National Federation of the Blind of Kansas

State Convention

Holiday Inn Overland Park West

8787 Reeder Rd

Overland Park, KS 66214

(913) 888-8440 Room Rate $109.00 (includes breakfast)

November 12, 13 and 14, 2021

Theme

Emerging Together

**NFB Pledge**

I pledge to participate actively in the effort of the National Federation of the Blind to achieve equality, opportunity, and security for the blind; to support the policies and programs of the Federation; and to abide by its constitution.

Friday, November 12, 2021

1:00PM—Technology workshop (Shawnee Room)

5:00 PM—Registration (Pre-convention Area)

5:00 PM—Hospitality (Kansas Room)

7:00 PM—Resolutions (Shawnee Room)

9:00 PM—Nominating Committee Meeting (Shawnee Room)

Saturday, November 13, 2021

(General Session Shawnee Room)

8:00 AM—Registration (Pre-Convention Area)

9:00 AM—Opening remarks and invocation

9:15 AM—National Report, Karl Smith

10:00 AM—State Report, President Tom Page

10:30 AM—Newsline, Rob Tabor

10:40 AM—BELL Update, Tom Anderson

10:50 AM—Seniors Division Report, Tom Anderson and Dianne Hemphill

11:05 AM—Talking Books, Michael Lang

11:20 AM—Kansas School for the Blind, John Harding

11:35 AM—Audio Reader, Lori Kessinger

11:45 AM--Resolutions and Nominating Committee Reports

Noon—Lunch, sponsored by Nano-Pac (Kansas room)

Noon—Senior Division Lunch (Emerald room)

1:15 PM—Department of Children and Family Services, Dan Decker

1:30 PM—State Independent Living Centers of Kansas (SILCK), Tom Anderson

1:45 PM—Envision Inc., Karyn Page

2:00 PM—Sonify Inc., Hugh and Debra McGrory and Q and A

2:15 PM—Alpha Point, Cheryl Rayburn

2:30 PM—STEM Panel, Ashley Neybert, Independent Science, Margaret Finger, Massage Therapy, Emily Schlenker, Pharmacy and Q and A

3:00 PM—Disability Rights Center (DRC), Mike Burgiss

3:15 PM—Business Enterprise Program, Mike Malloy Chair (BEP) Vendors

3:30 PM—Legislative Update, Rob Tabor Parent’s Rights Bill and Q and A.

3:45 PM—Building support for a bill, Kansas Senator Mary Ware

4:00 PM—Technology the next generation, the Echo Show and the E-Reader, Sharon Luka

4:15 PM—Affective Advocacy Through Administrative State Bodies, Panel MC, Rob Tabor, Panelists; Tom Page, Tom Anderson, Cheryl Miller, Margret Finger and Mike Burgiss

Q and A

4:45 PM—Committee reports

5:00 PM—Adjourn

Saturday Evening November 13, 2021

(Kansas Ballroom)

6:00 PM—Happy Hour with cash bar

7:00 PM—Banquet and Keynote Address

Awarding of Scholarships

Entertainment by Easy Pieces

Sunday, November 14, 2021

(Shawnee Room)

7:00 AM—In Communities of Faith breakfast (Emerald Room)

9:00 AM—Opening Remarks and Invocation

9:15 AM—Business meeting

11:00 AM—Adjourn

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