**47th Annual State Convention**

**NATIONAL FEDERATION OF THE BLIND TENNESSEE**

**April 1-3, 2016**

Clarion Inn

2227 Old Fort Parkway

Murfreesboro, TN

1-800-230-4134

Theme:

**Rhythm of the Movement!**

**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.

**General Information:** Hotel staff asks that you take your guide dogs out anywhere there is a grassy area.

**Registration** will be held on **Friday, April 1st, in the atrium,** from **3:00-5:00 PM** and **Saturday** from **8:00-9:00 AM.**

Please support the Tennessee Association of Blind Students on Friday night from **9:15 to 11:45 PM** for Game Night. For just $10.00, you can play Family Feud, Name that Tune and have some great pizza.

Saturday night at 9:15, join us at the hotel restaurant for a night of fun filled karaoke.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

**Friday, April 1st**

**3:00-6:00 PM**: Registration in atrium and Exhibit Hall

Exhibitors include:

TN Library for the Blind, 3D Photo Works, Adaptiveware,

Tennessee Disability Coalition/Benefits To Work, Enhanced Vision, Technology Access Center of Nashville, Lion’s Club of Murfreesboro, Tennessee Rehabilitation Center, Braille Works, Kustom Cane, Colorado Center for the Blind, Winston-Salem Blind Industries, and VandaPharmaceuticals

**5:00-7:00 PM**: Tennessee Association of Blind Students

Canonsburg Room

Division President: Josh Harper, Stones River Chapter

Murfreesboro, TN

**6:00-7:00 PM**: Financial Audit Committee

Oakland Room

Chair: Natalie Norwood, Volunteer Chapter

Knoxville, TN

**6:00-7:00 PM**: Resolution Committee.

Tennessee Room

Chair: Terry Smith, Scenic City Chapter

Chattanooga, TN

**7:00-9:00 PM**: Hup Hup Tennessee, Guide Dog Division

Stones River Room

Division President: James Boehm, Stones River Chapter

Murfreesboro, TN

**8:00-11:30 PM**: Hospitality Room

Room 266.

**9:15-11:45 PM**: Game Night with TABS!

Stones River Room

For $10.00, come play Family Feud and Name That Tune. Pizza will also be provided.

**Saturday, April 2**

**7:00-8:45 AM**: Board of Directors Breakfast Meeting

Oakland room.

Chair: James Brown, President, NFB of TN

Nashville, TN

**8:00-9:00 AM**: Registration in atrium.

**8:00-9:00 AM**: Hospitality Room

Room 266.

*The following General Sessions will be held in the Ballroom.*

**Rhythm of the Movement**

**9:00 AM**: Call to Order!

James Brown, President, NFB of TN

Nashville, TN

Invocation:

Douglas Dunlap, Member, At Large Chapter

James Brown and the Live the Life You Want Band

The Rhythm of the Movement

**9:20 AM**: A Big Welcome Hug from Stones River

James Boehm, President, Stones River Chapter

Murfreesboro, TN

**9:30 AM**: National Report: Ain’t No Stoppin’ Us Now!

Norma Crosby, Board Member

National Federation of the Blind

President, NFB of TX.

Houston TX

**9:55 AM**: 2016 Tennessee Scholarship Class

I Believe I Can Fly!

John Harris, Chair, Scholarship Committee

Member, Stones River Chapter

Murfreesboro, TN

**10:15 AM**: My Experience at Colorado Center for the Blind

Rocky Mountain High

Jarad Carver, At Large Chapter Member

Alexandria, Tennessee

Maureen Nietfeld, CCB Representative

Delfina Rodriguez, CCB Representative

**10:45 AM**: Create Your Own Destiny

Ballers, Tennessee Style

Monzi McDaniel, NFL Sports Management

Nashville, Tennessee

**11:15 AM**: How TBR is making College Accessible in TN

Accessible Technology

Philip Voorhees, TBR Assistive Technology Specialist

Nashville, TN

**11:35 AM**: Learning About Non-24 Disorder

Goodnight Sweetheart-Goodnight

Dr. Trey Williams, Sleep Researcher

Charlotte, North Carolina

**Noon**: Adjourn for Lunch

Exhibit Hall in Atrium from 11:30-2:00 PM

**12:00-1:30 PM**: Tennessee Association of Blind Merchants Oakland Room

President, Sharon Treadway

Nashville, TN

*The following General Sessions will be held in the ballroom*

**2:00 PM**: The Library Song!

Ruth Hemphill, Outreach Librarian, Tennessee Library for the Blind

Nashville, TN

**2:25 PM**: The Power of the KNFB Reader

James Boehm, President, Stones River Chapter

Secretary, NFB of TN

Murfreesboro, TN

**2:45 PM**: Brave: Why You Should be a Federationist

Sharon Treadway, President, Tennessee Association of Blind Merchants

Nashville, Tennessee

**3:05 PM**: Ring My BELL Academy!

Christina Clift, Second Vice President, NFB of TN

President, Memphis Federation of the Blind

Memphis, TN

Dominique Lawless

Chair, At Large Committee

Nashville, TN

Tonika and TaMyah Jordan

Mother and Daughter Duo

Murfreesboro, TN

**3:20 PM**: I Hope You Dance

Dr. Kathy Segers, Principal, Tennessee School for the Blind

Nashville, TN

**3:40 PM:** The Awakening of HK Derryberry

H.K. Derryberry, Member, Nashville Chapter

Jim Bradford, Mentor

Nashville, Tennessee

**4:15 PM**: State Presidential Report: Renegade

James Brown, President, NFB of TN

Nashville, TN

**4:40 PM**: Nominating Committee Report

Nominating Chair, Terry Smith

First Vice President, NFB of TN

Chattanooga, TN

**4:45 PM**: Election Time in Tennessee

James Brown, President, NFB of TN

Nashville, TN

**5:00 PM**: Adjourn

**7:00 PM**: NFB of TN Banquet in ballroom

Banquet Agenda:

Keith Tim Anderson on Jazz Keys

Welcome from James Boehm

Banquet MC, President, Stones River Chapter

Murfreesboro, TN

Scholarship Class of 2016

John Harris, Chair

Scholarship Committee

Murfreesboro, TN

Federationist of the Year Award

Presenter: Terry Smith, First Vice President

National Federation of the Blind Tennessee

Steve Norman on Sax

Key Note Speaker: Norma Crosby,

President, National Federation of the Blind of Texas

Board Member, National Federation of the Blind

Houston, TX

*Please read Norma’s bio at:* <https://nfb.org/norma-crosby-bio>

Member’s MIC Pledges

Departing Words from James Boehm

**9:00-11:30 PM**: Hospitality Room

Room 266.

**Sunday, April 3rd**

**8:00-9:00 AM**: Hospitality Room

Room 266.

*The following Session will be held in the Ballroom.*

**9:00 AM**: Call to Order

James Brown, President, NFB of TN

Nashville, TN

**9:05 AM:** Invocation

Russell Jones,

Second Vice President, Memphis Chapter

**9:10 AM**: What’s up with the Voice!

Steve Norman, Editor

Tennessee Voice

Murfreesboro, TN

**9:40 AM**: Legislative Committee Report

James Brown, President, NFB of TN

Nashville, TN

**9:55 AM**: Audit Committee Report

Natalie Norwood, Audit Committee Chair;

President, Volunteer Chapter

Knoxville, TN

**10:10 AM**: Treasurer’s Report

Evelyn Hogue, Treasurer, NFB of TN

Memphis, TN

**10:25 PM:** Website Committee Report

Josh Harper, Committee Chair

President, Tennessee Association of Blind Students

Murfreesboro, TN

**10:40 AM**: Chapter and Division Reports

**11:15 AM**: Resolutions Report

Terry Smith, Chair, Resolutions Committee

Chattanooga, TN

**11:50 AM:** Customary Motion

Nominating an Alternate delegate to National Convention

**11:55 AM**: State Convention 2017

**Noon**: Adjourn

***Thank you to all of our members!***

***We couldn’t do this without you.***

President: James Aaron Brown

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