**

National Federation of the Blind of West Virginia 2024 State Convention
Holiday Inn-University Area, 1188 Pineview Dr.
Morgantown, WV 26505

AGENDA**

**Thursday, October 31, 2024**3:00 PM Hotel Check-in
3:30 PM Drop off auction items and door prizes presidential suite #215

5:00 PM Dinner on your own (Bourbon Room)

7:30 PM NFBWV Board of Directors Meeting (Bourbon Room): Sheri Koch, Chair

**Friday, November 1, 2024**BLIND COMMUNITY UNITY DAY:
8:000 AM Vendor Booths Setup (Liberi Section)

8:30 AM Welcome (Montani Semper Section): Sheri Koch, NFBWV President

 A Moment of Silence for Those We’ve Lost

 Vendor Mini Presentations: 10 Minutes Each

 VISIONS: Amanda Udell
 WV Assistive Technology System (WVATS): Doug Cumpston

 Jehovah’s Witness (JW.org) Robert & Geraldine Johnson, Ron & Diane
 Barnett

 WV Library Commission: Susan Ward

 American Printing House for the Blind (APH): Lee Huffman and
 Jim Sullivan Monarch

 LiveAbility Center for Independent Living: Annetta Johnson

 This & That Gadgets Table: Demonstrations Provided by Blind Equipment
 Owners: NFBWV members, other interested gadget Users

10:00 AM BREAK

10:15 AM Explore the Vendor booths (Liberi Section)

11:30 PM BOX LUNCH (Montani Semper Section)

12:30 PM GENERAL SESSION
 Organizations & Agency Reports: (Montani Semper Section)

 National Federation of the Blind, A National Review of our Mission and
 Impact: Jesse Sherik, National Representative

12:50 PM National Federation of the Blind of West Virginia, A State and
 Grassroots Perspective on our Mission and Impact: Sheri Koch, NFBWV
 President

1:00 PM WV School for the Deaf and the Blind: Melanie Hesse, WVSDB Dean of
 Students and Wendy Bailey, Statewide Outreach Specialist for WVDE

1:20 PM Cabell-Wayne Association of the Blind: Toni Walls, Executive Director

1:40 PM Seeing Hand Association for the Blind: Karen Haught, Executive Director

2:00 PM LiveAbility Center for Independent Living, Morgantown: Annetta Johnson,
 Administrative Director

2:20 PM American Foundation for the Blind, Huntington: Aaron Preece,
 AccessWorld Editor in Chief

2:40 PM American Printing House for the Blind, Huntington: Lee Huffman, Low
 Vision Product Manager, Product Development and Jim Sullivan, Director,
 Social Enterprise

3:00 PM BREAK

3:15 PM Let’s Talk: West Virginia Division of Rehabilitation Services (WVDRS); A
 Pannel Discussion on Services and Policies: Pisnu Bua-Iam, WVDRS
 Director; (Blind Services Staff) Candice Ward, Assistant Director,
 Rachel Hatfield, Rehabilitation Services Manager 1, Gentry Klein,
 Deputy Director, Kevin Maynus, Rehabilitation Specialist for the
 Blind, Tammy Murdock, VISIONS Manager, NFBWV members, Jesse
 Sherik, NFB National Representative, and other interested blind
 stakeholders

5:00 PM Wrap-up and Adjourn

6:15 PM DINNER (Montani Semper Section)

8:00 PM AUCTION: All Things West Virginian: (Montani Semper Section)
 Marcus Soulsby, Auctioneer

**Saturday, November 2, 2024**8:30 AM GENERAL SESSION: (Montani Semper Section)
 Call to Order, Remarks, & Announcements: Sheri Koch, NFBWV

 President Pledge of Allegiance, Led by Harold Thomas Rogers
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 NFB Pledge, by Karen McDonald
 “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.”

8:35 AM WHAT’S GOING ON AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL, NFB Report: Jesse Sherik,
 National Representative
9:00 AM WHAT’S GOING ON AT THE STATE LEVEL, NFBWV Report: Sheri Koch
 NFBWV President

9:15 AM FUNDAMENTALS OF SELF-ADVOCACY: Jesse Shirek, National
 Representative

10:15 AM BREAK

10:30 AM TRAINING FOR LIFE AT AN NFB CENTER: My Experience at the
 Louisiana Center for the Blind: Ahmad Shafi, NFBWV Member
 at Large

11:00 AM CHALLENGING INACCESSIBILITY AT THE UNIVERSITY LEVEL: Miranda
 Lacy & Harold Rogers, WVU MSW Students and NFBWV Members, and
 Facilitated by Sheri Koch

11:30 AM MY EXPERIENCE AS A TEACHER OF TOMORROW: Wendy Bailey

12:00 PM LUNCH

1:30 PM GENERAL SESSION;
 Convention Business (Montani Semper Section)

 BUILDING OUR AFFILIATE: A ROADMAP FOR TODAY AND TOMORROW;
 Final Report of the Committee of the Whole on Membership Building:
 Review & Progress Report: Ed McDonald, 1st Vice-president and
 President Members at Large Chapter

      RESOLUTIONS: Ed McDonald, Mr. Whereas

 FINANCIAL MATTERS: Garrett Harris, Interim Treasurer

 ELECTION OF OFFICERS

 CHAPTER REPORTS: Sightless Workers Guild President, Jack Yahnke
 & Members at Large President, Ed McDonald

 OPEN DISCUSSION: Review of Blind Community Unity Day; Initiatives &
 Priorities for the Coming Year

4:30 PM WRAP-UP AND ADJOURN

6:30 PM BANQUET: Master of Ceremonies: Ed McDonald &

 Keynote Speaker: Jesse Sherik

 **Sunday, November 3, 2024**9:00 AM IN MEMORIUM, Remembering Those We’ve Loved and Lost: Marla
 Sewell, Members at Large (Montani Semper Section)

10:00 AM WRAP-UP, ADJOURN, AND CHECK-OUT

***THANKS YOU FOR SHARING YOUR TIME, SPIRIT, AND GREAT IDEA! THE FELLOWSHIP WAS WONDERFUL. BE SAFE GOING HOME****.*