# **Dots and Dashes**

# **May 31, 2022**

# **Conference and Convention Announcements**

If you plan to attend the convention virtually and would like a program in braille, large print or NLS cartridge, be sure to register by June 5th to secure the format of your choice. If you want the program via email, or don’t wish to receive a program, you may still register until June 20th when registration closes. If you want the program in braille, print or NLS cartridge and are attending virtually, make sure to complete your registration by June 5th.

Whether you are registering online or via telephone please read on for important registration information.

* To register online, you must login to your member account at https://members.acb.org/. If you do not remember your login and password, you may select “password reset” or call the Minneapolis office at (612) 332-3242. Once logged in to the members site, select the link labeled “ACB Convention.”
* If you have not created a member account at https://members.acb.org/, select the link labeled “Create an Account” and provide the information requested. After creating an account, you can log in, but it may take up to 24 business hours before you will be able to complete a convention registration, as the Minneapolis office needs to link your member account to our database. Once you have logged in, select my account and begin with preferences.
* To register via telephone, please call Janet Dickelman, ACB convention coordinator at (651) 428-5059. If you receive voicemail, please leave your name (with the spelling of your last name), your phone number and time zone. Also indicate if you know your username and password. One of the telephone registration cadre will return your call. Please note that the call will be coming from an individual, not from ACB directly. We realize that many people don’t like to answer calls from numbers they don’t recognize, but please, if you are expecting a call to register, it is important that you answer calls even if you don’t recognize the phone number until your registration is completed.

# **Assistance at the Airport**

When you arrive in Omaha, Margarine Beaman or one of her airport volunteers will be waiting to greet you at your arrival gate.

To assist airline personnel and Margarine Beaman and her cadre of airport volunteers, if you would like assistance when you arrive at the airport in Omaha, please submit the following information. If you have connecting flights, please provide the information for both flights.

Your name

The name of the airline you will be arriving on

Your departure city

Arrival flight number

Arrival date and time

Departure airline

Departure date

Departure time

Your cell phone number

You can send Margarine Beaman an e-mail with “airline information” in the subject line at **oleo501625@outlook.com**, or call her at (512) 921-1625.

# **Candidates’ Pages Now Live!**

The candidates’ pages are now available online at <https://acb.org/candidates-pages-2022-elections>. There are four candidates for the board of directors, and three for the board of publications.

The Candidates’ Forum will be held at 9 p.m. Eastern on June 15th. Watch for information on the lists.

# **The Goldenrod Gazette**

This year’s convention newspaper is “The Goldenrod Gazette” and will be published each day, Friday through Wednesday, in braille and large print. Ads and announcements must be in the Communication Center’s hands by 2 p.m. Central time each day. Ads must be no longer than 75 words.

The cost of advertising in the newspaper is:

* Individuals, ACB affiliates and blind representatives of MLM companies - $20/day or $50 for 3 days
* Exhibitors - $40/day or $110 for 3 days
* All others - $50/day or $140 for 3 days.

Pay for advertising at Registration; then show your receipt at the Communication Center when submitting your ad.

# **Coming to a Virtual Meeting Space Near You!**

The ACB Mentoring Team invites you to ACB community calls during the month of June in an effort to provide updates on our progress of designing the Mentorship, Access, and Peer Support Program (MAPS), initially introduced during the D.C. Leadership meetings. Come and join us, and share your thoughts and ideas concerning what the program should look like as we work to start a pilot program this fall.

Program Overview:

Mentorship, Access, and Peer Support Program (MAPS)

GUIDE: “Your link to Guidance, Understanding, Intervention, Direction and Empowerment”

Objective:

The American Council of the Blind (ACB) aligns its programs and services with its mission, purpose, vision and core values. The development of a mentorship program will address a variety of concerns expressed by members and leaders within ACB. This program will serve as a roadmap and place an emphasis on meeting each member where they are and offer guidance to achieve desired goals and aspirations, while working to sustain and position ACB to be the premiere venue for Americans who are blind, visually impaired or have low vision. This program will be extended to meet the needs of our affiliates, committees and chapters as they are encouraged to incorporate effective strategies into their respective areas of service.

We are providing two opportunities to join us in June on different days and times of the week.

Please mark your calendar for the dates below, and refer to the community calendar each week for Zoom links and dial-in information.

* Thursday, June 2 at 4 p.m. Eastern, 1 p.m. Pacific, 10 a.m. Hawaii
* Tuesday, June 7 at 9 p.m. Eastern, 6 p.m. Pacific, 3 p.m. Hawaii

We look forward to your participation! At the conclusion of each community call presentation, we will provide a designated email address for sharing any additional ideas or thoughts.