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ACB Conference Gems

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- Lighthouse for the Blind Seattle – High Tech Workshop
- LUA – NLS Talking Book Narrator
- Maxi-Aids – ACB Café, July 4th
From the President

Dear Conventioneers:

I want to welcome everyone to the 55th annual conference and convention of the American Council of the Blind, in beautiful Minneapolis, Minnesota. I am looking forward to presiding over my third convention as president of ACB, and to speak with so many members and guests from across the country and, in fact, from around the world.

The theme of the 2016 convention is "ACB: Land of 10,000 Dreams." This is a great theme for this year's convention since dreams of today represent the realities for tomorrow, and that's what our work in ACB is all about ... turning dreams into realities for people who are blind or visually impaired.

You will hear much more about ACB's successes during what should be our busiest and most information-packed convention ever.

Every ACB convention relies on scores of volunteers who work to make this event possible. I want to personally thank the members of the Convention Committee, ably
chaired by Janet Dickelman; the Convention Program Committee, and the Minnesota Host Committee for their efforts. I know my fellow ACB board members also wish to express their appreciation to everyone who assisted in putting together this convention. Likewise, let me acknowledge the work of our Alexandria, VA and Minneapolis, MN staff. You are all fabulous!

Finally, a very warm welcome to those of you attending the ACB convention for the first time. Minnesota is a place that will leave a special spot in your heart. Whether this is your first trip to Minnesota, or a return visit, I can assure you that you will leave with many new friends and treasured memories.

From Brian and me, have a great convention and stop and say "Hello" when you see us dashing by during the week. I know your time in Minneapolis at the ACB convention will be an especially memorable and fun experience. Plan on joining us in 2017 and come to Reno, Nevada!

Best Wishes,

Kim Charlson, ACB President
Abbreviations in this Program

ACB - American Council of the Blind

AABT - American Association of Blind Teachers

AAVL - Alliance on Aging and Vision Loss

AAVIA - American Association of Visually Impaired Attorneys

ACBDA - ACB Diabetics in Action

ACBF - ACB Families

ACBGE - ACB Government Employees

ACBL - ACB Lions

ACBRA - ACB Radio Amateurs

ACBS - ACB Students

ADP - Audio Description Project

AFB - American Foundation for the Blind

APH - American Printing House for the Blind

BITS - Blind Information Technology Specialists
BOP - Board of Publications
BPI - Blind LGBT Pride International
BRL - Braille Revival League
CCLVI - Council of Citizens with Low Vision International
DKM - Durward K. McDaniel First-Timer
FIA - Friends-in-Art of ACB
GDUI - Guide Dog Users, Inc.
IRC - International Relations Committee
IVIE - Independent Visually Impaired Entrepreneurs
KEC - Kids’ Explorers Club
LUA - Library Users of America
MCAC - Multicultural Affairs Committee
NIB - National Industries for the Blind
NLS - National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped
RSVA - Randolph-Sheppard Vendors of America
SASI - Sight and Sound Impaired Committee

VIVA - Visually Impaired Veterans of America

WCC - Women's Concerns Committee

**ACB Photography**

The official ACB photographer for the 2016 conference and convention will be taking pictures and video in the exhibit hall, on selected tours, and at many social events. He will visit committee and affiliate meetings, workshops, general sessions, and the banquet.

It is understood that all activities and programs scheduled at the 2016 conference and convention are subject to be photographed or videoed. Photos and video are the property of ACB, and are for ACB's use.

Be sure your committee, affiliate or other group event is photographed. Contact the ACB/Verizon Information Desk to request that the photographer visit your event. Be sure to specify date and time, and provide contact information so we can reach you if necessary.
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For medical emergencies, dial 0 on a hotel phone or 911 on any other phone. Stay calm and speak distinctly. Give your name, exact location and a description of the emergency. For medical care, contact:

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**Email list** - The ACB Convention email list keeps you up-to-date on all the news. Even if you aren't at convention, you can receive "The Minneapolis Messenger” and all the other information. To subscribe, go to the ACB website at www.acb.org, or send a blank message to acbconvention-subscribe@acblists.org.

**File Download Service** - Would you like your newspaper, exhibit list, delegate list, and amendments in electronic format for your laptop or notetaker? Stop by the ACB/Verizon Information Desk each morning before 10:00 AM; a volunteer will download all the latest files onto
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Should an indoor accident occur, please report it to the front desk. Do not just walk away from or ignore an accident. If an accident occurs in your room, you will be charged for the clean-up.

The GDUI Convention Area Orientation (Sun., July 3 at 1:00 PM and Mon., July 4 at 7:30 AM) will help you learn
the best routes in and around the hotel; meet in the GDUI Suite, Greenway J.

Suite hours are:

- Sunday, July 3, noon to 5:00 PM
- Monday & Tuesday, July 4 & 5, 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM
- Wednesday, July 6, 9:00 AM to 12 noon.

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The hotel lobby is a rectangle with smooth tile floors. In the center of the lobby is a seating area. From the front door of the hotel walk straight to find four steps down to the seating area. If you turn right from the front door and walk about 40 feet you will find four steps down to the hotel restaurant.
If you turn left from the front door and walk about 40 feet then turn right you will reach the front desk; if you continue walking straight instead of turning towards the front desk you will enter the conference center. When you reach the carpet you will immediately find steps which take you in to the conference center.

To locate the guest room elevators, continue past the front desk where you will find steps or a ramp leading to the elevators. To avoid the steps, stay close to the wall where the ramp is located.

Meeting rooms are on the 1st, 2nd, 4th and 5th floors of the hotel. Meeting rooms can be accessed from meeting room escalators and elevators in the lobby or from the sleeping room elevators.

The hotel restaurants, Prairie Kitchen and Market Deli are located on the first floor of the Hyatt.

Below is a list of the meeting rooms we will be using during the convention.
Main Level Meeting Rooms

Nicollet Ballroom (General Sessions)

Exhibit Hall (Exhibits)

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Lakeshore Ballroom, Sections A, B, and C - (Section B Registration, Section C Communications)

Second Level Meeting Rooms

Greenway Ballroom, Sections A through J

Regency Room

Mirage

Skyway Room

St. Croix

Minnehaha

North Star Ballroom
Fourth Floor Meeting Rooms
Great Lakes, Section A and B
Lake Minnetonka
Lake Calhoun
Lake Harriet
Lake Nokomis
Lake of the Isles
Cedar Lake

Fifth Floor Meeting Rooms
Lake Superior, Section A and B

Registration Q&A
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Registration is located in Lakeshore Ballroom B on the first floor of the Hyatt.
NEW THIS YEAR! – Registration will not be open Thursday night as in years past. Pre-registration packets can be picked up anytime Registration is open, but Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM are reserved exclusively for pre-registration pickup ONLY. Onsite registration will only be done from 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM on these three days. This is an attempt to better manage the lines during the first days of the convention.

Hours are:

- Friday to Sunday, July 1 to 3: 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM (pre-reg pick-up only) and 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM for pre-reg pick-up and for onsite-registrations.
- Monday, July 4: 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM
- Tuesday to Thursday, July 5 to 7: 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM
- Friday, July 8: 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM

When you register, you will receive your convention ID badge, program, and goody bag filled with information and surprises. You must register to purchase tickets to events and be eligible to win great door prizes. Wear your badge at all times; it admits you to the exhibit area, lets you vote
(if you are an ACB member), and helps hotel personnel and volunteers provide better service.

If you are pre-registered, your packet will be waiting for you. You may not pick up a packet for someone else. If you have any questions about your registration or need to purchase more tickets, go to Registration in Lakeshore Ballroom B.

A one-day pass is available for $5.00; $10.00 with program. This pass is color-coded by day, and is good for only the day on which it is purchased. With this pass you may attend exhibits and other programs and purchase tickets for that day only. If you wish to attend additional days at the convention, you must pay the full administrative fee.

**Refunds:** ACB will make no refunds for convention administrative and registration fees, sponsorship donations, or tickets that you just don't want. Refunds are not made for events that you miss for any reason other than extreme illness (see below), or for events that you simply do not enjoy. Refunds will be issued only for meals, events, and tours provided that:
• An individual has pre-registered and requests the refund in writing to the American Council of the Blind, 6300 Shingle Creek Parkway, Suite 195, Brooklyn Center, MN 55430, or calls (612) 332-3242, on or before June 30, 2016; and

• The individual does not attend any part of the convention.

• In case of illness during the convention which requires you to return home or to be hospitalized, refunds will be issued only for the meals, events, and tours which take place after your absence begins. If the guarantee has already been given for a meal function or a tour, no refund for that function will be given.

• Refunds for tour tickets are only made under certain conditions. See tour instructions for more information.

Lost tickets: ACB will not replace tickets that are lost during the convention. All ticket packets are checked
before they are distributed at the convention, and tickets that are lost or misplaced must be purchased again.

**Reselling tickets:** Only tour tickets will be accepted for resale. In general, meal functions and social events at the hotel do not sell out. You may wish to explore other methods of selling luncheon, banquet and other such tickets.

ACB is not responsible for notifying you if you have paid for a ticket through pre-registration for an event or tour that is already sold out. Your name will be put on a waiting list in the event of cancellations, or in case additional tickets become available.

**Communication Center Services**

The Marcia Nigro Dresser Communication Center is located in Lakeshore C on the first floor of the Hyatt and is open from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Saturday, July 2 through Thursday, July 7. This is where you can place ads in the paper, make braille or print copies, or volunteer to help produce the newspaper.
**Convention Newspaper:**

This year's newspaper is "The Minneapolis Messenger." It is published each day, Saturday through Thursday, in braille and large print; pick up a copy at the Information Desk. The paper is also available on the ACB convention email list and via download at the Information Desk before 10:00 AM.

ACB Students (ACBS) will deliver the newspaper to your hotel room door. For $7 (pre-registration) or $10 (registration), your paper will be waiting for you each morning when you wake up. After you sign up for newspaper delivery, activate your service by giving your room number and your format preference to the Information Desk.

**Ads and Announcements:**

Ads and other items for publication must be in the Communication Center by 2:00 PM each day. The BOP allows ads to run up to three days in order to give important convention announcements more space. Ads
must be no longer than 75 words. BOP editorial policy prohibits the production or distribution of campaign materials by the Communication Center.

Cost of advertising in the newspaper is:

- Individuals, ACB affiliates and blind representatives of MLM companies - $15/day or $40 for 3 days
- Exhibitors - $40/day or $100 for 3 days
- All others - $50/day or $125 for 3 days.

Pay for advertising at Registration; show your receipt at Communication Center when submitting your ad.

**Brailling and Photocopying:**

Photocopying is available at the Communication Center for 10 cents/page. Brailling services are available as follows:

- Individuals, ACB affiliates, and blind representatives of MLM companies, 10 cents/page
- Small businesses and small nonprofits, 20
cents/page

- All others, 35 cents/page

If your committee or affiliate needs something in braille or large print, bring files early in the day so we can fit your job between other tasks. A test copy will be printed to let you know the number of pages per copy. Be sure to label your computer card or thumb drive, and tell us how many of each format you need and by what time. Please make payment at registration.

Thanks to Enabling Technologies for once again donating the use of the braille embossers and to American Thermoform and American Printing House for their generous donation of braille paper.

Please remember that the Communication Center is a working room. While the convention is a great place to meet and greet, loud conversations make it difficult to hear the speech synthesizers on the computers. Help us help you get the information you need.
ACB Convention Café

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Café Coupon Sponsors:

- Sunday, July 3, HIMIS, Inc.
- Monday, July 4, Maxi-Aids
- Tuesday, July 5, Discover Technologies
- Wednesday, July 6, CaptionMax

Stop by the ACB Convention Café to grab a quick cup of coffee, pastry, sandwich, salad or snack as you rush from one meeting to another or as you head out on a tour. Meet at the Café to visit with friends or just rest a while between activities. Located in the Nicollet Ballroom promenade on the first floor of the hotel hours and specials to be announced in the newspaper.

ACB Fundraisers

You can show your support for ACB in several ways:

Convention Sponsorships: Stop by ACB / Microsoft registration in Lakeshore Ballroom B and become an individual or corporate ACB Convention Sponsor.
Individual sponsorships are bronze ($25), silver ($50), gold ($100), platinum ($250), and titanium ($500); sponsors receive special ribbons to wear on their convention badges, and are recognized both in general session and in the newspaper.

For information on corporate sponsorships, including pearl, coral, topaz, onyx, ruby, emerald, diamond and double diamond, contact Margarine Beaman in the hotel or by cell phone at (512) 921-1625.

**Brenda Dillon Memorial ACB Walk**: Go the extra mile for ACB by bringing in donations and by participating in the walk. Meet in Minnehaha on Sunday, July 3 and walk the skyways of Minneapolis. Sincere thanks to Vanda Pharmaceuticals, Regal Entertainment, the Macular Degeneration Foundation, and the Buell Fund for their sponsorship of the 2016 Brenda Dillon Memorial ACB Walk.
ACB Auction - Decade of Dreams:

Get ready to bid and buy! Vacations, technology, jewelry, memorabilia and many more treasures. Auction preview, Wed., 6:00 PM; auction to follow at 7:00 PM in North Star Ballroom. Don't be late; grab a bite from the cash-and-carry line at the auction so you won't miss any of the bidding fun. This year’s auction is sponsored by Verizon.

ACB Raffle: Win $5,000 in cold hard cash! Limited tickets available; $50 each. Buy one for yourself or your affiliate, or find up to four friends and split the cost five ways. Available at the ACB Store in the ACB Exhibit Hall and at registration.

MMS Program: Help support ACB all year ‘round; it's easy and quick. Find out more about the Monthly Monetary Support Program; ask questions and complete paperwork at the MMS table at the ACB Store booth in the Exhibit Hall. The MMS table is open Sunday through Wednesday afternoon.
Affiliate Caucuses

Monday, July 4

9:30 PM: BPI caucus, BPI suite

Wednesday, July 6

2:45 PM: GDUI Caucus, Greenway G

5:45 PM: Midsouth Caucus, Greenway F

5:45 PM: New England, Maryland, Florida Caucus, Greenway D

Thursday, July 9

7:00 AM: Washington State Breakfast (WCB members only), Greenway A

Religious Activities

Saturday, July 2

6:00 PM – 7:00 PM: Roman Catholic Mass, Greenway B
Father John Sheehan, Jesuit Priest, Xavier Society for the
Blind, New York, NY

Sunday, July 3

9:00 AM: Jewish Service, Skyway
Rabbi TBA

10:00 AM: Interdenominational Service, Greenway B
Reverend Michael Garrett, Missouri City, TX

10:00 AM: LDS Sacrament Service, Skyway
Bishop TBA

Monday, July 4

7:15 PM: Gospel Sing, Nicollet Ballroom
Marian Haslerud, Minneapolis, MN and Alison and Michael
Smitherman, Jackson, MS

**Macular Degeneration Indoor Navigation**

Thanks to a generous donation from MD Support and their
partner Macular Degeneration Foundation, indoor
navigation technology will be available once again to
attendees at this year's ACB conference and convention in Minneapolis. The guidance system works by sending audible instructions and location descriptions to iDevices (iPhone 4S or later and iPad 4 or later). The information is electronically transmitted by beacons placed at meeting rooms, restrooms, elevators, and other venues.

If you are planning to use MD Support's new LowViz Guide at this year's convention, you'll need to know your Apple Store ID and password in order to download the LowViz Guide. You may download it ahead of time if you wish, but remember, it will operate only in the convention environment. To download the app, receive additional information or step-by-step instructions, visit www.mdsupport.org/audioguide.

Dan Roberts, Director, MD Support, will discuss the wayfinding system during Monday morning's general session. You can also hear from Dan on Sunday afternoon at 2:00 PM at the GPS and Paratransit seminar presented by EAC and Transportation Committee; cost $6.
Convention Standing Rules

Adopted by the ACB Board of Directors, May 2009

1. Each debatable issue before the convention shall be limited to approximately twenty (20) minutes with a three-minute time limit per speaker, alternating between affirmative and opposing speakers, unless a majority of the members agree to extend debate for an additional period of time.

   A. Motions to close debate will not be recognized by the chair during the first debate period. After the first debate period, properly moved motions such as "I call for the question" or "I move the previous question" will be handled by the chair and voted on by the assembly.

   B. The chair may close debate when no one seeks the floor.

   C. Each member is respectfully urged to speak directly to the issue before the assembly and avoid unnecessary and time-consuming dialogue.
D. No member will be recognized a second time to debate until all who wish to debate have been recognized.

E. The parliamentarian will act as timekeeper.

2. Recognition to speak will be given to those members who properly address the chair using the microphones and giving their names and affiliation. Motions that may interrupt a speaker may be called from your seat, responded to by the chair, and explained by the mover at a microphone if requested by the chair. Examples: Point of Order, Point of Information, Parliamentary Inquiry, Question of Privilege, Call for Orders of the Day, etc.

3. Registration badges are required to be worn at all convention meetings, and only those members with the appropriate colored dot may vote during business meetings.

4. Changes to the published convention program may be proposed to the membership as deemed necessary by the presiding officer or his/her appointee. The
presiding officer will explain the reason for such change and inform the assembly of their right to question the recommended modification. After this explanation, if twenty-five (25) or more members object to the proposed change by coming to the microphone and stating their name as placed in objection, the change requires debate and a majority vote to modify the convention program.

5. Nominating and seconding speeches shall be limited to five minutes per candidate with the speaking time allocated according to the candidate’s wishes. A person nominated for an office more than once shall be limited to one minute.

6. When no candidate for office receives a majority vote, the election shall be among the top two candidates. Affiliate votes will be reported in whole or half numbers.

7. Anyone meeting the requirements for voting membership in ACB in accordance with Constitution
Article III-A-1 and bylaw 1 is entitled to vote on any matter coming before the convention, provided that:

A. The person's name appears on an affiliate's certified membership list as submitted on March 15th or has been added to that list prior to the established record date for the convention, which date is thirty (30) days prior to the date of the opening session;

B. No challenges to, or questions about, a person's membership status will be considered after the close of registration on the day immediately preceding the final day on which convention business is to be conducted;

C. No challenges to, or questions about, a person's membership status will be considered during the time a record vote is being conducted.
General Session Agenda

American Council of the Blind
55th Annual Conference and Convention
Theme: ACB: Land of 10,000 Dreams

Sunday, July 3: Nicollet Ballroom

6:30 PM: Entertainment: Bruce Cottrell, Burnsville, MN
7:00 PM: Call to Order: Kim Charlson, President, American Council of the Blind, Watertown, MA

Invocation: Father John Sheehan, Executive Director, Xavier Society for the Blind, New York, NY

Presentation of Colors: Color Guard for the University of Minnesota, Naval Reserve Officers Training Corp (NROTC), Minneapolis, MN

"The Star-Spangled Banner": Tara Anderson, Coon Rapids, MN

“Hail Minnesota”: Minnesota State Song: Bruce and David Cottrell, Burnsville, MN
Welcome to Minnesota: Jeff Mihelich, president ACB of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN

7:25 PM: President's Report: Kim Charlson, Watertown, MA

7:55 PM: Double Diamond Sponsor Presentation: Vanda Pharmaceuticals, Inc., Washington, DC

8:10 PM: Double Diamond Sponsor Presentation: Google: Eve Andersson, Manager Accessibility Engineering, Mountain View, CA

8:25 PM: ACB Life Membership Presentations: Kim Charlson, ACB President, Watertown, MA; and Lane Waters, ACB Controller, Brooklyn Center, MN

8:40 PM: ACB First-Timers: Allen Casey, Chair, Durward K. McDaniel First-timers' Committee, Graham, NC

8:50 PM: ACB 2016 Leadership Fellows: Eric Bridges, ACB Executive Director, Alexandria, VA

9:05 PM: First Credentials Committee Report: Jean Mann, Chair, Albany, NY
9:10 PM: Tribute and Appreciation for ACB Angels: Dan Spoone, ACB Board of Directors, Orlando, FL

9:25 PM: Roll Call of Affiliates: Ray Campbell, ACB Secretary, Glen Ellyn, IL

Monday, July 4, Niccollet Ballroom

8:00 AM: Entertainment: Sandra Ruconich, Piano, Salt Lake City, UT

8:30 AM: Invocation: John Huffman, Indianapolis, IN

Pledge of Allegiance: JPMC/ACB Leadership Fellows: Deb Cook Lewis, Seattle, WA; Debbie Deatherage, Louisville, KY; DeAnn Elliott, Cambridge, MA; and Kim Hebert, Lafayette, LA

8:35 AM: ACB Business:

ACB Sponsor Recognitions: Margarine Beaman, Advertising and Sponsorship Coordinator, Austin, TX

Adoption of Standing Rules and Program: Kim Charlson, ACB President, Watertown, MA
Final Credentials Committee Report: Jean Mann, Chair, Albany, NY

Constitution and Bylaws: John Huffman, Chair, Constitution and Bylaws Committee, Indianapolis, IN
Presiding Officer: Jeff Thom, ACB First Vice President, Sacramento, CA


Presentation of Vernon Henley and Hollis Liggett Awards: Denise Colley, Chair, ACB Board of Publications, Lacey, WA

9:35 AM: Meet Kirk Adams: New President and CEO of the American Foundation for the Blind, New York, NY

10:00 AM: Break

10:15 AM: Learn about the World Blind Union and Being a Recognized Author: Charles Mossop, President, North
America/Caribbean Region, World Blind Union, Nanaimo, (Vancouver Island), British Columbia, Canada

10:45 AM: Developments and Ongoing Progress at NLS: Karen Keninger, Director, National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, Washington, DC


11:45 AM: Resolutions: Mark Richert, Chair, Arlington, VA

11:50 AM: ACB Recreation Zone: Oral Miller, ACB Past President, Washington, DC

11:55 AM: Announcements

Tuesday, July 5, Nicollet Ballroom

8:00 AM: Entertainment: Calynn Hendrickson, Flute, Hopkins, MN
8:30 AM: Invocation: Pastor Russ Grigsby, Lebanon Lutheran Church, Minneapolis, MN
Pledge of Allegiance: 2016 Scholarship Winners

8:35 AM: ACB Business:
ACB Sponsor Recognitions: Margarine Beaman, Advertising and Sponsorship Coordinator, Austin, TX
Emerald Sponsor Presentation:
Uber: Lindsay Elin, Head, Community Engagement, Washington, DC; and Malcom Glenn, Strategic Partnerships Manager, Washington, DC
Ruby Sponsor Presentation:
HumanWare: Dominic Gagliano, Vice President Sales Americas, Scottsdale, AZ
Nominating Committee Report: Mike Godino, Chair, Malverne, NY
Constitution and Bylaws: John Huffman, Chair, Indianapolis, IN
Resolutions: Mark Richert, Chair, Arlington, VA
Presiding Officer: John McCann, ACB Second Vice President, Tucson, AZ

9:15 AM: 2016 ACB Scholarship Presentations: Rev. Michael Garrett, Chair, Scholarship Committee, Missouri City, TX

10:20 AM: Break

10:35 AM: Emerald Sponsor Presentation: Microsoft Corporation Update: Clint Covington, Principal Program Manager, Office, Redmond, WA

11:00 AM: WIOA: The Reality of Rehabilitation in 2016: Panel: Michelle Capella McDonnall, Ph.D, Research Professor and Director, National Rehabilitation and Training Center on Blindness and Low Vision, Mississippi State University, Starksville, MS; Mark Richert, J.D., Director of Public Policy & Senior Advisor for Strategic Initiatives, American Foundation for the Blind, Washington, DC; Lori Scharff, President, ACB of New York Inc., Malverne, NY; and Anthony
Stephens, Director Of Advocacy and Governmental Affairs, American Council of the Blind, Alexandria, VA

11:55 AM: Announcements

Wednesday, July 6, Nicollet Ballroom

8:00 AM: Entertainment: Rebecca Kragnes, Piano, Minneapolis, MN

8:30 AM: Invocation: Father Ronald Johnson, Nursing Home Chaplain, Arden Hills, MN

Pledge of Allegiance: JPMC/ACB Leadership Fellows:
Miguel (Mike) Palomar, El Paso, TX; Sandra Spalletta, Rockville, MD; Meka White, Federal Way, WA; and Sheila Young, Orlando, FL

8:35 AM: ACB Business:
ACB Sponsor Recognitions: Margarine Beaman, Advertising and Sponsorship Coordinator, Austin, TX

Emerald Sponsor Presentation: Sprint, Kelly Egan, Blindness and Low Vision Outreach Specialist, Denver, CO
Ruby Sponsor Presentation: Tom Wlodkowski, Vice President, Comcast Accessibility, Philadelphia, PA

Constitution and Bylaws: John Huffman, Chair, Indianapolis, IN

Resolutions: Mark Richert, Chair, Arlington, VA

Presiding Officer: Ray Campbell, ACB Secretary, Glen Ellyn, IL


9:45 AM: Braille Developments and Policy Issues: A Panel: Paul Edwards, Moderator, President, Braille Revival League; Mark Richert, American Foundation for the Blind, Washington, DC; and Braille Authority of North America Update: Sandra Ruconich, ACB BANA, Representative, Salt Lake City, UT

10:15 AM Break
10:30 AM: National Advocacy and Legislative Update:
    Anthony (Tony) Stephens, Director of Advocacy and
    Governmental Affairs, Alexandria, VA

10:55 AM: Quiet Cars, Transportation Regulations and
    Updates: Blair Anderson, Deputy Director, National
    Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Department of
    Transportation, Washington, DC

11:30 AM: Executive Director's Report: Eric Bridges,
    Alexandria, VA

11:55 AM: Announcements

Thursday, July 7, Nicollet Ballroom

8:00 AM: Entertainment: Bruce Cottrell, Piano, Burnsville,
    MN

8:30 AM: Invocation: Sharon Strzalkowski, Worcester, MA
    Pledge of Allegiance: 2016 DKM First-Timers: Marja
    Byers, Salem, OR and Greg Lindberg, Palm Harbor, FL
8:35 AM: ACB Business:
   ACB Sponsor Recognitions: Margarine Beaman, Advertising and Sponsorship Coordinator, Austin, TX
   Constitution and Bylaws: John Huffman, Chair, Indianapolis, IN
   Resolutions: Mark Richert, Chair, Arlington, VA
   Presiding Officer: Carla Ruschival, ACB Treasurer, Louisville, KY

9:15 AM: Meet the New President and CEO of the American Printing House for the Blind: Craig Meador, President and CEO, Louisville, KY


10:15 AM: Break

10:30 AM: Report on the ACB Walk and Auction: Dan Spoone, ACB Board of Directors, Orlando, FL; Dan Dillon, Hermitage, TN, Co-chairs, ACB Resource
Development Committee; Donna Brown, Walk Chair, Romney, WV; and Leslie Spoone, Chair, ACB Auction Subcommittee, Orlando, FL

11:00 AM: National Conference and Convention Report: Janet Dickelman, Chair, Convention Committee, Saint Paul, MN

11:15 AM: Treasurer's Report: Carla Ruschival, Louisville, KY

11:25 AM: ACBES Report: Rev. Michael Garrett, Chair, ACB Enterprises and Services, Missouri City, TX

11:35 AM: Award Presentations and Updates from the ACB Audio Description Project: Joel Snyder, Director, Audio Description Project, Takoma Park, MD; Chris Gray, ADP Awards Chair, St. Louis, MO; and Dan Spoone, Chair, Audio Description Project Steering Committee, Orlando, FL

11:55 AM: Announcements
Friday, July 8, Nicollet Ballroom

Sponsored by JP Morgan Chase & Company

8:00 AM: Entertainment: Maureen Pranghofer, Piano, Golden Valley, MN

8:30 AM: Invocation: Debbie Hazelton, Dothan, AL
Pledge of Allegiance: Berl Colley, ACB Board of Directors, Lacey, WA

8:35 AM: ACB Business:
ACB Sponsor Recognitions: Margarine Beaman, Advertising and Sponsorship Coordinator, Austin, TX
Emerald Sponsor Presentation: Amy R. Furash, JPMorgan Chase, National ADA Coordinator, Columbus, OH

9:00 AM: Resolutions: Mark Richert, Chair, Arlington, VA

10:00 AM: Elections

10:30 AM: Break

10:45 AM: Elections (continued)
12:00 Noon: Lunch Break

1:15 PM: ACB Business

2:45 PM: Break

3:00 PM: Old/New Business

5:00 PM: Adjourn

5:30 PM: ACB Life Member Reception, Mirage Room

6:30 PM: Pre-banquet entertainment: North Star Ballroom, Maureen McGinty, Harp, Richfield, MN

7:00 PM: ACB Banquet: North Star Ballroom
   Sponsored by Vanda Pharmaceuticals
   Master of Ceremonies: Mark Richert, Chair, ACB
   Resolutions Committee, Arlington, VA

   Invocation: Rev. Michael Garrett, Missouri City, TX

   With humor, stories, and song, Terry Kelly will entertain you and inspire you to take a 360 degree look at your life by exploring the difference between failure and success. Presenter: Terry Kelly, Singer, Songwriter, Storyteller, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada
Presentation of George Card Award: Chip Hailey, Joplin, MO, Co-Chair, ACB Awards Committee

Presentation of Ned E. Freeman Award, Ron Brooks, ACB Board of Publications

ACB Boards and Committees

ACB Board of Directors

Saturday, July 2:

9:00 AM: Pre-convention Board Meeting – Minnehaha

Board of Publications, Chair: Denise Colley

Sunday, July 3:

10:30 AM – 12:00 PM: BOP Meeting, Minnehaha

Tuesday, July 5:

5:45 PM – 7:00 PM: BOP Candidate Forum, Mirage
Hear from and ask questions of this year’s candidates.

Thursday, July 7:

1:15 PM – 2:30 PM: BOP Editors’ Workshop, Greenway

BCD
Constitution and Bylaws Committee
Chair: John Huffman

Saturday, July 2
4:30 PM: Grant

Monday, July 4 and Tuesday, July 5
4:15 PM: Grant

Tuesday, July 5
5:45 PM, Grant 5

Credentials Committee
Chair: Jean Mann

Sunday, July 3
1:00 PM: Grant

Nominating Committee
Chair: Mike Godino

Monday, July 4
5:45 PM: Greenway BCD 1
Resolutions Committee
Chair: Mark Richert

Saturday, July 2
9:00 PM: Grant

Sunday, July 3
11:00 PM: or after general session, Grant

Monday, July 4
8:00 PM: Grant

Tuesday/Wednesday, July 5/6
10:00 PM: or conclusion of the FIA showcase, Grant

ACB Committee Meetings
Advocacy Committee
Chair: Jeff Thom

Tuesday, July 5, Mirage

2:45 PM – 4:00 PM: Tools for Tomorrow $6 ($8)
Strategies for affiliates to influence state / local
programs and legislation well beyond just rehab.
Presenters: Anthony Stephens, ACB Director of
Advocacy and Government Affairs, Alexandria, VA; Rebecca Bridges, Chair, Virginia Department for the Blind and Vision Impaired State Rehabilitation Council. Co-sponsored by Advocacy Committee and Rehab Issues Task Force.

DKM First-Timers Committee
Chair: Allen Casey

Thursday, July 7, President's Suite

5:00 PM – 7:00 PM: First-Timers Reception $15 ($18)
Who was Durward K. McDaniel? What is a DKM First-Timer? Join us at the DKM reception to learn more fascinating facts about the Father of ACB and meet the 2016 DKM First-Timers Greg Lindberg, Palm Harbor, FL and Marja Byers, Salem, OR.

Environmental Access Committee
Chair: Christopher Bell

Sunday, July 3, Mirage

2:00 PM – 5:00 PM: Arm yourself for the trip $7 ($10)

Part 2: Do you want to get Accessible Pedestrian Signals on streets you travel? Learn from ACB’s expert advocates about the important issues, strategies and tactics you may use to get Accessible Pedestrian Signals installed in your community. Presenters: Becky Barnes Davidson, Mt. Kisco, NY, Debbie Grubb, Bradenton, FL; Eugene Lozano, Sacramento, CA; Lori Scharff, Malverne, NY; Patrick Sheehan, Silver Spring, MD; Ken Stewart, New York, NY. Co-sponsored by EAC and Transportation Committee.
Information Access Committee
Chair: Brian Charlson

Saturday, July 2, Mirage

1:15 PM – 4:00 PM: 411 from the IAC $6 ($8)
Learn about ACB's progress in full access to the digital world with technology and communications companies. Join the members of the ACB Information Access Committee as they update ACB’s progress in securing full access to the digital world. Presenters: Brian Charlson, Watertown, MA; Eric Bridges, ACB Executive Director, Alexandria, VA; Jeff Bishop, ACB Board Member, Tucson, AZ. Sponsored by Lighthouse for the Blind, Seattle, WA.

Sunday, July 3, Greenway A
3:30PM - 4:30PM: The Future of Learning $5 ($7)
Brian Charlson, Jeff Bishop, and Chris Kchao discuss accessibility and advocacy in today's online Learning Management Systems. Sponsored by ACBS and IAC.
Monday, July 4, Lake Harriet

5:45 PM – 7:00 PM: Unconventional Ways to Read
$6 ($8). Every year new and exciting ways of reading books come along. We will look at Alexa and other new ways to access books. Moderated by Brian Charlson, Watertown, MA and Paul Edwards, Miami, FL. Co-sponsored by IAC and LUA.

International Relations Committee
Chair: Sandra Sermons

Tuesday, July 5, Greenway A

12:15 PM – 2:30 PM: Voices from Around the World Luncheon $30 ($35). What other organizations for blind people exist outside the U.S? Charles Mossop, WBU North America/Caribbean Region president, Toronto, Canada, will discuss the WBU and the upcoming quadrennial. Also, welcome our international guests. Sponsored by DeQue Systems.
Membership Committee
Chair: Ardis Bazyn

Sunday, July 5, Minnehaha

2:00 PM – 3:30 PM: Keys to the Convention
For anyone wishing to learn more about convention week. Presented by the ACB Membership Committee.

Thursday, July 7, Mirage

2:45 PM – 4:00 PM: 2016 Membership Seminar
“How Affiliates Can Be Inclusive and Remain Viable”

2:45 PM: Welcome and Introductions

2:55 PM: Panel: “How to connect members using alternate meeting structure and social media.”
Speakers: Alice McGrath, California Council of Blind Women, Sunnyvale, CA; Ron Brooks, American Council of the Blind Families, Phoenix, AZ; John McCann, Blind Information Technology Specialists, Tucson, AZ.

3:45 PM: Announcing ACB Membership Growth Awards

3:55 PM: Hand-outs and door prizes.

Multicultural Affairs Committee
Chair: Peggy Garrett

Monday, July 4, Lake Nokomis

12:15 PM – 1:15 PM: MCAC Luncheon and Program

Wednesday, July 8, President's Suite

5:00 PM – 6:15 PM: Mid-Week Social $18 ($20)
Meet old friends and make new acquaintances. Join us for fun, food, music and door prizes.

Rehab Issues Task Force
Chair: Doug Powell

Tuesday, July 5, Mirage

2:45 PM – 4:00 PM: Tools for Tomorrow $6 ($8)
You'll walk away with effective strategies for affiliates to influence state and local legislation and program delivery well beyond just rehab. Presenters: Anthony Stephens, ACB Director of Advocacy and Government Affairs, Alexandria, VA; Rebecca Bridges, Chair, Virginia Department for the Blind and Vision Impaired

Saturday, July 2, Mirage

4:30 PM – 6:00 PM: "Just Ask" - Easy Money! $6 ($8) This RDC workshop will help your affiliate or local chapter raise easy money. Explore corporate sponsorships, service club donations & ACB joint fundraising programs. Presenters: Tom Tobin, ACB Director of Development, Cleveland Heights, OH; Carla Ruschival, ACB Treasurer, Louisville, KY; and Dan Dillon, RDC Committee Chair, Hermitage, TN.

Scholarship Committee
Chair: Michael Garrett

Saturday, July 2, Greenway A

6:30 PM – 8:00 PM: ACB Scholarship Dinner (by invitation only). Sponsored by RSVA.
Sunday, July 3, Greenway A

12:15 – 2:30 PM: ACBS Scholarship Lunch $28 ($30)
Celebrate the accomplishments of the 2016 scholarship winners. Sponsored by RSVA.

Tuesday, July 5, Nicollet Ballroom A

9:15 AM: 2016 ACB Scholarship Presentations

6:30 PM – 7:30 PM: ACB Scholarship Winners' Reception, Executive Director’s Suite. Sponsored by National Industries for the Blind. Each affiliate is invited to send two representatives to meet the 2016 scholarship winners.

Sight and Sound Impaired Committee
Chair: Karyn Campbell

Monday, July 4, Minnehaha

2:45 PM – 4:00 PM: An Invisible Journey $8 ($10).
Facing the journey of combined vision and hearing
loss? Learn about one woman's experiences. Presenter, Ruth Silver, founder and former Executive Director, Center for DeafBlind Persons, Milwaukee, WI.

8:00 PM – 10:00 PM: Executive Director’s Suite Get Social with SASI $13 ($15). Meet people who share your unique issues and learn about various ways to communicate in a relaxed atmosphere.

Transportation Committee
Chair: Alice Ritchhart

Sunday, July 3, Mirage

2:00 PM – 5:00 PM: Arm yourself for the trip $7 ($10)

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Women's Concerns Committee

Chair: Lori Scharff

Monday, July 4, Spin Room, 6th floor

5:45 PM – 7:00 PM: Yogalates with Leslie Spoone. Stay fit with a yoga and Pilates workout. Open to all levels of experience. Presenter: Leslie Spoone, Certified Aerobics Instructor and Personal Trainer, Orlando, FL. Sponsored by WCC and Recreation Zone.

Thursday, July 7, Spin Room, 6th floor
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Friday, July 8, Mirage

7:00AM – 8:15 AM: Sister Power Breakfast $25 ($30)
Join your friends and make new ones while being inspired by two fantastic ladies! From opposite coasts, Mary Ellen Frost, ME, and Cindy Van Winkle, WA, will talk about their experiences with leadership and life, leaving you feeling empowered and connected.

Other ACB Meetings

Audio Description Project
Joel Snyder, President, Audio Description Associates

Sunday, July 3 through Tuesday, July 5, Lakeshore Ballroom A
1:00 PM – 6:00 PM: Audio Description Conference $149 ($149). Audio description enthusiasts hear presentations on the latest developments in the field. Includes a gala awards luncheon on Day 3 with a guest speaker.

Wednesday, July 6 through Friday, July 8, Lakeshore Ballroom A

9:00 AM – 5:00 PM: Audio Description Institute $495 ($495). Interactive sessions to build skills for the audio describer; use of audio description for consumers. Experienced users of description will provide perspective on audio description in a range of formats. Includes lunch on day 3.

Saturday, July 2

5:30 PM: ACB Exhibitors Reception (by invitation only), President's Suite

Sunday, July 3, Mirage

11:00 AM: ACB Committee Chairs Meeting
An important meeting with ACB President Kim Charlson. Every committee should be represented, either by its chair or a designated committee member.

Thursday, July 7, Greenway GHI

4:15 PM: Affiliate Presidents' Meeting

Other Meetings and Programs

Career Development

Wednesday, July 6, Regency Room

7:00 AM: NIB Breakfast $10 ($15)
Join National Industries for the Blind for a discussion about employment and the AbilityOne program.

Guide Dogs

Tuesday, July 5, Regency Room

7:00 AM: Guide Dogs for the Blind Alumni Breakfast
GDB grads connect with friends and staff; those considering the guide dog lifestyle welcome.
Advocacy Issues

Monday, July 4, Great Lakes Ballroom

7:00 AM – 8:15 AM: AFB Breakfast $10 ($12)

The American Foundation for the Blind (AFB) cordially invites you to attend its annual breakfast meeting, hosted by new President and CEO, Kirk Adams. You will be introduced to Kirk and hear an update on AFB’s legislative efforts from AFB’s Director of Public Policy, Mark Richert.

Technology

Sunday, July 3

9:00 AM – 10:15 AM: ZoomText Fusion, St. Croix

You will always be able to use your computer, join Ai Squared to learn how.

10:00 AM: Your U2 Has Been Doing That for Years!

Greenway C. Everyone knows the basic functions of a notetaker. It takes notes, gets email, or keeps your calendar. Want to get the latest content from
YouTube, tweet about it, like a friend's post on Facebook, customize your menus, or have multiple signatures for email accounts—your BrailleSense has had these features for the past 1-3 years, but what else can it do? Let's find out!

10:30 AM – 12:00 PM: Ai Squared, St. Croix
Learn the latest about ZoomText Mac, Image Reader, and CamReader.

11:30 AM – 1:30 PM: Kurzweil 1000 Users Group Lunch, Greenway D. Hosted by: Stephen Baum, Vice President of Engineering, Kurzweil Educational Systems. Please register at:
http://marketing.kurzweiledu.com/acton/form/11777/005b:d-0001/1/-/-/-/-/index.htm

1:30 PM – 2:45 PM: ZoomText Fusion, St Croix
You will always be able to use your computer, join Ai Squared to learn how.
2:00 PM – 4:00 PM: HIMS GoVision! Greenway C. GoVision lets you look at documents and pictures from a thumb drive, see a smart board, watch videos from your phone, or do distance OCR. Go anywhere with GoVision.

3:30 PM – 4:30 PM: Ai Squared, St. Croix
Improve productivity: ZoomText's Multiple Monitor Support.

Monday, July 4

4:15 PM - 5:30 PM: The BeSpecular app is landing in the USA, Greenway C. BeSpecular is an iOS and Android app that will connect you to sighted volunteers around the world. Wondering what makes us different from the others? Come find out in person! We’ll assist you with downloads and help you get the most out of the app. If you'd like to attend this session please RSVP to contact@bespecular.com with "RSVP 4 July" in the subject line.
5:45 PM – 7:00 PM: Reach out and Touch the Future! Lake Superior A. With the new BrailleNote Touch from HumanWare you can create professional documents, research the web, and communicate with popular apps. Use accessible third party app with the efficiency of KeySoft and TouchBraille.

Tuesday, July 5

2:45 PM – 5:30 PM: Office 365 Usability Study with Microsoft, Lake Superior B. Microsoft will conduct a usability study to evaluate and enhance the accessibility of Microsoft’s Office 365 products (Word, Outlook, SharePoint, OneDrive, Skype, OneNote etc). Participate in this session to help us better understand your needs and refine these productivity experiences to work seamlessly with assistive technologies.

5:45 PM – 7:00 PM: Victor Stream — A World of Books at your Fingertips! Lake Superior A. People tell us how much they love their Victor Stream. HumanWare
presents an evening of simple tips on how to
download your favorite reading material and make
your listening even more enjoyable.

7:15 PM – 8:30 PM: Bookshare – Office Hours at ACB!
Lake Minnetonka. Hear about the latest Bookshare
updates, and get answers to your Bookshare-related
questions.

Wednesday, July 6

4:15 PM – 5:30 PM: Chrome OS Accessibility, Lake
Superior B. Learn about the accessibility features
built into every Chromebook, and get an early look at
the new ChromeVox screen reader. Speaker: Laura
Palmaro, Chrome Accessibility Program Manager,
Mountain View, CA.

4:15 PM – 5:30 PM: Sprint Interactive Workshop,
Grant. We Can’t Do It Without You! Building the
ultimate wireless experience; bring your ideas,
stories, desires and tips. Presenter: Kelly Egan,
Customer Relations Manager, Blind and Low Vision Community. Space is limited, to register for this workshop contact Kelly Egan at 720-988-6744.

5:45 PM – 7:00 PM: Google Apps Accessibility, Lake Superior B. Learn more about the latest accessibility improvements to Google Apps, including Google Docs, Google Drive, Calendar, and more. Speaker: Roger Benz, Google Apps Accessibility Program Manager, Mountain View, CA.

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5:45 PM – 7:00 PM: Demystifying Science $8 ($10), St. Croix. An interactive tactile science demonstration
featuring the new Sci-Voice Talking LabQuest from Independence Science that will decode the mystery of science for the blind and visually impaired.

7:15 PM – 8:30 PM: Demystifying Science $8 ($10), St. Croix. An interactive tactile science demonstration featuring the new Sci-Voice Talking LabQuest from Independence Science that will decode the mystery of science for the blind and visually impaired.

Thursday, July 7

1:15 PM – 2:30 PM: Google Play & Play Music Accessibility, Lake Superior B. At Google Play, the holistic approach to accessibility entails usable product design and representation of users with disabilities in the Play Store. Come hear updates from the Play apps: Learn how you can start listening to a podcast on your desktop and finish on your Android phone, easily search for articles, and browse the Play Store. We will also share tips & tricks on fast navigation in our Play products. Speakers: Karo
Caran, Google Play Accessibility Program Manager, Mountain View, CA, and Andrew Shebanow, Tech Lead, Google Play Music Growth; Accessibility Lead, Google Play, Mountain View, CA.


Self-Improvement

Multiple sessions:

Tuesday, July 5, and Wednesday, July 6

5:45 PM – 7:45 PM, Skyway

8:30 PM – 10:30 PM, Skyway

1Touch Self Defense. $12 ($15), designed specifically for the blind; real life situations with practical applications. Hands-on workshop; open to all.
Thursday, July 7, Skyway

5:45 PM – 7:00 PM: ATguys.com Product Showcase. Learn about the latest affordable gadgets and accessories from the A T Guys. From the latest mobile accessories for your iPhone or Android device to speakers, headsets, and braille displays, A T Guys has something for you. Receive an exclusive discount available to event attendees. Presenter: J.J. Meddaugh, President, A T Guys.

7:15 PM – 8:30 PM: BlindBargains.com Sound off and Discussion. Join the hosts of Blind Bargains, Joe Steinkamp and J.J. Meddaugh, for an interactive discussion on technology, trends, and much more. Bring your questions and tips and get ready for insightful conversation. It’s almost like watching a podcast live.
Special-Interest Affiliate Meetings
American Association of Blind Teachers
President: Kate Crohan
Program Chair: Carla Hayes
Registration: $10 ($12)
Theme: Employment Matters

Sunday, July 3

8:00 AM – 11:00 AM: AABT Breakfast / Program / Meeting $25 ($27), Greenway A.

8:00 AM: “Skills for Work That Work.” What skills lead to successful employment? Learn what recent research reveals. Presenter: Dr. Tabitha Brecke, Certified Rehabilitation Counselor, Accommodations Specialist, Auburn University, Auburn, AL.

9:30 AM: Break

9:45 AM: AABT Business Meeting
2:45 PM – 4:00 PM: Writers Workshop $8 ($10)
Greenway B. “Embedding Disability into Stories for Children” Please bring your writers’ tool of choice.
Presenter: Leslye Orr, Author/Actress, Minneapolis, MN. Co-sponsored by AABT and FIA.

Tuesday, July 5, Lake Nokomis

1:15 PM – 4:00 PM: AABT Program

1:15 PM – 2:30 PM: “The Teaching Job Interview.”
Learn what administrators are looking for in teaching candidates and how you can make your job interview a success. Presenters: John Davis, Director, Minnesota State Academy for the Blind, Faribault, MN; Susan Glass, Retired English Professor, West Valley Community College, Saratoga, CA.

2:30 PM: Break

2:45 PM – 4:00 PM: “Test for Blind Job Seekers: What is your EQ (Employability Quotient)? Take this test to evaluate your job readiness skills.
Bring your writing tool of choice. Presenter, Carla Hayes, Teacher, CEO, Lengua-Learn Communications, McMurray, PA.

Wednesday, July 6

1:15 PM – 4:00 PM Greenway E

1:15 PM: Welcome to the LUA/BRAILLE/AABT Joint Session: Brian Charlson, President, Library Users of America, Watertown, MA; Paul Edwards, President, Braille Revival League, Miami, FL; Kate Crohan, Arlington, MA, President, American Association of Blind Teachers, provide a welcome and give those present a chance to introduce themselves.

1:30 PM: Meet the Talking Book Narrator. Get up close and personal with Martha Harmon-Pardee, Denver, CO.

2:30 PM: Break
2:45 PM: What is happening with children's books today? We will hear from representatives from the National Braille Press and Seedlings to see what is available today and what is planned for tomorrow for blind children and reading.


4:15 PM – 5:30 PM Round & Harmony Sing $4 ($5), FIA Suite. Take a break from a busy convention and learn simple rounds and songs. Presenters: Lynn Hedl, Birmingham, Al; Nancy Pendegraph, Huntsville, AL; Susan Glass, Saratoga, CA; Karen Karsh, Denver, CO. Co-sponsored by FIA & AABT.
American Association of Visually Impaired Attorneys
President: Charles Nabarrete
Registration: $38 ($40)

Saturday, July 4, Lake Calhoun

5:30 PM – 7:00 PM: AAVIA Board Meeting, dinner to follow at a local restaurant.

Sunday, July 3, Lake Calhoun

1:15 PM: Opening Remarks And Self Introductions

1:30 PM: Tips on how to manage your law office business, presenter; Bill Lyon, SCORE representative, retired business executive, Minneapolis, MN.

2:45 PM: Recent Developments in U.S. Supreme Court Decisions. Presenter: Professor Marie Failinger, Mitchell Hamilin School of Law, Minneapolis, MN.

4:00 PM: “Recent Developments in Minnesota Disability Law Litigation.” Presenter; Pamela Hoopes, Esq., Legal Director, Minnesota Disability Law Center, Minneapolis, MN.
Monday, July 4, Lake Calhoun

1:15 PM – 5:30 PM: AAVIA Program

1:15 PM: Opening Remarks and Self Introductions

1:30 PM: Recent disability law and court decisions regarding disabled persons. Presenter; Stephen Mendelsohn, Esq., author and expert in the tax and law field, San Leandro, CA.

3:00 PM: “The Origins and Developments of the Americans with Disability Act”, Christopher Bell, Esq., ADA consultant, Roseville, MN.

4:00 PM: To Be Announced

Tuesday, July 5, Lake Calhoun

12:15 PM – 4:00 PM: AAVIA Luncheon & Program

$30 ($32)

12:15 PM: Luncheon. Speakers to be announced

2:45 PM: Meeting of AAVIA members
Alliance on Aging and Vision Loss
President: John Huffman
Registration: $10 ($10)

Monday, July 4, St. Croix

12:15 PM – 4:00 PM: AAVL Lunch and Business Meeting $26 ($29)

12:15 PM: Introductions and luncheon

1:00 PM: Social Security/Medicare Updates from Tony Stephens, ACB Director of Advocacy / Governmental Relations, Alexandria VA.

2:30 PM: Business Meeting

Wednesday, July 6, Greenway C

1:15 PM – 2:30 PM: Rockin' Senior Programs $5 ($8). Vision Loss Resources built a robust program on a senior center model to assess needs, link clients with resources and engage clients and communities. Presenter; Yvonne Hundshamer, Vision Loss Resources, St. Paul, MN.
4:00 PM – 5:30 PM: AAVL Mixer $10 ($12). A relaxed friendly atmosphere; refreshments, conversation and raffles for all!

ACB Diabetics in Action

President: Dee Clayton

Registration: $12 ($15)

Sunday, July 3, Greenway E

1:15 PM – 5:00 PM: Diabetics Seminar and Social $15 ($17)

1:15 PM: The WarmFeet® technique is a relaxation skill, which is specifically designed to improve blood flow to your feet, hands and skin – for diabetic leg pain and healing sores! Presenter: Birgitta Rice, Certified Health Education Specialist, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN.

2:45 PM: Safely and easily read information on your prescription bottles with Scriptalk.
Presenter: Dave Bode, Sales Manager – En-vision America, Normal, IL.

4:00PM: Visit with the presenters and seminar attendees while enjoying light refreshments

Wednesday, July 6, Lake Calhoun

12:15 PM – 2:30 PM: ACBDA Lunch and Meeting $29 ($31)

American Council of Blind Families
President: Ron Brooks
Registration: $8 ($10)

Saturday, July 2, Lake Minnetonka

4:00 PM – 5:30 PM: In the Garden with ACBF $7 ($10). Whether you want to grow food or beautify the patio, gardening is a wonderful, relaxing activity for everyone. Learn container gardening in this hands-on workshop.
Tuesday, July 5, Great Lakes Ballroom A

7:15 PM – 9:00 PM: ACB Families Bingo $5 ($8). What do crosses, squares, straight lines, diagonal lines and blackouts have in common? They appear on the cards of people who join us for BINGO. Prizes and fun for all!

Wednesday, July 6, Greenway A

7:00 AM – 8:15AM: Breakfast in the Family Tree $20 ($23). Were your ancestors on the Mayflower? Were they wealthy or poor, heroes or villains? Join ACBF for breakfast and our business meeting. Then, ACBF Board Member Carla Ruschival, Louisville KY, will tell you how you can research your own dark past.

ACB Government Employees
President: Renee Zelickson
Registration: $10 ($10)

Sunday, July 3, President's Suite
3:00 PM – 5:00 PM: ACBGE Mixer $12 ($14). Network and socialize with ACB government employees.

Thursday, July 7, St. Croix

12:15 PM – 2:30 PM: ACBGE Luncheon and Meeting $30 ($32). Help ACBGE form a 508 committee to address inaccessibility issues of workplace computers and public self-help computers and kiosks. Includes ACBGE business meeting.

American Council of Blind Lions
President: June Lenk
Registration: $10 ($12)

Saturday, July 4, President's Suite

9:00 PM – 10:30 PM: ACB Lions Milly's Place, $15 ($18). A roaring good time with ACB Lions. Meet friends, share local club ideas and learn about ACBL.

Sunday, July 3, Grant

9:30 AM – 11:00 AM: ACB Lions Board Meeting
Thursday, July 7, Greenway A

Lions Lunch/Reverse Visit...$30 ($32). Fried chicken, a reverse club visit, and meeting - all wrapped into one great event. The Minneapolis Can Do Canine Lions Club will be our guests, and their president, Maureen Pranghofer, Minneapolis, MN, will be the speaker. A fantastic afternoon with ACBL.

ACB Radio Amateurs
President: John Glass
Registration: $5 ($7)

Monday, July 4, Lake Harriet

1:15 PM – 2:30PM: Using Echolink on Your iDevice. Use Echolink on your iPhone / iDevice to connect with amateur radio stations! Presenters: John McCann, Tucson, AZ; Steve Dresser, Reading, MA. Co-sponsored by ACBRA & BITS.
Thursday, July 7, Greenway C

1:15 PM – 2:30 PM: ACB Radio Amateurs Annual Program and Business Meeting

American Council of Blind Students
President: Tiffany Jolliff
Program Chair: Minh Ha
Registration: $5 ($7)

Saturday, July 2, ACBS Suite

8:00 PM – 11:00 PM: ACB Students Welcome Party $8 ($10). Food, fun and friendship! Meet new people, get reacquainted with old friends, enjoy great music, and win door prizes!

Sunday, July 3, Greenway A

12:15 PM – 1:45 PM: ACBS Scholarship Winners' Luncheon $30 ($30). Congratulate and celebrate the accomplishments of the 2016 ACB national scholarship winners, the newest dreamers in the ACB family! Sponsored by ACBS and RSVA.
2:00 PM – 3:30 PM: ACBS Business Meeting. Meet the fun and dynamic ACBS board; learn about what initiatives we are working on; listen to specialized presentations for students; get involved in the exciting happenings of ACBS; and win some awesome raffle prizes.

3:30 PM – 4:30 PM: The Future of Learning $5 ($7). Learn about the accessibility and advocacy requirements of today’s online Learning and Management Systems. Presenters: Brian Charlson, Director of Technology, Carroll Center for the Blind, Newton, MA; Jeff Bishop, Accessibility Analyst, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ; Christopher Kchao, Accessibility Specialist, CUNY School of Professional Studies; ACBS Webmaster, New York, NY. Co-sponsored by ACBS and IAC.
Monday, July 4

1:15 PM – 4:00 PM: Women: Put Your Best Look Forward $15 ($15), Greenway E. Join ACBS as we learn about current business fashion trends for women & suggestions for hairstyles & makeup.

2:45 PM – 4:00 PM: Men: Put Your Best Look Forward $15 ($15), Greenway B. From the hair on your head to the soles of your shoes; we will help you to look your very best and nail the interview!

Tuesday, July 5

1:15 PM – 2:30 PM: ACBS Business Meeting, Grant. Are you the next generation of leadership in our fine organization? You could be the next President, 1st VP, or Treasurer. Be the next student who changes ACBS for years to come.

2:45 PM – 4:00 PM: A World of Firsts, Greenway GHI. Speaking About Guide Dogs: Join ACBS and GDUI as a panel of four first time guide dog handlers from four
different schools share their experiences of receiving their guides during various points in life.

4:15 PM – 5:30 PM: Mini "APP" Olis $5 ($7) Greenway GHI. Be a smarter traveler with Smart phone travel apps. Learn about certain apps that are invaluable as you travel with your guide dog or cane. Co-sponsored by ACBS & GDUI.

Wednesday, July 6, Lake Minnetonka

1:15 PM – 2:30 PM: Linking into the World $8 ($10). A career consultant will discuss how LinkedIn can assist you in searching for your next job and advance your career! Accessibility features will also be discussed.

Thursday, July 7

4:15 PM – 5:30 PM ACBS Business meeting, ACBS Suite

9:15 PM – 11:15 PM: ACBS Comedy Night $12 ($15), Regency Room. End your week in Minneapolis with
lots of laughter. Enjoy comedian Isaac Witty, cash bar, and our best raffle prizes yet. A great way to say adieu to the twin cities!

Blind Information Tech Specialists
President: John McCann
Program Chair: Andrea Pitsenbarger
Registration: $20 ($20)
or BITS Package (all BITS events, $63, $63)

Saturday, July 2, BITS Suite
7:30 PM – 9:30 PM: BITS Board Meeting

Sunday, July 3, Lake Harriet
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM: What's Fresh in Refreshable Braille Displays. Representatives of the major companies that produce and sell refreshable Braille devices describe their new products. This is an opportunity to test-drive the new crop of braille display devices unveiled this year at CSUN!
1:30 PM – 4:00 PM: BITS Vendor Showcase. An overview of new products our Assistive Technology vendors are highlighting in the exhibit hall.

Monday, July 5, Lake Harriet

1:15 PM – 2:30 PM: Using Echolink on Your iDevice. Learn how to use Echolink on your iPhone or other iDevice to connect with amateur radio stations around the world! Presenters: John McCann, Tucson, AZ and Steve Dresser, Reading, MA. Co-sponsored by BITS and ACBRA.

8:30 PM – 11:00 PM: BITS Mixer (in pkg) $15 ($15), BITS Suite. Meet up with old friends and make some new ones, snacks included.

Tuesday, July 5, Lake Harriet

12:15PM – 2:30 PM: BITS Luncheon (in pkg) $33 ($33). Dan Roberts, Acting Director, Macular Degeneration Support and Editor-in-Chief, National Prevent Blindness, Grandview, MO will speak about indoor
navigation. There will be time to ask questions regarding LowViz Guide. (in BITS pkg).

Blind LGBT Pride International
President: Will Burley
Program Chair: Don Brown
Registration: $12 ($15)
Or BPI Package (all BPI events including one wine tasting): $105 ($122)

Multi-Session Event, BPI Suite:

Monday, July 4, 4:15 PM – 5:30 PM: For the White Wine Lover

Tuesday, July 5, 4:15 PM – 5:30 PM: Reds & Whites; Best of Both Worlds

Wednesday, July 6, 4:15 PM – 5:30 PM. For the Red Wine Lover

Thursday, July 7, 4:15 PM – 5:30 PM: For the Wine Lover
Let the Wine Tasting Begin $20 ($20), (in BPI Pkg).
Led by a wine consultant, learn about and experience exclusive California artisan wines. Food pairings included. (Limit of 16 each session.)

Saturday, July 2, BPI Suite
5:00 PM: Dinner with BPI’S Board of Directors. Meet BPI’s Board of Directors and learn about the organization’s plans in an informal social setting.

Sunday, July 3, BPI Suite

Monday, July 4, Skyway
2:45 – 4:00 PM: Disability in the Workforce: Kicking and Keeping the Door Open. Our presenter will review
the past research on disability in the work place including current statistics and practical implications. As part of this research study, we will be able to sign up for a phone interview to discuss job search and socialization experiences. Presenter: Christian J. Calderon, University of Memphis, Memphis, TN.

7:00 PM – 9:00 PM, BPI Suite: Annual Business Meeting and Elections

9:30 PM, BPI Suite: BPI Caucus

Tuesday, July 5, Skyway

1:15 PM – 2:30 PM: Yoga ABC (in BPI Pkg) $10 ($12). New to yoga? Learn the fundamentals and get started on your path. We’ll cover the basics of yoga poses, breath, and insight into the various forms. An inspiring instructor will give you the ABCs of yoga traditions. Presenter: Jessica Rosenberg, Certified Yoga Instructor, Yoga Center, Minneapolis, MN.
2:45 PM – 4:00 PM: Making Your Affiliate Web Site Accessible and Searchable. Is your affiliate facing the challenge of creating an accessible website? We will address these challenges and empower you to make practical changes in your affiliate web site to make it more accessible and searchable.

Wednesday, July 6

1:15 PM – 2:30 PM, Skyway: Breathing for Healing $10 ($12) (in BPI Pkg). Learn how to heal physical and emotional ailments through breathing. This workshop will introduce you to a modern twist on ancient breathing practices as a tool to decrease stress and increase energy, focus and health. Presenter: Sue Arnold, Certified Holistic Therapist, Penny George Institute for Breathing & Healing, Minneapolis, MN.

2:45 PM – 4:00 PM, Skyway: Straight for Equality: How to Be an LGBT Ally. Open discussion to resolve the barriers to becoming an ally, get specific recommendations for action, and learn how to assist
others whether it is friends, family members, co-workers or community members in becoming conduits for change. Presenters: Al & Donna Ellis, PFLAG Phoenix, Chandler, AZ.

8:00 PM – 10:00 PM, Greenway GHI: BPI Movie “Carol” (Audio Described) $5 ($7), (in BPI pkg). Cate Blanchett and Rooney Mara dramatize the love affair between two women from different backgrounds in 1950s New York. Conventional norms challenge their love, and their story reveals the resilience of the heart. Thursday, July 7

1:15 PM – 2:30 PM, Skyway: Nutritional Therapy $10 ($12) (in BPI pkg). Explore the benefits of a proper diet; learn how healthy nutrition is the natural way to a better life. Help your body fight disease and illness by supplying the nutrients your body needs. Presenter: Certified Nutritional Therapist, Tailor Made Nutrition, Minneapolis, MN.
2:45 PM – 4:00 PM, BPI Suite: What's App-enning. This fun info-share workshop will give Android and iOS device users an opportunity to demonstrate and exchange ideas about useful and fun apps used in work, learn and play.

9:00 PM: Explore Your 50 Shades, (in BPI pkg) $10 ($12). BPI opens the floor for adults wanting to enjoy a welcoming environment and a "no-judgment" space. Discover your shades; be entertained and enjoy tasty nibbles, refreshments & crazy door prizes!

Friday, July 8

9:00 PM, BPI Suite: Everything Must Go! (in BPI pkg) $8 ($10). Join us as we bid a fond adieu to Minneapolis.
Braille Revival League
President: Paul Edwards
Registration: $10 ($12)

Sunday, July 3

1:15 PM – 3:00 PM, Lake Nokomis: BRL Orienteering $6 ($8). Fun for all, find answers to questions as we wander around the hotel. You don’t have to be a braille reader to participate. Have fun and win prizes.

3:30 PM: BRL Pre-Convention Board Meeting

Tuesday, July 5

7:00 AM – 8:15 AM, Greenway A: BRL International Breakfast $25 ($30). Learn how our brothers and sisters from around the world benefit from using, reading and writing braille. Presenter, Charles Mossop, WBU North America/Caribbean Region President, Toronto, Canada.
1:15 PM – 4:00 PM, Greenway E: BRL program

1:15 PM: Welcome and introductions: Paul Edwards BRL President, Miami, FL.

1:30 PM: A forum on the implementation of UEB in the United States. Sandy Ruconich, Salt Lake City, UT. Sandy is ACB’S representative to BANA and will provide her perspective on how implementation is going. We will also hear from others who can share what is happening in their states.

2:30 PM: Break.

2:45 PM: BRL business meeting; minutes, Treasurer's Report, elections and affiliate reports.

4:15 PM – 5:30 PM: Games with Ralph $6 ($8), Regency. Use braille to play a number of games, prizes will be awarded to the winners. See just how good you are at braille and words.
Wednesday, July 6

1:15 PM – 4:00 PM, Greenway E

1:15 PM: Welcome to the LUA/BRL/AABT Joint Session. Brian Charlson, President, Library Users of America, Watertown, MA; Paul Edwards, President, Braille Revival League, Miami, FL; Kate Crohan, President, American Association of Blind Teachers, Arlington, MA, provide a welcome and give those present a chance to introduce themselves.

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2:30 PM: Break

2:45 PM: What is happening with Children's books today? We will hear from representatives from the National Braille Press and Seedlings to see
what is available today and what is planned for tomorrow for blind children and reading.

3:15 PM: Two Books, One ACB. We will explore "Jade Hunter" and "Devil at my Heels", two thrillers written by a blind person and published in the mainstream in Canada. Presenter: Charles Mossop, Toronto, Canada.

Council of Citizens with Low Vision International
Something for Everyone!
President: Charles Glaser
Program Chair: Jim Jirak
Registration: $20 ($25)
or package all CCLVI events $75 ($95)

Multi-Session Event:
Sunday, July 2 through Wednesday, July 6

5:30 PM - 6:45 PM, CCLVI Suite: Attitude Adjustment Trivia $15 $15 (In CCLVI pkg). Ticket good for rounds 1 through 4 - only buy a ticket once. Grab a partner
and form a team for nightly trivia contest. Last team standing at week's end receives a fantastic prize.

Saturday, July 2

8:00 PM – 10:00 PM, CCLVI Suite. All presidents, or their board designees, are invited to discuss concerns unique to special interest affiliates.

Sunday, July 3

9:00AM – 12:00PM, Lake Superior A: CCLVI Low Vision & Sports. Whether a spectator or a want-to-be participant, if you have a love and passion for sports, this presentation is for you. Have you ever wondered how to participate in sports with low vision? Learn how low vision sports enthusiasts participate in their love of the game. Presenters include Dan Dillon, Hermitage, TN; Michael Garrett, Missouri City, TX; Robert McDonald, Chicago, IL; and Bill Burgunder, Philadelphia, PA.

1:15 PM – 3:00 PM, Great Lakes B: Audible Darts Training. Having heard from sports enthusiasts, now
it's your turn to join in the fun! Learn the game of audible darts in preparation for our first audible darts tournament. Trainer: Shaun Bangsun, Vice-president, Minnesota Blind Dart League, Blaine, MN.


Monday, July 4
1:15 PM – 2:30 PM, Lake Superior A: Bioptic Driving Discussion $6 ($8) (in CCLVI pkg). What is “Bioptic Driving”? Is it for you? Learn about driving with bioptics and be prepared to ask questions. Presenter: Chuck Huss, C.O.M.S., WV Division of Rehabilitation Services, WV Bioptic Driving Program, Driver Rehabilitation Specialist, Charleston, WV.

2:45 PM – 4:00 PM, Lake Superior A: Low Vision Vendor Showcase. See what is new as exhibitors demonstrate the latest in low vision technological advances.
8:00 PM – 11:00 PM, Greenway A: CCLVI Game Night, $12 ($15), (in CCLVI pkg). After a busy day of information and networking, unwind and have some fun while playing Trivial Pursuit. Lots of prizes, snacks and a cash bar.

Tuesday, July 5

1:15 PM – 2:30 PM, Lake Superior A: Voting Independence. Concerned about your ability to independently cast a private ballot in the upcoming fall elections? Learn what is new in accessible voting. Presenter: Pamela Hoopes, Deputy Director/Legal Director Minnesota Disability Law Center, Minneapolis, MN.

2:45 PM – 4:00 PM: CCLVI Annual Membership Meeting, Lake Superior A. Elections and adoption of proposed constitutional amendments and bylaws.

8:00 PM – 11:00 PM, Great Lakes B: Audible Darts Tournament $10 ($15) (in CCLVI Pkg). Having been trained on how the game is played, now have some
fun in our first ever audible darts tournament. Lots of prizes, cash bar available.

Wednesday, July 6

2:45 PM – 4:00 PM, Lake Superior A: Parenting with Low Vision $6 ($8) (in CCLVI pkg). New parent or grandparent? Ever wondered how to keep track of children or grandchildren as someone with low vision? Learn about inexpensive, non-technical solutions and receive a take-home gift. Presenter: Julie Johnson, Parenting Educator, York, NE.

Friends-In-Art
President: Lynn Hedl
Program Chair: Peter Altschul
Registration: $12 ($15)

Saturday, July 2

7:00 PM, FIA Suite: FIA Board Meeting
Sunday, July 3

2:45 – 4:00 PM: Writers Workshop $8 ($10) Greenway
D. “Embedding Disability into Stories for Children”
Please bring your writers' tool of choice. Presenter:
Leslye Orr, Author/Actress, Minneapolis, MN. Co-
sponsored by AABT and FIA.

4:30 PM – 6:00 PM: FIA Mixer/Showcase sign-up $18
($20), FIA suite. Meet friends and learn how to
audition for this year's Showcase.

Monday, July 4

2:45 PM – 5:30 PM: Showcase Audition and Rehearsal,
FIA Suite. Audition your number for the FIA
Showcase; no specific time slot needed. Sponsored
by Charter Communications.

9:00 PM – 11:00 PM: Prose and Poetry Reading, $4
($5), Lake Calhoun. Writers are invited to read their
original works to a receptive audience. Moderator:
Carla Hayes, McMurray, PA.
Tuesday, July 5

12:15 PM: FIA Luncheon and Business Meeting, $30 ($32), Lake Minnetonka. Learn about how the Guthrie Theater is using descriptive video. Speaker: Lauren Keatin, Associate Producer, Guthrie Theater, Minneapolis, MN.

2:45 PM – 4:00 PM: Meet the Artists, $8 ($10), FIA suite Mingle with artists displaying their work at our booth. Moderator, Elsie Monthei, Des Moines, IA.

8:00 PM: Performing Arts Showcase, $20 ($25), Nicollet Ballroom. Talented ACB members will entertain you. Unplug yourself and listen. Cash bar available.

Wednesday, July 6, FIA Suite

4:15PM – 5:30PM: Round & Harmony Sing $4 ($5). Take a break from a busy convention and learn simple rounds and songs. Presenters: Lynn Hedl, Birmingham, AL; Nancy Pendegraph, Huntsville, AL; Susan Glass, Saratoga, CA; Karen Karsh, Denver, CO.
Sunday, July 3

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM: Convention Stress Workshop, Greenway GHI. Help your dog adjust to the stresses of life at convention.

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM: GDUI Hotel Orientation, GDUI Suite, Greenway J. Work with guide dog school staff to learn your way around the Hyatt. For guide dog users only.

2:00 PM – 4:00 PM, Greenway GHI: GDUI affiliate roundup.

4:00 PM – 5:00 PM, Greenway GHI: GDUI board meeting and annual report.

Monday, July 4
6:45 AM – 8:15 AM: GDUI Breakfast Club, meet in lobby. Join us for a stroll and a bite to eat before a busy day at convention. All dogs and canes welcome.

7:30 AM – 8:30 AM: GDUI Hotel Orientation, GDUI Suite, Greenway J. Work with guide dog school staff to learn your way around the Hyatt. For guide dog users only.

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM: Open "Paw"-fice Hours, Greenway J. A seasoned guide dog trainer will be available to answer questions about convention stress or any behavior quirks.

1:15 PM – 5:30 PM: GDUI program, Greenway GHI

1:15 PM: Guide Dog School Updates. Learn from the guide dog schools about their matching processes, follow-up services and thoughts on positive training methods.

2:45 PM: Your Right to Ride – Lyft, Uber and Your Guide Dog. How to deal with access challenges when using ride sharing services. Presenter:
Julia Marks, Fellowship Attorney, Disability Rights Advocates, Berkeley, California.

3:30 PM: Inside and Outside of Your Guide Dog. Learn about the history of dogs; how do their bodies differ from ours, what motivates them and how can we use this knowledge to develop stronger partnerships with our guides? Presenter: Mike Goehring, Yorktown Heights, NY.

4:15 PM: Canine First Aid and Safety Learn techniques you can utilize in emergency situations in this hands on workshop. Presenter: Cassidy Anderson, Community Risk Reduction officer, Minneapolis fire department, Minneapolis, MN and representatives from Basic Animal Rescue Training.

7:00 PM – 8:00 PM, Greenway GHI: Staying "On Target." How do you find an empty seat in a crowded auditorium, or access your personal mailbox in a row of dozens? In this hands on workshop handlers who use positive training methods and those who use
traditional training methods will learn how it’s done. Presenter: Patrick Glines, Manager of Guide Dog and O&M Programs, Guide Dog Foundation for the Blind, Inc., Smithtown, NY.

Tuesday, July 5

6:45 AM – 8:15 AM: GDUI Breakfast Club, meet in lobby. Join us for a stroll and a bite to eat before a busy day at convention. All dogs and canes welcome.

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM, Greenway J: Open "Paw"-fice Hours. A seasoned guide dog trainer will be available to answer questions about convention stress or any behavior quirks.

1:15 PM – 5:30 PM: GDUI program, Greenway GHI

1:15 PM: Holistic Dog Care. Learn the basics of holistic veterinary medicine; how can we promote healthier coats, digestion, ears and gums by giving natural supplements. Presenter: Dr. Jessica Levy, DVM Holistic Veterinary Care LLC, Ham Lake, MN.
2:45 – 4:00 PM: Speaking About Guide Dogs. Join ACBS and GDUI as a panel of four first time guide dog handlers from four different schools share their experiences of receiving their guides during various points in life.

4:15 PM: Mini "APP" Olis $5 ($7). Be a smarter traveler with Smart phone travel apps. Learn about certain apps that are invaluable as you travel with your guide dog or cane. Co-sponsored by ACBS and GDUI.

7:00 PM – 8:00 PM: Canine Massage Techniques $6 ($8) Greenway GHI. Everyone loves a massage; learn how and why touch matters to your dog in this hands-on workshop. Presenter: Carla Campbell, Quadrassage, Menlo Park, CA

Wednesday, July 6

6:45 - 8:15 AM: GDUI Breakfast Club, meet in lobby. Join us for a stroll and a bite to eat before a busy day at convention. All dogs and canes welcome.
12:15 PM - 1:45 PM: GDUI Luncheon $28 ($30)
Greenway GHI. Meet Bob Bailey, the founder of Mira, USA, the only guide dog school in the country that accepts applicants as young as age eleven. Learn why children make excellent guide dog handlers and hear inspiring stories of young Mira graduates. Presenter: Bob Bailey, Mira USA, Pinehurst, NC.

1:45 PM – 2:45 PM: GDUI Business Meeting & Caucus.

7:00 PM – 8:00 PM: Weather Woes! Greenway A. How do you brave the ice, snow, or extreme heat with your dog? Hands-on demonstrations of equipment to protect you and your dog from the elements. Presenter: Lauren Ross, Guide Dogs for the Blind, Chicago, IL.

Independent Visually Impaired Entrepreneurs
President: Ardis Bazyn
Program Chair: Carla Hayes
Registration: $6 ($8)
Sunday, July 3, RSVA Suite

10:00 PM - 12:00 AM: RSVA / IVIE Mixer (in pkg) $15 ($20). Join RSVA & IVIE for fun and refreshments; all are welcome.

Monday, July 4, Lake Nokomis

7:00 AM – 8:15 AM: IVIE Breakfast and Business Meeting $24 ($27). Join us for our annual business meeting. Bring your creative ideas for IVIE!

Wednesday, July 6

12:15 PM: IVIE Luncheon and Program, $29 ($32), St. Croix.

1:00 PM: Welcome and Introductions. Ardis Bazyn, IVIE President, Burbank, CA.

1:10 PM: “Finding Your Market Niche.” Learn how to make your business a success by providing products and services that only you can provide. If you already use niche marketing, come and share your strategies.
Discussion Facilitator, Carla Hayes, CEO, Lengua-Learn Communications, McMurray, PA.

2:45 PM – 5:45 PM: IVIE Business Expo, Minnehaha. Blind and visually impaired business owners will showcase their products and services and answer your questions.

Library Users of America
President: Brian Charlson
Registration: $10 ($12)

Saturday, July 2, Cedar Lake

4:30 PM: Pre-convention Board Meeting

Monday, July 4

1:15 PM – 4:00 PM: LUA Program, Greenway B

1:15 PM: Welcome and Introductions: Brian Charlson, President, Library Users of America, Watertown, MA

2:30 PM: Break

2:45 PM: What is happening on the Marrakesh Copyright Issue?: Kim Charlson, Watertown, MA.

3:00 PM: What does literacy mean for the blind? A debate; panelists TBA.

3:15 PM: Business meeting and elections

5:45 PM – 7:00 PM: Unconventional Ways to Read $6 ($8), Lake Harriet. Every year new and exciting ways of reading books come along. We will look at Alexa and other new ways to access books. Moderated by Brian Charlson, Watertown MA and Paul Edwards, Miami FL. Co-sponsored by IAC and LUA.

Wednesday, July 6

1:15 – 4:00 PM, Greenway E
1:15 PM: Welcome to the LUA/BRAILLE/AABT Joint Session. Brian Charlson, President, Library Users of America, Watertown, MA; Paul Edwards, President, Braille Revival League, Miami, FL; Kate Crohan, President, American Association of Blind Teachers, Arlington, MA, provide a welcome and give those present a chance to introduce themselves.

1:30 PM: Meet the Talking Book Narrator: This session will give those present a chance to get up close and personal with Martha Harmon-Pardee, Denver CO.

2:30 PM: Break

2:45 PM: What is happening with Children's books today? We will hear from representatives from the National Braille Press and Seedlings to see what is available today and what is planned for tomorrow for blind children and reading.

3:15 PM: Two Books, One ACB. We will explore "Jade Hunter" and "Devil at my Heels", two thrillers written
by a blind person and published in the mainstream in Canada. Presenter: Charles Mossop, Toronto, Canada.

4:00 PM: LUA Post-Convention Board Meeting (if necessary).

Randolph-Sheppard Vendors of America
President: Dan Sippl
Program Chair: Ardis Bazyn
Registration $20 ($20)
Or RSVA Package (all RSVA events) $120 ($130)

Sunday, July 3

1:30 PM – 5:30 PM: RSVA Program, Lake Superior B

1:30 PM Welcome: Dan Sippl, RSVA President, Eau Claire, WI

1:35 PM Roll Call: Donna Seliger, RSVA Secretary, Des Moines, IA.
1:45 PM “New Business Enterprise Program Facilities in your state including snack bar in MS bingo facility”

2:10 PM "Advocating for your state RS BEP Program" (Update on MN VA issue) Jeff Thom, ACB Visually Impaired Attorneys, Sacramento, CA.

2:30 PM: “Sharing retirement solutions in various states.” Round table discussion.

3:00 PM: Break

3:15 PM: The latest from RSVA; presenter Deanna Jones, from Rehabilitation Services Administration, Washington, DC.

3:45 PM: Online Marketing for Your Business – What Works Best for You?

4:10 PM: The Latest in Technologies for Your Business. Round Table Discussion.
4:30 PM: Resolutions/Constitution and Bylaws (first reading) – Ardis Bazyn, Constitution and Resolution Chair, Burbank, CA.

5:00 PM: Nominating Committee – delegates only.

10:00 PM – 12:00 AM: RSVA / IVIE Mixer (in pkg) $15 ($20), RSVA Suite. Join RSVA & IVIE for fun and refreshments. All are welcome.

Monday, July 4

12:15 PM – 5:30 PM: RSVA Lunch (in pkg) $35 ($40), Lake Superior B. Speaker TBA, followed by RSVA annual awards presentations.

2:15 PM: Break

2:30 PM: RSVA Business meeting

4:30 PM: RSVA Caucus

7:30 PM – 8:45 PM: RSVA Comedy Night (in pkg) $15 ($20), Regency Room. Enjoy some laughs with RSVA.

9:00 PM – 12:00 AM: Musical Game Show $15 ($20),
Regency Room. An interactive evening of trivia questions, game show challenges, & amusing stories from the ‘40’s to the ‘90’s performed by Gary Burnam.

Tuesday, July 5

5:30PM – 11:55PM: RSVA Mystic Lake Casino $30 ($35) (in RSVA pkg). Enjoy a trip to Mystic Lake Casino. Have dinner out, enjoy entertainment, play some slots, or try the $1 Black Jack. A snack will be available on the way. All are welcome.

Visually Impaired Veterans of America
President: John Fleming
Registration: $10 ($10)

Tuesday, July 5, VIVA table in Nicollet Ballroom

12:15 PM – 2:00 PM: Luncheon and VIVA business meeting.
**Kids and Families: Kids’ Explorers Club**

Sponsored by Regal Cinemas

Bring the kids (ages 6 to 12) for a great week of tours and fun in the Kids’ Explorer Club. Games, crafts, swimming, and trips; every day is packed with fun. Breakfast, lunch and snack included. Open Sunday from 6:30 PM until 9:00 PM, Monday through Thursday from 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM, and on Friday from 7:00 AM until after the banquet.

Participants must register and pay the convention administrative fee before attending any events. Discounted tickets for events may be purchased on the pre-registration form.

**The Rules, Please Read:** Parents must accompany kids to their first Kids’ Explorer Club event to sign required permission forms. Necessary medications must be supplied each day. Kids’ Explorer Club cannot accept participants who are medically fragile. Parents will be expected to remove children who exhibit uncontrollable or highly inappropriate behavior.
Have questions? Contact Janet Dickelman, ACB Convention Chair, at 651-428-5059.

Kids’ Explorers Club Activities, Greenway F
Sunday, July 3

6:30PM - 9:00PM Kids' Explorers Club. Meet Kids' Club leaders and play games. Snacks included.

Monday, July 4
7:00 AM - 5:00 PM: Kids’ Explorers Club $15 ($20).
The Science Museum of MN is the most popular museum in the Upper Midwest; exhibits on dinosaurs, the human body, Mississippi River, and much more. Very “hands on.” Includes Omnitheater. Breakfast, lunch, swimming, games.

Tuesday, July 5
7:00 AM - 5:00 PM: Kids’ Explorers Club $15 ($20).
SEA LIFE® Minnesota Aquarium is in the Mall of America and is home to sharks, sea turtles, rays,
jellyfish, and more! Walk through a 300-foot clear tunnel! Touch stingrays in the Ray Pool. Breakfast, lunch, swimming and games.

Wednesday, July 6

7:00 AM - 5:00 PM: Kids’ Explorers Club $15 ($20). Lions, Tigers, & Bears-spend the day at the MN Zoo! See animals organized by their living environment as opposed to their species. Breakfast, lunch, swimming and games.

Thursday, July 7


Friday, July 8, Press Club

7:00 AM – 5:00 PM: Kids’ Explorers Club $15 ($20). The Mall of America: amusement park, the Lego Store,
American Girl Store, restaurants, mini golf, bowling alley, and movie theater. Breakfast, lunch, swimming and games.

6:30 PM - 9:00 PM: Kids’ Explorers Club Party. Last chance to have fun with Kids’ Club friends while eating pizza and playing games.

2016 Tours

Important Tour Information: Please read the following information completely. It will answer many of your tour-related questions and will help you have a more enjoyable tour experience.

1. All tours buses will load and drop off at the entrance outside Draft Media Sports Lounge. Exit the doors across from the Front Desk, down the steps, and turn left. Follow the sidewalk approximately 125 feet to board the buses. If you are exiting from the Royale Pavilion, go down the steps, turn right, and down the sidewalk approximately 75 feet.
2. Bus departure times for each tour are listed in this program. Please be at the bus departure area and ready to board the bus 15 minutes prior to the listed departure times. Arrival times back to the hotel are approximate.

3. The first two rows of seats on both sides of the bus are reserved for the tour coordinators, volunteers and people with mobility difficulties. If you sit in those seats, you will be asked to move.

4. All buses are fully ADA-equipped. If you have mobility difficulties, or use a wheelchair that requires the lift to access the bus, you MUST check the appropriate boxes on the pre-registration form in order for us to plan the necessary accommodations. If you are able to transfer from a wheelchair into a bus seat, your chair will be placed under the bus for the duration of the ride.

5. Indoor facilities are air-conditioned unless indicated, but many tours include significant outdoor time. Dress appropriately and bring sunscreen, insect
repellent, hat, and water bottle for your comfort and safety.

6. Space is limited on all tours. ACB reserves the right to cancel a tour should ticket sales fall below required minimums. Tickets will be collected at the bus. Buses will not be delayed while forgotten tickets are retrieved.

7. All return times are approximate. If you have dietary scheduling concerns, bring a light snack in case we are unavoidably delayed. We ask that you board the bus quickly and safely to avoid delays. We plan 15 minutes to load and unload the bus. Please do not schedule back-to-back events based upon the return time of the tour, as we cannot plan for traffic and road condition delays.

8. A limited number of volunteers will accompany each tour. While they will help as much as possible, ACB volunteers are not personal guides or personal care attendants. If you need individual help, plan to attend
the tour with a friend who can provide the assistance you need.

9. Most tour destinations are ADA-accessible. Some tours that are NOT ADA-accessible may include long walks, steps, and steep grades. Please communicate your questions or concerns ahead of time.

10. Some tours may involve strenuous activities. If you have a medical condition that may limit your involvement or participation, please let us know ahead of time and use common sense when making your selections.

11. The tour leader will have a list of all paid attendees and the waiting list for each tour. The leader will be stationed at the door of the bus to take your ticket and record your attendance. Please do not board the bus until the tour leader has completed this task.

12. If registration for a tour exceeds its capacity, a waiting list is created based on the date and time your order was placed. If you are on a waiting list, you will be asked to stand in a designated area to wait for your
name to be called. If you are not present when your name is called, the next person on the waiting list will be called to fill that seat. You may not give your place on the waiting list to another person.

13. If you arrive late with a ticket, or your name has already been called from the waiting list, your ability to secure a seat will be entirely dependent on the number of vacant seats remaining on the bus. No one who has a ticket or has answered the call from the waiting list will be asked to give up their seat.

14. If there is no waiting list, or if the waiting list has been satisfied, any remaining vacant seats will be sold to walk-up traffic. Such vacant seats will be sold for cash only – a ticket will not be issued. To purchase, you must have a valid name badge, a day pass for the current day, or other proof of registration.

If you have paid for and are issued a tour ticket and do not appear at the designated time and place, no refund will be made. If you are on a waiting list and are not able to get on the bus, the tour leader will
report this to the registration office and you will be able to secure a refund the next day after the tour. Should you not be present at the convention the day after the tour, or if the convention has ended, please call the Minneapolis office by July 31st to arrange for a refund via check or credit card.

Friday, July 1

7:00AM – 9:30PM: Laura Ingalls Wilder Museum $89 ($92)

Explore life on the prairie on the "Little House" tour! Hands-on memorabilia, visit a sod dug-out, enjoy a walk along a prairie trail, ring the bell that "Pa" donated to the church, and visit the great gift shop. Lunch of sandwiches, chips, applesauce and cookie, in an authentic souvenir lunch pail. Dinner at Turner Hall in New Ulm, then stop in Jordan at Minnesota’s largest candy store. Consider bringing a snack on this three-hour drive to the museum (Market deli in the Hyatt opens at 6:00AM).
4:30PM – 11:15PM: Canterbury Downs and Card Room $80 ($83)

Enjoy horse racing and dinner in our own private suite at the racetrack. Canterbury also has one of the largest Texas Hold'em and 7 Card Stud poker rooms in the upper Midwest. Braille cards available. Includes seafood buffet, New York Strip, and all the normal buffet fixings.

Saturday, July 2

9:30AM – 4:45PM South Pacific! $50 ($53)

At the Guthrie Theater, start with an audio-described sensory tour of some of the props, costumes and set pieces used in South Pacific; then a brief overview of the historic events on which this play is based. After lunch enjoy an audio-described performance of Rodgers and Hammerstein's South Pacific! Set in an island paradise during World War II, this sweeping romance tells the story of two couples and how their happiness is threatened by war and prejudice. A treasure trove of memorable songs: "Bali Hai," "There is Nothin' Like a Dame," and "Some Enchanted Evening."
10:15 AM – 5:30 PM: Shop Til You Drop $15 ($18)
Visit the Mall of America, one of the largest malls in the US, complete with amusement park, aquarium, movie theater and four levels of shops and restaurants. We will not have sufficient volunteers on this tour to assist you individually.

11:30 AM – 1:30 PM: City Bus Tour $18 ($21)
Sit back in comfort as your guide describes sites of the city of Minneapolis.

1:45 PM – 3:45 PM: City Bus Tour $18 ($21)
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Sunday, July 3
6:30 AM – 1:00 PM: Fish Lake Minnetonka! $192 ($195)
Fish on one of Minnesota’s largest and most famous lakes. The "early bird catches the worm" as you fish with a guide in a four-person boat on Lake Minnetonka and
participate in a fishing contest. Pastries and a box lunch will be provided. Space is limited in the boats so guide dogs are not recommended. Once you are confirmed for this tour you will be contacted to provide information to obtain a one-day fishing license. If you catch a “lunker” you'd like to keep, the charter company will ship it home at your expense. They cannot clean fish on the lake or at the dock. This tour is not wheelchair accessible.

9:00 AM – 1:15 PM: Franconia Tactile Sculpture Park: $45 ($48)
A unique opportunity to visit an active artist residency where artists live, create, and exhibit three-dimensional artwork in a singular location. This 43-acre exhibition has 100+ large-scale sculptures. Visit with Franconia’s artists-in-residence in this outdoor studio and learn about works-in-progress. Discover the ideas, concepts, themes, and processes of the artists with behind-the-scenes information from your tour guide. Have lunch on the beautiful grounds of the sculpture garden.
1:30 PM – 4:45 PM City Bus Tour $23 ($26)

Sit back in comfort as your guide describes sites of the city of Minneapolis. This tour will also cross the Mississippi River and visit the “twin city” of St Paul!

Monday, July 4th

4:15 AM – 8:30 AM: Up, Up and Away! Stillwater Hot Air Balloon Ride $215 ($218)

Float along the beautiful Saint Croix River Valley as the sun rises over Minnesota. When the burner for the balloon is off it is so quiet you can hear dogs barking and people talking! This tour is subject to weather and wind speeds and it is possible we may arrive to learn we are unable to launch. If this happens there will be a partial refund. Space is limited and subject to weight limitations; please no guide dogs. Once you are confirmed for this tour you will be contacted for your weight to ensure all balloons are safely balanced for take-off.
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4:15 PM – 9:15 PM: We’re going to a Beach Party! $33 ($36)
An old-fashioned beach party at Snail Lake! Enjoy swimming at this lifeguard protected beach. Lay on the sandy beach or build sand castles. Relax in the pavilion while we grill burgers and hot dogs. No flotation devices allowed.

Tuesday, July 5th
12:15 PM – 4:45 PM: Twin Cities Cathedral Tour $28 ($31)
Visit the beautiful and famous Cathedral of Saint Paul and the Basilica of St Mary’s in Minneapolis. Both churches are over 100 years old, full of history, and wonderful examples of the architecture of the period. Lots of hands-on artifacts and gift shops! Hear the pipe organ at the cathedral!
12:15 PM – 5:15 PM: Minnesota Landscape Arboretum: $66 ($69)
Enjoy lunch, stroll through the sensory and fragrance gardens and take a tram ride through the arboretum. Learn about a myriad of plants; lots to touch, smell and experience. Tour is not wheelchair accessible.

5:45 PM – 10:30 PM: Take Me Out to The Ball Game $59 ($62)
Visit Target field as the Minnesota Twins take on the Oakland A's! Enjoy baseball played as it should be in this beautiful outdoor stadium! History and state of the art collide to make Target Field one of the best stadiums in the country! Your ticket will include a $15 food voucher to use at any stadium concession stand. You can listen to the Twins radio broadcast on 96.3 FM.

Wednesday, July 6
12:30 PM – 5:00 PM: The Pavek Museum of Broadcasting $27 ($30)
Have an interest in old-time radio? During the 20th century, radio and television helped transform America from a collection of far-flung regions to a nation knitted together with a common culture. The Pavek museum is alive with broadcasting artifacts that tell the story of 20th century radio and television. Learn about early audio recording and the voices that first found their way into our homes. Place your hands on old recording equipment, nickelodeons and gramophones. A fascinating tour for all!

12:15 PM – 3:15 PM: Candy lovers tour: $18 ($21)

Albert Abdallah began making candy when he arrived here in 1909. Steve and Karen are the fourth generation of this family owned candy company. Abdallah’s has it all-"candy dish" favorites such as non-pareils, mint melties and toffee; individual chocolates and bars; chocolate covered potato chips and sugar free candy. Abdallah’s will give us a verbal overview of the candy making process before letting us loose for tons of candy shopping!
1:45 PM – 4:45 PM: Candy Lovers Tour II $18 ($21)
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please no guide dogs. Once you are confirmed for this tour you will be contacted for your weight to ensure all balloons are safely balanced for take-off.

12:15 PM – 6:00 PM: Minnesota State Academy for the Blind $35 ($38)

Enjoy a visit to this thriving school for the blind and visually impaired as they celebrate their 150th anniversary. We'll see their state of the art recording studio, computer lab, state of the art track, swimming pool with a special sound system and their apartment for transitioning students. Visit dorms, classrooms and the gymnasium. We will also visit the Minnesota Braille and Talking Book Library (MBTBL) located across from the school. The MBTBL has provided library services to Minnesotans with print disabilities since 1933. On this tour, you will have a behind the scenes look at the library, its collections, and hear more about what the future of this program might look like. Lunch is included in this tour.
12:30 PM – 3:45 PM: Bakken Museum of Electricity: $27 ($30)
This one-of-a-kind museum is housed in the distinctive West Winds mansion on beautiful Lake Calhoun. The architecture is impressive; the surrounding landscaped gardens are wonderful at this time of year. Explore the mysteries of electricity and magnetism in the museum. Lots of hands-on exhibits will teach and amaze you. There is even a short film depicting how Frankenstein was developed by author Mary Shelley. Great gift shop with lots of fun science items.

4:15 PM – 9:00 PM: Concert in the Park: $36 ($39)
Stroll around Lake Harriet, one of the famous Minneapolis Chain of Lakes, or just enjoy being outdoors on a park bench. After supper provided by a lakeside restaurant, enjoy a musical performance at the band shell by the Calhoun Isles Concert and Marching Band. Walking guides provided by Minnesota Adventurous Women!
Saturday, July 9th

11:30 AM – 4:45 PM: Brewery Tour: $47 ($50)

Visit the famous Summit Brewery for a personalized tour including how beer is brewed, beer sampling, a special tasting of hops, malt and other beer ingredients and an extensive gift shop. This tour will also include lunch at Shamrocks for a great burger and drink specials!

5:15 PM – 9:15 PM: Mississippi Riverboat Cruise: $90 ($93)

End your week with great food and friends cruising down the Mississippi River to a blues jazz band. Enjoy an interesting recorded narration of the history and scenery as we cruise along. Dinner buffet includes barbecued ribs, barbecued chicken, cornbread, baked beans, coleslaw and peach cobbler. Cash bar is available. Dinner will be served inside but there will be plenty of time to enjoy the outside decks.
Recreation Zone

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Chair: Oral Miller

Monday, July 4, 6th Floor Spin Room

5:45 PM – 7:00 PM: Yogalates with Leslie Spoone. Stay fit with a yoga and Pilates workout. Open to all levels of experience. Presenter: Leslie Spoone, Certified Aerobics Instructor and Personal Trainer, Orlando, FL. Sponsored by WCC and Recreation Zone.

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More Convention Entertainment

You will be ready for a break and a little fun after all those workshops, seminars and business meetings. Below are some activities and events that take place at the hotel. For more fun ideas, see 2016 Convention Tours, the Recreation Zone, and the agendas of the many affiliates and groups for more mixers, luncheons and parties.

Saturday, July 2

10:15 AM – 5:30 PM USS Moontype $40 ($42)
Learn about the care and feeding of marine animals on this behind-the-scenes aquarium tour. Enjoy the touch pools. Tour 2.5 hours. Explore the mall afterwards.

8:00 PM – 11:00 PM: Welcome to Minnesota $12 ($15), Regency Room. ACB of MN welcomes you to the Land of 10,000 Lakes! Trivia, dance and sing to tunes spun by a deejay. Cash bar, snacks, door prizes! "Minnesota nice" isn't just a saying! Sponsored by the ACB of Minnesota host committee.
Sunday, July 3

12:15 PM: Sports Fanatics' Luncheon $18 ($20), Lake Minnetonka. Take a break from the serious work of the convention and indulge yourself in the world of sports. Celebrate your team loyalty and amaze our speakers with your incredible questions. Speakers: Sandra Spalletta, Dragon Boat team member, Washington, D.C. Other speaker TBA.

3:30 PM – 5:00 PM: Newsreelers Get Together $10 ($12), Cedar Lake

Wednesday, July 6

5:45PM – 8:00PM: CaptionMax, Lake Superior A: Shoulder The Lion

Audio-described film of three artists who have lost one of their senses. Explore the meaning of images, fragility of memories and desire for relevance in today's world.
Thursday, July 7

7:30PM – 9:30PM, Greenway GHI: ACB Audio-Described Film $7 ($10)

Join Joel Snyder for the ADP sponsored audio-described screening of the 2016 Academy Award-winning Best Film SPOTLIGHT. When the Boston Globe's tenacious "Spotlight" team delves into allegations of abuse in the Catholic Church, their investigation uncovers a decades-long cover-up at the highest levels of Boston's religious, legal, and government establishment. Starring Mark Ruffalo, Michael Keaton, and Rachel McAdams.

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ACB Marketplace

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Visit these exciting tables full of jewelry, books, CDs, drawing tickets, and gift items. ACB Marketplace is located in the Nicollet Ballroom Promenade. It is open Sunday evening from 5:30 to 7:00 PM, Monday through Friday from 7:30 to 10:30 AM.

Marketplace tables are available to individuals, chapters and affiliates, MLM reps, ACB committees and others. It's a low-cost way to share your products or raise money for your chapter or affiliate. For more information, and to find out if any spaces are available, contact Michael Smitherman at (601) 331-7740 or in the Exhibit Hall.

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6:00 PM – 7:00 PM: Roman Catholic Mass, Greenway B

5:00 PM – 7:00 PM: LUA Board Meeting, Cedar Lake

5:30 PM – 7:00 PM: AAVIA Board Meeting, Lake Calhoun

7:00 PM – 9:00 PM: FIA Board Meeting, FIA Suite

7:30 PM – 9:30 PM: BITS Board Meeting, BITS Suite

8:00 PM – 10:00 PM: ACB Students Welcome Party, ACBS Suite

8:00 PM – 11:00 PM: Minnesota Welcome Party, “Land of 10,000 Lakes”, Regency

9:00PM – 11:00 PM: ACB Lions Milly’s Place, President’s Suite

9:00 PM – 12:00 AM: Resolutions, Grant
Sunday, July 3

6:30AM – 1:00PM: Fish Lake Minnetonka!

7:00 AM – 8:30 AM: Brenda Dillon Memorial Walk, Minnehaha

8:00 AM – 7:00 PM: Registration, Lakeshore Ballroom B

8:00 AM – 11:00 AM: AABT Breakfast, Greenway A

9:00 AM – 1:15 PM: Franconia Sculpture Park

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM: CCLVI Low Vision and Sports, Lake Superior A

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM: Interdenominational Church Service, Greenway B

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM: Jewish Service, Skyway

9:00 AM – 10:15 AM: Zoom Text Fusion, St. Croix

9:00 AM – 5:00 PM: ACB Exhibit Hall is open, Exhibit hall

9:30 AM – 11:00 AM: Lions Board Meeting, Grant

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM: BITS – What’s New in Refreshable Braille, Lake Harriet
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM: HIMS – Your U2 Has Been Doing That for Years, Greenway C

10:30 AM – 12:00 PM: BOP Meeting, Minnehaha

10:30 AM – 11:45 AM: AISquared ZoomText, St. Croix

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM: LDS Sacrament Meeting, Skyway

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM: ACB Committees Chairs Meeting, Mirage

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM: GDUI Convention Stress Workshop, Greenway GHI

11:30 AM – 1:00 PM: Kurzweil User Group Luncheon, Greenway D

12:15 PM – 2:30 PM: Scholarship Luncheon, Greenway A

12:15 PM – 1:45 PM: Sports Fanatics' Luncheon, Lake Minnetonka

1:00 PM – 6:00 PM: ADP Audio Description Conference, Lakeshore A

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM: GDUI hotel orientation, meet in GDUI suite - Greenway J

1:00 PM – 3:00 PM: Credentials Committee, Grant
1:15 PM – 5:15 PM: AAVIA Program, Lake Calhoun
1:15 PM – 4:00 PM: ACBDA Seminar, Greenway E
1:15 PM – 3:00 PM: BRL Orienteering, Lake Nokomis
1:30 PM – 4:00 PM: BITS Vendor Showcase, Lake Harriet
1:15 PM – 3:00 PM: CCLVI Audible Darts Training, Great Lakes B
1:30 PM – 5:30 PM: RSVA Program, Lake Superior B
1:30 PM – 4:45 PM City Bus Tour 3
1:30 PM – 2:45 PM: ZoomText Fusion, St. Croix
2:00 PM – 3:30 PM: ACBS Business Meeting, Greenway A
2:00 PM – 4:00 PM: GDUI Affiliate Round-up, Greenway GHI
2:00PM – 3:00PM Keys to the Convention, Minnehaha
2:00 PM – 5:00 PM: Arm Yourself for The Trip, Mirage
2:00 PM – 4:00 PM: HIMS Go Low Vision, Greenway C
2:45 PM – 4:00 PM Writers' Workshop, Greenway D
3:00 PM – 5:00 PM: ACBGE Mixer, President’s Suite
3:30 PM – 4:30 PM The Future of Learning, Greenway A
3:30 PM – 6:30 PM: BPI's Viking Sized Mixer, BPI Suite
3:30 – 5:00 PM: BRL Board Meeting, Lake Nokomis
3:30 PM – 5:30 PM: – CCLVI mixer, CCLVI suite
3:30 PM – 5:00 PM: Newsreelers Get-Together, Cedar Lake
3:30 PM – 4:30 PM: AISquared ZoomText Multiple Monitor Support
4:00 PM – 5:00 PM: Giving Society Recognition Reception (by invitation only), Regency
4:30 PM – 6:30 PM: FIA Mixer/Showcase sign-up, FIA Suite
5:30 PM – 6:45 PM: CCLVI Attitude Adjustment Trivia, CCLVI suite
5:30 PM – 7:00 PM: ACB Marketplace, Nicollet Ballroom Promenade
6:30 PM – 9:00 PM: Kids' Explorers Club, Greenway F
7:00 PM – 10:00 PM: 55th Annual ACB Conference & Convention, Nicollet Ballroom
10:00 PM – 12:00 AM: RSVA/IVIE Mixer, RSVA Suite
10:00 PM – 2:00 AM: Resolutions, Grant
Monday, July 4

4:15 AM – 8:30 AM Hot Air Balloon Ride

6:45 AM: GDUI Breakfast Club, Meet in Lobby

7:00 AM – 8:15 AM: IVIE Breakfast, Lake Nokomis

7:00 AM – 8:15 AM: AFB Breakfast, Great Lakes Ballroom

7:00 AM – 5:00 PM: Kids’ Explorers Club, Greenway F

7:30 AM – 8:30 AM: ACB Marketplace, Nicollet Ballroom Promenade

8:00 AM – 4:00 PM: ACB Registration, Lakeshore Ballroom B

8:30 AM – 12:00 PM: ACB General Session, Nicollet Ballroom

9:00 AM – 5:00 PM: GDUI Suite, Greenway J

11:00 AM – 5:00 PM: ACB Exhibit Hall is Open, Exhibit hall

12:15 PM – 2:45 PM: AAVL Luncheon, St. Croix

12:15 PM – 1:15 PM: MCAC Luncheon, Lake Nokomis

12:15 PM – 5:30 PM: RSVA Awards Luncheon, Lake Superior B
1:00PM - 6:30PM Shop 'Til You Drop!

1:00PM - 6:00PM: Audio Description Project Conference, Lakeshore A

1:15 PM – 5:30 PM: AAVIA Program, lake Calhoun

1:15 PM – 4:00 PM: ACBS Put Your Best Look Forward for Women, Greenway E

1:15 PM – 2:30 PM: BITS/ACBRA Using Echolink, Lake Harriet

1:15 PM – 2:30 PM: CCLVI Bioptic Driving, Lake Superior A

1:15 PM – 5:30 PM: GDUI Program, Greenway GHI

1:15 PM – 4:00 PM: LUA Program, Greenway B

1:15 PM – 2:30 PM MCAC Program, Lake Nokomis

2:45PM – 4:00PM: ACBS Men Put Your Best Look Forward, Greenway D

2:45 PM – 4:00 PM: BPI Disability in The Workforce, Skyway

2:45 PM – 4:00 PM: CCLVI Low Vision Vendor Showcase, Lake Superior A

2:45PM – 5:30PM: FIA Showcase Rehearsal, FIA suite
2:45PM – 4:00 PM: SASI “invisible Journey” Minnehaha

4:15 PM – 5:30 PM BPI: Let the Wine Tasting Begin, BPI Suite

4:15 PM – 6:00 PM: Constitution & Bylaws, Grant

4:15 PM – 9:15 PM Going to a Beach Party

4:15 PM - 5:30 PM The BeSpecular app is landing in the USA, Greenway C

5:45 PM – 7:00 PM CCLVI Attitude Adjustment Trivia

5:45 PM – 7:00 PM: Reading in Unconventional Ways, Lake Harriet

5:45 PM – 8:00 PM: ACB Nominating Committee, Mirage

5:45 PM – 7:00 PM: Yogalates with Leslie Spoone, Spin Room, Hotel 6th Floor

5:45 PM – 7:00 PM: HumanWare Reach out and Touch the Future! Lake Superior A

7:00 PM – 8:00 PM: GDUI Keeping Your Dog On Target, Greenway GHI

7:15 PM – 8:30 PM: Gospel Sing, Nicollet Ballroom
7:30 PM – 9:00 PM: RSVA Comedy Night, regency
8:00 PM - 11:00 PM: CCLVI Game Night, Greenway A
8:00 PM – 10:00 PM: Get Social with SASI, Executive Director’s Suite
8:00 PM: Resolutions Committee, Grant
8:30 PM – 11:00 PM: BITS Mixer, BITS suite
9:00 PM – 11:00 PM: FIA Prose and Poetry Reading, Lake Calhoun
9:00 PM – 12:00 AM: RSVA Karaoke, Regency

Tuesday, July 5
6:45 AM: GDUI Breakfast Club, Meet in Lobby
7:00 AM – 8:15 AM: BRL International Breakfast, Greenway A
7:00 AM – 8:15 AM: Guide Dogs for the Blind Breakfast, Regency
7:00 AM – 5:00 PM: Kids' Explorers Club, Greenway F
7:30 AM – 8:30 AM: ACB Marketplace, Nicollet Ballroom Promenade
8:00AM – 3:00PM: ACB Registration, Lakeshore B

8:30 AM – 12:00 PM: ACB General Session, Nicollet Ballroom

11:00 AM – 5:00 PM: Exhibit Hall is Open, Exhibit hall

12:15 PM – 5:30 PM: AAVIA Luncheon, Lake Calhoun

12:15 PM – 1:15 PM: BITS Luncheon, Lake Harriet

12:15 PM – 2:30 PM: FIA Luncheon, Lake Minnetonka

12:15 PM – 2:30 PM: Voices from Around the World Luncheon, Greenway A

12:15 PM – 1:30 PM: VIVA luncheon, Meet at VIVA Table in Nicollet Ballroom

12:15 PM – 5:15 PM: Landscape Arboretum

12:15 PM – 4:45 PM: Cathedral Tour

1:00 PM – 6:00 PM: ADP Audio Description Conference, Lakeshore A

1:15 PM – 2:30 PM AABT “The Teaching Job Interview”, Lake Nokomis

1:15PM – 2:30PM ACBS Business Meeting, Grant
1:15 PM – 2:30 PM: BPI ABC’s of Yoga, Skyway

1:15 PM – 2:30 PM: BRL Program, Greenway E

1:15 PM – 2:30 PM: CCLVI voting independence, Lake Superior A

1:15 PM – 5:30 PM: GDUI Program, Greenway GHI

2:45 PM – 4:00 PM: AABT Test for Blind Job Seekers, Lake Nokomis

2:45 PM – 4:00 PM: GDUI/ACBS A World of Firsts, Greenway GHI

2:45 PM – 4:00 PM: CCLVI Membership Meeting, Lake Superior A

2:45 PM – 4:00 PM: BPI Making your Affiliate Website Accessible, Skyway

2:45 PM – 4:00 PM: Meet the Artists, FIA suite

2:45 PM – 4:00 PM: Tools for Tomorrow, Mirage

2:45 PM – 5:30 PM: Microsoft usability workshop, Lake Superior B

4:15 PM – 5:30 PM: Mini "APP" Olis, Greenway GHI
4:15 PM – 5:30 PM: BPI: Let the Wine Tasting Begin, BPI Suite
4:15 PM – 5:30 PM: BRL Games with Ralph, Regency
4:15 PM – 5:30 PM: Constitution and Bylaws, Grant
5:30 PM – 11:55 PM: RSVA Mystic Lake Casino
5:45 PM – 10:30 PM: Take Me Out to the Ball Game
5:45 PM – 7:00 PM: CCLVI Attitude Adjustment Trivia
5:45 PM – 7:00 PM: Candidate’s Forum, Mirage
5:45 PM – 7:00 PM: HumanWare A World of Books at your Fingertips, Lake Superior A
5:45 PM – 7:45 PM: 1Touch Self Defense, Skyway
6:30 PM – 7:30 PM: Scholarship Winners' Reception, Executive Director’s Suite
7:15 PM – 9:00 PM: ACB Families Bingo, Great Lakes A
7:15 PM – 8:30 PM: Canine Massage Techniques, Greenway GHI
7:15 PM – 8:30 PM: Bookshare Office Hours, Lake Minnetonka
8:00PM – 11:00PM Audible Darts Tournament, Great Lakes B

8:00 PM – 11:00 PM: FIA Performing Arts Showcase, Nicollet ballroom

8:30 PM – 10:30 PM: 1Touch Self Defense, skyway

10:00 PM – 2:00 AM: Resolutions, Grant

Wednesday, July 6

6:45 AM: GDUI Breakfast Club, Meet in Lobby

7:00 AM – 8:15 AM: ACBF Breakfast, Greenway A

7:00 AM – 8:15 AM: NIB Annual Breakfast, Regency

7:00 AM – 5:00 PM: Kids' Explorers Club, Greenway F

7:30 AM – 8:30 AM: ACB Marketplace, Nicollet Ballroom Promenade

8:00 AM – 3:00 PM: ACB Registration, Lakeshore B

8:30AM – 12:00PM: ACB General Session, Nicollet Ballroom

9:00 AM – 1:00 PM: ACB Exhibit Hall is Open, Exhibit Hall
9:00 AM – 5:00 PM: Audio Description Institute, Lakeshore A

12:15 PM – 3:30 PM: Candy Lovers Tour 1

12:15 PM – 2:30 PM: ACBDA Luncheon Meeting, Lake Calhoun

12:15 PM – 2:30 PM: GDUI Luncheon, Greenway GHI

12:15 PM – 2:30 PM: IVIE Luncheon, St. Croix

12:30 PM – 5:00 PM: Pavek Museum of Broadcasting

1:15 PM – 2:30 PM: AAVL Rockin’ Senior Programs, Greenway C

1:15 PM – 2:30 PM: Linking into the World, Lake Minnetonka

1:15 PM – 2:30 PM: Breathing for Healing, Skyway

1:15 PM – 4:00 PM: LUA/BRL/AABT Program, Greenway E

1:45 PM – 4:45 PM: Candy Lovers Tour 2

1:45PM – 2:45PM: GDUI Business Meeting & Caucus, Greenway GHI

2:45 PM – 4:00 PM: BPI, “Straight for Equality”, Skyway
2:45 PM – 4:00 PM CCLVI, Parenting with Low Vision, Lake Superior A

2:45PM – 5:30PM IVIE Business Expo, Minnehaha

2:45 PM – 4:00 PM: Health Care Challenges, Mirage

4:00 PM – 5:30 PM AAVL Mixer, Executive Director’s Suite

4:15 PM – 5:30 PM: BPI: Let the Wine Tasting Begin, BPI Suite

4:15 PM – 5:30 PM: Round and Harmony Sing, FIA Suite

4:15 PM – 5:30 PM: Google, Lake Superior B

4:15 PM – 5:30PM: Sprint Interactive Workshop, Grant

5:00 PM – 6:15 PM: MCAC Mid-Week Mixer, President’s Suite

5:30 PM – 6:45 PM CCLVI Attitude Adjustment Trivia, CCLVI Suite

5:45 PM – 7:00 PM: Maryland/New England/Florida Caucus, Greenway D

5:45 PM – 7:00 Pm: Mid south Caucus, Greenway C

5:45 PM – 7:00 PM: Google, Lake Superior B
5:45 PM – 7:00 PM: Sprint Interactive Workshop, Grant
5:45 PM – 7:45 PM: 1Touch Self Defense, Skyway
5:45 PM – 7:00 PM: De-mystifying Science, St. Croix
5:45PM – 8:00PM CaptionMax: Shoulder The Lion, Lake Superior A

6:00 PM: Decade of Dreams Auction, North Star Ballroom
7:00 PM – 8:00 PM: GDUI Weather Woes, Greenway A
7:15 PM – 8:30 PM De-mystifying Science, St. Croix
8:00 PM – 10:00 PM: BPI Movie: Carol, Greenway GHI
8:15 PM – 10:15 PM: 1Touch Self Defense, Skyway
10:00 PM – 2:00 AM: Resolutions, Grant

Thursday, July 7
4:15AM - 8:30 AM Hot Air Balloon Ride
7:00 AM – 8:15 AM: Washington State Breakfast (Members Only), Greenway A
7:00 AM – 5:00 PM: Kids' Explorers Club, Greenway F
7:30 AM – 8:30 AM: ACB Marketplace, Nicollet Ballroom Promenade

8:00 AM - 3:00 PM: ACB Registration, Lakeshore B

8:30 AM – 12:00 PM: ACB General Session, Nicollet Ballroom

9:00 AM – 5:00 PM: Audio Description Institute, Lakeshore A

12:15 PM – 6:00 PM Minnesota State Academy

12:15 PM – 2:30 PM: ACBGE Lunch & Meeting, St. Croix

12:15 PM – 2:00 PM: Lions Lunch, Greenway A

12:30 PM – 3:45 PM Bakken Museum of Electricity

1:15 PM – 2:30 PM: ACB Radio Amateurs Program, Greenway C

1:15 PM – 2:30 PM: BPI Nutritional Therapy, Skyway

1:15 PM – 2:30 PM: BOP Editor's Workshop, Mirage

1:15 PM – 2:30 PM: Google, Lake Superior B

2:45 PM – 4:00 PM: 2016 ACB Membership Seminar, Mirage

2:45 PM – 4:45 PM: Google, Lake Superior B
4:15 PM – 5:30 PM: Affiliate President’s' Meeting, Greenway GHI
4:15 PM – 9:00 PM: Concert in the Park
4:15 PM – 5:30 PM: BPI Wine Tasting
5:00 PM – 7:00 PM: DKM First-Timers Reception, President’s Suite
5:45 PM – 7:00 PM: Yogalates with Leslie Spoone, Spin Room 6th Floor
7:30 PM – 9:30 PM: Spotlight! (Audio Described), Greenway GHI
9:00PM: Explore Your 50 Shades, BPI suite
9:15 PM – 11:00 PM: ACBS Comedy Night, Regency

Friday, July 8
7:00AM – 8:15AM: Sister Power Breakfast, Mirage
7:00 AM – 5:00 PM: Kids' Explorers Club, Greenway F
7:30 AM – 8:30 AM: ACB Marketplace, Nicollet Ballroom Promenade
8:00 AM – 2:00 PM: ACB Registration, Lakeshore B
8:30 AM – 5:00 PM: ACB General Session, Nicollet Ballroom

9:00 AM – 4:00 PM: Audio Description Institute, Lakeshore A

5:30 PM – 6:30 PM: ACB Life Member Reception, Mirage

6:30 PM – 9:00 PM: Kids’ Explorers Party, Greenway F

7:00 PM – 10:00 PM: ACB Banquet, North Star Ballroom

10:00 PM: BPI Last Call, BPI Suite

Saturday, July 9

11:30 AM – 4:45 PM: Summit Brewery Tour

5:15 PM – 9:15 PM: Mississippi Riverboat Cruise
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