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NATIONAL FEDERATION OF THE BLIND OF IOWA

2021 STATE CONVENTION

October 1–October 2, 2021

Anywhere and Everywhere on Zoom

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The members of the planning committee welcome you to the 2020 National Federation of the Blind of Iowa state convention!

Scott Van Gorp, President, NFBI

Cindy Ray, Convention Coordinator, First Vice-President; NFBI

Chelsea Van Gorp, Door Prize Coordinator and Fund raising chair, Des Moines Chapter; NFBI

Bob Ray, Des Moines Chapter, NFBI

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Bob Ray, Nominating

Cindy Ray, Resolutions

Karen Clayton, Auditing

Chelsea Van Gorp, Door Prizes and Fund raising

Terri Wilcox and Cindy Ray, Outreach

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AGENDA

***Friday, October 1, 2021***

Exhibits and Presentations

9:00-11:00 A.m. Pat Fischer – Nanopac – this year Pat will focus on low vision products.

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9:00 A.M. 1:00 P.M. Braille Showcase

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9:00-11:00 A.M. Joel Zimba – Humanware

11:00 A.M. 1:00 P.M. Earl Harrison – HIMS Inc.

1:00-2:00 P.M. William Freeman – American Printing House for the Blind

2:00-3:00 P.M. Guide Dog Users Meeting – We are meeting to discuss current guide dog issues and whether people are interested in forming a guide dog users group in Iowa to address guide dog related matters

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We will also have a Zoom room open for those who just want to hang out in the afternoon on Friday starting at 1PM.

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Meetings

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

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3:30-5:30 p.m. Iowa Association of Blind Students Elizabeth Rouse, President

See separate agenda for details on the student meeting

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5:30-6:30 p.m. Resolutions Committee Meeting Cindy Ray, Chair

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

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Friday General Session

All general sessions and the banquet and board meeting will be using the same

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7:00 P.m. Call to Order: Scott Van Gorp, President, National Federation of the Blind of Iowa

7:05 P.m. **Opening Ceremonies**

Invocation: Cindy Ray, First Vice-President, NFBI

Pledge of Allegiance

National Anthem:

Terri Wilcox, Secretary, NFBI

David Hammel, Treasurer, NFBI

Cindy Ray, First Vice-President, NFBI

Sharonda Goode, Board Member, NFBI

National Federation of the Blind Pledge

Welcome (TBD)

7:20 P.M. Convention Arrangements: Cindy Ray, Convention Coordinator and First Vice-President, NFBI

7:25 P.M. Update from Vanda Pharmaceuticals on developments with Non-24

Jennifer Lyman, Non-24 Nurse Educator – Midwest Territory, Vanda Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

7:40 P.m. National Report: What’s Happening in the Federation?

Tracy Soforenko, National representative; National board member and president, National Federation of the Blind of Virginia

8:15 P.M. NABS Report: What has NABS been up to this year?

Gene Kim, Board Member, National Association of Blind Students

8:30 P.M. Remembering those we’ve lost in the last year who have made a significant impact in Iowa and beyond -Scott Van Gorp, President, National Federation of the Blind of Iowa

9:00 P.M. Adjourn

9:05 P.M. Hospitality – Convention planning committee

Join us for a great time for networking and to mix and Mingle. You never know what could happen!

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***Saturday, October 2, 2021***

8:00-8:45 a.m. Affiliate Board Meeting

Scott Van Gorp, President, NFBI

Open to all

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GENERAL SESSION

9:00 A.M. Call to Order

9:05 A.M. Presidential Report – Scott Van Gorp, President, NFBI

9:30 A.M. Iowa Department for the Blind Report Emily Wharton, Director, Iowa Department for the Blind

10:00 a.m. Report from and Recognition of the achievements of the Iowa Library for the Blind and Print Disabled, Iowa Department for the blind – Sarah Willeford, Director, Iowa Library for the Blind and Print Disabled, Iowa Department for the Blind

10:30 A.M. Updates on Script Talk, Advocacy and More! - Envision America

11:00 A.M. Update from our National Organization regarding our accessible voting efforts in Iowa – Legal Program Team, National Federation of the Blind

11:15 A.M. Update on safety and support initiatives in the national movement and how we can help in Iowa – Survivors Group

11:45 A.M. Reflections on conventions – members can share their perspectives so that we can help shape conventions as we return to in-person conventions in the future!

12:00 p.m. Adjourn

Business Session

2:00 P.M. Call to Order

2:05 P.M. Business Meeting

* 2020 Meeting Minutes –Terri Wilcox, Secretary,
* Treasurer’s Report – David Hammel, Treasurer
* Auditing Committee Report – Karen Clayton, Chair
* Resolutions Committee Report –Cindy Ray, Chair

3:00 P.M. Report from the Friends of the Library

3:10 P.M. Chapter, Division, and Committee Reports

3:30 P.m. Elections – Bob Ray, Nominating Committee Chair

Election of a 1-year term for 2nd Vice-President, and 2 2-year terms for board members. Election of Delegate and Alternate to the 2022 National Convention

* Old Business
* New Business

4:30 P.m. Final Remarks –Tracy Soforenko, National Representative, Gene Kim, Board Member, National Association of Blind Students, and Scott Van Gorp, President, National Federation of the Blind of Iowa

5:00 P.M. Adjourn

6:30 p.m. Annual Banquet

* Master of Ceremonies: Cindy Ray – First Vice-President, National Federation of the Blind of Iowa
* Invocation: Sharonda Good–Board Member, National Federation of the Blind of Iowa
* Banquet Address: Tracy Soforenko, – National Representative

PAC Plan: Tracy Soforenko, – National Representative and Chelsea Van Gorp, Pac Chair for Iowa

Final remarks and adjournment – Scott Van Gorp, President, National Federation of the Blind of Iowa

Following Banquet:

Convention Planning Committee host hospitality

After the banquet it’s another evening for networking and to mix and mingle! Anything can happen, so come join us in the same Zoom room!

We can also do Karaoke if you’d prefer.

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Convention Notes:

We will be having a 50-50 drawing through the convention. Below is a note from Joe Goode, Des Moines Chapter, National Federation of the Blind of Iowa

CASH for the CAUSE:

Play 50/50 during the Convention to support the National Federation of the Blind of Iowa and win some cash. Tickets will be sold for $2 a piece during all general sessions and banquet throughout the 2020 NFBI Convention. Once the pot is up to $200, a drawing will occur, with half of those funds going to the affiliate and the other half to the winner. This drawing resets the 50/50, thus the process begins again. Tickets can then be purchased for a new 50/50 game, and every time the total reaches $200, we reset!

The more games you play and the more tickets you buy for each game contributes to our cause and increases your chance to win cash!

Tickets can be purchased on cashapp by sending funds to Sharonda Goode, (cashtag $ShariRockz) and her phone number is 602-281-5955. Feel free to text with questions about the game.

Life is nifty when you play 50/50!

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.