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Conference and Convention Calendar

Thursday, July 4

6:00PM – 9:00PM: registration; Convention Center, Highland B (pre-registration pickup only)

Friday, July 5

8:00AM – 7:00PM: Registration; Convention Center, Highland B (pre-reg pickup only from 8:00AM to 11:00AM)

8:00AM - 4:45PM: Genesee Country Village; Convention Center, 20th Street Entrance

9:00AM - 3:00PM: Convention board meeting; Riverside, Eastman

2:00PM - 4:30PM: City Bus Tour; Convention Center, 20th Street entrance

4:30PM – 6:00PM: Constitutions and Bylaws; Hyatt, Strong Conference Room

5:15PM - 10:30PM: Colonial Belle; Convention Center, 20th Street entrance

7:30PM: Jewish Service, Rabbi David Avrahams; Riverside, Lyons

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8:00PM - 11:00PM: ACB Students Office Hours;
Riverside, Gleason

8:00PM - 11:00PM: ACBNY Welcome Party;
Riverside, Riverview Ballroom

Saturday, July 6

5:15AM - 6:30PM: Cooperstown Baseball Hall of
Fame; Convention Center, 20th Street entrance

7:00AM - 8:30AM: 100K Photo Finish Walk;
Riverside, Riverview Ballroom

7:30AM – 9:30AM: FIA Board Meeting; Hyatt, FIA
Suite

8:00AM – 7:00PM: Registration; Convention
Center, Highland B (pre-reg pickup only from
8:00AM to 11:00AM)

8:00AM - 10:30AM: AABT Fun and Games
Breakfast; Hyatt, Crista

8:00AM – 4:00PM: Survey with Mirko Kunsted
Ph.D Candidate; Convention Center, Cascade A

9:00AM – 10:15AM: Aira: How Aira is Used to Land
Dream Jobs; Convention Center, Lilac Ballroom
North

9:00AM – 10:30AM: What's New with JAWS Fusion
and Zoom Text; Riverside, McQuaid

10:00AM - 12:00PM: BITS Program: All Things Amazon; Hyatt, Regency A/B

10:00AM - 12:00PM: RSVA Board Meeting; Riverside, Board Room

10:00AM - 2:00PM: Spectrum Q/A Meet and Greet; Hyatt, Morgan

10:00AM - 12:30PM: City Bus Tour II; Convention Center, 20th Street entrance

10:00AM - 2:00PM: Spectrums Open House; Hyatt, Morgan

10:30AM - 12:00PM: BOP Meeting; Riverside, Eastman

11:00AM - 2:00PM: BPI: Bubbles and Mingles; Meet in Hyatt lobby

11:00AM - 12:00PM: ACB Committee Chairs Meeting; Riverside, Douglas

12:15PM - 1:45PM: ACBS Scholarship Lunch; Riverside, Riverview Ballroom

1:00PM - 5:00PM: ACB Exhibit Hall is open; Convention Center, Empire Ballroom South

1:15PM - 4:00PM: BITS Program: Artificial Intelligence; Hyatt, Regency A/B

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1:15PM - 4:00PM: BRL Orienteering; Riverside,
Eastman

1:15PM - 4:00PM: 411 from the IAC; Riverside,
Anthony

1:15PM - 3:00PM: Credentials Committee; Hyatt,
Strong Conference Room

1:15PM - 3:45PM: City Bus Tour III; Convention
Center, 20th Street entrance

1:15PM - 2:30PM: Aira: Wow Your Boss with Aira;
Convention Center, Lilac Ballroom North

1:15PM - 2:30PM: HIMS: Excellent Choice;
Riverside, McQuaid

1:30PM - 5:30PM: RSVA Program; Riverside, Carlton

1:45 PM - 3:00PM: ACBS Business Meeting

2:45PM - 5:30PM: Transportation and
Environmental Access Workshop: Taming the
Curb; Convention Center, Lilac Ballroom South

3:00PM - 5:00PM: BPI Audio Described Film - Boy
Erased; Hyatt, Crista

3:00PM - 5:00PM: FIA Showcase Audition and
Rehearsal; Hyatt, FIA Suite

3:30PM - 5:30PM CCLVI Scholarship Winners
Mixer, Hyatt, Executive Directors Suite

4:00PM - 5:30PM: Giving Society Reception (by invitation only); Riverside, Riverview Ballroom

4:00PM - 5:00PM: Interdenominational Church Service; Riverside, McQuaid

4:00PM - 5:00PM: Friends of Bill W.; Riverside, Lyons

4:15PM - 5:30PM: Adventures with Microsoft Soundscape; Convention Center, Highland A

4:30PM - 7:00PM: IVIE: Evening at Marketplace; Convention Center, outside Empire Ballroom North

6:00PM - 7:00PM: Keys to the Convention; Convention Center, Lilac Ballroom North

6:30PM - 9:00PM: Kids' Explorers Club; Riverside, Keating

7:00PM - 10:00PM: ACB General Session; Convention Center, Empire Ballroom North

10:00PM - 12:00AM: RSVA/IVIE Mixer; Hyatt, RSVA Suite

Sunday, July 7

7:00AM - 5:00PM: Kids Explorers Club; Riverside, Keating

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7:00AM - 8:15AM: AFB Breakfast; Hyatt, Grand Ballroom

7:30AM - 10:30AM: ACB Marketplace; Convention Center, outside Empire Ballroom North

8:00AM - 4:00PM: Registration; Convention Center, Highland B

8:00AM - 4:00PM: Survey with Mirko Kunsted Ph.D candidate; Convention Center, Cascade A

8:00AM - 6:00PM: ACBGE Resume Writing (by appointment only); Hyatt, Eastman Board Room

8:30AM - 12:00PM: ACB General Session; Convention Center, Empire Ballroom North

11:00AM - 5:00PM: ACB Exhibit Hall is open; Convention Center, Empire Ballroom South

12:15PM - 1:15PM: GDUI: Help Your Dog Adjust to Convention Life; Riverside, Anthony

12:15PM - 2:30PM: RSVA Awards Luncheon; Riverside, Carlton

12:15PM - 1:15PM: MCAC luncheon; Riverside, Gleason

12:15PM - 8:15PM: Le Roy NY Jell-O Gallery; Convention Center, 20th Street entrance

1:15PM - 2:30PM: AABT: "Notetakers: Choosing the Right One"; Riverside, McQuaid

1:15PM - 5:30PM: AAVIA Program; Riverside, Silver

1:15PM - 2:30PM: ACBS Speed Networking; Hyatt, Morgan

1:15PM - 2:30PM: CCLVI Low Vision Vendor Showcase; Riverside, Douglas

1:15PM - 2:30PM: FIA: How the Pros Mix Music; Hyatt, FIA Suite

1:15PM - 2:30PM: GDUI Hotel Orientation (For guide dog users only); Meet in front of Riverside Hotel

1:15PM - 4:00PM: LUA Program; Convention Center, Highland C/D

1:15PM - 2:30PM: MCAC Candidate's Forum; Riverside, Gleason

2:45PM - 4:00: ACBS & BITS: "Is it a Braille Display or a Notetaker?"; Hyatt, Regency A

2:45PM - 4:00PM: VR, Self-Employment and You; Convention Center, Lilac Ballroom South

2:45PM - 5:00PM: FIA Showcase Audition and Rehearsal; Hyatt, FIA Suite

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2:45PM - 4:00PM: GDUI Board Meeting; Riverside, Hauchstein

4:15PM - 5:30PM: Constitutions and Bylaws; Hyatt, Strong Board Room

4:15PM - 6:30PM: BPI Business Meeting and Caucus; Riverside, Board Room

4:15PM - 5:30PM: GDUI Meet and Greet the Board; Riverside, Hauchstein

4:15PM - 5:30PM: IAC: I Hate Typing on Slippery Glass!; Convention Center, Highland C/D

4:15PM - 5:30PM: Leadership Institute: Leading the Way to a Success Filled Future; Riverside, Riverview Ballroom

4:15PM - 5:30PM: Aira: The Real Power Behind Free Aira Access and Other Offers; Convention Center, Lilac Ballroom North

4:15PM - 6:15PM: Microsoft Soundscape Focus Group (by appointment only); Convention Center, Cascade B.

5:45PM - 7:00PM: Nominating Committee; Convention Center, Highland A

5:45PM - 7:00PM: HumanWare: BrailleNote Touch +/-Brailiant BI14; Riverside, McQuaid

- 5:45PM - 7:00PM: MUSIC, MUSIC, MUSIC;
Convention Center, Highland C/D
- 5:45PM - 7:15PM: Introduction to 1touch Self-
Defense (beginner session); Riverside, Lilac
- 6:00PM - 10:00PM: BITS Banquet; Hyatt, Regency A
- 7:00PM - 8:00PM: CCLVI Anniversary Party;
Riverside, Riverview Ballroom
- 7:00PM - 9:00PM: GDUI Live Auction; Riverside,
Anthony
- 7:15PM - 8:30PM: FIA: Beginning Yoga for the
Blind and Visually Impaired; Hyatt, Morgan
- 7:15PM - 8:30 PM: Gospel Sing; Convention
Center, Empire Ballroom North
- 7:15 PM - 8:30PM: HumanWare: What's New with
Victor - a Trek/Stream Discussion; Riverside,
McQuaid
- 7:15PM - 9:15PM: Microsoft Soundscape Focus
Group (by appointment only); Convention
Center, Cascade B.
- 7:30PM - 8:45PM: RSVA Comedy Night; Riverside,
Carlton
- 7:30PM - 9:00PM: 1TouchSelf-Defense (women
only session); Riverside, Lilac

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8:00PM - 11:00PM: BPI Mixer: Welcome to the ROC!; Riverside, BPI Suite

8:00PM - 11:00PM: CCLVI Game Night; Riverside, Riverview Ballroom

8:00PM - 10:00PM: Get Social with SASI; Hyatt, Executive Directors Suite

8:00 PM: Resolutions; Hyatt, Strong Conference Room

9:00PM - 11:00PM: Prose and Poetry; Hyatt, Crista

9:00PM - 12:00AM: RSVK Karaoke; Riverside, Carlton

Monday, July 8

7:00AM - 8:15AM: ACB Families: Telling Tales at the Table; Hyatt, Regency C

7:00AM - 8:15AM: BRL Breakfast; Riverside, Carlton

7:00AM - 8:15AM: Guide Dogs for the Blind Breakfast; Riverside, Anthony

7:00AM - 5:00PM: Kids' Explorers Club; Riverside, Keating

7:30AM - 8:30AM: GDUI Hotel Orientation; Meet Outside Riverside Hotel

- 7:30AM - 10:30AM: ACB Marketplace; Convention Center, Outside Empire Ballroom North
- 8:00AM – 4:00PM: Registration; Convention Center, Highland B
- 8:00AM - 7:00PM: ACBGE Resume Writing (by appointment only); Hyatt, Eastman Board Room
- 8:00AM – 5:00PM: JP Morgan Chase Sessions, (by appointment only); Convention Center, Cascade B
- 8:00AM – 4:00PM: Survey with Mirko Kunsted PhD candidate; Convention Center, Cascade A
- 8:00AM – 5:00PM: Unar Labs Testing (by appointment only); Convention Center, Cascade D
- 8:30AM - 12:00PM: ACB General Session; Convention Center, Empire Ballroom North
- 11:00AM – 9:00PM: Corning Museum of Glass and Gugini Café; Convention Center, 20th Street entrance
- 11:00AM - 5:00PM: ACB Exhibit Hall is open; Convention Center, Empire Ballroom South
- 12:15PM - 1:15PM: AAVL Luncheon; Hyatt, Regency C

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12:15PM - 2:30PM: CCLVI Luncheon; Riverside,
Douglas

12:15PM - 2:30PM: FIA and VIVA Luncheon and
Special Movie Presentation; Hyatt, Crista

12:15PM - 2:30PM: Voices from Around the World
Luncheon; Hyatt, Regency A/B

12:15PM - 6:15PM: Strong Museum of Play;
Convention Center, 20th Street entrance

1:15PM - 5:30PM: Employment Discrimination
Mock Trial; Convention Center, Lilac Ballroom
North

1:15PM - 2:30PM: AAVL Program

1:15PM - 2:30PM: ACBS Business Meeting; Hyatt
Strong, Conference Room

1:15PM - 4:00PM: BRL Program and Business
Meeting; Riverside, Gleason

1:15PM - 7:00PM: GDUI Program; Riverside,
Anthony

1:15PM - 2:30PM: RSVA Program; Riverside,
Carlton

1:15PM - 2:30PM: It's all About Kombucha!;
Riverside, Silver

- 1:15 PM - 4:45PM: Sweet Tooth Tour, Laughing Gull Chocolates; Convention Center, 20th Street entrance
- 2:45PM - 4:00PM: BPI - Yoga for Warriors; Riverside, Silver
- 2:45PM - 4:00PM: CCLVI Smart Houses; Riverside, Douglas
- 2:45PM - 4:00PM: FIA Writers Workshop; Hyatt, Crista
- 2:45PM - 4:00PM: SASI: How the Helen Keller National Center for Deafblind Youth and Adults Can Help Me; Riverside, Eastman
- 4:15PM - 5:30PM: For the White Wine Lover; Riverside, BPI Suite
- 4:15PM - 5:30PM: Games with Ralph; Riverside, Gleason
- 4:15PM - 5:30PM: IAC: Now You Can Just Be Friends with Your Friends; Convention Center, Highland C/D
- 4:15PM - 5:30PM: Cochlear Implants: One Persons Experience; Riverside, Eastman
- 4:15PM - 5:30PM: Women and Horses: Confidence, Love, Power; Convention Center, Highland A

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5:45PM - 7:00PM: Mixed Monday Wine Tasting;
Riverside, BPI suite

5:45PM - 7:00PM: Constitutions and Bylaws;
Hyatt, Strong Conference Room

5:45PM - 7:00PM: Yoga with Leslie Spoone; Hyatt,
Morgan

5:45PM - 7:00PM: ACB Scholarship Winners'
Reception; Riverside, President's Suite

5:45PM - 7:15PM: 1Touch Self-Defense (session
for college students); Riverside, Lilac

6:00PM - 7:30PM: JPMorgan Chase Leadership
Fellows Reception (by invitation only); Hyatt,
Executive Directors Suite

6:45PM - 12:00AM: Batavia Downs Casino;
Convention Center, 20th Street entrance

7:15PM - 9:00PM: ACBF Bingo - It's a Families
Tradition; Hyatt, Regency A/B

7:30PM - 9:00PM: Introduction to 1Touch Self-
Defense (beginner session); Riverside, Lilac

8:00PM - 10:30PM: ACB Students and BPI: Story
Slam; Hyatt, Regency C

8:00PM - 10:30PM: Showcase for the Performing
Arts; Hyatt, Grand Ballroom

10:00PM: Resolutions; Hyatt, Strong Conference Room

Tuesday, July 9

6:45AM - 8:15AM: GDUI Morning Bark; Meet outside Riverside Hotel

7:00AM - 8:30AM: NIB Breakfast; Hyatt, Regency A/B

7:00AM - 5:00PM: Kids' Explorers Club; Riverside, Keating

7:30AM - 10:30AM: ACB Marketplace; Convention Center, outside Empire Ballroom North

8:00AM – 3:00PM: Registration; Convention Center, Highland B

8:00AM – 6:00PM: ACBGE Resume writing (by appointment only); Hyatt, Eastman Board Room

8:00AM – 5:00PM: JP Morgan Chase sessions, (by appointment only); Convention Center, Cascade B

8:00AM – 5:00PM: Express Script Useability Study; Convention Center, Cascade C

8:00AM – 4:00PM: Survey with Mirko Kunsted Ph.D Candidate; Convention Center, Cascade A

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8:00AM – 5:00PM: Unar Labs Testing (by appointment only); Convention Center, Cascade D

8:30AM - 12:00PM: ACB General Session; Convention Center, Empire Ballroom North

11:00AM - 5:00PM: ACB Exhibit Hall is open; Convention Center, Empire Ballroom South

10:45AM - 6:00PM: Adult Beverage Tour; Convention Center, 20th Street entrance

12:15PM – 5:30PM: AAVIA Lunch and Program; Hyatt, Regency C

12:15PM - 1:15PM: ACBDA Lunch; Riverside, Gleason

12:15PM - 2:30PM: IVIE Luncheon "Making Tax Information Less Taxing for Business Owners"; Hyatt, Crista

12:30PM - 4:30PM: Susan B. Anthony Museum; Convention Center, 20th Street entrance

1:15PM - 4:00PM: ACBDA Seminar and Business Meeting; Riverside, Gleason

1:15PM – 2:30PM: BPI: Becoming Your Own Beacon; Riverside, Silver

1:15PM - 5:00PM: CCLVI Business Meeting; Riverside, Douglas

1:15PM - 7:00PM: GDUI Program; Riverside,
Anthony

1:15PM - 4:00PM: LUA/BRL/AABT/FIA/ IAC
Program; Convention Center, Highland A

1:30PM - 5:15PM: Memorial Art Gallery;
Convention Center, 20th Street entrance

2:45PM - 4:00PM: BPI: Consent in the Age of "Me
Too!"; Riverside, BPI Suite

2:45PM - 5:30PM: IVIE Business Expo; Hyatt,
Morgan

2:45PM - 4:00PM: Audio Description Project
Workshop, "News from Those in the Know";
Convention Center, Lilac Ballroom South

4:15PM - 5:45PM: AAVL Mixer; Hyatt, RSVA Suite

4:15PM - 5:30PM: ACBDA Mixer; Riverside,
Gleason

4:15PM - 5:30PM: For the Red Wine Lover;
Riverside, BPI Suite

4:15PM - 5:30PM: Audio Description Project
Workshop "AD-Making it Work for You";
Convention Center, Lilac Ballroom South

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4:15PM – 5:30PM: Microsoft: What's New in Windows Narrator; Convention Center, Highland C

5:00PM - 6:15PM: MCAC Mid-Week Social; Riverside, President's Suite

5:45PM - 7:00PM: ACB Government Employees Mixer; Hyatt, Executive Directors Suite

5:45PM - 7:00PM: Toast Tuesday Wine Tasting; Riverside, BPI Suite

5:45PM - 7:15PM: 1Touch Self-Defense (Advanced session); Riverside, Lilac

7:00PM - 11:00PM: "ACB Picture Perfect Auction" Hyatt, Grand Ballroom

7:30PM - 9:00PM: Introduction to 1Touch Self-Defense (beginner session); Riverside, Lilac

10:00PM – 12:00AM: BPI: "Dare to Share"; Riverside, BPI Suite

10:00 PM: Resolutions; Hyatt, Strong Conference Room

Wednesday, July 10

6:45AM - 8:15AM: GDUI Morning Bark; Meet outside Riverside hotel

- 7:00AM - 8:15AM: Sister Power Breakfast; Hyatt, Regency A/B
- 7:00AM - 5:00PM: Kids' Explorers Club; Riverside, Keating
- 7:30AM - 10:30AM: ACB Marketplace; Convention Center, outside Empire Ballroom North
- 8:00AM - 3:00PM: Registration; Convention Center, Highland B
- 8:00AM - 4:00PM: Survey with Mirko Kunsted Ph.D candidate; Convention Center, Cascade A
- 8:00AM - 5:00PM: Express Script Useability Study; Convention Center, Cascade C
- 8:00AM - 5:00PM: Unar Labs Testing (by appointment only); Convention Center, Cascade D
- 8:30AM - 12:00PM: ACB General Session; Convention Center, Empire Ballroom North
- 9:00AM - 1:00PM: ACB Exhibit Hall is open; Convention Center, Empire Ballroom South
- 9:00AM - 4:00PM: Audio Description Institute; Riverside, Silver
- 11:00AM - 5:00PM: NY School for the Blind; Convention Center, 20th Street entrance

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12:15PM - 2:30PM: ACB Government Employees
Lunch and Meeting; Hyatt, Regency C

12:15PM - 2:30PM: ACBL Lions Lunch/Reverse
Visit; Riverside, Gleason

12:15PM - 2:30PM: GDUI Lunch and Awards
Presentation; Riverside, Anthony

12:30PM - 5:15PM: George Eastman House;
Convention Center, 20th Street entrance

1:15PM - 2:30PM: LGBT Digital; Riverside, BPI
Suite

1:15PM - 2:30PM: ACBRA Program and Business
Meeting; Riverside, McQuaid

1:15PM - 4:45PM: Sweet Tooth Tour, Laughing
Gull Chocolates; Convention Center, 20th
Street entrance

1:15PM - 2:30PM: BOP Workshop: "Highways,
Byways and Back Alleys"; Hyatt, Regency A/B

1:15PM - 4:00PM: Grassroots Advocacy
Bootcamp: The Three Branches of
Government; Convention Center, Lilac
Ballroom South

2:45PM - 4:00PM: BPI: Yoga with a Vision;
Riverside, Lilac

- 2:45PM - 4:00PM: Financial Freedom: Sailing Away from Social Security; Riverside, Riverview Ballroom
- 2:45PM - 4:00PM: 2019 Membership Seminar; Hyatt, Regency A/B
- 2:45PM - 4:00PM: RDC Workshop: Fundraising that Works; Riverside, Douglas
- 4:15PM - 5:30PM: Affiliate Presidents' Meeting; Convention Center, Lilac Ballroom South
- 4:15PM - 5:30PM: Wino Wednesday Wine Tasting; Riverside, BPI Suite
- 4:15PM - 5:30PM: Microsoft: Magnifier and Low Vision Improvements within Windows 10; Convention Center, Highland C
- 5:30PM - 7:00PM: DKM Reception; Riverside, President's Suite
- 5:45PM - 7:00PM: Wino Wednesday Wine Tasting Part 2; Riverside, BPI Suite
- 5:45PM - 7:00PM: FIA Rounds and Harmony; Hyatt, FIA suite
- 5:45PM - 7:00PM: Bookshare Office Hours at ACB!; Hyatt, Crista

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5:45PM - 7:15PM: Introduction to 1Touch Self Defense (women only session); Riverside, Lilac

7:00PM - 8:00PM: Friends of Bill W.; Riverside, Lyons

7:15PM - 9:00PM: ACBS Trivia Night; Riverside, Riverview Ballroom

7:15PM - 8:30PM: ACB Candidates Town Hall Meeting; Convention Center, Lilac Ballroom South

7:30PM - 9:30PM: ACB Audio-Described Film: "Green Book"; Hyatt, Regency A/B

7:30PM - 9:00PM: 1Touch Self Defense (Advanced session); Riverside, Lilac

8:00PM: Resolutions; Hyatt, Strong Conference Room

9:00PM - 10:30PM: ACB Lions Milly's Place; Hyatt, President's Suite

9:15PM - 10:45PM: ACBS Comedy Night; Riverside, Riverview Ballroom

10:00PM - 12:00AM: BPI Last Call; Riverside, BPI Suite

Thursday, July 11

7:00AM - 8:15AM: ACB Life Members Breakfast;
Riverside, Riverview Ballroom

7:00AM - 5:00PM: Kids' Explorers Club; Riverside,
Keating

7:30AM - 10:30AM: ACB Marketplace; Convention
Center, outside Empire Ballroom North

8:00AM - 1:30PM: Registration; Convention
Center, Highland B

8:30AM - 2:00PM: ACB General Session;
Convention Center, Empire Ballroom North

9:00AM - 4:00PM: Audio Description Institute;
Riverside, Silver

6:30PM - 9:00PM: Kids' Explorer Club Party;
Riverside, Keating

7:00PM - 10:00PM: ACB Banquet; Hyatt, Grand
Ballroom

Friday, July 12

6:00AM - 9:30PM: Niagara Falls; meet at
Convention Center, 20th Street entrance

9:00AM - 4:00PM: Audio Description Institute;
Riverside, Silver

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- Vispero (VFO) - ACB Radio Streaming

Emerald Sponsors:

- Comcast - Conference Registration
- Sprint - Conference Communication Center & Newspaper
- Uber - ACB Radio Afternoon Broadcasts

Ruby Sponsors:

- Adobe Systems - ACB Scholarship Mentoring Program
- Amazon - Audio Description Program
- AT&T - ACB Workshops and Seminar Programming
- Cisco - Continuing Education Credits
- Facebook - All General Sessions
- HumanWare - ACB Auction
- OrCam - ACB Café

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- Spectrum - Interpreter Services for Deaf-Blind Attendees

Onyx Sponsors:

- Buell Fund - Recreation Zone & ACB Brenda Dillon Memorial Walk
- National Association of Broadcasters - General Operating Support
- National Industries for the Blind - ACB Marketplace
- Macular Degeneration - ACB Brenda Dillon Memorial Walk

Topaz Sponsors:

- HIMS - ACB Link
- ACB Lions - Scholarship Travel

Coral Sponsors:

- RSVA - Outstanding Student's Orientation Dinner and Luncheon
- New York State Commission for the Blind - Affiliates Presidents' Seminar

Pearl Sponsors:

- Access Ready sponsored by VOTEC - ACB Café Day Sunday, July 7
- Barclay Damon LLP - General Operating Support
- LUA - Talking Book Narrator at Convention
- The Lighthouse for the Blind Inc. - ACB Café Day; Monday, July 8
- TracFone Wireless - Affiliate and Chapter Development Seminar

President's Message

Dear Conventioneers:

I want to welcome everyone to the 58th annual conference and convention of the American Council of the Blind, in beautiful Rochester, New York. I am looking forward to presiding over my sixth convention as president of ACB, yet, it is bittersweet to realize that my time as president of ACB is coming to an end. It has been an amazing time filled with many accomplishments for our organization, progress in a variety of areas,

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treasured memories, and relationships I will value for years to come.

This year's theme is "Picture the Future!". This is a great theme for this year's convention since it challenges us to imagine what is coming in the future. Creating opportunities for the future for people who are blind or visually impaired is what our work in ACB is all about!

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 New York Host Committee for their efforts.

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. Rochester is a very special place that will present you with many new adventures. Whether this is your first trip to upstate New York, or a return

visit, I can assure you that you will leave with many new friends and wonderful memories.

I know your time in Rochester at the ACB convention will be an especially memorable and fun experience. Plan on joining us in 2020 and come to Schaumburg, Illinois, a suburb of Chicago for another great ACB convention experience!

Enjoy a great convention!

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

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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 Convention Café

Sponsored by OrCam

Café Coupon Sponsors:

Access Ready by Votec – Sunday, July 7

Lighthouse for the Blind – Monday, July 8

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 on the first floor of the Convention Center across from the Highland rooms; specials will be announced in the newspaper.

Registration Information

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Registration Q&A

Registration is in the convention center in Highland B.

Pre-registration packets can be picked up anytime Registration is open, but Thursday evening, July 4th from 6:00PM to 9:00PM and Friday and Saturday from 8:00AM to 11:00AM are reserved exclusively for pre-registration pickup ONLY.

Onsite registration will only be done from 11:00AM to 7:00PM on Friday and Saturday.

This will help to better manage the lines during the first days of the convention. We will also have additional staff in registration Thursday through Saturday to help reduce wait times.

Hours are:

- Thursday: July 6:00PM – 9:00PM
- Friday, July 5 and Saturday, July 6: 8:00AM to 11:00AM (pre-reg pick-up only) and 11:00AM to 7:00PM for pre-reg pick-up and onsite-registrations.

- Sunday, July 7 and Monday, July 8: 8:00AM to 4:00PM
- Tuesday and Wednesday, July 9 and 10: 8:00AM to 3:00PM
- Thursday, July 11: 8:00AM to 2:00PM

When you register, you will receive your convention ID badge, program, and a goody bag filled with information and surprises. You must register to purchase tickets to events and be eligible to win great door prizes. Always wear your badge because 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 Highland B.

A one-day pass is available for \$5.00 with no program and \$10.00 with a 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

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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 if:

- 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 23rd, 2019; 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

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The Marcia Nigro Dresser Communication Center is in the convention center in Cascade E and is open

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from 8:00AM to 5:00PM, Friday, July 5 through Wednesday, July 10. 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 Flower City Press". It is published each day, Friday through Wednesday, 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.

ACB Students (ACBS) will deliver the newspaper to your hotel room door. For \$9 (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 hotel name, 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 2:00PM each day. The BOP allows ads to run for up to three days 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 the Communication Center when submitting your ad.

Braille and Photocopying

Photocopying is available at the Communication Center for 10 cents/page. Braille 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

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- 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 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.

Digital Information & Internet

ACB Radio

ACB Radio livestreams from all general sessions on

the Mainstream channel; sessions are replayed around the clock. Some afternoon committee sessions will be streamed live or recorded for later broadcast. The FIA Performing Arts Showcase, BOP Town Hall meeting, and ACB Banquet are also livestreamed.

Email list

The ACB Convention email list keeps you up-to-date on all the news. Even if you aren't at the convention, you can receive "The Flower City Press" 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, or amendments in electronic format for your laptop or notetaker? Stop by the ACB Information Desk in Aqueduct A in the convention center; a volunteer will download all the latest files onto your thumb drive, SD card or compact flash card.

Social Media

Follow the latest goings-on at the convention on Facebook and Twitter.

www.twitter.com/acbnational or like us on

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Facebook at

www.facebook.com/americanCounciloftheBlindOfficial

To follow us on Alexa; just tell her "ACB radio from Tune-In," and the name of the menu you are looking for such as Mainstream, or Live Event.

Follow the convention via ACB Link on your iPhone; just download and install ACB Link from the iOS app store. You can also use ACB link on your android phone, the app is available at Google play.

Internet access: complimentary wireless internet is available in the guest rooms in both hotels.

ACB Photography

The official ACB photographer for the 2019 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 2019 conference and convention are subject to be photographed or videoed.

Photos and video are the property of ACB and are for ACB's use.

Medical Information

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:

Urgent Care:

Rochester Regional Health Immediate Care —

Wilson Center

800 Carter Street

Rochester NY 14621

(585) 338-1200

Distance: 3.0 miles

Hospitals:

Highland Hospital

1000 South Avenue

Rochester NY 14620

(585) 473-2200

Distance: 1.5 miles

Strong Memorial Hospital

601 Elmwood Avenue

Rochester NY 14642

(585) 275-2100

Distance: 3.3 miles

Guide Dog User Information

Guide dog relief areas are built and maintained by Scoop Masters and are located near hotel exits. ACB volunteers and hotel staff will be happy to help you locate the areas.

Please keep in mind that the convention can be very stressful for your dog; you may need to relieve your dog more often than usual. Although the relief areas are cleaned at regular intervals, as always, please pick up after your dog. Trash receptacles are located near relief areas. For additional suggestions see "Quick courtesy reminders from Anders the guide dog" in the GDUI program under the special-interest affiliates section of the program.

Should an indoor accident occur, please report it to Scoop Masters at (661) 714-0049. You should remain at the accident location to help alert others while you await assistance.

If an accident occurs in your room, you may be charged for the clean-up.

A few courtesy reminders from Anders the guide dog of Andrea Giudice, GDUI Convention Coordinator

"Thanks for reading these, they will make my job, and that of all your guides, so much easier! Always keep your guide on a short leash when out and about in the hotel. I know my mom gets distracted by people and things so if I am not close to her side, on a short leash, I sometimes forget my best manners and get into mischief. Please give us guides a chance to relieve at least twice as often as at home, because, you know how it is when away from home - different water, lots of excitement and disrupted schedules etc. And, oh yes, please always pick up after us, I am so embarrassed by what my mom says when she steps in poop!! Remember that convention is one of the most stressful working environments for us, your fuzzy eyes, so please give us every opportunity to be successful!"

Veterinary Care

Veterinary Care

Midtown Veterinary Hospital

85 University Avenue

Rochester NY 14605

(585) 546-1550

Distance: 0.7 miles

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Animal Hospital of Rochester

1150 University Avenue

Rochester NY 14607

(585) 730-7704

Distance: 2.0 miles

Monroe Veterinary Associates

Emergency Services – Open 24 hours

524 White Spruce Boulevard

Rochester NY 14623

(585) 424-1260

Distance: 4.0 miles

Religious Activities

Saturday, July 6

4:00PM: Interdenominational Service, Riverside,
McQuaid

Reverend Michael Garrett, Missouri City, TX

4:00PM - 5:00PM: Friends of Bill W.; Riverside,
Lyons

7:30PM: Jewish Service, Rabbi David Avrahams;
Riverside, Lyons

Sunday, July 7

5:30PM – 6:30PM: Catholic Mass; Riverside, Keating

7:15PM: Gospel Sing; Convention Center, Empire Ballroom North

Wednesday, July 10

7:00 PM: Friends of Bill W.; Riverside, Lyons

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

Saturday, July 6:

Convention Center Empire Hall North

6:30PM: Entertainment: Dave Trevino, guitar and vocals, Newark, DE

7:00PM: Call to Order: Kim Charlson, President, American Council of the Blind, Watertown, MA

Invocation: Rev. Michael Garrett, Missouri City, TX

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Presentation of Colors: Buffalo Soldiers, VFW Post 9251, Commander Bing C. Reaves, Sr., Rochester, NY

"The Star-Spangled Banner": Sung by Kerri Regan, Farmingdale, NY

Welcome to Rochester! Lori Scharff, President, American Council of the Blind of New York, Malverne, NY

7:20PM: President's Report: Kim Charlson, Watertown, MA

7:40PM: Crown Jewel Sponsor Presentation: Aira Corporation, Suman Kanuganti, President and CEO, San Diego, CA

8:00PM: ACB Award Presentation: Debbie Rozear, Allentown, PA, and Deb Trevino, Newark, DE, ACB Awards Committee Co-Chairs

8:10PM: ACB Life Membership Presentations: Kim Charlson, ACB President, Watertown, MA; and Nancy Becker, ACB Chief Financial Officer, Brooklyn Center, MN

8:25PM: ACB Angels: Dan Spoone, ACB First Vice President, Orlando, FL; and Tom Tobin, ACB Director of Development, Cleveland, OH

ACB Angel Presentations:

Mary Jane (M.J.) Schmitt (1931-2018),
New York;

LeRoy Saunders (1931-2012), Oklahoma

8:40PM: ACB First-Timers: Kenneth Semien Sr.,
Chair, Durward K. McDaniel First-timers'
Committee, Beaumont, TX

8:55PM: 2019 ACB/JP Morgan Chase Leadership
Fellows: Eric Bridges, ACB Executive Director,
Alexandria, VA

9:10PM: First Credentials Committee Report: Ralph
Smitherman, Chair, Brandon, MS

9:15PM: Roll Call of Affiliates: Ray Campbell, ACB
Secretary, Glen Ellyn, IL

Sunday, July 7:

Convention Center Empire Hall North

8:00AM: Entertainment: Judy Jackson, Stuarts
Draft, VA, and Mike Tindell, Baltimore, MD,
piano and vocals

8:30AM: Invocation: Mr. Bawany imam, Islamic
Center of Rochester, Rochester, NY

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Pledge of Allegiance: 2019 ACB/JP Morgan Chase Leadership Fellows: Donna Browning, Alexandria, VA; Amanda Selm, Louisville, KY; and Don Kalman, Medina, OH

8:35AM: ACB Business:

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

Diamond Sponsor Presentation: Google Corporation: Sarah Basson, Accessibility Evangelist, New York, NY

Adoption of Standing Rules and Program: Kim Charlson, ACB President, Watertown, MA

Final Credentials Committee Report: Ralph Smitherman, Chair, Brandon, MS

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

ACB Angel Presentations

Sue Ammeter (1948-2018), Washington

Marlaina Lieberg (1949-2018), Washington

John Dashney (1942-2019), Oregon

Presiding Officer: Dan Spoone, ACB First Vice President, Orlando, FL

9:15AM: Wal-Mart and En-Vision America Joint Announcement of National ScripTalk Accessible Prescription Labels to All Wal-Mart and Sam's Club Customers at Over 1100 Locations across the U.S.

9:40AM: Accessible Games and Educational Tools: Blindfold Games and Objective Ed: Marty Schultz, Founder and CEO, Miami, FL

10:05AM: Presentation of Vernon Henley Media Award: Deb Lewis, ACB Board of Publications, Clarkston, WA

10:10AM: "Celebrating 40 years of Achievement and Advocacy": Council of Citizens with Low Vision International, Sara Conrad, CCLVI President, Madison, WI

10:20AM: Break

10:35AM: My Journey as World Blind Union President: Fredrick Schroeder, WBU President, Vienna, VA

11:00AM: News and Ongoing Progress at NLS: Karen Keninger, Director, National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, Washington, DC

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11:35AM: Resolutions: Mark Richert, Chair,
Arlington, VA; and Gabe Griffith, Vice-Chair,
Concord, CA

11:45AM: "Celebrating 50 years of Achievement
and technology": Blind Information Technology
Specialists (BITS), Richard Villa, BITS
Treasurer, Austin, TX

11:55AM: Announcements

Monday, July 8:

Convention Center Empire Hall North

8:00AM: Entertainment: Carrie Hooper,
Elmira, NY, Piano

8:30AM: Invocation: Father Robert Werth, Peace
of Christ Parish, Rochester, NY

Pledge of Allegiance: 2019 Scholarship Winners

8:35AM: ACB Business:

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

Diamond Sponsor Presentation: Microsoft
Corporation: Brett Humphrey, Senior
Program Manager, Windows Accessibility,
Redmond, WA

Emerald Sponsor Presentation: Sprint, Diane Ducharme, Blind and Low Vision Outreach Specialist, Towson, MD

Diamond Sponsor Presentation: JP Morgan Chase, Andrea E. Shkane, Managing Director, Corporate Sector, New York, NY

Nominating Committee Report: Mitch Pomerantz, Chair, Pasadena, CA

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

Resolutions: Mark Richert, Chair, Arlington, VA

ACB Angel Presentations

John (Jack) Barbieur (1940-2018), Oregon

Edythe Huffman (1951-2019), Indiana

Presiding Officer: John McCann, ACB Second Vice President, Tucson, AZ

9:15AM: 2019 ACB Scholarship Presentations:

Denise Colley, Chair, Scholarship Committee, Lacey, WA

10:10AM: Presentation of Affiliate Membership and Growth Awards, Debbie Rozear, Allentown, PA, and Deb Trevino, Newark, DE, ACB Awards Committee Co-Chairs

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10:15AM: Break

10:30AM: When You Can't Believe Your Eyes:
Vision Loss and Personal Recovery: A Journey
into Writing and Publishing, Hannah Fairbairn,
Santa Cruz, CA

10:40AM: Further Collaborative Strategic
Directions at Both the American Foundation for
the Blind and the American Printing House for
the Blind: Kirk Adams, President and CEO,
American Foundation for the Blind, Arlington,
VA; and Craig Meador, President, and CEO,
American Printing House for the Blind,
Louisville, KY

11:10AM: What is VisionServe Alliance? Meet Lee
Nasehi: VSA President and CEO, Winter Park,
FL

11:35AM: Accessible Cities Initiative Research
Findings: Denise Snow Wilson, Technical
Communications Specialist, Technology
Product Research (TPR) and Elizabeth Schaller,
Digital Assets and Metadata Librarian,
Resource Services, American Printing House for
the Blind, Louisville, KY

11:55AM: Announcements

Tuesday, July 9:

Convention Center Empire Hall North

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

8:30AM: Invocation: ACB member Rev. George
Gordon, Austin, TX

Pledge of Allegiance: 2019 ACB/JP Morgan
Chase Leadership Fellows: Rosemarie Facilla,
Muskegon, MI; and Rachel Schroeder,
Springfield, IL

8:35AM: ACB Business:

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

Diamond Sponsor Presentation: Verizon,
Zachary (Zach) Bastian, Manager,
Strategic Alliance and Public Policy,
Washington, DC

Diamond Sponsor Presentation: Vispero: Matt
Ater, Vice-President, Business
Development, Manassas, VA

Diamond Sponsor Presentation: Comcast, Tom
Wlodkowski, Vice President of Accessibility,
Philadelphia, PA

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

Resolutions: Mark Richert, Chair, Arlington, VA

ACB Angel Presentations

Ann Sims (1938-2018), Georgia

Alfred (Al) Gil (1932-2016), California

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

9:15AM: "I Have the Best Words! Talking for a
Living," Gary Telles, Potomac Talking Books,
Bethesda, MD

9:45AM: Video Description: Accessible TV's, Set-
Top Box Controls, Menus, and Program Guides,
Will Schell, Attorney Advisor, Disability Rights
Office, Consumer and Governmental Affairs
Bureau, Federal Communications Commission

10:15AM: Break

10:30AM: 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

- 10:55AM: The ABLE Account: How It Works and How You Can Take Full Advantage of this Program, Mark Richert, Director of Public Policy, National Disability Institute, Washington, DC
- 11:10AM: Presentation of the Ned E. Freeman Excellence in Writing Award and the Hollis Liggett Braille Free Press Award, Susan Glass, ACB Board of Publications, Sarasota, CA
- 11:20AM: Update from the National Research and Training Center on Blindness and Low Vision at Mississippi State University, Sylvia Stinson-Perez, Director, Older Blind Technical Assistance Center, Mississippi State, MS
- 11:35AM: Progress and Greater Access to Electronic Communications and Emergency Alerts: An Update on ACB and FCC Engagement, Anthony (Tony) Stephens, ACB Representative to the FCC Disability Advisory Committee, Baltimore, MD
- 11:55AM: Announcements

Wednesday, July 10:

Convention Center Empire Hall North

8:00AM: Entertainment: Karen Eitel, Houston, TX,
Piano

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8:30AM: Invocation: Rev. Bob Crystal, Episcopal Church of the Ascension, Rochester, NY

Pledge of Allegiance: David Dowling, Program Chair, Visually Impaired Veterans of America (VIVA), Tulsa, OK

8:35AM: ACB Business:

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

Emerald Sponsor Presentation: Uber Technologies, Malcom Glenn, Public Policy, Washington, DC

Diamond Sponsor Presentation: Vanda Pharmaceutical, Shauna Jatho, Clinical Nurse Educator, Baton Rouge, LA

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

Resolutions: Mark Richert, Chair, Arlington, VA

ACB Angel Presentations

Carolyn Coby (1949-2018), Minnesota

Barbara McDonald (1945-2018), Arizona

Edith Carter (1935-2019), Tennessee

Presiding Officer: David Trott, ACB Treasurer,
Talladega, AL

9:15AM: National Conference and Convention
Report: Janet Dickelman, Chair, Convention
Committee, Saint Paul, MN

9:35AM: Treasurer's Report: David Trott,
Talladega, AL

9:50AM: ACBES Report: Rev. Michael Garrett,
Chair, ACB Enterprises and Services, Missouri
City, TX

10:00AM: Furry Friends and Flying Skies: An
Update on the State of Air Travel for Guide Dog
Handlers, Claire Stanley, ACB Advocacy and
Outreach Specialist, Alexandria, VA

10:15AM: Break

10:30AM: Executive Director's Report: Eric
Bridges, Alexandria, VA

10:55AM: The UniDescription Project: Providing
Tools, Training, and Mobile Apps to Spread
Audio Description Through Our National Parks,
Sajja Koirala, Graduate Research Assistant,
University of Hawaii, Manoa, HI

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11:15AM: National Advocacy and Legislative Update: Clark Rachfal, Director of Advocacy and Governmental Affairs, Alexandria, VA

11:35AM: Report on the ACB Walk and Auction: Donna Brown, Walk Chair, Romney, WV; Leslie Spooone, Chair, ACB Auction committee, Orlando, FL; Dan Dillon, Hermitage, TN; and Dan Spooone, ACB First Vice President, Orlando, FL Co-chairs, ACB Resource Development Committee

11:55AM: Announcements

Thursday, July 11:

Convention Center Empire Hall North

8:00AM: Entertainment: Vicki Curley, Rotonda West, FL, Piano and Vocals

8:30AM: Invocation: ACB Member

Rev. Peter Hyde, Interim Pastor, St. John's Lutheran Church, Baraboo, WI

Pledge of Allegiance: 2019 DKM First-Timers: Ted Bordman, Bloomington, IN; and Steven Salas, Austin, TX

8:35AM: ACB Business:

ACB Sponsor Recognitions: Margarine
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ACB Angel Presentations:

James Carter (1931-2007), Tennessee

James Vernon Daigle (1930-2018), Louisiana

Mary Katherine Jones (1928-2018), North
Carolina

Frank Casey (1949-2012), New York

8:45AM: Resolutions: Mark Richert, Chair,
Arlington, VA

10:00AM: Elections

11:15AM: Break

11:45AM: Elections (continued)

1:00PM: ACB Business

1:15PM: Old/New Business

1:30PM: Adjourn

Thursday, July 11

ACB Banquet

6:30PM: Pre-Banquet Entertainment: Deb Cook
Lewis, Clarkston, WA

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7:00PM: ACB Banquet

Invocation: Rev. Deb Trevino, Newark, DE

Emcees: David Trott, ACB Treasurer, Talladega, AL; and Brian Charlson, ACB First Dude, Watertown, MA

ACB Award Presentations: Debbie Rozear, Allentown, PA, and Deb Trevino, Newark, DE, ACB Awards Committee Co-Chairs

Drawings, Announcements, and Other Doings

Speaker and Musical Presentation: Ginny Owens, songwriter and performer

Ginny Owens is a multiple award-winning and critically-acclaimed singer-songwriter. She became a household name when she was named the Gospel Music Association's "New Artist of the Year" in 2000. In a meaningful career that now encompasses nearly two decades of music – including 10 full-length recordings, three extended play recordings, a popular Christmas album, number one radio singles, and numerous film and television placements – Ginny's heartbeat behind the music remains the same – to inspire others through sharing her own story in song.

Born and raised in Jackson, Mississippi, a degenerative eye condition left Ginny completely blind by the age of three. As her vision diminished, her love of music and the piano expanded, and Ginny discovered songwriting as a window to the world. The unique perspectives inspired by her vision impairment have resulted in inspirational lyrics paired with her versatile musicianship to afford her a space on an even more diverse set of stages, including the Sundance Film Festival, Lilith Fair and the White House, and recordings that transcend genre expectations.

In November 2016, she launched the Love Be the Loudest campaign, an initiative in which a portion of album sales are donated to increasing the work of non-profit organizations whose mission is to bring hope to the world.

In 2017, she was commissioned to write the song, "Fly Away," for the independent film, *Trafficked* – a song that found itself among the selections considered for the Academy Awards ballot for Best Original Song in a Motion Picture earlier this year. Ginny is also an author, co-authoring *Transcending Mysteries*, published by HarperCollins in 2015, and she also hosts a

popular video blog entitled, "How I See It," in which she helps viewers understand the ins-and-outs of living day-to-day life as a blind person.

For more information on Ginny, or her philanthropic work with *Love Be the Loudest*, visit: GinnyOwens.com and LoveBeTheLoudest.com."

ACB Boards & Governing Committees

ACB Board of Directors

Friday, July 5

9:00AM: Convention Board Meeting; Riverside,
Eastman

Board of Publications

Chair: Ron Brooks

Saturday, July 6

10:30AM – 12:00PM: BOP Meeting; Riverside,
Eastman

Wednesday, July 10

7:15PM – 8:30PM BOP Town Hall meeting;
Convention Center, Lilac Ballroom North

1:15PM – 2:30PM: BOP Workshop: “Highways,
Byways and Back Alleys”; \$6 (\$8)
Personal branding author, consultant and
coach, Sheryl Brown, provides strategies you
can use to build a powerful brand for yourself
or your organization.

Constitution and Bylaws Committee

Chair: John Huffman

Friday, July 5

4:30PM: Hyatt, Strong

Sunday, July 7

4:15PM: Hyatt, Strong

Monday, July 8

5:45PM: Hyatt Strong

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Credentials Committee

Chair: Ralph Smitherman

Saturday, July 6

1:00PM: Hyatt, Strong

Nominating Committee

Chair: Mitch Pomerantz

Sunday, July 7

5:45PM: Convention Center, Highland A

Resolutions Committee

Chair: Mark Richert

Saturday, July 6

11:00PM: Hyatt, Strong

Sunday, July 7

8:00PM: Hyatt, Strong

Monday, July 8 and Tuesday, July 9

10:00PM: Hyatt, Strong

Wednesday, July 10

9:00PM: Hyatt, Strong

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Saturday, July 6 7:00AM

Brenda Dillon Memorial ACB Walk: Riverside
Riverside Ballroom 100-K Photo Finish

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Tuesday, July 9, Hyatt in the Hyatt Grand Ballroom:

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