

NFB OF ALASKA STATE CONVENTION

OCTOBER 15-16, 2021

Anywhere and Everywhere

ALWAYS BETTER TOGETHER

NFB PLEDGE

I pledge to participate actively in the effort of the National Federation of the Blind to achieve equality, opportunity, and security for the blind; to support the policies and programs of the Federation; and to abide by its constitution.

The NFB One Minute Message

The National Federation of the Blind knows that blindness is not the characteristic that defines you or your future. Every day we raise the expectations of blind people, because low expectations create obstacles between blind people and our dreams. You can live the life you want; blindness is not what holds you back.

The National Federation of the Blind of Alaska is committed to promoting equity and inclusion. This includes: ability, age, religion, race, ethnicity, culture, gender identity or expression, and sexual orientation. We are committed to honoring the lived experiences of those with congenital and acquired blindness; those with different geographic backgrounds, different languages, financial status, the open exchange of ideas, and opinions; providing education and training, guidance and advocacy.

National Rep, Terri Rupp, National NFB Board member and Affiliate president of Nevada—

Terri may have a closet full of shoes like any other mom in the suburbs, but she is most definitely not your average mom next door. As the author of the blog *Blind Mom in the Burbs*, Terri has shared for over a decade about her trials, triumphs, tears, and travels as a stay-at-home mom in the suburbs of Sin City. When asked the common question, “What do you do?” She often laughs as she replies, “What do I not do?”

Being given the security and opportunity to not have to work and stay home to raise her two children, Terri doesn't let a single moment go to waste. She currently serves on the Board of Directors of the National Federation of the Blind, National Braille Press, Blind Inc., and as the President of the National Federation of the Blind of Nevada.

Some may ask how one woman finds balance as a wife, mom, and leader in the blindness community. Terri's balance is found through her love of the outdoors. From camping, hiking, biking, to running distances of 100 miles just for fun. You'll see her smiling every step of the way as she breezes by and says, “It's not about how fast or far you go. It's about how much fun you're having, and who you've got by your side.”

Important zoom Conference Commands and Tips

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During convention, all persons other than presenters will enter muted by default. To speak or ask a question, you must first raise your hand to request permission.

Each event is hyperlinked so you can click on events of interest and immediately join the correct room.

Zoom link for all events:

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To unmute when you wish to speak, tap on the mute/unmute button.

Zoom Telephone Commands

To mute or unmute, press Star+6. This is a toggle

To raise your hand, press Star+9. Note: only the host can lower your hand.

Zoom Windows Commands

To raise or lower your hand, press Alt+Y. Please allow the host to lower your hand.

To mute or unmute your audio, press Alt+A. This is a toggle

To turn your video camera on or off, press Alt+V. This is a toggle

To display Participants, also referred to as users, press Alt+U.

To collapse the list of users and show other Zoom controls: press escape.

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Way Around, Way Around Beginners Pack \$64

AT Guys, \$30 Gift certificate

National Braille Press, Two publications, From Authors Deborah Kendrick and Judy Dixon

Sweet Caribou, Restaurant in Anchorage, \$25 gift certificate

Four Amazon gift Certificates

Friday October 15:

[1:00-1:15 PM: Welcome, Bonnie Lucas, President](#)

Beautiful Soul," Written and Sung by Tony Gephart

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[1:15-1:35 PM: David Newman, State ADA Coordinator](#)

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[1:35-2:00 PM: Alaska Divisions of elections, Gail Fenumiai, Alaska State Director of Elections and Julie Hussman, Anchorage Regional Director of Elections](#)

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[2:00-2:30 PM: Challenge Alaska, \(Community recreation for Alaskans with disabilities\), Jeff Dick](#)

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[2:30-2:55 PM: Jessica Beecham, President, NFB Sports and Recreation Division, including a fit break](#)

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[2:55-3:10 pm: Duane G. Mayes, State of Alaska, Director, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, a message to the blind Community of Alaska](#)

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3:10-3:30 PM: Megan Schiele, Alaska State Blind Services Coordinator, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services, The woman with the answers

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3:30-4:00 PM: Nate Kile, Year in Review, Alaska Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired

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4:00-4:20 PM: Freya Anderson, National Library Service for the blind and physically disabled, Alaska State Library

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4:20-4:40 PM: Robert Corbisier, Human Rights Commission, Executive Director

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4:40-5:00 PM: Tori Gingras, Assistive Technology of Alaska-ATLA, a brief summary

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5:00-5:15 PM: Break

5:15-7:00 PM: Author round table featuring Deborah Kendrick and Judy Dixon

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Two dynamic women whose talents have resulted in books that enlighten and provide invaluable information to the blind community.

Saturday, October 16

Sponsors/Exhibitors

[9:00-9:20 AM: Mike Goehring, Regional Guide Dog Mobility Instructor, Guiding Eyes](#)

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[9:20-9:40 AM: Way Around tags for labeling virtually anything](#)

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[9:40-10:00 AM: AT Guys, "Your Access Technology Experts](#)

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[10:00-10:30 AM: Shauna Jatho, Nurse Educator for Vanda Pharmaceuticals](#)

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[10:30-10:50 AM: Michael Gavillot, Program Director, TRAILS, ILC, Kenai Peninsula, how it works](#)

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10:50-10:55 AM: Fit Break

[11:00-11:30 AM: Welcome, Invocation, and annual report](#)

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Welcome, Bonnie Lucas; Invocation, Brian Blair, Secretary NFB of Alaska; Annual Report, Bonnie Lucas.

[11:30 AM-12:00 PM: National Rep, Terri Rupp, President of Nevada Affiliate and National Board member](#)

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12:00-12:30PM: Lunch Break

[12:30-12:50 PM: Kay Robinson, Choosing Training](#)

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[12:50-1:00 PM: Kristine Bradley, Alaska NFB MEMBER SINCE 2017, My blindness Story](#)

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[1:00-1:20 PM: National Association of Guide Dog Users \(NAGDU\), a division of the National Federation of the Blind](#)

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[1:20-1:40 PM: Diabetic Action Network, a division of the National Federation of the Blind](#)

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[1:40-2:00 PM: Nina Marranta, treasurer, National Association of Blind Students, \(NABS\), an NFB Division](#)

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[2:00-2:20 PM: Janetta Price, Community Service Division](#)

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2:20-2:30 PM Break

[2:30-4:00 PM: iPhone, latest twists, turns and tricks](#)

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[4:00-4:30 PM: Katie Lester discusses resolutions adopted at the 2021 NFB national convention](#)

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4:30-5:00 PM: Break before banquet

[5:00 PM: Banquet: including Message from national Rep Teri Rupp, Introduction of Board Members, and an important announcement](#)

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