

# National Federation of the Blind of Nevada 2026 State Convention

“Live the Life You Want”

Saturday, May 30, 2026

Mountain Falls Grill Room

5001 Clubhouse Drive

Pahrump, NV 89061

Hosted by the National Federation of the Blind of Nevada

**The National Federation of the Blind knows that blindness is not the characteristic that defines us or our future. Every day we raise expectations and work together so that blind people can live the lives we want. Through advocacy, education, technology, support, and collective action, we transform dreams into reality.**

Welcome to the 2026 Nevada State Convention of the National Federation of the Blind. We are proud to gather as blind people, families, friends, professionals, and advocates united in our belief that blindness need not hold anyone back from full participation in society.

## NATIONAL FEDERATION OF THE BLIND PLEDGE

“I pledge to participate actively in the efforts 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.”

## Convention Agenda

10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Opening Ceremonies

- Presentation of the Colors
- National Anthem
- Pledge of Allegiance
- National Federation of the Blind Pledge
- Invocation — Stan Mitchell
- Welcome and Opening Remarks

## 10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Nevada State Affiliate Business Meeting

### Nevada State Affiliate Leadership

- President — Mark Tadder
- Second Vice President — Becky Jayakumar
- Treasurer — Chun “Allen” Chao
- Secretary — Frida Aizenman
- Board Member — Regina Mitchell
- Board Member — Mona Merklein
- Board Member — Susan Moore
- Board Member — Mario Castillo

## 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Philosophy Panel

### “The National Federation of the Blind and Living the Life You Want”

#### Panelists:

- Sheila Wright — President, Missouri Affiliate and National Representative
- Mark Tadder — President, National Federation of the Blind of Nevada
- Becky Jayakumar — Second Vice President, National Federation of the Blind of Nevada

Audience participation and floor questions are encouraged.

## 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. Lunch Break

## 1:00 p.m. – 1:20 p.m. NFB-NEWSLINE® Presentation

- Mario Castillo — NFB-NEWSLINE® Representative and Nevada Board Member

## 1:20 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Executive Board Candidate Campaign Presentations

## 1:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI)

- Annie Walters

## 2:00 p.m. – 2:10 p.m. Executive Board Candidate Campaign Presentations

2:10 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Talking Books and Accessible Reading Services

- Brett Silver

2:30 p.m. – 2:40 p.m. Executive Board Candidate Campaign Presentations

2:40 p.m. – 3:20 p.m. National Update from the NFB

- Sheila Wright — President, Missouri Affiliate and National Representative

3:20 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Executive Board Candidate Campaign Presentations

3:30 p.m. – 3:50 p.m. Blind Connect / Angela's House

- Jean Payton — President

3:50 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Executive Board Candidate Campaign Presentations

4:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Legislative Update

- Becky Jayakumar, Legislative Director

4:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Amerability Presentation

- Flor Diaz, Program Coordinator

5:00 p.m. – 5:45 p.m. Break

5:45 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Affiliate Elections

Elections will be conducted for the following offices:

- President
- First Vice President
- Second Vice President
- Treasurer
- Secretary

Per the Election Board, all candidates seeking election must be present in the room at the time elections are conducted in order to be eligible for consideration.

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Banquet and Keynote Presentation

Featured Speaker:

- Sheila Wright — President, Missouri Affiliate and National Representative

Banquet Program Includes:

- Personal remarks and keynote address
- Scholarship and essay award presentations
- Federation fellowship and recognition
- Fundraising auction

## Special Thanks

The National Federation of the Blind of Nevada extends sincere appreciation to the many volunteers, presenters, members, sponsors, and supporters who made this convention possible.

Special recognition to:

- Sheila Wright
- Susan Moore
- Regina Mitchell

Together, we continue building a future full of opportunity, independence, and high expectations for blind Nevadans everywhere.

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