**2019 Legislative Seminar Agenda**

**Monday, February 25, 2019**

**9:00 AM to 4:15 PM**

**The American Council of the Blind thanks the sponsors of the leadership meetings: Cisco, JPMorgan Chase, Aira and Vispero. With their assistance, we were able to provide scholarships to 10 participants to attend, as well as many fine speakers.**

**9:00 – 9:15 AM: Introductions**

**Welcome attendees to the legislative seminar and go through housekeeping**

**Kim Charlson, President**

**Eric Bridges, Executive Director**

**Claire Stanley, Advocacy and Outreach Specialist**

**Clark Rachfal, Director of Advocacy and Governmental Affairs**

**9:15 – 9:30 AM: Audience Introductions**

**Attendees will briefly introduce themselves.**

**9:30 – 10:15 AM: “Living with Diabetes: A Panel of People with Diabetes”**

**Three individuals will discuss issues faced by blind and visually impaired persons with diabetes. Panelists: Jeff Bishop, ACB board member; Tom Tobin, ACB Director of Development; and Chris Gray, former ACB president**

**10:15 – 10:30 AM: Break**

**10:30 – 11:00 AM: “Legal Implications: How to Legally Approach Discrimination of Those Living with Diabetes”**

**An attorney will begin to explore the legal possibilities to ensuring access for blind or visually impaired people with diabetes.**

**Stephanie Willis, Esq., Crowell & Moring**

**11:00 – 11:15 AM: “Proposing New Legislation”**

**A brief discussion of potential legislation to ensure the rights of blind and visually impaired people with diabetes.**

**Tony Stephens, Executive Director, Downtown Baltimore Family Alliance**

**11:15 – 11:45 AM: “What’s Happening at the Department of Transportation?”**

**Livaughn Chapman, Chief, Aviation Civil Rights Compliance Branch, U.S. Department of Transportation**

**Alex Taday, Supervisory Analyst, U.S. Department of Transportation**

**11:45 AM –12:00 PM: “Update from the National Disability Institute”**

**Mark Richert, Director of Public Policy, National Disability Institute**

**12:00 – 1:00 PM: Lunch**

**Guest speaker: Matt Handley, Esq., Handley Farah & Anderson PLLC**

**1:00 – 1:30 PM: “A Review of Low Vision Devices Legislation”**

**Tony Stephens, Executive Director, Downtown Baltimore Family Alliance**

**1:30 – 2:00 PM: “What’s New at the Federal Communications Commission?”**

**Will Schell, DAC Designated Federal Officer, Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau, Disability Rights Office, FCC**

**2:00 – 2:15 PM: Break**

**2:15 – 3:00 PM: “The Blind Can Finally Drive: A Panel on Autonomous Vehicles”**

**A discussion on autonomous vehicles and legislation to begin the production and regulation of such vehicles. Panelists: Carol Tyson, Government Affairs Liaison, Disability Rights and Education Defense Fund, and Reagan Payne, Manager, Emerging Technologies Policy, General Motors**

**3:00 – 3:15 PM: Sponsor Presentations**

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**3:15 – 3:30 PM: “Tell Claire Everything!”**

**Claire Stanley, ACB’s Outreach Coordinator, would like to know what other issues the blindness community faces. Come prepared to discuss issues and potential solutions.**

**3:30 – 4:00 PM: “Building a Relationship with AmericaWalks”**

**Kevin Mills, Board Member, AmericaWalks, and Senior Vice President of Policy, Rails-to-Trails Conservancy**

**4:00 – 4:15 PM: Wrap-up**