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AGENDA

National Federation of the Blind of Alabama State Convention

MARCH 16 - 18, 2018

Embassy Suites

300 Tallapoosa Street

Montgomery, Alabama 36104

Phone: 334-269-5055

ROOM RATES

\$109.00 + taxes / Double and Single

REGISTRATION FEES

If you register before the convention, the fee is \$20.00

If you register during the convention, the fee is \$25.00

BANQUET

The Banquet will be held Saturday evening March 17, 2018 in Salon ABC and Embassy 1 at 7:00pm. If you register before the convention, the cost of the Banquet is \$30.00.

If you register during the convention, the cost is \$35.00

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Friday Afternoon – Friday Evening
March 16, 2018

- 12:00 - 2:30pm** **Registration:**
Conference Registration area
- 4:00pm - 5:30pm** **Registration:**
Conference Registration area
- 12:00 - 7:00pm** **Exhibits: Capitol I & II**
- 12:00 - 1:30pm** **Technology Seminar: Aira, the Visual**
Interpreter for the Blind, Speaking with
Vision, Presenter, Michael Hingson,
Director of Strategic Sales, Aira
Jeff Wilson, Technology Instructor
Alabama Freedom Center for the Blind and
Michael Hingson, Director of Strategic
Sales
Room: Salon AB
- 1:45 - 3:30pm** **Viewing and discussion of the Movie,**
“Do You Dream In Color”
Room: Salon AB

- 3:30 - 4:30pm** **The NFB of Alabama Senior Division, Carol Braithwaite, President and special guest Mathew Haynes, State Coordinator of OASIS. Room: Salon C**
- 3:30 - 4:30pm** **Alabama Association of Blind Students Annual Business Meeting Jessica Williams, President Room: Salon AB.**
- 4:30 - 5:30pm** **The Alabama Association of Blind Merchants Annual Business Meeting Barbara Manual, President Room: Salon C**
- 6:30 - 9:30pm** **“Bingo and Auction” The NFB of Alabama and Newline invites you to join us for a Fundraiser. Bingo Night, the cost will be \$10.00 (1 Bingo Card), \$15.00 (2 Bingo Cards). Food and a Cash Bar will be available. We will also be bidding on Auction items between Bingo Games. Room: Embassy I**

Saturday Morning

March 17, 2018

7:30 - 8:45am

**Registration:
Conference Registration area**

7:30 - 8:45am

Exhibits: Capitol I & II

9:00am - 12:00pm

General Session: Salon ABC and Embassy I

9:00am

**Call to Order: Joy Harris, President,
National Federation of the Blind of
Alabama (NFBA)**

Invocation

**Rev. Robert Wagstaff, Mt. Calvary Baptist
Church Montgomery, Alabama**

9:05 - 9:30am

**Opening Ceremonies:
Presentation of Colors by Lee High School
ROTC**

**The Pledges and singing of the National
Anthem by Ansley Hendrix, Student,
Alabama Freedom Center for the Blind.**

Welcome

**President of our Montgomery Chapter,
NFBA, Parmie Similton**

Welcome

**Representative Thad McClammy a member
of the Alabama State House of
Representatives will present the
Governor's Proclamation.**

- 9:30 - 10:10am** **Report from the National Federation of the Blind National Office, Dr. Marc Mauer, Past President, National Federation of the Blind from 1986 to 2014**
- 10:10 - 10:30am** **Bell Program: Coming to Alabama
Joy Orton, Coordinator**
- 10:30 - 11:00am** **Alabama Department of Rehabilitation Services Update: Curtis Glisson, Assistant Commissioner for Blind and Deaf Services. Transition Services and New College Quest Program, Dana Barber, State Coordinator of Blind Services**
- 11:00 - 11:15am** **Child Initiatives Braille and Cane Travel Programs: Mrs. Patricia Maurer, Director of Community Relations, National Federation of the Blind Jernigan Institute**
- 11:15 - 11:45am** **Alabama Resource Center for the Blind, AIRCB: Teresa Lacy, Director and Librarian at the Alabama School for the Blind and Sub regional Librarian with the Sub regional Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped.**
- 11:45 - 12:00PM** **Non 24 Sleep Wake Disorder: Vanda Pharmaceuticals Regional Nurse Educator, Wendy O'Steen.**
- 12:00pm** **Announcements and adjournment**

Saturday Afternoon

March 17, 2018

- 12:00 – 1:45pm** **Alabama Association of Blind Students Luncheon. Jessica Williams, President. Room: Capitol III**
- 12:00 - 1:45pm** **Lunch Buffett served in Hotel Restaurant the cost will be \$15.00**
- 12:00 - 1:45pm** **Registration: Conference Registration Area**
- 12:00 - 1:45pm** **Exhibits: Capitol I & II**
- 2:00pm - 5:00pm** **General Session: Salon ABC & Embassy I**
- 2:00 - 2:45pm** **“Survivor of 911” Michael Hingson, Author of Thunder Dog and newest book Running with Roselle. President, Michael Hingson Group, Inc.**
- 2:45 - 3:15pm** **Open Dialogue on Advocacy Challenges HR 260 ADA Education and Reform Act: Dr. Graham L. Sisson, Jr. Executive Director, Governor’s Office on Disability, Assistant Attorney General and State ADA Coordinator.**
- 3:15 - 4:00pm** **National Federation of the Blind, History and Highlights: Dr. Marc Mauer, Past President National Federation of the Blind 1986 to 2014 Baltimore, Maryland**

4:00 - 4:15pm **Alabama Institute for Deaf and Blind
Update: Dr. John Mascia, President, AIDB.**

4:15 - 4:50pm **Alabama Freedom Center for the Blind
Past, Present and Future: Jessica
Edmiston, Director, Birmingham Regional
Center, Cindy Jones Yeager, AFCB
Coordinator and John Mascia, President
AIDB.**

4:50 – 5:00pm **Questions**

5:00pm **Announcements and Adjourn**

**Saturday Evening
March 17, 2018**

**National Federation of the Blind of Alabama
Convention Banquet**

6:00pm

Cash Bar

7:00pm

**CONVENTION BANQUET
Salon ABC & Embassy I**

**Mistress of
Ceremonies**

**Barbara Manual, First Vice President NFB
of Alabama**

Invocation

**Richard Smith, member of the
Montgomery Chapter NFBA**

Banquet Address

**Our Continuing Efforts to Achieve Equality
for the Blind. Dr. Marc Mauer, Past
President National Federation of the Blind
Baltimore, Maryland**

Presentation

**Presentation of Charter for National
Federation of the Blind of Alabama Senior
Division. Carol Braithwaite, President**

Award

**1st Annual Rev. Frank Lee Memorial
Scholarship Award Presentation. Grace
Anderson, Scholarship Chairman**

9:00 - 11:00pm

**AABS Alabama Association of Blind
Students Fund Raiser “NFB Family Feud,
come see members of your local chapter
battle it out against their fellow NFB
family. Admission \$5.00**

**Sunday Morning
March 18, 2018**

8:15 - 9:00am	Devotions
9:30am - 12pm	Business Meeting Salon ABC & Embassy I
9:30am	Call to Order, President, NFBA
Invocation	Larry Povinelli, Treasurer, NFBA
Secretary Report	Gail Smith
Treasurer Report	Larry Povinelli
Nominating Committee Report	Allen Harris, Chairman
Elections	President 1 Year Term and (3) Board Positions 2 Year Terms
	Appointment of Delegate and Alternate Delegate to the 2018 National Federation of the Blind Convention in Orlando, Florida
	Chapter Reports Old Business and New Business
	Closing Remarks
12:00 Noon	Adjourn

"The National Federation of the Blind 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 is a community of members and friends who believe in the hopes and dreams of the nation's blind. Every day we work together to help blind people "live the lives they want."

NFB 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."

Convention Exhibitors

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