WASHINGTON COUNCIL OF THE BLIND

Convention 2018

WCB, PAVING THE WAY

Hosted by

South King Council of the Blind

PROGRAM

November 1, 2, and 3, 2018

Crowne Plaza Seattle Airport

SeaTac Washington

**Welcome to the 2018 annual convention of Washington Council of the Blind!**

**All WCB meetings are open to members and non-members alike.**

**WCB is pleased to offer this program to assist you in locating all activities of this convention along with times and room assignments.**

**Madrona, Gateway, Magnolia, and Yesler rooms are located on the main floor of the hotel; Summit Ballroom and Queen Anne Room are on the 12th floor.**

**For the security of this event, conventioneers are asked to wear their convention name tag at all convention functions.**

**Throughout the general sessions, the Friday luncheon, business meeting and banquet, door prizes will be given out to those registered for the convention and in attendance at the time their name is drawn.**

**The majority of this weekend’s events will be streamed live on ACB Radio** [**www.acbradio.org**](http://www.acbradio.org) **or accessed by phone at 605-475-8130 and recorded for future enjoyment on** [**www.wcbinfo.org**](http://www.wcbinfo.org)**.**

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Thursday, November 1, 2018

2 to 5 PM **Registration/Information desk** (Madrona Foyer)

**Open only to those who have pre-registered**

**3 to 4:30 PM WCB Welcome Lounge** (Magnolia)

**Drop by to meet old and new friends, find a partner for dinner, or peruse the program with someone and ask questions about the convention.**

**Hosted by the WCB Membership Committee**

7 PM Preconvention Board meeting (Madrona)

9:30 PM Resolutions Committee meeting (Queen Anne 12th floor)

9:30 PM Constitution and Bylaws Committee meeting (Madrona)

**9:30 PM Hospitality (Gateway)**

**Mingle with old and new friends over snacks and beverages.**

Friday, November 2, 2018

7 AM to noon Registration/Information Desk open (Madrona foyer)

7:30 AM General Breakfast (Summit 12th floor)

**7:30 AM First-Timer Breakfast** (Queen Anne 12th floor) **For first-time WCB convention attendees**

**Facilitated by Meka White, Chair, WCB Awards Committee**

**7:30 AM Presidents Breakfast** (Yesler Board Room) **For Chapter Presidents or their designee**

**Facilitated by Denise Colley, WCB President**

10 AM to noon Exhibits (Gateway Ballroom)

1 to 5 PM Exhibits (Gateway Ballroom)

**Coordinator: Carol Brame**

10 AM to 5 PM One-On-One Technology Training (Yesler Board Room) By Appointment Only with Al Yardley, Assistive Technology Specialist: [**accesstechnology@q.com**](mailto:accesstechnology@q.com) **or 253-223-2069**

**2 to 5 PM WCB Fundraiser Multi-Raffle (Queen Anne 12th floor) Coordinator: Lisa George**

GENERAL SESSIONS (Madrona)

8:45 AM Opening Ceremonies

Presentation of the Colors: Paralyzed Veterans of America, Color Guard

Invocation: Pastor Greg Barnett, East Renton Community Church

Welcome to Seatac: Erin Sitterley, Mayor, SeaTac

Welcome by the host chapter: Kevin Daniel, President, South King Council of the Blind

9:05 AM President’s Report

Denise Colley, WCB President

9:25 AM Report of the Nominating Committee

Berl Colley, Chair, WCB Nominating Committee

9:35 AM Reading of proposed amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws

Frank Cuta, Chair, WCB Constitution and Bylaws Committee

9:50 AM Celebrate and Motivate, a tribute to Sue Ammeter and Marlaina Lieberg

Frank Cuta, WCB Secretary

10:15 AM Break

10:30 AM The Friendly Skies Are a Little Friendlier: Accessibility of Inflight Entertainment and the Use of Service Animals On Airplanes

Tony Stephens, Director of Advocacy and Governmental Affairs, American Council of the Blind

11:00 AM Chapter round up

Four chapters to share

11:10 AM Travel Tech Talk

This panel will discuss newly developed apps and strategies which can assist blind people to travel independently, including OrCam, Aira, and Be My Eyes.

Moderator: Holly Turri, President, United Blind of Whatcom County

Panelists:

Andy Arvidson, WCB First Vice President

Deb Lewis, WCB Treasurer

Jim Turri, WCB Board member

12:00 PM Awards Luncheon

It’s time for special awards to be presented and to hear from some of this year’s first time attendees.

Meka White, Chair, WCB Awards Committee

1:15 PM Happy Valentines – It’s all about Heart, Body, Mind, and Yoga

Ed and Maud Valentine, Instructors, Valentine Yoga

1:45 PM Paving the Way with Creative Passion

Insight from extraordinary people who have unique talents and the ability to erase limitations.

Moderator: Heather Meares

Panelists:

Joleen Ferguson, Quilts from the Heart, Walla Walla

Dan Lovell, The Soul of Wood Crafting, Olympia

Frank Cuta, Engineer Gone Wild, Benton City

2:20 PM Chapter round up

Four chapters to share

2:30 PM Active Shooter Situations: Do you have a plan?

Officer Leroy Outlaw, Education and Training Section, Seattle Police Department

3:00 PM Break

3:15 PM Where’s Your Adventurous Spirit?

Let’s explore recreational opportunities for people who are blind.

Vision Loss Connections:

Patt Copeland, LICSW, Executive Director

Sheri Richardson, MSW, Immediate Past President of the Board of Directors

Tony Brown, Ph.D., LDO, Operations Manager

Outdoors for All Foundation:

Kenna Chapman, Custom Events Program Manager

3:50 PM Chapter round up

Four chapters to share

4:00 PM The Time is Now: Getting involved with Emergency Response Teams in your community

Todd Holloway, Chair, Tacoma Commission On Disabilities

Luke Byram, Commissioner, Tacoma Commission On Disabilities

4:30 PM End of General Sessions

EVENING ACTIVITIES

7:30 PM Showcase of Talent (Madrona)

C**ome enjoy entertainment provided by some of our talented conventioneers!**

**Host: Alan Bentson, Capitol City Council of the Blind**

9:00 PM WCB Life Members Reception (Queen Anne 12th floor)

**WCB life members only**

**Hosted by the WCB President**

**9:00 PM Hospitality (Gateway)**

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Saturday, November 3, 2018

7 AM to noon Registration/Information Desk open (Madrona foyer)

7:00 AM GDUWS Breakfast and Business Meeting (Magnolia)

7:30 AM General Breakfast (Summit 12th floor)

9 AM to 3 PM Youth Program (Beacon)

For registered teens only. Sponsored by Department of Services for the Blind, WCB Families with Blind Children Committee, and Rooted In Rights

GENERAL SESSIONS (Madrona)

8:45 AM Announcements

8:50 AM We Are ACB

It’s time to be in the know concerning blindness issues on a national level.

Tony Stephens, Director of Advocacy and Governmental Affairs, American Council of the Blind

9:30 AM The Jobs People Do

Three people who are blind share their journey to employment.

Facilitator: Cindy Van Winkle, WCB Second Vice President

Panelists:

Michael Alvarez, Spanish Interpreter, Independent Contractor for TeleLanguage

Donna Smith, Manager, Accessible Services, Sound Transit

Jeff Bishop, Program Manager, Windows Accessibility Team, Microsoft

10:15 AM Break

10:30 AM Lights, Camera, Action: Let’s tell our story through video

Courtney Cole, Rooted In Rights

10:50 AM Chapter round up

Four chapters to share

11:00 AM **State of the State**

**Together let’s learn what’s happening with our three state agencies serving the blind.**

**Danielle Miller, Program Manager/Librarian, Washington Talking Book and Braille Library (WTBBL)**

**Lou Oma Durand, Director, Department of Services for the Blind (DSB)**

**Scott McCallum, Superintendent, Washington State School for the Blind (WSSB)**

12:00 PM General Lunch (Summit 12th floor)

12:00 PM GDUWS Lunch and Program (Magnolia)

1:30 PM Annual Business meeting (Madrona)

Agenda items include In Memoriam, elections, budget, constitution and bylaw amendments, resolutions, old business, new business.

4:30 PM Adjourn

EVENING ACTIVITIES

5:30 PM Scholarship Reception (Magnolia)

6:00 PM Pre-Banquet hour and Multi-Raffle (Summit 12th floor)

7:00 PM Banquet (Summit 12th floor)

Master of Ceremonies: Kevin Daniel, President, South King Council of the Blind

Invocation: Malissa Hudson, member, United Blind of Seattle

Presentation of scholarships: Kim Moberg, Chair, Scholarship Committee

Presentation of awards: Meka White, Chair, Awards Committee

Banquet address: Tony Stephens, Director of Advocacy and Governmental Affairs, American Council of the Blind

9:30 PM Hospitality and Karaoke **(Gateway)**

Help us bring our 2018 convention to a close with socializing, singing, and refreshments.

2018 Convention Committee:

Cindy Van Winkle, Chair, Bremerton

Lori Allison, Registration Coordinator, Puyallup

Carol Brame, Exhibits Coordinator, Port Orchard

Denise Colley, program, Olympia

Kevin Daniel, Host Chapter President, Burien

Heather Meares, program, Walla Walla

Darryl Roberts, program, Seattle

Holly Turri, Volunteer Coordinator, Bellingham

Cathy Wilson, program, Tacoma

2018 WCB Officers and Board of Directors:

Denise Colley, President, Olympia

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