Des Moines Chapter host hospitality night. Cash Bar available

*Saturday, October 6, 2018*

7:00-8:00 a.m. Convention Registration

 Lobby between Salons B and C

7:00-8:00 a.m. Fundraising Breakfast

 Salon B

8:00-8:45 a.m. Affiliate Board Meeting Jerad S. Nylin, President

 Salon B

 Open to all

8:45-Noon Child Care Provided. All kids 13 and under are welcome.

1:45-5:00 p.m. Salon D

GENERAL SESSION

 Salon C

9:00 a.m. Call to Order: Jerad S. Nylin, President, National Federation of the Blind of Iowa

9:05 a.m. Opening Ceremonies

 Invocation: Cindy Ray, President, Des Moines Chapter

 National Anthem: Beth Rouse

 Pledge of Allegiance

 National Federation of the Blind Pledge

 Welcome to Urbandale: Mayor Bob Andeweg

9:20 a.m. Finding Pride and Identity, Along with a Little Cash for School

 Beth Rouse, 2018 National Scholarship finalist, Student at Central College

9:35 a.m. National Report: The Federation on the Move

 Scott LaBarre, National representative; President, National Federation of the Blind of Colorado

10:05 a.m. Advocacy for Equal Education of Blind Students

 Tai Tomasi, J.D., M.P.A., staff attorney, Disability Rights Iowa

10:20 a.m. Report on the Former Iowa Braille and Sight Saving School location and Iowa Educational Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired

 Justin Ruegg, Director of Human Resources, IESBVI

10:50 a.m. Iowa Department for the Blind: Director’s Report

 Emily Wharton, Director, Iowa Department for the Blind,

11:15 a.m. Do you know what the Iowa Library for the blind has to offer?

 Sarah Willeford, Library Director, Iowa Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

11:50 a.m. Fuel the Fire for Higher Expectations

 Kimberly Banks, 2nd Vice President, National Organization of Parents of Blind Children

Noon Recess

12:15-1:45 p.m. Networking Lunch

 Salon B

 Come reconnect with your friends, meet new friends, and be a part of a relaxing lunch with your federation family

12:15-1:30 p.m. Student/Parent Luncheon:

 Salon C

 All parents and students are welcome to join in on the engaging conversations!

2:00 p.m. General Session

 Salon C

2:05 p.m. Presidential Report: Growing the Federation We Want in New Ways, Jerad S. Nylin, President, National Federation of the Blind of Iowa

2:30 p.m. NABS Report: Paving the Path for Our Future Leaders

 Kathryn Webster, President, National Association of Blind Students

2:45 p.m. It Takes a Village: Bridging the Gap between Education and Rehabilitation Training
Michelle Gip, Youth Services Coordinator, BLIND, Inc., Minneapolis, Minnesota

3:10 p.m. Legal Advocacy and Priorities: Overview and Interactive Discussion

 Tai Tomasi, J.D., M.P.A. staff attorney, Disability Rights Iowa

3:45 p.m. Developing Accessible Technologies to Enhance Quality of Life,

 Kyle Rector, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Computer Science, University of Iowa

4:00 p.m. Healthy Living

 Sandi Ryan, Vice President, Iowa Diabetes Action Network

4:15 p.m. Our Website, Our Brand, and Our Social Network Presence

 Scott Van Gorp, Secretary, National Federation of the Blind of Iowa

4:30 p.m. Access Technology Affordability Act: a Champion for the Blind of Iowa in the Halls of Congress

 The Honorable David Young, 3rd district Iowa, United States Congressman

5:00 p.m. Recess

5:00-6:45 p.m. Pre-Banquet Reception and Cash Bar

 Lobby between Salons B and C

7:00p.m. Annual Banquet

 Salon B

 Master of Ceremonies: Darrel Kirby – 2nd vice President, National Federation of the Blind of Iowa; President, Old Capital Chapter

Invocation: Cindy Ray – President, Des Moines Chapter

 Banquet Address: Scott LaBarre, – National Representative

 PAC Plan Scott LaBarre, – National Representative

 Auction and Raffles

Following Banquet until Midnight.

 Students host hospitality

 Salon B

 After the banquet, stop by for a night of games, music, and fun with our thriving student division!

Sunday, October 7, 2017

8:15 a.m. Morning Devotions Katy Olsen

 Salon B

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

8:45-Noon Child Care Provided. All kids 13 and under are welcome.

 Bennigan’s West

BUSINESS SESSION

 Salon C

9:00 a.m. Call to Order

9:05 a.m. Business Meeting

 2017 Meeting Minutes – Scott Van Gorp, Secretary

 Treasurer’s Report – David Hammel, Treasurer

 Auditing Committee Report – Karen Clayton, Chair

 Resolutions Committee Report – Tai Tomasi, Chair

10:30 a.m. Chapter, Division, and Committee Reports

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

 Election of Delegate and Alternate to the 2019 National Convention

 Old Business

 New Business

 Fundraising

11:30 a.m. Final Remarks – Jerad S. Nylin, President and Scott LaBarre, National Representative

Noon Adjourn

MISSION OF THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF THE BLIND OF IOWA

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.

THE NATIONAL FEDERATION OF THE BLIND 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.



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