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# **August 15, 2022**

# **Fill Out the Convention Survey**

Thank you to all who participated in the 2022 ACB annual conference and convention, held as a hybrid of in-person programming that took place in Omaha, Neb., and virtual programming that was available across the country and internationally. With this having been our first large-scale hybrid event, we are assessing what worked well, what needs improvement, and what we need to rethink as we plan for our annual conventions moving forward. It is essential that we receive feedback and input from all who participated in this year’s event. This survey is designed to identify areas we must address in future conventions and provide data representing all attendees to assist us in the decision-making process. To take the survey, visit: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2022ACBConvention>. If you wish to complete the survey over the phone or have any questions about the survey content, please call (651) 428-5059. This survey will close August 28 at 11:59 p.m. Eastern.

**Not Too Late to Donate!**

Did you think the ACB Brenda Dillon Memorial Walk ended at the convention in Omaha? Well, that’s not the case. You’ve still got time to make those much-appreciated contributions, helping ACB and/or an affiliate of your choice. Visit <https://secure.qgiv.com/event/a2w/> and make your donation today, or call the Minneapolis office for assistance.

# **2022 Resolutions, Constitution & Bylaws Now Available Online**

Thanks to the efforts of the resolutions committee, constitution & bylaws committee, and Sharon Lovering, our 2022 constitution & bylaws amendments and resolutions are now available online. You can find the 2022 Resolutions at <https://acb.org/2022-resolutions>, and the updated Constitution & Bylaws at <https://acb.org/constitution-bylaws>.

In addition, the 2021 990 Financial Report can be found on <https://acb.org/about> under “Organizational Documents.”

The next ACB Board of Directors meeting will be on August 31st at 8 p.m. Eastern, where the resolutions priorities will be presented.

# **Meet ACB’s New Board Members**

Meet ACB’s three newly elected members of the ACB Board of Directors, Gabriel Lopez Kafati, Rachel Schroeder, and Terry Pacheco on the ACB Advocacy Update. They discuss their history with ACB, including why they became a member, their leadership experience, why they ran for a board position, their thoughts on our first-ever hybrid convention, and advocacy issues they’re excited to work on. We also find a common theme within their shared experience of ACB as a wonderful and welcoming organization for everyone. Listen at: <https://pnc.st/s/acb-advocacy-update/604a2cc3/meet-acb-s-new-board-members>.

# **Save the Date: ACB’s 2022 Audio Description Awards Gala**

The American Council of the Blind (ACB) proudly announces the second annual Audio Description Awards Gala on November 29, 2022. The Gala will once again celebrate outstanding achievements in audio description in media and expand awareness of its benefits.

Please save the date to join us on **Nov. 29th, 2022, to celebrate audio description in media.** Visit [www.acb.org](http://www.acb.org/?utm_source=news&utm_medium=PR&utm_campaign=ADAwards) or [www.ADAwardsGala.org](http://www.ADAwardsGala.org) to learn more. To view the 2021 event, visit: <https://youtu.be/a9z5FCBfpNU>.

# **Netflix Accessible Screening of The Gray Man**

In July, ACB Executive Director Eric Bridges was a participant of a Netflix community panel about accessibility in entertainment during an accessible screening of “The Gray Man” in New York City. In this article, Forbes describes the purpose of this inclusive event and how accessibility efforts by Netflix are bringing the disability community together: <https://tinyurl.com/36ce8xu7>.

# **Talkback on Peloton Tread**

Fitness and exercise just became more accessible with the introduction of the Google Talkback screen reader on the Peloton Tread! The American Council of the Blind is proud to have collaborated with Peloton to establish the new Tread accessibility features. ACB is working to shine a spotlight on the inaccessibility and inequities of all aspects of health and wellness, like at-home COVID testing, patient portals and telehealth, or exercise and fitness equipment. We are thankful for the collaboration of partners, like Peloton, who recognize accessibility is an opportunity to grow their community and enhance the lives of people with disabilities. Learn more by visiting [https://tinyurl.com/peloton-talkback](https://tinyurl.com/peloton-talkback?fbclid=IwAR3xdp2nbZUaFqWGzile5T6VLjxVAWOQmx3DouEqr5LNC8qoLkzlGCF1xnM).

# **FCC Public Notice: Accessibility of Televised Emergency Information**

On August 9, 2022, the FCC released a Public Notice to remind video programming distributors, including broadcasters, cable operators, and satellite television services that deliver video programming directly to the home, of their obligation to make televised emergency information accessible to persons who are blind, visually impaired, deaf, or hard of hearing. This Public Notice also provides information for consumers about where they can find more information about access to televised emergency information, and how to file complaints when televised emergency information is not accessible. For more information about accessible televised emergency information, visit: <https://www.fcc.gov/general/access-emergency-information-television>.

# **Meta to Hold Virtual Accessibility Panel**

Meta’s mission is to give people the power to build community and bring the world closer together. Accessibility is key to ensuring that their products, as well as the future of digital connection, are inclusive for all. During a virtual accessibility panel on August 16th at 1pm PT, Meta will share how they are removing barriers for people with disabilities through accessible features and products and highlight the teams developing their latest advancements.

Learn how Meta employees Mike S., Debbie G., Kiran K. and Yao D. advocate for accessibility and push the industry forward, developing inclusive programs and products that serve the people who use Meta technologies. RSVP at: <https://buildingforeveryone.splashthat.com/Invite>.

# **James Webb Space Telescope Images**

You’ve probably heard about the breathtaking images from the James Webb telescope, but did you know the Webb Space Telescope gallery has several images with detailed alt text included on every image? Swing over to their site to check them all out: <https://webbtelescope.org/news/first-images/gallery>.