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**June 30, 2025**

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# **‘Where’s the Convention Program?’**

To access the 2025 convention program, visit: [**https://www.acb.org/2025-convention-program**](https://www.acb.org/2025-convention-program). Downloadable versions are available in PDF, Word, and Braille-ready formats.

# **How to Join Zoom Sessions**

To join Zoom sessions for the conference and convention:

1. Go to members.acb.org
2. Click on the Zoom link
3. Select the desired date
4. All scheduled events for that day will appear, each with its Zoom meeting information. You can easily connect to any session from there.

Registered attendees will also receive daily emails providing you with the Zoom meeting information.

# **Today’s Session**

This evening from 7 to 8 p.m. Eastern is the affiliate vote on the proposed resolutions requiring a record vote, as well as the constitution and bylaws amendments. There are several ways to listen:

* [**Listen on ACB Media 1**](https://4eqo4f5ab.cc.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001PdtdpaZlOV28lK4vZUTPaxAXoWToS04HvxZP57qasGZGhnckpVASk_ke3udTc8F6PoMguSK43Rk6wakGSwj_lM_ICKh3SMT0spKY8qfS1B8N-DtkGyoncUk_A_OKZ3I8t7wAyhHlS7cIutdUo6Kk7UyUzI1a3eDVAqTv361LnM8Y8mV37N6NZ3wtkFfonJ-Q&c=5rh5b29AjZLzRffhDxTvT7U42WAP_O0VGCFAALj8yCimVLaMkzokZw==&ch=sbf-jlHDv4sWPs48Ohc8xUYEJozkOfucZWgT8-OFTDY6k8S3WPbX4g==)
* Say to your Amazon device, "Ask ACB Media to play 1."
* Watch for the convention email that has the Zoom link and dial-in information.

To read the resolutions and amendments, visit [**https://www.acb.org/2025-proposed-resolutions-and-bylaws**](https://www.acb.org/2025-proposed-resolutions-and-bylaws), or listen to them on ACB Media 2.

# **A Request from the Convention Coordinator**

If you have booked a room at the Hyatt and for some reason will not be able to use it, please do not cancel the reservation with the hotel. Reach out to Janet Dickelman, who will reassign the room and take care of handling all changes. Contact Janet Dickelman at [**janet.dickelman@gmail.com**](mailto:janet.dickelman@gmail.com) or (651) 428-5059.

# **Convention Tour Pick-Up Site Moved**

Due to some construction at the hotel, the tour pick-up location has been changed.

Guests will leave via the main entrance. They will come down to the curb and stay to the right. We will have volunteers by the main entrance to assist you.

# **ACB Virtual Exhibit Hall**

The following schedule lists the hour-by-hour playback times for each exhibitor presentation in the ACB Virtual Exhibit Hall. These presentations air four times per day on ACB Media 6 throughout the ACB Conference and Convention. This schedule is presented in chronological order for each day.

The runtime for all the exhibitors is 6 hours. The day is divided into four 6-hour blocks with the exhibitors running in the same sequence in each block.

## **Block 1 (11:00 PM CT – 4:59 AM CT)**

11:00 PM CT / 12:00 AM ET – ACB Exhibit Hall Opening Announcement

11:10 PM CT / 12:10 AM ET – Dented Puck Foundation

11:20 PM CT / 12:20 AM ET – American Printing House for the Blind

11:30 PM CT / 12:30 AM ET – Spectrum

11:41 PM CT / 12:41 AM ET – HumanWare

12:00 AM CT / 1:00 AM ET – Leader Dogs for the Blind

12:10 AM CT / 1:10 AM ET – East Texas Lighthouse

12:20 AM CT / 1:20 AM ET – Case for Vision

12:30 AM CT / 1:30 AM ET – Guide Dog Foundation

12:40 AM CT / 1:40 AM ET – WeWALK

12:40 AM CT / 1:40 AM ET – Blind Travel Foundation

12:50 AM CT / 1:50 AM ET – Blind Professionals Network

1:00 AM CT / 2:00 AM ET – Blind Girl Designs

1:00 AM CT / 2:00 AM ET – Midnight Storm

1:00 AM CT / 2:00 AM ET – OrCam

1:20 AM CT / 2:20 AM ET – iBUG Today

1:30 AM CT / 2:30 AM ET – ACB Mini Mall

1:30 AM CT / 2:30 AM ET – Computers For The Blind

1:40 AM CT / 2:40 AM ET – National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled. (NLS)

1:50 AM CT / 2:50 AM ET – New Vision Concepts

1:50 AM CT / 2:50 AM ET – Hadley

2:00 AM CT / 3:00 AM ET – EMVI

2:00 AM CT / 3:00 AM ET – Glidance

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2:40 AM CT / 3:40 AM ET – Islam By Touch

2:40 AM CT / 3:40 AM ET – Dan's Woodworking

3:00 AM CT / 4:00 AM ET – AGIGA EchoVision

3:10 AM CT / 4:10 AM ET – Independent Travel Advisors - Charles Brady and Kevin LaRose

3:20 AM CT / 4:20 AM ET – En-Vision America-ScripTalk Demo

3:30 AM CT / 4:30 AM ET – AI For The Blind

3:40 AM CT / 4:40 AM ET – National Braille Press

4:00 AM CT / 5:00 AM ET – SEE SEA Trips

4:10 AM CT / 5:10 AM ET – Penny Forward

4:20 AM CT / 5:20 AM ET – Polara

4:20 AM CT / 5:20 AM ET – MMS Program

## **Block 2 (5:00 AM CT – 10:59 AM CT)**

5:00 AM CT / 6:00 AM ET – ACB Exhibit Hall Opening Announcement

5:10 AM CT / 6:10 AM ET – Dented Puck Foundation

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9:30 AM CT / 10:30 AM ET – AI For The Blind

9:40 AM CT / 10:40 AM ET – National Braille Press

10:00 AM CT / 11:00 AM ET – SEE SEA Trips

10:10 AM CT / 11:10 AM ET – Penny Forward

10:20 AM CT / 11:20 AM ET – Polara

10:20 AM CT / 11:20 AM ET – MMS Program

## **Block 3 (11:00 AM CT – 4:59 PM CT)**

11:00 AM CT / 12:00 PM ET – ACB Exhibit Hall Opening Announcement

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12:00 PM CT / 1:00 PM ET – Leader Dogs for the Blind

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12:30 PM CT / 1:30 PM ET – Guide Dog Foundation

12:40 PM CT / 1:40 PM ET – Blind Travel Foundation

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1:50 PM CT / 2:50 PM ET – New Vision Concepts

2:00 PM CT / 3:00 PM ET – EMVI

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4:00 PM CT / 5:00 PM ET – SEE SEA Trips

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4:20 PM CT / 5:20 PM ET – Polara

4:20 PM CT / 5:20 PM ET – MMS Program

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5:00 PM CT / 6:00 PM ET – ACB Exhibit Hall Opening Announcement

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6:50 PM CT / 7:50 PM ET – Blind Professionals Network

7:00 PM CT / 8:00 PM ET – Blind Girl Designs

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10:20 PM CT / 11:20 PM ET – Polara

# **2025 Audio-Described Virtual Tours Schedule**

Below is the daily schedule for the Audio Described Tours on ACB Media 7.

Different tours run each day. On a given day, each tour runs twice in two 12-hour blocks.

The tours are listed hour by hour each day.

## **Sunday Block 1 (11:00 PM CDT – 10:59 AM CDT)**

* 11:00 PM CDT / 12:00 AM EDT: Sitka National Park (2:07:28)
* 01:15 AM CDT / 02:15 AM EDT: Independence - Old City Hall, Congress Hall and Independence Hall (29:52)
* 02:00 AM CDT / 03:00 AM EDT: Mount Rainer Paradise Visitor Center (1:56:15)
* 04:00 AM CDT / 05:00 AM EDT: Natchez Trace Parkway-NPS (1:58:12)
* 06:00 AM CDT / 07:00 AM EDT: The Getty Museum
* 07:00 AM CDT / 08:00 AM EDT: Horseshoe Bend National Battlefield Park (01:00:00)
* 08:30 AM CDT / 09:30 AM EDT: Flight 93 National Memorial visitors center (1:57:57)

## **Sunday Block 2 (11:00 AM CDT – 10:59 PM CDT)**

* 11:00 AM CDT / 12:00 PM EDT: Sitka National Park (2:07:28)
* 01:15 PM CDT / 02:15 PM EDT: Independence - Old City Hall, Congress Hall and Independence Hall (29:52)
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## **Monday Block 1 (11:00 PM CDT – 10:59 AM CDT)**

* 11:00 PM CDT / 12:00 AM EDT: Wild River State Park
* 01:00 AM CDT / 02:00 AM EDT: Marais des Cygnes National Wildlife Reserve
* 02:00 AM CDT / 03:00 AM EDT: Knoxville Museum of Art
* 03:00 AM CDT / 04:00 AM EDT: Biltmore House
* 05:00 AM CDT / 06:00 AM EDT: Wild River State Park
* 07:00 AM CDT / 08:00 AM EDT: Marais des Cygnes National Wildlife Reserve
* 08:00 AM CDT / 09:00 AM EDT: Knoxville Museum of Art
* 09:00 AM CDT / 10:00 AM EDT: Biltmore House

## **Monday Block 2 (11:00 AM CDT – 10:59 PM CDT)**

* 11:00 AM CDT / 12:00 PM EDT: Wild River State Park
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* 08:00 PM CDT / 09:00 PM EDT: Knoxville Museum of Art
* 09:00 PM CDT / 10:00 PM EDT: Biltmore House

## **Tuesday Block 1 (11:00 PM CDT – 10:59 AM CDT)**

* 11:00 PM CDT / 12:00 AM EDT: Smithsonian 100 Years of America's National Park Service (57:47)
* 12:00 AM CDT / 01:00 AM EDT: James A Garfield National Historic Site (52:36)
* 01:00 AM CDT / 02:00 AM EDT: Harry S Truman National Historic Site (1:57:07)
* 03:00 AM CDT / 04:00 AM EDT: Riverlands Migratory Bird Sanctuary, US Army Corp of Engineers (1:00:00)
* 04:00 AM CDT / 05:00 AM EDT: Klondike Gold Rush Museum, National Park Service (2:00:00)
* 06:00 AM CDT / 07:00 AM EDT: Channel Islands National Park (2:23:15)
* 08:30 AM CDT / 09:30 AM EDT: US Olympics and Paralympic Museum excerpts (56:21)
* 09:30 AM CDT / 10:30 AM EDT: US Marine Corps War Memorial (37:25)
* 10:15 AM CDT / 11:15 AM EDT: War In The Pacific National Historical Park (34:29)

## **Tuesday Block 2 (11:00 AM CDT – 10:59 PM CDT)**

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* 07:00 AM CDT / 08:00 AM EDT: Marais des Cygnes National Wildlife Reserve
* 08:00 AM CDT / 09:00 AM EDT: Knoxville Museum of Art
* 09:00 AM CDT / 10:00 AM EDT: Biltmore House

## **Wednesday Block 2 (11:00 AM CDT – 10:59 PM CDT)**

* 11:00 AM CDT / 12:00 PM EDT: Wild River State Park
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* 09:00 PM CDT / 10:00 PM EDT: Biltmore House

## **Thursday Block 1 (11:00 PM CDT – 10:59 AM CDT)**

* 11:00 PM CDT / 12:00 AM EDT: Haleakalā National Park (26:48)
* 11:30 PM CDT / 12:30 AM EDT: The Smithsonian museum - Elephant diorama (22:50)
* 12:00 AM CDT / 01:00 AM EDT: African Burial Grounds (01:54:34)
* 02:00 AM CDT / 03:00 AM EDT: Holocaust Museum Houston (01:59:59)
* 04:00 AM CDT / 05:00 AM EDT: Dry Tortugas national park - Fort Jefferson (24:03)
* 04:30 AM CDT / 05:30 AM EDT: And a Star to Steer Her By - The Smithsonian Institute (31:01)
* 05:05 AM CDT / 06:05 AM EDT: The Star-Spangled Banner (25:46)
* 05:35 AM CDT / 06:35 AM EDT: The Minds Eye-Guggenheim (39:33)
* 06:15 AM CDT / 07:15 AM EDT: Audubon Experience (07:51)
* 06:30 AM CDT / 07:30 AM EDT: The Insect Zoo (01:07:24)
* 07:45 AM CDT / 08:45 AM EDT: The Salvador Dali Museum (44:44)
* 08:30 AM CDT / 09:30 AM EDT: Oconaluftee Visitor Center, Great Smoky Mountains National Park (01:30:00)
* 10:00 AM CDT / 11:00 AM EDT: Castle Williams (01:00:00)

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* 07:45 PM CDT / 08:45 PM EDT: The Salvador Dali Museum (44:44)
* 08:30 PM CDT / 09:30 PM EDT: Oconaluftee Visitor Center, Great Smoky Mountains National Park (01:30:00)
* 10:00 PM CDT / 11:00 PM EDT: Castle Williams (01:00:00)

## **Friday Block 1 (11:00 PM CDT – 10:59 AM CDT)**

* 11:00 PM CDT / 12:00 AM EDT: Wild River State Park
* 01:00 AM CDT / 02:00 AM EDT: Marais des Cygnes National Wildlife Reserve
* 02:00 AM CDT / 03:00 AM EDT: Knoxville Museum of Art
* 03:00 AM CDT / 04:00 AM EDT: Biltmore House
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* 08:00 AM CDT / 09:00 AM EDT: Knoxville Museum of Art
* 09:00 AM CDT / 10:00 AM EDT: Biltmore House

## **Friday Block 2 (11:00 AM CDT – 10:59 PM CDT)**

* 11:00 AM CDT / 12:00 PM EDT: Wild River State Park
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* 07:00 PM CDT / 08:00 PM EDT: Marais des Cygnes National Wildlife Reserve
* 08:00 PM CDT / 09:00 PM EDT: Knoxville Museum of Art
* 09:00 PM CDT / 10:00 PM EDT: Biltmore House

## **Saturday Block 1 (11:00 AM CDT – 10:59 PM CDT)**

* 11:00 PM CDT / 12:00 AM EDT: Wright Brothers Memorial Visitor Center (01:30:00)
* 12:30 AM CDT / 01:30 AM EDT: Benjamin Franklin Museum (03:25:16)
* 04:00 AM CDT / 05:00 AM EDT: The White House Visitor Center (04:14:58)
* 08:15 AM CDT / 09:15 AM EDT: The People's House - The White House (49:17)
* 09:00 AM CDT / 10:00 AM EDT: Presidential Portraits (51:27)

**Saturday Block 2 (11:00 PM CDT – 10:59 AM CDT)**

* 11:00 AM CDT / 12:00 PM EDT: Wright Brothers Memorial Visitor Center (01:30:00)
* 12:30 PM CDT / 01:30 PM EDT: Benjamin Franklin Museum (03:25:16)
* 04:00 PM CDT / 05:00 PM EDT: The White House Visitor Center (04:14:58)
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* 09:00 PM CDT / 10:00 PM EDT: Presidential Portraits (51:27)

# **Final Notes**

The ACB email listserv will be essential for daily news and schedules during convention. PLEASE NOTE that unsubscribing from ACB Main email list will unsubscribe you from ALL ACB email lists.

With all convention events taking place on Zoom, it’s important to make sure you’re using the latest version for the best experience and compatibility. Mobile users should visit the App Store or Google Play Store, search for “Zoom,” and check for any available updates to the Zoom Workplace app.

If you’re on a computer, head to [**zoom.us/download**](https://zoom.us/download) and find the heading that says “Zoom Workplace for Windows” or “Zoom Workplace for macOS,” depending on your system. Continue past the text that begins with “Unlock the full suite of collaboration…” and you’ll find download links for your computer. Most Windows users should choose the 64-bit version, and those using ARM-based devices can select the ARM version. You can simply install the new version over your current Zoom,**no need to uninstall first**.

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# **Convention Details**

Full virtual programming ended on June 28th, 2025. There will be no more virtual programming from July 1st through July 3rd, 2025. The hybrid portion of the 2025 Conference and Convention will begin on July 4th, 2025. Emails with the daily schedule for the hybrid portion of convention will be sent the night before, starting on July 3rd, 2025.

The hybrid Conference and Convention will take place between July 4th and 11th in Dallas, Texas at the Hyatt Regency Hotel. For more information about the 2025 ACB Conference and Convention, visit [**https://acbconvention.org/**](https://acbconvention.org/).

# **AD People’s Choice Award Voting Kick-Off Party**

Join the Audio Description Project (ADP) at the American Council of the Blind’s Conference and Convention for the opening of the voting round for the 2025 AD People’s Choice Awards. The hybrid session can be attended by conference registrants in-person or virtually via Zoom, and everyone can listen on [ACB Media](https://acbmedia.org/home/streams/media3/). On Sunday, July 6, at 10:30 a.m. CDT, we’ll get the voting started with special guests from the AD world, clips of nominated films and series, and everything you need to know to cast your ballot. To learn more about the AD People's Choice Awards and the Awards Gala, visit <https://adawardsgala.org/>.

# **Tips for Taking the Train to Convention**

If you are taking the train to Dallas for the convention, here are a few tips.

**If you need luggage assistance when you arrive in Dallas:** When the conductor calls out Dallas, 10 minutes prior to arrival, begin gathering your personal belongings, and call the hotel so that they can send the bellman down to the train depot. The depot is directly connected to the Hyatt Regency Dallas via underground walkway, and they’ll be able to assist you with your luggage.

**On the day of departure:** Upon checkout, you can just make your way downstairs to the lower level and walk through the tunnel to get back to the train station. If you’re checking a bag, they ask that you arrive 45 minutes prior to departure to allow enough time to check your bags and be ready to board. Even if you’re just doing carry-on, please arrive at least 45 minutes prior to departure.

If you’re coming from Chicago, Rapid Up Assistance is available at Chicago Union Station. Same with Los Angeles. If you need assistance with baggage, etc., they’ll be able to wheel you in a cart from the depot to get to the train. If you have any questions, contact Amtrak at 1-800-872-7245.

# **Older Americans Reauthorization Act**

On Wednesday, June 18, the Senate reintroduced the Older Americans Reauthorization Act. The OAA was last reauthorized in 2020. Congress had worked to reauthorize it in the last Congressional session, but was unsuccessful. ACB follows the bill closely because of the large number of aging Americans who are likely to lose vision. ACB has and continues to advocate for more provisions of the bill to include vision services for the aging community. ACB thanks our affiliate, AAVL, for their strong advocacy on this issue. ACB will continue to advocate for greater inclusion of vision-related services in the bill. For more information, read the press release at [**https://tinyurl.com/33hcsdxb**](https://tinyurl.com/33hcsdxb).