**Dots and Dashes**

**September 9, 2024**

# **A Note from ACB’s Executive Director**

The ACB staff takes our work very seriously, from managing the finances to providing meaningful content for members to advocating on issues important to our membership. In recent months, our team has been hard at work on all of these areas, and I’d like to highlight a couple of the advocacy outreach efforts which you may not know about since they happened in the regular course of daily work.

First, our development team encountered an inaccessible grant platform and did not let that stand without notifying the grantor, which in turn notified the platform they were using. In the end, the platform asked ACB to compile the primary areas of concern and present the findings to their team. Kolby then carried out that presentation virtually and the platform vowed to make the necessary changes to ensure people who are blind can utilize their site for work.

Our advocacy team was contacted by a member experiencing inaccessibility with a retail shopping application. After Swatha had a few conversations and gave the company detailed information about the obstacles and negative impacts, the retailer fixed the issues on their application, allowing people who are blind to buy their products without help from a sighted person.

These are just two of the many items we have worked on and continue to pursue in an effort to meet our mission and increase independence throughout all areas of life for blind and low-vision individuals.

# **Recordings from the 2024 Convention**

# **Now Available as Podcasts**

ACB Media is proud to announce that all recordings of the 2024 ACB Conference and Convention are now available as podcasts On-Demand.

There are 137 podcasts that total 180 hours (7 days, 12 hours) of content. The virtual portion of the convention originated on Zoom June 24 through July 1, 2024. The hybrid portion of the convention originated in Jacksonville, Florida July 5-11, 2024.

The list below is the Master Directory of the 2024 Convention podcasts that includes links to each session’s podcast where you can listen to or download each podcast. The podcasts are listed by the date and time the sessions occurred. The hyperlinks were renamed with the session names that were used in [**https://members.acb.org/**](https://members.acb.org/).

In addition to the sessions, you will find links to the Virtual Exhibit Hall recordings as well as 2 of the 4 new Audio Described tours.

Also attached is an Excel workbook that contains additional information that can be used to filter the podcasts, including links to the webpages of the podcast feeds that each podcast was posted to.

Thank you for all your support throughout the entire convention process.

Happy listening!

Rick, Larry and the Extended ACB Media Team

## **Tuesday, June 18**

12:00 AM: [2024 Virtual Exhibit Hall All Vendors](https://pnc.st/s/acb-exhibits/80e2876e/20240618-0000-2024-virtual-exhibit-hall-all-vendors)

12:00 AM: [Q-Media-Marais des Cygnes National Wildlife Reserve](https://pnc.st/s/acb-ad-tours/91e55911/marais-des-cygnes-national-wildlife-reserve-kansas-audio-described-tour)

12:00 AM: [Q-Media-Wild River State Park](https://pnc.st/s/acb-ad-tours/9a95ce60/wild-river-state-park-minnesota-state-parks-audio-described-tour)

## **Wednesday, June 19**

8:00 PM: [Candidates Forum](https://pnc.st/s/acb-business/b9138257/20240619-2000-candidates-forum)

## **Monday, June 24**

7:00 PM: [ACB Convention Call to Order](https://pnc.st/s/acb-business/5ea732c6/20240624-1900-acb-convention-call-to-order)

7:00 PM: [ACB Convention Call to Order - Spanish](https://pnc.st/s/acb-espanol/bcde83db/20240624-1900-acb-convention-call-to-order-sp)

## **Tuesday, June 25**

7:00 PM: [Resolutions Day 1](https://pnc.st/s/acb-business/b822f3b0/20240625-1900-resolutions-en)

7:00 PM: [Resolutions Day 1 - Spanish](https://pnc.st/s/acb-espanol/8255f95b/20240625-1900-resolutions-sp)

## **Wednesday, June 26**

11:00 AM: [Exhibitor Open House](https://pnc.st/s/acb-exhibits/450e40df/20240626-1100-exhibitor-open-house)

2:00 PM: [Mock Election](https://pnc.st/s/acb-business/d01e2fbe/20240626-1400-mock-election)

7:00 PM: [Resolutions Day 2](https://pnc.st/s/acb-business/5266b27a/20240626-1900-resolutionsen)

7:00 PM: [Resolutions Day 2 - Spanish](https://pnc.st/s/acb-espanol/98d70b2b/20240626-1900-resolutions-sp)

## **Thursday, June 27**

9:30 AM: [Jacksonville Historical Presentation](https://pnc.st/s/acb-focus-education/e452f8d3/20240627-0930-jacksonville-historical-presentation)

11:00 AM: [Guide Dog School Updates](https://pnc.st/s/acb-focus-guide-dogs/ebf3cc8d/20240627-1100-guide-dog-school-updates)

11:00 AM: [Judaism 101 (MCAC)](https://pnc.st/s/acb-diversity-inclusion/66430133/20240627-1100-judaism-101-originally-broadcasted-june-27-2024-on-acb-media-4)

11:00 AM: [Using AI Ethically and Responsibly (BITS)](https://pnc.st/s/acb-technology/b77d1aeb/20240627-1100-using-ai-ethically-and-responsibly)

12:30 PM: [Audio Description at Prime Video](https://pnc.st/s/acb-audio-description/13d796c6/20240627-1230-audio-description-at-prime-video)

12:30 PM: [Disability and the Community College Workplace Pipeline](https://pnc.st/s/acb-focus-employment/c9b48bad/20240627-1230-disability-and-the-community-college-workplace-pipeline)

12:30 PM: [What is the Braille Challenge (BRL)](https://pnc.st/s/acb-focus-literacy/2914731a/20240627-1230-what-is-the-braille-challenge)

2:00 PM: [For Everyone Interested in Amateur Radio](https://pnc.st/s/acb-technology/551d52fe/20240627-1400-for-everyone-interested-in-amateur-radio)

2:00 PM: [Productivity Apps on Your iOS Device - Helping You Work Smarter, Not Harder](https://pnc.st/s/acb-technology/b90bdf16/20240627-1400-productivity-apps-on-your-ios-device-helping-you-work-smarter-not-harder)

2:00 PM: [What Can Be Accomplished When We Work Together (LUA)](https://pnc.st/s/acb-focus-literacy/a66446ee/20240627-1400-what-can-be-accomplished-when-we-work-together)

2:00 PM: [Writing Image Description for Graphic Novels and Other Highly Visual Content](https://pnc.st/s/acb-focus-literacy/a5688abe/20240627-1400-writing-image-description-for-graphic-novels-and-other-highly-visual-content)

3:30 PM: [Audio Description and Dance](https://pnc.st/s/acb-audio-description/6c40f1fa/20240627-1530-audio-description-and-dance)

3:30 PM: [SASI - Supporting Family Members with Dual Sensory Loss](https://pnc.st/s/acb-health-wellness/e6f960e1/20240627-1530-sasi-supporting-family-members-with-dual-sensory-lossoriginally-broadcasted-june-27-2024-on-acb-media-4)

3:30 PM: [Why You Should Get a Public Library Card](https://pnc.st/s/acb-focus-literacy/044396cb/20240627-1530-why-you-should-get-a-public-library-card)

5:00 PM: [P.R.E.P. for Successful Networking (ACBNG)](https://pnc.st/s/acb-focus-advocacy/6abfeef1/20240627-1700-p-r-e-p-for-successful-networking)

5:00 PM: [Lessons in Leadership (ACBL)](https://pnc.st/s/acb-focus-leadership/198f8e61/20240627-1700lessons-in-leadership)

7:00 PM: [Resolutions Day 3](https://pnc.st/s/acb-business/850a8699/20240627-1900-resolutions-en)

7:00 PM: [Resolutions Day 3 - Spanish](https://pnc.st/s/acb-espanol/b103a4b1/20240627-1900-resolutions-sp)

## **Friday, June 28**

11:00 AM: [A Look at AI Platforms - (BITS)](https://pnc.st/s/acb-technology/77fc69a4/20240628-1100-a-look-at-ai-platforms-)

11:00 AM: [Choosing a Braille Device Trainer (BRL)](https://pnc.st/s/acb-focus-education/85a1d597/20240628-1100-choosing-a-braille-device-trainer)

11:00 AM: [Mission Accessibility in India (IRC/AAVIA)](https://pnc.st/s/acb-focus-advocacy/2c9d5ff7/20240628-1100-mission-accessibility-in-india)

12:30 PM: [CVS Health](https://pnc.st/s/acb-convention/00465913/20240628-1230-cvs-health)

12:30 PM: [Developments in Spanish Language Audio Description](https://pnc.st/s/acb-audio-description/6e2997ce/20240628-1230-developments-in-spanish-language-audio-description)

12:30 PM: [Get More Chances to Score a Job Using the Workforce Office](https://pnc.st/s/acb-focus-employment/712739cc/20240628-get-more-chances-to-score-a-job-using-the-workforce-office)

12:30 PM: [Turning Stones into Gems](https://pnc.st/s/acb-focus-employment/4661c684/20240628-1230-turning-stones-into-gems)

2:00 PM: [Implementation and Maintenance of Websites for Affiliates and Chapters (BITS)](https://pnc.st/s/acb-technology/f758b6e0/20240628-1400-implementation-and-maintenance-of-websites-for-affiliates-and-chapters)

2:00 PM: [The Interview and You (ACBS)](https://pnc.st/s/acb-focus-employment/928ba5a1/20240628-1400-the-interview-and-you)

2:00 PM: [You Get What You Pay For (LUA)](https://pnc.st/s/acb-focus-literacy/a1db7e2e/20240628-1400-you-get-what-you-pay-for)

3:30 PM: [Academic AD - Audio Description and Higher Education](https://pnc.st/s/acb-audio-description/fbcc6994/20240628-1530-academic-ad-audio-description-and-higher-education)

3:30 PM: [Focus Your Muse with MuseScore (FIA)](https://pnc.st/s/acb-focus-education/abd74bba/20240628-1530-focus-your-muse-with-musescore)

5:00 PM: [Audio Description and Artificial Intelligence - What Can and Can't It Do](https://pnc.st/s/acb-audio-description/abae53da/20240628-1700-audio-description-and-artificial-intelligence-what-can-and-can-t-it-do)

5:00 PM: [Match Wits with Next Gen and the Boomers](https://pnc.st/s/acb-entertainment/6813f01c/20240628-1700-match-wits-with-next-gen-and-the-boomers)

7:00 PM: [Constitutions and Bylaws](https://pnc.st/s/acb-business/2ec32a79/20240628-1900-constitutions-and-bylaws-en)

7:00 PM: [Constitutions and Bylaws - Spanish](https://pnc.st/s/acb-espanol/96c6c62a/20240628-1900-constitutions-and-bylaws-sp)

## **Saturday, June 29**

11:00 AM: [AI in the Workplace](https://pnc.st/s/acb-technology/9c05314f/20240629-1100-ai-in-the-workplace)

11:00 AM: [Blind Film Critics, Audio Description, and More](https://pnc.st/s/acb-audio-description/e2380fc3/20240629-1100-blind-film-critics-audio-description-and-more)

11:00 AM: [Guide Dog Schools Beyond Our Borders](https://pnc.st/s/acb-focus-guide-dogs/7635e176/20240629-1100-guide-dog-schools-beyond-our-borders)

11:00 AM: [Understanding Trauma](https://pnc.st/s/acb-health-wellness/980a30c8/20240629-1100-understanding-trauma)

12:30 PM: [From Trauma to Triumph](https://pnc.st/s/acb-health-wellness/ee7fb9d1/20240629-1230-from-trauma-to-triumph)

12:30 PM: [Managing Those Workplace Technology Hassles](https://pnc.st/s/acb-technology/00ce2b99/20240629-1230-managing-those-workplace-technology-hassles)

12:30 PM: [Meet Barbara Hinske, Author of Guiding Emily (GDUI)](https://pnc.st/s/acb-focus-guide-dogs/c668d579/20240629-1230-meet-barbara-hinske-author-of-guiding-emily-gdui-)

2:00 PM: [Exploring New Worlds Through Sensory Games (ACBNG)](https://pnc.st/s/acb-entertainment/def519fe/20240629-1400-exploring-new-worlds-through-sensory-games-acb-ng-)

2:00 PM: [Get to Know Computers For The Blind (BITS)](https://pnc.st/s/acb-technology/97bfd7bc/20240629-1400-get-to-know-computers-for-the-blind)

3:30 PM: [ACB Inspire Mentoring Program Graduation Ceremony](https://pnc.st/s/acb-focus-leadership/e8b13e67/20240629-1530-acb-inspire-mentoring-program-graduation-ceremony)

3:30 PM: [Writers Workshop - Book Banning. The Threat and Some Solutions (FIA)](https://pnc.st/s/acb-focus-literacy/6448e048/20240629-1530-writers-workshop-book-banning-the-threat-and-some-solution)

5:00 PM: [ACB Families Goes to Camp](https://pnc.st/s/acb-entertainment/d86ee79d/20240629-1700-acb-families-goes-to-camp)

5:00 PM: [Sister Power Happy Hour](https://pnc.st/s/acb-diversity-inclusion/88093cab/20240629-1700-sister-power-happy-hour)

## **Monday, July 1**

5:00 PM: [Affiliate Vote on Proposed Resolutions, Constitution and Bylaws](https://pnc.st/s/acb-business/bd9fe6b7/20240701-1700-affiliate-vote-on-proposed-resolutions-constitution-and-by-laws-en)

5:00 PM: [Affiliate Vote on Proposed Resolutions, Constitution and Bylaws - Spanish](https://pnc.st/s/acb-espanol/aef6eca0/20240701-1700-affiliate-vote-on-proposed-resolutions-constitution-)

## **Friday, July 5**

12:00 AM: [The Sunshine Gazette Volume 1 Number 1](https://pnc.st/s/acb-convention/765fe067/20240705-0000-the-sunshine-gazette-volume-1-number-1)

9:00 AM: [ACB Board Meeting Part 1](https://pnc.st/s/acb-business/11869125/20240705-0900-acb-board-of-directors-meeting-part-1-)

9:00 AM: [ACB Board Meeting Part 2](https://pnc.st/s/acb-business/efb56e86/20240705-0900-acb-board-of-directors-meeting-part-2-)

## **Saturday, July 6**

12:00 AM: [The Sunshine Gazette Volume 1 Number 2](https://pnc.st/s/acb-convention/b334f179/20240706-0000-the-sunshine-gazette-volume-1-number-2)

8:00 AM: [Johnson & Johnson Breakfast](https://pnc.st/s/acb-convention/a344c892/20240706-0800-johnson-johnson-breakfastoriginally-broadcasted-july-6-2024-on-acb-media-zoom-recorder)

8:00 AM: [The Flight to Freedom: Stories About the Southbound Underground Railway that Led to St. Augustine](https://pnc.st/s/acb-diversity-inclusion/a6ab2d64/20240706-0800-the-flight-to-freedom-stories-about-the-southbound-underground-railway-that-led-to-st-augustineoriginally-broadcasted-july-6-2024-on-acb-media-2)

10:00 AM: [The Buffet Where Your Favorite Recipe for Leadership Success is Served](https://pnc.st/s/acb-focus-leadership/e3774241/20240706-1000-the-buffet-where-your-favorite-recipe-for-leadership-success-is-served)

1:00 PM: [How a Visually Impaired Entrepreneur Created and Launched Her New Business](https://pnc.st/s/acb-focus-employment/9ed3f670/20240706-1300-how-a-visually-impaired-entrepreneur-created-and-launched-her-new-business)

1:00 PM: [Meet Lions from the Knights of the Blind in Washington State](https://pnc.st/s/acb-focus-education/71e464f4/20240706-1300-meet-lions-from-the-knights-of-the-blind-in-washington-state)

1:00 PM: [Sports Fanatics Program](https://pnc.st/s/acb-entertainment/fb49c9b5/20240706-1300-sports-fanatics-program)

2:30 PM: [Burning the Candle at Both Ends (ACBNG)](https://pnc.st/s/acb-health-wellness/7ead91c6/20240706-1430-burning-the-candle-at-both-ends)

2:30 PM: [RSVA Program - Tech It Out](https://pnc.st/s/acb-technology/5486d6e6/20240706-1430-rsva-program-tech-it-out)

4:00 PM: [Network Yourself for Success (ACBNG)](https://pnc.st/s/acb-focus-employment/8caa4ec5/20240706-1600-network-yourself-for-success-originally-broadcasted-july-6-2024-on-acb-media-zoom-recorder)

## **Sunday, July 7**

12:00 AM: [The Sunshine Gazette Volume 1 Number 3](https://pnc.st/s/acb-convention/3852fc11/20240707-0000-the-sunshine-gazette-volume-1-number-3)

8:00 AM: [GDB Breakfast](https://pnc.st/s/acb-focus-guide-dogs/8b5b425a/20240707-0800-gdb-breakfast)

8:00 AM: [ACB Families Breakfast - Storm Chasers on the Net](https://pnc.st/s/acb-entertainment/cc3b9717/20240707-0830-acb-families-breakfast-storm-chasers-on-the-net)

10:00 AM: [A Second Helping of Leadership Strategies](https://pnc.st/s/acb-focus-leadership/caf4853c/20240707-1000-a-second-helping-of-leadership-strategies)

10:00 AM: [Selvas North American (formerly HIMS, Inc.)](https://pnc.st/s/acb-technology/1cd7428f/20240707-1000-selvas-north-american-formerly-hims-inc-)

1:00 PM: [Journey of a Blind Pakistani Lawyer (AAVIA/IRC)](https://pnc.st/s/acb-diversity-inclusion/ed9f8efe/20240707-1300-journey-of-a-blind-pakistani-lawyer)

1:00 PM: [Planning Your Final Arrangements](https://pnc.st/s/acb-health-wellness/b0e8de67/20240707-1300-planning-your-final-arrangements)

1:00 PM: [Speed Networking - The Vendor Game (RSVA)](https://pnc.st/s/acb-focus-employment/f9ed22e3/20240707-1300-speed-networking-the-vendor-game)

2:30 PM: [All About the Florida BEP Program (RSVA)](https://pnc.st/s/acb-focus-employment/66c6fe5d/20240707-1430-all-about-the-florida-bep-program)

2:30 PM: [Discover, Connect, Thrive - Building Brighter Tomorrows (ACBNG)](https://pnc.st/s/acb-focus-employment/3305c240/20240707-1430-discover-connect-thrive-building-brighter-tomorrows)

2:30 PM: [Navigating the Future: Unveiling AI-Powered Innovations in JAWS](https://pnc.st/s/acb-technology/ec9371d8/20240707-1430-navigating-the-future-unveiling-ai-powered-innovations-in-jaws)

2:30 PM: [The Supreme Court's Term in Review (AAVIA)](https://pnc.st/s/acb-focus-advocacy/25b930a8/20240707-1430-the-supreme-court-s-term-in-review-originally-broadcasted-july-7-2024-on-acb-media-3)

2:30 PM: [This Old House (CCLVI)](https://pnc.st/s/acb-focus-education/d3d44f97/20240707-1430-this-old-house)

4:00 PM: [Keys to the Convention](https://pnc.st/s/acb-business/b844e2e8/20240707-1600-keys-to-the-convention)

7:00 PM: [Opening General Session](https://pnc.st/s/acb-convention/11347ca5/20240707-1900-opening-general-session-en)

7:00 PM: [Opening General Session - Spanish](https://pnc.st/s/acb-espanol/7a41c39e/20240707-1900-opening-general-session-sp)

## **Monday, July 8**

12:00 AM: [The Sunshine Gazette Volume 1 Number 4](https://pnc.st/s/acb-convention/20c64a82/20240708-0000-the-sunshine-gazette-volume-1-number-4)

7:30 AM: [Life Member Breakfast](https://pnc.st/s/acb-convention/bc738ebf/20240708-0730-life-member-breakfast)

9:00 AM: [All Things Legislative](https://pnc.st/s/acb-focus-advocacy/385a4679/20240708-0900-all-things-legislative)

9:00 AM: [Bridging the Generational Gaps in Advocacy](https://pnc.st/s/acb-focus-advocacy/1971e0e1/20240708-0900-bridging-the-generational-gaps-in-advocacy)

10:30 AM: [Current Case Law on Issues Impacting People with Vision Loss](https://pnc.st/s/acb-focus-advocacy/ac4d524b/20240708-1030-current-case-law-on-issues-impacting-people-with-vision-loss)

10:30 AM: [Motivating State Agencies to Improve Their Business Enterprise Programs](https://pnc.st/s/acb-focus-employment/0e938bff/20240708-1030-motivating-state-agencies-to-improve-their-business-enterprise-programs)

1:00 PM: [Brick By Brick - Learning Through Lego](https://pnc.st/s/acb-focus-education/72215f14/20240708-1300-brick-by-brick-learning-through-lego)

1:00 PM: [Self-Advocacy at Work](https://pnc.st/s/acb-focus-advocacy/8ec50048/20240708-1300-self-advocacy-at-work)

2:30 PM: [Fashion Forward - How to Dress to Impress (ACBS)](https://pnc.st/s/acb-focus-education/57788eca/20240708-1430-fashion-forward-how-to-dress-to-impress)

2:30 PM: [Looking How I'm Feeling (CCLVI)](https://pnc.st/s/acb-health-wellness/e5da9781/20240708-1430-looking-how-i-m-feeling)

4:00 PM: [Discovering Emotional Intelligence - How to Develop It, Hone It, and Practice It (ACBNG)](https://pnc.st/s/acb-health-wellness/0989f500/20240708-1600-discovering-emotional-intelligence-how-to-develop-it-hone-it-and-practice-it)

4:00 PM: [How Do We Put the AI in Aira?](https://pnc.st/s/acb-technology/46fd1bfa/20240708-1600-how-do-we-put-the-ai-in-aira)

4:00 PM: [Oils Around the World](https://pnc.st/s/acb-health-wellness/f854e74c/20240708-1600-oils-around-the-world)

5:30 PM: [Unlock the Power of Financial Freedom with Penny Forward](https://pnc.st/s/acb-focus-employment/e48c6708/20240708-1730-unlock-the-power-of-financial-freedom-with-penny-forward)

9:00 PM: [Prose and Poetry (FIA)](https://pnc.st/s/acb-entertainment/eec62312/20240708-2100-prose-and-poetry)

## **Tuesday, July 9**

12:00 AM: [The Sunshine Gazette Volume 1 Number 5](https://pnc.st/s/acb-convention/b72f3667/20240709-0000-the-sunshine-gazette-volume-1-number-5)

7:00 AM: [NIB Breakfast Speaker](https://pnc.st/s/acb-focus-employment/21f842ab/20240709-0730-nib-breakfast-speaker)

7:30 AM: [BRL Breakfast Speaker](https://pnc.st/s/acb-focus-literacy/2b200756/20240709-0730-brl-breakfast-speaker)

8:30 AM: [General Session](https://pnc.st/s/acb-convention/48abef23/20240709-0830-general-session-en)

8:30 AM: [General Session - Spanish](https://pnc.st/s/acb-espanol/fec66e09/20240709-0830-general-session-sp)

1:00 PM: [Financial Literacy for Students (ACBS)](https://pnc.st/s/acb-focus-education/a16d20ed/20240709-1300-financial-literacy-for-students)

1:00 PM: [Meet the Talking Book Narrator (LUA/BRL/AABT)](https://pnc.st/s/acb-focus-literacy/95764142/20240709-1300-meet-the-talking-book-narrator)

1:00 PM: [Refugee Can Be](https://pnc.st/s/acb-diversity-inclusion/aa6fbda8/20240709-1300-refugee-can-be)

1:00 PM: [What's Late and Great in the Diabetes Management Space for 2024 (ACBDA)](https://pnc.st/s/acb-health-wellness/fc700c3b/20240709-1300-what-is-late-and-great-in-the-diabetes-management-space-for-2024)

2:30 PM: [Diabetes and Advocacy: American Diabetes Association and Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation Legislative Priorities for 2024 (ACBDA)](https://pnc.st/s/acb-focus-advocacy/ac45c84e/20240709-1430-diabetes-and-advocacy-american-diabetes-association-and-juvenile-diabetes-research-foundation-legislative-priorities-for-2024)

2:30 PM: [Diagram of a Capital Murder Prosecution (AAVIA)](https://pnc.st/s/acb-focus-employment/84db4fa8/20240709-1430-diagram-of-a-capital-murder-prosecution)

2:30 PM: [Get Up and Get Moving at the ACB Convention](https://pnc.st/s/acb-health-wellness/ee3b74eb/20240709-1430-get-up-and-get-moving-at-the-acb-convention)

2:30 PM: [Update from NLS Director (LUA/BRL/AABT)](https://pnc.st/s/acb-focus-literacy/75df6b6d/20240709-1430-update-from-nls-director)

4:00 PM: [Guiding the Next Generation (AAVIA)](https://pnc.st/s/acb-focus-employment/b9433351/20240709-1600-guiding-the-next-generation)

4:00 PM: [Sugar and Spice Isn't Always Nice (ACBDA)](https://pnc.st/s/acb-health-wellness/01337038/20240709-1600-sugar-and-spice-is-not-always-nice)

4:00 PM: [Dicapta, All4Voicing Lite](https://pnc.st/s/acb-audio-description/59a86cba/20240709-1600-dicapta-all4voicing-lite)

5:30 PM: [A Conversation on Blindness in Trinidad and Tobago](https://pnc.st/s/acb-diversity-inclusion/24e3a988/20240709-1730-a-conversation-on-blindness-in-trinidad-and-tobago)

5:30 PM: [Mental Health Every Day](https://pnc.st/s/acb-health-wellness/e88bf865/20240709-1730-mental-health-every-day)

5:30 PM: [Need An Audio Assistant - We Have a Product for That](https://pnc.st/s/acb-technology/63072134/20240709-1730-need-an-audio-assistant-we-have-a-product-for-that)

**Wednesday, July 10**

12:00 AM: [The Sunshine Gazette Volume 1 Number 6](https://pnc.st/s/acb-convention/d031d537/20240710-0000-the-sunshine-gazette-volume-1-number-6)

7:00 AM: [AFB Breakfast](https://pnc.st/s/acb-focus-advocacy/e91cb2e0/20240710-0700-afb-breakfast)

8:30 AM: [General Session](https://pnc.st/s/acb-convention/3a1d35cb/20240710-0830-general-session-en)

8:30 AM: [General Session - Spanish](https://pnc.st/s/acb-espanol/a68d9763/20240710-0830-general-session-sp)

1:00 PM: [Dicapta, All4Voicing Lite](https://pnc.st/s/acb-audio-description/0183cdf0/20240710-1300-dicapta-all4voicing-lite)

1:00 PM: [Nothing About Us Without Us; Black American Perspective on Jacksonville History](https://pnc.st/s/acb-diversity-inclusion/bb3ab05e/20240710-1300-nothing-about-us-without-us-black-american-perspective-on-jacksonville-history)

2:30 PM: [Advocacy Bootcamp 101](https://pnc.st/s/acb-focus-advocacy/9c087334/20240710-1430-advocacy-bootcamp-101)

2:30 PM: [To Advocate and Educate, The History of Activism in Jacksonville](https://pnc.st/s/acb-focus-advocacy/a175f99c/20240710-1430-to-advocate-and-educate-the-history-of-activism-in-jacksonville)

4:00 PM: [Membership Committee Program](https://pnc.st/s/acb-focus-leadership/7b534a20/20240710-1600-membership-committee-program)

## **Thursday, July 11**

8:30 AM: [General Session-with roll call](https://pnc.st/s/acb-convention/3b02e2b3/20240711-0830-general-session-en)

8:30 AM: [General Session-with roll call - Spanish](https://pnc.st/s/acb-espanol/0e2138e3/20240711-0830-general-session-sp)

7:00 PM: [ACB Banquet Speaker](https://pnc.st/s/acb-convention/4a72e98b/en)

7:00 PM: [ACB Banquet Speaker - Spanish](https://pnc.st/s/acb-espanol/5f59b2eb/20240711-1900-acb-banquet-and-awards-sp)

# **From the Get Up & Get Moving Committee**

The Get Up & Get Moving Committee needs willing participants from among you! We are holding a White Cane Awareness Event on Tuesday, October 15 at 5 p.m. Eastern, and we need your help. We are looking to recruit several presidents who are willing to speak about what their affiliate has done/is doing for White Cane Awareness Day in a panel-style discussion. Please reply to Cecily Laney Nipper, [roses828@comcast.net](mailto:roses828@comcast.net), or call (470) 218-7885 if you are interested in participating.

# **News from Social Security**

On Sept. 5th, the Social Security Administration (SSA) announced progress this year to reduce customer burden by transitioning wet (physical) signature requirements to digital signatures for over 30 forms as well as removing the signature requirements altogether for 13 forms. These actions simplify application processes for people, including removing a potential reason for claims to be sent back or denied.

As a result of this work, SSA will now allow an electronic signature for more than 30 forms, which make up 90% of the most commonly used forms by SSA customers in local field offices. Collectively, these forms represent about 14 million signed forms submitted annually.

For more information, please visit [www.ssa.gov/news/press/releases](https://links.ssa.gov/l/eyJhbGciOiJIUzI1NiIsInR5cCI6IkpXVCJ9.eyJidWxsZXRpbl9saW5rX2lkIjoxMDAsInVyaSI6ImJwMjpjbGljayIsInVybCI6Imh0dHBzOi8vd3d3LnNzYS5nb3YvbmV3cy9wcmVzcy9yZWxlYXNlcy8yMDI0Lz91dG1fbWVkaXVtPWVtYWlsJnV0bV9zb3VyY2U9Z292ZGVsaXZlcnkjMjAyNC0wOS0wNSIsImJ1bGxldGluX2lkIjoiMjAyNDA5MDUuOTk5Nzc2MjEifQ.N1eV1rgP9pAzjunEnKcLmh5um2nB463GCMJi-9cPP1s/s/600898787/br/248584649848-l).

# **Seeking Individuals with Disabilities Who Own a Business in the U.S.**

Do you have a disability and own a business in the United States? WID is currently engaged in a research project to better support disability-owned businesses. Your participation in a brief survey will help efforts to support disability-owned businesses grow and thrive. The survey will close on **September 13th!**

This project is funded by JPMorgan Chase. This survey should take less than 15 minutes to complete, depending on the length of your written responses. We thank you for your feedback and any/all information you can provide! Visit [**https://s.alchemer.com/s3/SDOB-Survey-for-Disability-Owned-Businesses-Disabled-Entrepreneurs**](https://s.alchemer.com/s3/SDOB-Survey-for-Disability-Owned-Businesses-Disabled-Entrepreneurs)to participate in the survey.

Please note – this survey discusses various resources that you may or may not know about. At the end of the survey, you will see a link to a resource page that will provide more information on all of the resources mentioned.

# **AAVL and Services for the Older Blind**

Early in the summer, the Administration for Community Living (ACL) posted the strategic framework for a national plan on aging. This plan was developed through the Interagency Coordinating Council which was authorized in the last OAA reauthorization.

Comments on the plan have been requested, both from organizations and individual consumers. The Alliance on Aging and Vision Loss (AAVL) is preparing its own comments on the plan, which are due **September 15.**

We urge all ACB and AAVL members concerned with services for our older blind and low vision fellow members to submit their comments on the plan using the link below.

You can access and read the Strategic Framework - ACL Administration for Community Living at

<https://acl.gov/ICC-Aging/Strategic-Framework>. To access the survey for your comments, visit

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SYBTPG8>.

# **Michigan Seeks Door Prize Donations**

The Michigan Council of the Blind and Visually Impaired (MCBVI) is holding its 51st annual state convention from Thursday, October 10th through Sunday, October 13th, 2024, at the DoubleTree by Hilton Grand Rapids

Airport hotel. The hotel is located at 4747 28th St. SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49512. This will be our first in-person convention since 2019. Our theme this year is “Inspire, Innovate, Ignite: Charting the Future Together.”

We are seeking door prize donations. Donors are responsible for bringing their items to the Convention. Please send item descriptions to Lindsey LaVere. If you are unable to attend the convention and would like to donate a door prize, contact Lindsey LaVere by phone at (810) 488-9795 or by email, [Lindsey.LaVere@gmail.com](mailto:Lindsey.LaVere@gmail.com). Be sure to include “MCBVI Door Prize Donation” in the subject line. Send all door prizes to Lindsey by **September 19th, 2024**, with a detailed description of the item.

# **IVIE Online Business Expo**

IVIE is offering a great opportunity to blind or visually impaired business owners/entrepreneurs. For IVIE members, the fee for presenting for 15 minutes is $10, for a half-hour is $20, or for an hour is $30. If you aren’t an IVIE member, the fees are as follows: $25 for 15 minutes, $35 for a half-hour, or $45 for an hour. Non-members have the option of having $15 of the payment used to pay IVIE dues for 2025.

All those participating in the call will use the same Zoom information. The expo will be held on Saturday, November 16, 2024, from 11:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Eastern. At 11:45 a.m., we will introduce all the vendors, with their specific time slots, along with instructions for those attending. We’ll do a wrap-up after all the presentations, and give time for anyone to ask questions of the exhibitors.

The deadline for purchasing a time slot to give a presentation is October 31st. To purchase a time slot or for more information, send an email to [info@ivie-acb.org](mailto:info@ivie-acb.org) with your request to present/exhibit. Please send your business name, product line, your telephone number, and your email address.

It is free to attend the IVIE Online Business Expo and listen to this unique shopping experience. Please send us an email to register for the event so that we can send you the Zoom call information. Send the email request to [info@ivie-acb.org](mailto:info@ivie-acb.org) or contact Ardis Bazyn, phone (818) 209-8684.

# **LUA Link Presents:**

# **Extended Warranties: the Good, the Bad, and the Ugly!**

LUA Link is a quarterly Zoom call presenting information and discussions of value to our members and friends.

You know those warranties? The ones most of us never read and wouldn’t have a clue about what they said even if we did? Join Library Users of America to gain greater understanding of these contracts. Two of our lawyer members stand ready to demystify these contracts and answer your questions.

Are they worth it? What do they cover? What don’t they cover? Do they generally follow the same blueprint? Should you purchase them? Is the cost worth it?

We will focus on HumanWare’s Victor Stream 3 and the BI braille displays, plus Selvas’ Braille Sense 6. We hope to add JAWS contracts.

Join us tonight at 8:30 p.m. Eastern for the next LUA Link to get answers to these and your other questions about such contracts. Check the community events daily schedule, or contact Carla Ruschival, [carla40206@gmail.com](mailto:carla40206@gmail.com), for the Zoom or call-in information.

# **How NBC Made the 2024 Paralympics the Most Accessible Games Ever**

If you've been a fan of the audio-described broadcasts of the Paralympic Games, learn how NBC made these the most accessible games ever. Don't miss commentary from ADP co-chair Kim Charlson! Access the full article here: [**https://www.forbes.com/sites/stevenaquino/2024/09/06/inside-nbcs-work-in-making-this-years-paralympics-the-most-accessible-games-yet/**](https://www.forbes.com/sites/stevenaquino/2024/09/06/inside-nbcs-work-in-making-this-years-paralympics-the-most-accessible-games-yet/)

And if you still want more, check out the conversation between ADP co-chairs Kim Charlson and Carl Richardson and NBC staff and describers: [**https://pnc.st/s/acb-community/6de61579/20240822-1930-2024-summer-olympics-with-audio-description**](https://pnc.st/s/acb-community/6de61579/20240822-1930-2024-summer-olympics-with-audio-description)

# **Glide Virtual Demo Day Webinar**

[Glide](http://www.glidance.io/product) is the world's first self-guided, AI-powered mobility aid designed to help the blind and low-vision community navigate more confidently, comfortably, and safely.

Powered by Glidance's Sensible Wayfinding System — a high intensity computer vision and sense making AI system — Glide uses real-time data from an array of advanced sensors to understand complex spaces, map the best routes, identify targets of interest, and avoid obstacles to get you safely to your destination.

Please join Glidance for a Virtual Demo Day Webinar and learn about all things Glide!

When: September 23, 2024, 10:00 a.m. Pacific/1:00 p.m. Eastern

<https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_93r8oQ2hQWektQhkuCW_Fw>

# **NIB's AccessTech**

National Industries for the Blind (NIB) will host AccessTech, a smart office and accessible technology showcase that will be open to the public, during its national conference. The event will be held October 15-16 at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City.

**This event is free**, but space is limited, so [please register online](https://ha9nk5cab.cc.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001QRgyLT8-6NocIeAZONSlv6kldGz83OysA7Y4jTf6C8-E0GTQKqSxLtCqmKDtDjIVTfDdHdEFfQF5AQfbIO-cQBtfs--go4Ri4AK8YvmCD8e0SWMSsfsjk8DikDkBoZ7khiqLkqrwkFlwQmmzomcGSA==&c=b0tm7UpN-IxgVOB68LlJveAL7MjMrnlPZ80lyF808xM4JOrGxhmYyQ==&ch=WfOcScVhkIxGD6U92xZQDTqwRm3OvRmnrJocj-El5g70nSW27lv5oA==) to secure your spot!

Questions? Looking to secure entry for a large group? Contact NIB at [conference@nib.org](mailto:conference@nib.org).

# **Sneak Preview of M-Enabling Summit Speaker**

**Seth Dobbs**, the newly appointed Chief Executive Officer of W3C, will deliver the keynote address at the 2024 M-Enabling Summit.Dobbs will articulate his vision for the W3C, underscoring the pivotal role the organization will play in shaping the future of digital accessibility. He will discuss the importance of maintaining the web's open standards, fostering innovation, and ensuring that the web remains accessible and inclusive, inspiring all to contribute to this transformative journey.

For more information about the summit, visit [**https://tinyurl.com/35nhmtt6**](https://tinyurl.com/35nhmtt6).

# **Research Participation Request:**

# **Yale Intersectional Stigma Study**

Our goal is to interview Black people with disabilities to learn about experiences of racism, ableism, and other daily challenges. We plan to use the information from this interview to develop a questionnaire measure, which we will use to capture the experiences of Black people with disabilities.

Participants will be interviewed about their experiences of racism, ableism, and other daily challenges. The interview should take approximately 60-90 minutes.

Participants will be compensated via Amazon $30 eGiftCard.

If interested, please email [**yaledisabilityresearch@gmail.com**](mailto:yaledisabilityresearch@gmail.com) for more information. If you have questions, contact Jessica Whang at (203) 654-9177, or via email, [yaledisabilityresearch@gmail.com](mailto:yaledisabilityresearch@gmail.com).

# **Seeking Students to Join Advisory Board**

EMPOWER VI is seeking students who are blind or low vision **to join our Student Advisory Board.** Members of the advisory board will meet monthly to provide input and feedback on the direction of our work, and the resources we develop, and share about their lived experiences as they prepare for adulthood. This is a unique opportunity for students to practice self-advocacy and leadership skills. It also makes a great addition to a resume!

To participate, students must be enrolled in a high school or transition program during the 2024-2025 school year and have a visual impairment. Board members will be asked to attend a one-hour virtual meeting each month. Students will be compensated for their time and can earn $15 per meeting or up to $180 per year.

If you have a student (or students) who would be a good fit for this opportunity, please complete the [nomination form](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSduNLkATSOBFVrXejdXaeeHbzXSK_jJC7zbvlPfg4zFGkb07g/viewform). If you have questions or would like more information, please reach out to Sam Preston at [samuel.preston@vanderbilt.edu](mailto:samuel.preston@vanderbilt.edu).

# **Indoor Wayfinding Smartphone App for Blind Users**

The below research participant solicitation is being provided for informational purposes only.

We are a team of researchers from the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh working to develop an app to assist blind people and those with low vision with interior navigation and wayfinding. We need your help to identify the right features and functionality to include in our new app.

We are at a crucial phase in our work, and we invite you to take part in a survey to help us tailor the app to your needs and preferences. This survey will ask you about your current use of smartphones and apps designed to assist people with low vision, as well as your strategies for navigating unfamiliar indoor environments. Your feedback on desirable smartphone features and your preferred methods of interaction with our app will be invaluable.

Please note that your participation in this research is entirely voluntary. The survey should take approximately 5-10 minutes and is uncompensated.

Survey link: [**https://oshkosh.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\_bCQtTOs5vxel5MW**](https://oshkosh.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bCQtTOs5vxel5MW)

If you have questions, suggestions, or concerns regarding this study or you want to withdraw from the study, please use the following contact information: Stacey Skoning, [**skonings@uwosh.edu**](mailto:skonings@uwosh.edu), (920) 424-7227.

# **Good Cheer Magazine: 90 Years of Sharing**

What began as a pen pal newsletter between a few friends before World War II eventually evolved into a thriving magazine for and by people who are deafblind, blind and visually impaired.

For over 15 years the Erving and Sarah Selis Foundation generously donated what we needed to produce “Good Cheer” in accessible formats, braille and large print. When the pandemic hit in 2020, we were informed that changes were going to be made to the Selis Foundation, and support was on hold for a while. A year later, treasurer B.J. LeJeune contacted the trustees and found out the foundation had dissolved in late 2020.

During the pandemic, the magazine was not produced due to lack of funds. And now that the Selis Foundation is a thing of the past, our magazine can’t go on without financial support.

If you find it in your heart to support us in providing accessible material to deafblind, blind and low vision people in the U.S. and other countries, please mail checksto:

**GOOD CHEER**

**c/o B. J. LeJeune**

**6273 Glenbrook Avenue**

**Portage, IN 46368**

Be sure to include your name and address. Your contributions are tax deductible.