NABS Notes June 2015

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2015 NABS Annual Seminar and Business Meeting Registration Information

Greetings!

We are excited to announce that NABS will be holding our annual seminar and business meeting at 7:00pm on Monday, July 6 in Junior Ballroom F, located on the first level of the Rosen Centre. NABS is optimistic that this will be an informative, empowering and entertaining gathering, and we would love to see you there!

Registration for the meeting will open at 6:00pm, and the meeting will begin promptly at 7:00. We strongly encourage you to come and register early. This year's agenda is packed, and we don't want you to miss out on any of the exciting and engaging presentations slated for the meeting. To encourage you to come a bit early, we will be entering everybody who is registered by 6:30 (not in line to register, but actually through the line and in the ballroom) into the door prize pool twice rather than once. So, you say, what's the big deal? Well my friends, the big deal is that we have excellent door prizes up for grabs. We will also be playing a variety of music in the meeting room during registration for your listening pleasure. So, come out early, chat with fellow students while waiting, and double your odds of walking out of the meeting with a fabulous prize!

Do you want to avoid that long registration line? Well, ask, and you shall receive. Thanks to the NABS website team, the NABS board is pleased to offer you the option of preregistering for the meeting. If you opt to do so, you will only need to provide your name or email address on meeting day, pay to register, and walk right in. Preregistrants will have their own faster-moving line and will be able to skip providing all their contact info. So, preregister today at this link: <http://nabslink.org/events/2015-annual-meeting>

And, don't worry, as long as you are through the line by 6:30, you too will be double entered into the door prize pool.

The agenda for the meeting is nearly finalized, and will be circulated in the near future.

Please feel encouraged to be in touch with any questions, comments or concerns. We look forward to seeing many of you in Orlando, Florida!

Volunteering with NABS at 2015 Nfb National Convention

Greetings NABS!!

With convention less than two weeks away and various exciting NABS events in store, we are still in need of your help in making these events a success.

Please see below for the three areas in which we would love to have your help!    
1: marshalers for the NABS meeting on Monday July 6 from 6:00-7:00 P.M...   
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 helping collect TEACH act personal stories.  The schedule for tabling looks   
like this:

Tuesday, July 7:   
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.    
3:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.

3. Staffing the NABS Monte Carlo night fund raiser on Wednesday July 8. 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 me and specify your preferences. I can be reached at [codyjbair@yahoo.com](mailto:codyjbair@yahoo.com) or (970)673-6998. Please also provide a contact phone number at which you will be able to be reached at during convention.

State Updates:

Note: All announcements are printed below as they were received from their senders. No effort to edit for content, grammar, or clarity has been made on the part of NABS.

Ohio:

The Ohio Association of Blind Students, a proud division of NABS and  
the NFB, is pleased to sponsor its second annual drawing.  Take a  
chance on some wonderful gift card prizes to franchises such as  
Amazon, ITunes, Chipotle, and Darden Restaurants which includes Olive  
Garden and Longhorn Steakhouse among others.  The proceeds will be  
split 50-50 between OABS and the Ohio BELL Program.  Tickets are 1 for  
$1 or 6 for $5 and can be purchased in 3 ways: 1.  Pay using the OABS  
PayPal account found at  
[https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?cmd=\_s-xclick&hosted\_button\_id=6FW5ZC8G45T8E](https://www.google.com/url?q=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.paypal.com%2Fcgi-bin%2Fwebscr%3Fcmd%3D_s-xclick%26hosted_button_id%3D6FW5ZC8G45T8E&sa=D&sntz=1&usg=AFQjCNGsbMeO89S23L1geLUslNTn-4y2fQ)  
.  2.  Contact OABS treasurer Emily Pennington to send a check through  
the mail.  3.  Pay in cash at the National Convention.  Methods 1 and  
2 will give you an email confirmation containing your ticket numbers.  
Braille ticket stubs will be sold at convention.  All electronic  
purchases and checks must be received by Jul 15 to be entered into the  
drawing.  Winners will be announced and contacted on Jul 16th and  
prizes will be mailed promptly.  The Ohio Association of Blind  
Students appreciates the support of our division and our efforts to  
change what it means to be blind for students in Ohio.  
  
Should you have questions feel free to contact president Kaiti Shelton  
at [kaiti.shelton@gmail.com](https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/h/l2c5yvln9gij/?&cs=wh&v=b&to=kaiti.shelton@gmail.com) or treasurer Emily Pennington at  
[emilypennington@fuse.net](https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/h/l2c5yvln9gij/?&cs=wh&v=b&to=emilypennington@fuse.net).  Thanks and we hope to see you in Orlando.

Massachusetts:

Massabs will be selling NFB happy 75th birthday buttons for our convention fundraiser.   
  
We had two Jurnigan Fund winners, Meaghan Roper and Dylan Hedtler-Gaudetre, and we will have 4 first time convention attendees in Orlando next month.

North Carolina:

The North Carolina Association of Blind Students (NCABS) is ready to sell some delicious homemade cookies at the 75th anniversary of the national Federation of the Blind in Orlando! Currently, we are diligently preparing for our annual State Convention, which will take place in Wilmington, North Carolina from September 17-20. We are planning phenominal fund-raisers and activities, including surfing lessons, and a beach dinner. Our students are eager to help write letters outlining their frustration with inaccessibility in the classroom to help out with legislation in our movement. Finally, our web site has been recently modified and updated. You can find us online at [www.ncabs.org](http://www.ncabs.org)

NABS Board Meeting Minutes

NABS Minutes 06-14-15

Meeting called to order: 9:00 p.m. eastern

Members present: Sean Whalen, Gabe cazares, Bre Brown, Candice Chapman, Cody Bair, Garrett Mooney, Rebecca Leon, Derek Manners

Treasurer’s Report

Checking account balance: $4,050.79

Savings account balance: $305.50,50

Reimbursements have been sent out for Cody and Karen.

Committee Updates

Communications: There have been some technical difficulties with getting the blog up on the website, but it will be released soon. Articles have been written. NABS Notes will be released next week.

Legislative: NABS will be collecting stories from students at national convention. There will be a table set up at the exhibit hall. Gabe will be following up with people who are involved in meetings on campuses. There will be another meeting with ACE Tuesday June 16.

Membership: The first membership call about convention was highly attended. The first state student president call was held before our board meeting. The second membership call about convention will be on June 28. President Riccobono will be the guest.

Fund raising: The committee is working with the national center to develop a list of corporations to solicit donations or grant applications from.

Convention Notes

We are getting plenty of volunteers for the exhibit hall, but we need more for the business meeting.

At the exhibit hall table, NABS will be collecting stories from students, and the penny wars buckets will be available.

The NABS social will be on July 5th.

We have a draft of the agenda for the business meeting.

Sean will talk to John Berggren about getting some line separators for the business meeting.

NABS will be having a penny wars fund raiser. The parents division and lawyers division have signed on as well. We will be open to other divisions who would like to participate.

Meeting adjourned: 10:10 p.m. eastern

Respectfully Submitted

Bre Brown