NABS Notes May 2015

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2015 NFB National Convention – Volunteering with NABS

The National Association of Blind Students is planning a lot of exciting events at national convention. However we as a board can’t do all of it ourselves. So we would very much appreciate your help in making our activities a success this year! Where we would most appreciate your assistance is in three areas   
1: marshalers for the NABS meeting on Monday July 6 from 5:30-7:00.   
They are the few, the proud,   the people who make sure you know where the action is. They help you find the right line to stand in.   Without them, we don't know how the night might go.   
Five to ten people are needed for the NABS meeting.   
 2. Assistance in staffing our table located in the exhibit hall.   
Here you will be partnered up with a NABS board member selling   NABS items and handing out NABS literature.  The schedule for tabling looks like this:    
Monday, July 6:   
8:30 A.M. - 11:30 A.M.

11:30 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.    
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.    
3:00p.m. – 5:00 p.m.    
Tuesday, July 7:   
8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.    
11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.    
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.    
3:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.    
Wednesday, July 8:   
12 noon – 1:45 p.m.    
6:00 P.M. – 8:30 P.M.    
Thursday, July 9:   
12 noon – 1:45 p.m.    
6:00p.m. – 8:30 p.m.   
  As you can see, we have twelve shifts, so if you contact me with your preference, I will be more than happy to get you scheduled in!   
 3. Staffing the NABS Monte Carlo night fund raiser. This is a great opportunity to work shoulder to shoulder with us in putting together one of our most successful events that we do. For this we will need:    
Individuals who can work an early shift (7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.  Those   
individuals will be asked to either   
a. Marshal.   
b. Set up for the event   
c. Deal card games( blackjack, poker, holdem and other such games)   
We will also need Late shift workers (9:30 p.m. – 12:00 a.m.)  Those   
individuals would be asked to:    
a. deal card games (blackjack, poker, holdem and other such games)    
b. Assist with event clean- up and playing chip counting.   
 Please let me know what time(s) you are interested in working (exhibit hall, Monte Carlo, Business meeting or all three). If Monte Carlo, please let me know what job you would like to take on, if you would like to deal and what games you would like to deal (blackjack, poker, or other such games).   
This is a great opportunity for you to meet the NABS board, and us to   
get to know you. This is also an equally great opportunity for you to meet a lot of new people and have some fun at the same time.   
 If interested in volunteering to help with any of these exciting events, please contact Cody Bair and specify your preferences. You can reach him at [codyjbair@yahoo.com](mailto:codyjbair@yahoo.com) or (970)673-6998.

The 2015 NABS MENTORING PROGRAM!

Students, young professionals, successful blind adults, ambitious young

adults, listen up, this one is for you.

For the third year, NABS will be sponsoring a mentoring program which

will kick off during the 2015 convention, and build relationships

which will hopefully last a lifetime.

What: Blind students and professionals in the student's field of

interest will be matched.

When: On July 5th at 6:30 pm, we will hold our introduction meet-and-greet, which

will be filled with fun games, and activities to kick off the

mentoring relationship.

Who: Blind students and first time convention attendees will be

mentees, blind professionals, and seasoned convention attendees will

serve as our mentors.

How: If you'd like to participate as a mentor or mentee, you simply

have to fill out a short form, which the committee will review.

For mentors go to:

http://nabslink.org/content/mentor-form

For mentees go to:

http://nabslink.org/content/mentee-form

You can also find the applications on www.nabslink.org.

The application deadline will be on June 15th.

The only way we can have a successful program is by having mentors and

mentees, so come one and come all! Spread the word! See you in

Orlando!

May NABS Board Meeting Minutes

NABS Minutes 05-17-2015

 Meeting called to order: 9:06 p.m. eastern

Members present: Sean Whalen, Karen Anderson, Gabe Cazares, Bre Brown, Cody Bair, Derek Manners

The treasurer’s report will be sent to the board over email.

Committee Reports

Communications: Hindley Williams will be putting out the NABS Notes. We are switching the slate to a blog. Sarah Patnaude has an article to get the blog started.

Membership: Tony Olivero is putting the application links for the mentoring program up on the NABS website. Bre Brown is finishing up the flyer. The application deadline will be June 15th.

Fund raising: We will need volunteers for the monte carlo night. The details of the penny war fund raiser are still being discussed. Derek has been in communication with President Riccobono about the corporate donations database. He will also discuss the penny war fund raiser with him.

Legislative: Several schools have had success when meeting with administrators about accessible tech. Gabe Cazares will be putting a list together of meetings that have taken place and the progress.

We will have a table at the exhibit hall. Cody Bair will take care of the volunteer list.

Sean Whalen and Karen Anderson will be working on the business meeting agenda.

During the registration process at the business meeting, someone will be coming down the lines to collect the money from everyone. Each person will be given a card once he or she has paid. The card will be given to the person sitting at the preregistration or registration table when he or she checks in. Bre Brown will get the cards ready.

Adjourned: 9:37 p.m. eastern

Respectfully submitted

Bre Brown