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**May 1, 2023**

# **New Virginia Office Location**

ACB’s Virginia office has moved! ACB’s new office address is 225 Reinekers Lane, Suite 660, Alexandria, VA 22314.

# **ADP Awards Deadline Is Friday!**

ACB’s Audio Description Project (ACB-ADP) advocates for access to arts, education, and information through the provision of audio description. The ADP Awards are one way we recognize outstanding contributions to the field. Nominate your favorites today! The nomination deadline is **May 5, 2023.**

You can find the criteria and a list of past award recipients at [**www.acb.org/2023-ADP-awards**](https://acb.org/2023-ADP-awards).

Submit your nomination through the [**online nomination form**](https://tkenlon.wufoo.com/forms/zj46xgl1g1jqmp/), or [**download the nomination form**](https://acb.org/sites/default/files/2023%20ADP%20Awards%20Nomination%20Form.docx) and email the completed form to [**tkenlon@acb.org**](mailto:tkenlon@acb.org)**.**

# **New ACB Media Podcasts**

ACB Media is proud to announce the addition of two new podcast feeds, "ACB Business" and "Podcasts en español de la ACB" available through Apple Podcasts. “ACB Business” is where all official business meetings of ACB will be posted, including ACB Board meetings and ACB Committee meetings. The RSS feed URL is [**https://pinecast.com/feed/acb-business**](https://pinecast.com/feed/acb-business). "Podcasts en español de la ACB" is where all Spanish language podcasts will be posted. Here you will find the podcasts of the Legislative Seminar and Presidents’ Meetings that were simultaneously translated during the event. The RSS feed URL is [**https://pinecast.com/feed/acb-espanol**](https://pinecast.com/feed/acb-espanol). Update your podcatcher to subscribe to these feeds. These feeds will soon also be available on [**acbmedia.org**](https://www.acbmedia.org/).

# **Tell Us What You Think about the ADP Website**

The Audio Description Project team wants to know what you love and what you’d change about our website and social media. We’re here for you, so let us know how we’re doing by [**taking a short survey**](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GV5NNY8). The deadline to submit feedback is next **Monday, May 8.** Thanks in advance – we can’t wait to hear from you as we continue to make the ADP even better!

# **A Message from the ACB Secretary**

Now is the time for you to submit your delegate, alternate delegate and nominating committee representative’s information for this year’s convention.

What I need is: the names, email addresses, and telephone numbers of your affiliate’s delegate, alternate delegate, and nominating committee representative, and whether each person is attending virtually or in person.

The deadline is **Friday, May 12.** Please send your information to [**colleyd1952@gmail.com**](mailto:colleyd1952@gmail.com). If you have any questions or concerns, email me or call me at (360) 280-0077.

# **Seeking Volunteers for the 2023 Information Desk**

The ACB Information Desk needs you to help distribute and share news and materials in Schaumburg. We need virtual help to answer questions from those who call the information line, and in-person assistance to provide directions to meeting rooms, hand out restaurant and business listings, and make sure that attendees have hard copies of potential amendments.

The Information Desk will open on Thursday, June 29, and remain open throughout the convention until the afternoon of July 6. The desk is open from 7:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

If you are interested in helping out, contact Vicky Prahin at [**prahin@gmail.com**](mailto:prahin@gmail.com), or at (614) 949-7757 by June 15.

# **Ordering Dog Food**

Scoopmasters will provide and maintain our dog relief areas in Schaumburg. Locations of the dog relief areas will be shared via email lists and posted in the convention newspaper as soon as they are set up. If you would like to pre-order dog food to be delivered to your hotel room, call Tim Stone at (661) 714-0749 or order online at [**http://scoopmasters.com/acb**](http://scoopmasters.com/acb). Tim says, “It’s a simple form that asks for name, phone number, brand and type of food. I will call to get the details within 24 hours, and I will accept payments at the hotel.” Food must be ordered by **June 25th** to ensure delivery.

# **Need a Wheelchair or Scooter at Convention?**

If you will need a wheelchair or scooter in Schaumburg, Lang Medical will deliver to the Renaissance. If you’d like to rent one, contact Lang Medical at (847) 221-9156 to make payment. Once you have done that, please let Janet Dickelman know at (651) 428-5059 or via e-mail, [**janet.dickelman@gmail.com**](mailto:janet.dickelman@gmail.com), so she can be sure that she receives your order when it arrives.

Wheelchair rental begins at $50 per week, and scooter rental is $125 a week. There is also a one-time fee of $35 for pick-up and delivery.

# **APH Change Makers**

In this episode of the APH Change Makers podcast, Clark Rachfal, ACB’s Director of Advocacy & Governmental Affairs, discusses ACB’s 2023 legislative imperatives: the Websites and Software Applications Accessibility Act; the Medical Device Nonvisual Accessibility Act; the Communications, Video, and Technology Accessibility Act; and the Exercise and Fitness for All Act. [**Listen by visiting this link**](https://www.buzzsprout.com/354881/12586423-washington-d-c-news-and-information).

# **Federal Judge Refused Lyft Ride with His Guide Dog**

U.S. Judge David Tatel and his wife had just left a discussion of blindness in the Torah. He was headed from a Cleveland Park synagogue to the U.S. Court of Appeals in D.C., where he serves as a senior judge. But as soon as he got into his Lyft, Tatel said the driver got out and began shouting that he would not take his guide dog. “He went totally nuts; he screamed at us,” Tatel recalledof being berated with his German shepherd, Vixen. “You would have thought we were asking him to carry plutonium.” Refusing to accommodate service dogs is a violation of the Americans with Disabilities Act, as well as the D.C. Human Rights Act, as Tatel’s wife tried to explain to the driver. Tatel knows those laws well — in his three decades on one of the most influential appeals courts in the nation, he has written opinions on discrimination impacting institutions from [**D.C. public schools**](https://cdn.ymaws.com/www.copaa.org/resource/resmgr/docs/accessible_2017/new_DL_opinion-1.pdf) to the [**U.S. Foreign Service**](https://law.justia.com/cases/federal/appellate-courts/cadc/07-5101/07-5101-1128299-2011-03-24.html). But in the moment, he said, he felt as anyone would being shouted at on the street and refused service. [**Read the full Washington Post article here**](https://www.washingtonpost.com/dc-md-va/2023/04/20/blind-ride-share-guide-dogs/).

# **Level Up at Envision**

High school students with vision loss across the United States are invited to attend the six-day event from June 18-24, packed with more than 50 hours of hands-on sessions led by professionals currently working in the field. Sessions include assistive technology training, money management, cyber security, tackling transition, STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art and mathematics), career planning and more. With the high demand in technology-based careers, Level Up works to prepare students for a successful transition into college or career. All nine core areas of the Expanded Core Curriculum are covered within the week-long Level Up event, and the exploration of potential career fields support the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) and Pre-Employment Transition Services (Pre-ETS). For more information about Level Up, or to register, visit envisionus.com/level-up, or contact

[**programs@envisionus.com**](mailto:programs@envisionus.com).

# **Is the Web Accessible to You?**

ACB and a coalition of other disability organizations are collecting personal accounts from people with disabilities about their experiences with inaccessible websites and applications. If you have a story to share, email [**webstories@ndrn.org**](mailto:webstories@ndrn.org). Learn more by visiting [**https://acb.org/NDRN-web-acccessibility**](https://acb.org/NDRN-web-acccessibility).

# **AER Scholarship Application Deadline**

AER is accepting applications for the 2023 AER Scholarship! This scholarship opportunity is open only to **graduate-level students studying for a career in the field of Teacher of the Visually Impaired or Orientation & Mobility**.

Three scholarships will be offered in the amount of $2,000 each. **The deadline for submitting the application is May 15, 2023.** Recipients will be announced on our website this summer. Please refer to the application for the specific eligibility criteria and for further details. The application and all accompanying documents should be submitted together.

Visit our [**website for more information**](https://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001Yz7ndvHIcp0lvPP_7qQNoZAgvJZY3oWVmLGMJmOlYtScmmDJPOMlF86yYZ5VuP_XKrZUY-t3Q8Tmz7JK_tL738wprHcRG1enIPMh-P0GPTyK5vVo-qnNCJDoun4J6V2M27wUop3EIFIfNcu5j3IOwr91WdvBj1JBRQL6WwCpIb3Xzr5dauymOg==&c=XPtbvJap2gIyRvP55QyD3UuLHeb6f7edEGbVIQvuIEsiFlrPSqz_4Q==&ch=4cshk3kzsFmHfiMHcZlz2Xoz7lS9-W54J93pIyjz7lipY6h84fzLGQ==), or click here to view the [**scholarship application**](https://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001Yz7ndvHIcp0lvPP_7qQNoZAgvJZY3oWVmLGMJmOlYtScmmDJPOMlFxshydVlU7iB9VKltKWOzcLlW7qkXsRdl3z6F3K2K5DaAGik63-C7f-pyvkJPNwyfkqZgWaQjZPkSDu3dXKHNOushCCJY-N9jai7kwRc_EOGpbGl0dJZKF-RPGZm5STHA8s65vmbUh7oiV1Fsor14xbn6y7UhYwnX5nbG3r4mYviEkNd1w7dAeg=&c=XPtbvJap2gIyRvP55QyD3UuLHeb6f7edEGbVIQvuIEsiFlrPSqz_4Q==&ch=4cshk3kzsFmHfiMHcZlz2Xoz7lS9-W54J93pIyjz7lipY6h84fzLGQ==).

# **JAWS Now Available in Kiosks and Other Self-Service Devices**

Vispero and TPGi are pleased to announce that the most popular screen reader worldwide, JAWS, is now available in kiosks and other self-service devices. This software will allow all enterprises, including restaurants, to increase their revenue by capturing the overlooked, underserved market of customers with visual impairments. It empowers users who are blind or have low vision to enjoy increased independence when performing tasks such as ordering at a quick-service restaurant or café. [**Learn more in this press release**](https://www.tpgi.com/vispero-to-demonstrate-innovative-screen-reader-software-for-accessible-point-of-sale-systems-at-national-restaurant-association-conference/?utm_content=245204582&utm_medium=social&utm_source=facebook&hss_channel=fbp-341688563665946).

# **All the Light We Cannot See**

Set during World War II, the Pulitzer Prize-winning story, “All the Light We Cannot See,” follows the lives of two unforgettable characters: Marie-Laure, a blind French girl who takes refuge in her uncle’s house in Saint-Malo, and Werner, a boy recruited by the German military because of his skills in radio technology. For “All the Light We Cannot See” to work, Director Shawn Levy had to find the right actor to play Marie-Laure, who became blind at the age of 6. After a worldwide casting search, he found his Marie in newcomer Aria Mia Loberti. [**Learn more in this article by Vanity Fair**](https://www.vanityfair.com/hollywood/2023/04/all-the-light-we-cannot-see-netflix-miniseries-first-look-awards-insider?utm_social-type=owned&mbid=social_twitter&utm_brand=vf&utm_source=twitter&utm_medium=social&fbclid=IwAR3rVBf8BF4VadUOgDygXO3HTeqbMQgNbgut9hZkfiED9vw2xArNXXdHQcg).