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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

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

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

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

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

+/Brailliant 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

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: RSVA 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

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

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 Director’s 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

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

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

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

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

## ACB Conference Gems

**Many, many thanks to our 2019 corporate**

**sponsors. Their continued generous support of the American Council of the Blind and our conference and convention is sincerely appreciated.**

**Look for the 2019 corporate sponsors on**

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**Diamond Sponsors:**

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* **Macular Degeneration - ACB Brenda Dillon**

**Memorial Walk**

**Topaz Sponsors:**

* **HIMS - ACB Link**
* **ACB Lions - Scholarship Travel**

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* **RSVA - Outstanding Student's Orientation**

**Dinner and Luncheon**

* **New York State Commission for the Blind - Affiliates Presidents' Seminar**

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* **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,

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

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

**Sponsored by Comcast**

**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

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

**Sponsored by Sprint**

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

**Brailling and Photocopying**

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

• 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 [acbconventionsubscribe@acblists.org](mailto:acbconventionsubscribe@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

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

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

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**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.

1. 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.
2. The chair may close debate when no one seeks the floor.
3. Each member is respectfully urged to speak directly to the issue before the assembly and avoid unnecessary and time-consuming dialogue.
4. No member will be recognized a second time to debate until all who wish to debate have been recognized.
5. 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

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/JPMorgan 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

Pledge of Allegiance: 2019 ACB/JPMorgan 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

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: JPMorgan 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

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/JPMorgan

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

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 Book Services, 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

8:30AM: Invocation: Rev. Bob Crystal, Episcopal

Church of the Ascension, Rochester, NY

Pledge of Allegiance: David Dowland, 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 Pharmaceuticals, 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

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

Spoone, Chair, ACB Auction committee, Orlando, FL; Dan Dillon, Hermitage, TN; and Dan Spoone, 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 Boardman, Bloomington, IN; and Steven Salas, Austin, TX

8:35AM: ACB Business:

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

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

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, coauthoring *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

**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**

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early morning walk around the hotel. Come join

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with old friends.

**Tuesday, July 9, Hyatt in the Hyatt Grand**

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