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# **The MMS Winners Are …**

For increasing their donation: Dolor Ginchereau

And a new donor: Dolly Sowder

Thanks to all of you who participate in the MMS Program. We hope more of you will join this coming year.

# **Volunteer of the Month for August**

Congratulations to Jules Warrington, who was voted Volunteer of the Month for August. Thank you, Jules, for all you do for our ACB Community!

# **Get Ready for the ACB Media Holiday Auction**

It is time to get ready for the 14th annual ACB Media Holiday Auction! The Holiday Auction will be held on Sunday, November 30 at 5 p.m. Eastern. There will be Sneak a Peek Appetizer Auctions on Friday, Nov. 28 and Saturday, Nov. 29.

The deadline for auction item description and pictures is **Monday, October 6th.** We look forward to everyone participating in the ACB Media Holiday Auction this year. Let’s celebrate ACB and the holidays in style!

If you have any questions, please reach out to Leslie Spoone at [lesliespoone@cfl.rr.com](mailto:lesliespoone@cfl.rr.com), or call (407) 929-9837. Happy bidding!

# **Mark Your Calendars for White Cane Safety Day**

At 5 p.m. Eastern on Wednesday, October 15, the Get Up and Get Moving committee invites you to join in this two-hour event, “Celebrating Travel Challenges and Opportunities” with a panel of ACB affiliate leaders. We would love to hear what you are doing for your White Cane Safety Day. So, come and hang out with us either in Zoom (info will be published in the Community daily schedule) or by listening to ACB Media 6.

# **Michigan Council of the Blind Convention**

The Michigan Council of the Blind and Visually Impaired convention will be held Thursday through Sunday, October 2-5, at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Grand Rapids Airport, 4747 28th St. SE in Grand Rapids. This year’s theme is “Leading Through Adversity: Exploring New Possibilities.” For more information, visit [**https://www.michigancounciloftheblind.org/convention/**](https://www.michigancounciloftheblind.org/convention/).

# **Missouri State Convention**

This Friday through Sunday, the Missouri Council of the Blind will hold its convention in Kansas City at Harrah’s Kansas City.

# **Oregon Hybrid Convention**

The Oregon Council of the Blind will hold its hybrid convention October 17-19 at the Holiday Inn Express, 919 Kruse Way in Springfield. For more information, visit [**https://acboforegon.org/convention/**](https://acboforegon.org/convention/).

# **Pennsylvania Virtual Convention**

Pennsylvania Council of the Blind will hold its virtual convention October 16-19. This year’s theme is Harvesting Your Talents and Resources. For more information, visit [**https://pcb1.org/conference-and-convention/#content**](https://pcb1.org/conference-and-convention/#content).

# **You’re Invited to Virginia’s State Convention!**

Join your friends in Virginia for our state convention, taking place October 17-19, 2025, with the theme: Together Again – Reconnect, Recharge, and Rise!

We’re excited to offer this year’s convention in a hybrid format — so whether you attend in person or online, you’ll be part of the fun!

* **Virtual participation:** Simply register by **October 15** at [acbva.org/convention-registration-form](https://acbva.org/convention-registration-form). Registration is only **$10**.
* **Silent Auction only:** Want to join the bidding but not the full convention? No problem! Register at no cost here: [acbva.org/silent-auction-only-registration](https://acbva.org/silent-auction-only-registration).

Expect an engaging weekend filled with educational sessions, lively discussions, exciting door prizes, and fantastic auction items. You can view the full agenda here: [acbva.org/convention-program-2025](https://acbva.org/convention-program-2025).

For questions or help with registration or payments, email us at [convention@acbva.org](mailto:convention@acbva.org).

# **2025 WCB Convention: Breaking Barriers Together!**

Registration is now open! Join the Washington Council of the Blind **in Seattle or virtually** — our hybrid convention makes it easy for everyone to participate. Be sure to register by **October 10** for in-person or **October 24** for virtual attendance.

Convention dates are October 30 to November 1.

All registered participants can enjoy the full convention experience (with the exception of door prizes, performing in the Showcase of Talent, and silent auction, which will be in-person only), and **WCB members are encouraged to actively participate** during the business meeting. Whether you join in person, online, or through ACB Media, you’ll be part of it all!

Curious about details? The [**WCB Convention Info Page**](https://wcbinfo.org/convention) is updated regularly with everything you need to know!

Ready to register? Visit the [**2025 WCB Convention Registration Page**](https://wcbinfo.org/convention-registration/) today.

Interested in being an exhibitor at the largest state convention within ACB? Visit the [**Exhibitors Registration page here**](https://wcbinfo.org/convention-exhibitor-registration/).

# **IVIE Online Business Expo**

IVIE is offering a great opportunity to blind or visually impaired business owners/entrepreneurs. When you join in our Online Business Expo shopping experience, you can tell the audience about your business, describe your products and services, pass on contact information, and allow participants to ask questions.

The Expo will be held on November 15, 2025, from 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Eastern.

The deadline for purchasing a time slot to give a presentation is November 1, 2025. To purchase a time slot or ask questions, send an email to [**info@ivie-acb.org**](mailto:info@ivie-acb.org) with your request to exhibit. Please send your business name, product line, your telephone number, and your email address.

There is no cost to attend the IVIE Online Business Expo and listen to this unique shopping experience. If you are not on the IVIE email list or the ACB-conversation email list, please send an email to register so that we can send you the Zoom call details. Send the request to [info@ivie-acb.org](mailto:info@ivie-acb.org).

# **Please Help with a National Survey**

Brett Oppegaard is on a national committee studying how to improve the accessibility of trails and recreation opportunities throughout the country. The committee is requesting input on how to expand such offerings for people in the U.S. with disabilities, as well as veterans, older adults, and others who could benefit from more inclusive outdoor recreation.

Brett is specifically lobbying for people who are DeafBlind, blind, and low-vision to be heard in order to expand this survey into broader ideas about accessibility, beyond hardened trails of a certain width and slope, and including Audio Description, tactile maps, and other features that we think will help people who cannot see or cannot see well.

Here is the SURVEY LINK: [**https://forms.gle/zYgpqZzSZGzEkkzV7**](https://forms.gle/zYgpqZzSZGzEkkzV7)

**To ensure your feedback is considered, please complete the survey by September 30.**

# **Ultimate Beepball Tournament in Northern Virginia**

MindsEye and George Mason University are excited to host the Ultimate Beepball Tournament this weekend, October 3-4, 2025, at George Mason University in Fairfax, Va. Beep baseball is an adaptive form of baseball that allows individuals who are visually impaired to enjoy and participate in the nation’s pastime. This event will feature some of the top players in beep baseball for a fun and competitive event.

To kick off the weekend, MindsEye will host a “Learn to Play” Beepball Clinic on Friday at 5:30 p.m., led by NBBA All-Stars and experienced volunteer coaches. This free, hands-on clinic is open to the public and offers a unique opportunity to learn the fundamentals of beepball directly from some of the sport’s most accomplished athletes. Participants will rotate through stations that focus on swing mechanics at the hitting station, ball tracking and zone awareness at the fielding station, and timing and buzzing base navigation at the base running station. To register for the clinic, contact NBBA Outreach Chair Randy George at [**rgeorge@nbba.org**](mailto:rgeorge@nbba.org).

# **Access Board Webinar**

This Thursday, October 2, from 2:30 – 4 p.m. Eastern time,presenters from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) will review general differences between the ADA and the Rehabilitation Act, specifically HUD’s implementing Section 504 regulations. The central focus will be reconciling the 2010 ADA Standards’ requirements with those of the Uniform Federal Accessibility Standards as required by the 504 through HUD’s “Deeming Notice.”

For more information or to register, visit the [**Great Lakes ADA Center’s webinar webpage**](https://links-1.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Fwww.accessibilityonline.org%2Fao%2Fsession%3Fid=111185/1/0100019929ea2cc3-54867bcc-9603-4821-b6ed-0fc1096d2c6c-000000/7ZuQctrnm6M-ZrApzqEGAtCI8TTnWhgND4ZyyzeUSvo=421). All webinars include video remote interpreting (VRI) and real-time captioning. Questions can be submitted in advance of the session or can be posed during the live webinar. Webinar attendees can earn continuing education credits.

For more information, visit [**https://www.accessibilityonline.org/ao/session?id=111185**](https://www.accessibilityonline.org/ao/session?id=111185).