**

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:
8:00 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 &
 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
 Organization & 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 & 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, (APH) Huntington: Lee
 Huffman, Low Vision Product
 Manager, Product Development

 Jim Sullivan, (APH) Director, Social
 Enterprise

3:00 PM BREAK

3:15 PM LET’S TALK: West Virginia Division
 of Rehabilitation Services
 (WVDRS); A Pannel
 b 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
 Virginia: 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, Member at
 LargeHH

 NFB Pledge: Led 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 LOCAL

 LEVEL, NFBWV Report: Sheri
 Koch, NFBWV President

9:15 AM FUNDAMENTALS OF SELF-
 ADVOCACY: Jesse Sherik,
 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 at Large, & Sheri Koch
 facilitating

11:30 AM MY EXPERIENCE AS A TEACHER
 OF MORROW: 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 Chapter
 President, Jack Yahnke & Members
 at Large Chapter President, Ed
 McDonald

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

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, & CHECK-
 OUT

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