Our Time Is Now: **It’s Never Too Late to Live the Life You Want!**

**The National Federation of the Blind**

**Of Nebraska**

**51st ANNUAL STATE CONVENTION**

**March 24 through 26th**

We warmly invite you to attend our 51st Annual State Convention kicking off Thursday evening, March 24th in the cloud, everywhere and anywhere via Zoom. BYOB and join us for fellowship and fun. The merriment will continue through Saturday evening  with exhibitors, informative presentations, seminars, and much more!  Join the largest gathering of blind men and women in Nebraska to make a difference in the lives of the blind across the state!

To learn more about our convention and to register, please go here: <https://ne.nfb.org/civicrm/event/info?id=3&reset=1>

Even though this is a free event, you still need to register in order to receive materials and to be eligible for a door prize.

If you need assistance with registering on-line or wish a paper copy of the form, please contact treasurer Cheryl Livingston at 402-488-2509 or treasurer@ne.nfb.org and she will be happy to assist you.

It’s never too late! Our time is now! Make plans to join us. We can’t wait to see everyone on March 24-26 to celebrate Living the Lives We Want!

"I am filled with hope, energy, and love by participating in the National Federation of The Blind because my expectations are raised, my contributions make a difference to me and to others, and I can celebrate the realization of my dreams with my Federation family.”

**AGENDA**

*(All Times Are Central Daylight Savings Time)*

**Thursday, March 24, 2022**

7:00 PM – 8:30 PM Virtual Welcome and Rookie Round-up

BYOB and a snack and drop in to begin the celebration! Join us and learn about NFBN and the fun days ahead.

**Friday, March 25, 2022**

8:30 AM – 12:00 PM General Session

8:30 AM – Call to Order: Amy Buresh President, National Federation of the Blind of Nebraska

Welcome and housekeeping

9:00 AM – What we are doing together - the national report: Shawn Callaway, Member National Federation of the Blind Board of Directors and President, NFB of D.C.

10:00 AM – For your health: Panel presentations on accessible Covid-19 testing, hear how we can partner with EnVision America to make prescription labels accessible through their app and how we can advocate together to make this the law in Nebraska and the nation, and hear how you can compete and work out with sighted peers at a fitness club or class

11:00 AM – Educating our blind children- an update on the latest happenings at the Nebraska Center for the Education of Children Who Are Blind or Visually Impaired (NCECBVI): Sally Schreiner, Campus Administrator

11:25 AM – Read all about it - an update on the latest news from the Nebraska Talking Book and Braille Service (TBBS): Gabe Kramer, Director

12:00 PM – Adjourn

1:00 PM – Accessible Technology and more – Wondering how to use that Talking Book player, download and use the BARD app or sign up for services? Want to know a totally free way to access more than publications, emergency weather alerts, job listings, retail adds and more? Drop by to hear from various venders and services like NanoPac, Talking Book and Braille Service, NFB-Newsline Radio Talking Book Service and more. Each vender will give an overview and then be available in their own virtual room for you to drop in and talk directly with them. (A full list of venders will be provided on our convention web page and may be subject to change.)

3:00 PM – What’s the benefit for me? Benefits 101.

4:00 PM – Krafters Corner Tammy Freitag, President NFB Crafters Division Facilitator.

6:30 PM – NFBN Senior Division annual meeting. Robert Newman, President

 8:00 PM – NFBN Got Talent! Sponsored by the Nebraska Association of Blind Students

**Saturday, March 26, 2022**

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM Breakfast with the board (open to all)

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM Shop Till You Drop. Lace up your comfy shoes and grab your credit cards and prepare for a guided tour of on-line shopping apps and websites. Jamie Richey Facilitator

10:00 AM – NFBN Student Division Annual Meeting. Maura Loberg President

1:30 PM General Session

1:40 PM — Getting to the golden apple: Chase Crispin

2:00 PM — All about that braille and that bell: Panel presentation

2:35 PM — The 5 W.’s of training: Panel Presentation

3:15 PM — Partners for Success in empowering the blind of Nebraska to live a full life, be gainfully employed and achieve their dreams NCBVI Update — Kimberly Scherbarth, NFBN Designee to the Board of Commissioners and Carlos Servan, Executive Director

3:40 PM — Takin’ Care of Business

1. Roll Call of Chapters and Divisions.
2. Minutes of the 2020 Convention.
3. Annual Treasurer's Report.
4. . Nominating Committee Report.
5. Elections

5:00 PM — Straight from the heart: Why I Am A Federationist

5:15 PM — Adjourn.

7:00 PM Annual NFB of Nebraska Banquet

Barbara Loos, Master of Ceremonies

Invocation: Cheryl Livingston, Treasurer, National Federation of the Blind of Nebraska

Keynote Address: Shawn Callaway, Member National Federation of the Blind Board of Directors and President, NFB of D.C.

Raffle Drawings: Maura Loberg, President, Nebraska Association of Blind Students

NFBN Scholarship Presentations: Shane Buresh, Scholarship Chair.

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Note: This agenda may change without notice. That adds to the mystery. Join us to make what happens great.

**Code of Conduct:**

We welcome all attendees to our convention and embrace diversity, inclusion, and mutual respect. Please keep the following expectations in mind when you join us:

Through advocacy, public awareness, and mentoring, the National Federation of the Blind of Nebraska provides support to members and advocates for our rights to live the lives we want. As a member or guest at our event, you represent not only yourself but also our organization. We want you to enjoy your time with us, make new friends, and renew old acquaintances. Although we encourage members to socialize and have fun, the convention also provides an important opportunity to come together to continue the work of our organization, to learn about the important initiatives that we are involved with on a local and national level, and to plan our work for the future.

Please remember these guidelines:

1. Welcome new attendees: Although you will undoubtedly enjoy time with your friends, please reach out to those who have never joined us before and help them to be comfortable. We welcome people from all walks of life and with diverse needs and experiences.
2. Attend and participate in sessions.
3. Harassment will not be tolerated under any circumstances. If your behavior could possibly make anyone uncomfortable, even if you would not be upset by it yourself, do not do or say anything that could be considered inappropriate by others.