# 2022 Legislative Seminar

## Monday, March 14, 1:00 – 6:00 p.m. Eastern time

**12:30 – 1:00 p.m.: Opening Connect Show (30 minutes)**

**1:00 – 2:00 p.m.: Welcome and Opening General Session (60 minutes)**

**Session Leads: Clark Rachfal, Director of Advocacy & Governmental Affairs**

**Swatha Nandhakumar, Advocacy & Outreach Specialist**

**Confirmed Presenters:**

**Dr. Sachin Pavithran, Executive Director, U.S. Access Board**

**Ann Sommers McIntosh, Executive Director, National Council on Disability**

**2:00 – 2:15 p.m.: Transition and Connect Show (15 minutes)**

**2:15 – 3:15 p.m.: Legislative Imperative Overview (60 minutes)**

**Session Leads: Clark Rachfal and Swatha Nandhakumar**

**3:15 – 3:30 p.m.: Transition and Connect Show (15 minutes)**

**3:30 – 4:30 p.m.: 3 Concurrent Breakouts (60 minutes)**

**Breakout #1: How May Affiliates Assist the ACB National Office and Staff with the Implementation of ACB Resolutions?**

**Panel Leads:**

**Chris Hunsinger, President, Pennsylvania Council of the Blind**

**Jeff Thom, Chair, ACB Advocacy Steering Committee & Board Member, American Council of the Blind**

**Gabe Griffith, Chair, ACB Resolutions Committee, and President, California Council of the Blind**

**Breakout #2: Different Levels of Advocacy for Transportation, Pedestrian, and Environmental Access: Federal, State and Local**

**Panel Leads:**

**Becky Davidson, Chair, ACB Pedestrian and Environmental Access Committee**

**Sheila Styron, Co-Chair, ACB Transportation Committee**

**Chris Bell, Member, Board of Directors, American Council of the Blind**

**Confirmed Presenter:**

**Beth Osborne, Director, Transportation for America**

**Breakout #3: Hill Etiquette and Role Playing**

**Panel Leads: Swatha Nandhakumar, Advocacy & Outreach Specialist, and Claire Stanley, Co-Chair, ACB Transportation Committee**

**Confirmed Presenters:**

**Katie Frederick, member, American Council of the Blind**

**Michael Garrett, member, American Council of the Blind**

**Mark Richert, President, eXcelsis LLC**

**4:30 – 4:45 p.m.: Transition and Connect Show (15 minutes)**

**4:45 – 6:00 p.m.: Federal Communications Commission: Broadband Adoption and Disability Rights (75 minutes)**

**Session Leads: Clark Rachfal and Swatha Nandhakumar**

**Confirmed Presenters:**

**Lyle Ishida, Chief, Consumer Affairs and Outreach Division, Consumer and Government Affairs Bureau**

**Michael Scurato, Assistant Chief, Policy Division, Media Bureau**

**Darryl Cooper, Attorney, Disability Rights Office, Consumer and Government Affairs Bureau**

**6:00 – 6:30 p.m.: End of Day Connect Show (30 minutes)**

**Spanish Language Wrap Up Show**

## Tuesday, March 15

**12:30 – 1:00 p.m.: Opening Connect Show (30 minutes)**

**1:00 – 2:00 p.m.: Welcome and Opening General Session (60 minutes)**

**Session Leads: Clark Rachfal, Director of Advocacy & Governmental Affairs, American Council of the Blind**

**Swatha Nandhakumar, Advocacy & Outreach Specialist, American Council of the Blind**

**Alison Barkoff, Principal Deputy Administrator, Administration for Community Living, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services**

**Advocacy Related to COVID-19 Accessibility**

**Confirmed Presenters: Kim Charlson (Moderator); and Dan Spoone, President, American Council of the Blind**

**Meet Matt Handley: ACB Advisory Board Member and Partner, Handley Farah & Anderson PLLC (5 minutes)**

**2:00 – 2:15 p.m.: Transition and Connect Show (15 minutes)**

**2:15 – 3:15 p.m.: Legal Advocacy Landscape (60 minutes)**

**Panel Leads: Clark Rachfal and Swatha Nandhakumar**

**Confirmed Presenters:**

**Matt Handley, Partner, Handley Farah & Anderson PLLC**

**Margaret Hart, Counsel, Washington Lawyer’s Committee for Civil Rights and Urban Affairs**

**Christina Brandt-Young, Supervising Attorney, Disability Rights Advocates**

**3:15 – 3:30 p.m.: Transition and Connect Show (15 minutes)**

**3:30 – 4:30 p.m.: 3 Concurrent Breakouts (60 minutes)**

**Breakout #1: The Intersection of Accessibility, Privacy, Security, & Safety**

**Panel Lead: Clark Rachfal, Director of Advocacy & Governmental Affairs**

**Confirmed Presenters:**

**Troy Otillio, CEO, AIRA**

**Bryan Finney, CEO, Democracy Live**

**Monica Desai, Vice President, Connectivity and Access Policy, Meta**

**Breakout #2: Get Up and Get Moving: Why We Matter: The Importance of Patient Relations and Advocating for Our Health**

**Panel Leads:**

**Koni Sims, Board Member, American Council of the Blind**

**Terry Suarez, Member, ACB’s Get Up & Get Moving Campaign**

**Amanda Selm, Member, ACB’s Get Up and Get Moving Campaign**

**Tony Stephens, Director of Development, American Council of the Blind**

**Breakout #3: Teddie-Joy’s Law/Older Individuals with Blindness**

**Panel Leads:**

**Jeff Thom, Chair, ACB Advocacy Steering Committee & Board Member, American Council of the Blind**

**Mark Richert, President, eXcelsis LLC**

**4:30 – 4:45 p.m.: Transition and Connect Show (15 minutes)**

**4:45 – 6:00 p.m.: Closing General Session (75 minutes)**

**Session Leads: Clark Rachfal and Swatha Nandhakumar**

**Meet Charles Cooper: ACB Advisory Board Member and Managing Director, Signal Group**

**Political Landscape:**

**Confirmed Presenters:**

**Charles Cooper, Managing Director, Signal Group**

**6:00 – 6:30 p.m.: End of Day Connect Show**

**Spanish Language Connect Show**