



ACB - Picture the Future

American Council of the Blind 58th Annual Conference and Convention
Rochester, NY
July 5 - 12, 2019

CONTINUING EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

The Academy for Certification of Vision Rehabilitation and Education Professionals (ACVREP) has designated the American Council of the Blind as an RPPLC Category 1 provider of continuing education opportunities in the field of blindness and visual impairment.

At the 2019 American Council of the Blind Conference and Convention in Rochester, NY, we are offering rehabilitation teachers and counselors, teachers of the visually impaired, low vision therapists, orientation and mobility instructors, and other professionals the opportunity to earn continuing education credits throughout convention week.

Credits are available for a wide range of specialized programs, workshops, seminars, and other events presented by ACB committees, special-interest affiliates, and representatives of government agencies and private industry. Subjects addressed include technology, transition, vocational goals, health issues, orientation and mobility, self-advocacy, braille, low vision issues etc.

ACB Conference and Convention dates are July 5 to July 12, 2019. Click [here](#) to download the 2019 schedule of sessions for which continuing education credits are available.

We strongly suggest that you subscribe to our new continuing education e-mail list. Updates and important information concerning this new initiative will be posted there. Join the list by sending a blank e-mail to continuing-education-subscribe@acblists.org.

Pre-registration for the conference and convention is open until June 23, 2019, and includes the ability to register for continuing education credits.

Individuals registering for continuing education opportunities have several responsibilities:

1. You must arrive at each session on time, and you must stay for the complete session. A unique code will be announced at the beginning of each session, and another unique code will be announced at the end of each session. You must make note of these codes, as they cannot be obtained after the session is over.
2. Following the convention, you are responsible for completing a form that will have been emailed to you prior to the convention; you must enter the codes from your CE sessions on this form. You must also complete a report and evaluation form for each session. This will not only provide feedback to the presenter, but will help ACB improve its continuing education offerings in the future. Return all forms to ACB no later than Aug. 15, 2019.
3. Upon receipt of your completed forms, ACB will issue your CE certificate indicating the number of credits earned with ACB. You are responsible for submitting your certificate to ACVREP.

Please share this information with schools, agencies and private contractors in your state so that others may take advantage of this great opportunity. For more information, contact Carla Ruschival, continuing education chair, by phone at 1-877-630-7190, or by email, continuingeducation@acb.org.

Saturday, July 6

8:30 am - 10:30 am AABT Fun and Games Breakfast 1.00 credit \$5

After kicking off the morning with quiche, join us for a lively game of "Out-Of-Sight Jeopardy," redesigned with blindness-related categories and questions. Then, gather information about Blindfold Games/ObjectiveEd, a source for educational games that are especially designed for blind and visually impaired students in grades K-12.

Presenter: Marty Schultz, Founder, Blindfold Games/ObjectiveEd, Miami Beach, FL

Provider: American Association of Blind Teachers

Note: CE credit available for this programs only; breakfast and business meeting not eligible for CE's.

9:00 am - 10:15 am How Aira is Used to Land Dream Jobs 1.50 credits \$7.50

How Aira has assisted individuals to master the job-seeking challenge. From formatting your resume, proofreading your cover letter and submitting your application, to matching your attire and traveling to the interview, this session will present strategies for using Aira to find employment. Hear from Aira staff and Explorers about Aira's Employment Program, an Aira initiative to provide free service to Aira Explorers who are undertaking any task related to finding work. Also includes a brief overview of Aira's program for students, as well as its support for small business owners. We are pleased to partner with the American Council of the Blind to lower the unacceptable unemployment rate among the blind from 70% to under 7%. Join us and find out how to make the dream real.

Provider: AIRA

CE credit: 1.5

9:00 am - 10:30 am What's New with JAWS, Fusion and ZoomText? 1.50 credits \$7.50

the latest details on JAWS, Fusion, and ZoomText with demonstrations and discussions of the 2019 releases. Learn how well JAWS is already working with the new Chromium Edge Browser from Microsoft, scheduled to be released in the coming months. The first 50 attendees will be provided a 50% discount code for the Home Annual License of their choice.

Presenter: Douglas Gerry, Vispero

Provider: Vispero

CE credits: 1.5

1:15 pm - 4:00 pm BRL Orienteering 2.50 credits \$12.50

Compete for prizes as you follow clues and answer questions as you go around the hotel and try to be the first one back. Participants must be braille readers and writers, and must have some way to record answers. A hands-on event with ideas you can use to create similar activities for your class or group.

Provider: Braille Revival League

CE credit: 2.5

1:15 pm - 4:00 pm 411 From the IAC 2.50 \$12.50

Part 1 - Update from the Chair: activities of the ACB Information Access Committee over the past 12 months.

Presenter: Brian Charlson, Chair, ACB Information Access Committee, Watertown, MA

Part 2 - What Do I Say?: You're just an average user trying to get things done. As you're trying to do something on some website, read an inaccessible PDF, or figure out some app, you realize, "I can't do this", and the frustration builds. This presentation is for the average Jane or Joe who simply wants to use stuff, finds out they can't, then needs to tell someone. We will steer you in the right direction.

Presenter: Ray Campbell, Member, ACB Information Access Committee and Web Accessibility Specialist, Glen Ellyn, IL

Part 3 - Amazon Update: news on devices and services from the company that brought us Fire TV, Alexa and much more.

Presenter: Peter Korn, Director, Accessibility, Amazon Lab 126, Oakland, CA

Part 4 - Blindfold Games/ObjectiveEd: Did you know that Blindfold Games has over 50 accessible iOS games? Did you know about Blindfold Video, an extremely useful advocacy tool for easily recording video and audio of important advocacy situations for documentation. Learn about this resource, and dialogue about other useful apps that could possibly be created to help our community!

Presenter: Marty Schultz, Founder, Blindfold Games/ObjectiveEd, Miami Beach, FL

Provider: ACB Information Access Committee

CE credits: 2.5

1:15 pm - 2:30 pm Wow Your Boss with Aira

1.00 credit \$5

Find inspiration on how people use Aira every day to accomplish tasks and do more at work, impressing their bosses along the way. Learn pro-tips for office efficiency, hear what others use Aira for in their day-to-day work life, and speak with the Aira team about how to bring Aira into your workplace as a reasonable accommodation for you or for a group of blind employees through our Employer Access program. Aira and employment - a dynamic duo.

Provider: AIRA

CE credit: 1

1:15 pm - 2:30 pm HIMS: Excellent Choice

1.00 credit \$5

Whether you choose to streamline your Google experience with a Polaris, optimize your workload with a QBraille XL, or enjoy the smoothest reading experience on an Actilino, the HIMS team has your back. If you choose a bulky device with a built-in screen to accommodate the sight dependent people in your life, we celebrate that you can make that choice. Choice drives innovation, and HIMS has many innovations to choose from. Check out what we're about.

Provider: HIMS Inc.

CE credit: 1

2:00 pm - 2:45 pm All About the New York Business Enterprise Program

0.50 credit \$2.50

Speakers will outline how the Randolph-Sheppard Program works in New York., including how applicants are recruited and trained, program statistics, and how current trends in healthy vending and micromarkets have impacted

their program.

Presenters: Karen Blachowicz, owner, Karen's Express Shop and Express Vending and member, Blind Vendors Committee of New York, Buffalo, NY; Rick Fitzpatrick, District Supervisor, Central Region, New York State Commission for the Blind (NYSCB) Business Enterprise Program (BEP), Buffalo, NY; and Sean Corcoran, Food Service Specialist, Central Region NYSCB BEP, Buffalo, NY

Provider: Randolph-,sheppard Vendors of America

CE credit: .5

2:45 pm - 3:30 pm Advantage of Nayax Card Readers	0.50 credit	\$2.50
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Advantages of the Nayax Card Readers; of particular interest to blind vendors.

Presenter: Harry Kozlovsky, NAYAX Executive Customer Success Manager, Hunt Valley, MD

Provider: Randolph-,sheppard Vendors of America

CE Credit: .5

2:45 pm - 5:30 pm Transportation and Environmental Access Workshop: "Taming the Curb"	2.50 credits	\$12.50
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With the rapidly growing numbers of docked and dockless EBikes and EScooters crowding our sidewalks, and the increasing numbers of Ubers and Lyfts picking up and dropping off passengers, the limited space near the curb on most urban and suburban streets is becoming cluttered and difficult to navigate. Factor in silent cars, a growing number of autonomous vehicles, new intersection designs, and increasingly complex traffic signalization, and the pedestrian environment is becoming downright dangerous. At this workshop presenters will discuss the challenges pedestrians are facing when they approach the curbside along the all-too-common urban or suburban street. They will share information about other organizations, including America Walks and Vision Zero, who are advocating about these issues at the national, state and regional levels. They will discuss ways you, your chapter and your affiliate can get involved at the local, state and national levels in order to ensure that the specific needs of blind and visually impaired pedestrians are understood and addressed.

Providers: ACB Environmental Access Committee and ACB Transportation Committee

CE credits: 2.5

3:30 pm - 4:30 pm Top Ten Technology Treasures	1.00 credit	\$5
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Each day, we are presented with many challenges ranging from equal access to staying healthy and fit. Discover exciting new developments, apps, and tech supports addressing the needs of individuals with visual impairments in today's fast-paced world. At the end of this session, participants will be able to identify technology and understand how a particular piece of technology can be used to solve a problem for someone who is legally or totally blind.

Presenter: Steve Famiglietti, Blind Services Vocational Manager, NEAT Center Oak Hill, Hartford, CT

Provider: Randolph-Sheppard Vendors of America

CE credit: 1

Note- This CEC session is offered again on 7/9/19 at 5:45 PM. CEC credit can only be earned for one session.

Sunday, July 7

12:15 pm - 1:15 pm AAVL Luncheon 0.50 credit \$2.50

"Upping Our Game for Services to Seniors with Vision Loss" - The number of seniors with vision loss is dramatically increasing. We're fighting hard to maintain level funding while funding levels for other senior programs increase. Long-time blindness community advocate Mark Richert will discuss how we can make our advocacy efforts more successful.

Presenter: Mark Reichert, Director of Public Policy, National Disability Institute, Washington, DC

Provider: Alliance on Aging and Vision Loss and ACB Rehabilitation Issues Taskforce

Note: CE credit available for this presentation only; lunch not eligible for CE's.

CE credit: .5

12:15 pm - 2:30 pm RSVA Awards Luncheon (in RSVA Pkg) 0.50 credit \$2.50

Meet Bradford and Bryan Manning, owners of Two Blind Brothers. Find out how the Blind Brothers unique business was formed to make clothing more fun to touch. Some of the proceeds from this business fund resources for visually impaired persons.

Presenters: Bradford and Bryan Manning, Two Blind Brothers, New York, NY

Provider: Randolph-Sheppard Vendors of America

Note: CE credit available for this presentation only; lunch and awards presentations not eligible for CE's.

CE credit: .5

12:15 pm - 1:15 pm MCAC Luncheon: "Strength in Diversity" 0.50 credit \$2.50

A living history presentation by AKWAABA, Rochester residents who are accomplished educators, social workers, and healthcare professionals. Focus on Frederick Douglas and the Underground Railroad, including historical figures Sojourner Truth, Frederick Douglass, Harriett Tubman and a person heading to freedom on the Underground Railroad.

Provider: ACB Multicultural Affairs Committee

Note: CE credit available for this presentation only; lunch not eligible for CE's.

CE credit: .5

1:15 pm - 2:30 pm AABT: "Notetakers- Choosing the Right One" 1.00 credit \$5

A discussion of notetakers, their features, and which one is right for you.

Provider: American Association of Blind Teachers

CE credits: 1

1:15 pm - 2:30 pm AAVL Program: "Innovations in Services to Seniors with Vision Loss." 1.00 credit \$5

Learn about new service delivery approaches to meet the complex needs of seniors suffering recent vision loss. Serving this rapidly growing population with the limited resources available is a major challenge and sharing success stories is extremely useful to improve service delivery nationwide.

Presenters: Brian Daniels, Director, New York State Commission for the Blind, Albany, NY; Nancy Miller, Executive Director/CEO Visions/Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired, New York, NY; and Sara VanBortel, Assistant Director, Vision Rehabilitation Department, Association for the Blind-Goodwill of the Finger Lakes, Rochester, NY

Provider: Alliance on Aging and Vision Loss

CE credits: 1

1:15 pm - 2:30 pm FIA: "How the Pro's Mix Music" 1.00 credit \$5

This interactive workshop provides hands-on opportunities to have some fun mixing tracks of a familiar song using accessible hardware and software.

Presenter: Derek Lane, Audio Engineer, Morganton, NC

Provider: Friends-in-Art in ACB

CE credit: 1

1:30 pm - 2:30 pm Initiatives and Issues at NLS 1.00 credit \$5

Discussion of issues and future plans related to the creation and distribution of accessible braille, audio and electronic books and magazines through the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped and its network of regional libraries.

Presenter: Karen Keninger, Director, National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, Washington, DC

Provider: Library Users of America

CE credit: 1

2:45 pm - 4:00 pm VR, Self Employment and You 1.00 credit \$5

There are several ways of working with your vocational rehabilitation agency to start your business, whether it is running a food service facility or starting your own business from scratch. This panel will discuss multiple resources for pursuing your dream.

Presenters: Dan Sippl, President, Randolph Sheppard Vendors of America, Eau Claire, WI; Ardis Bazyn, President, Independent Visually Impaired Entrepreneurs, Burbank, CA; Darien Slayton Fleming, Member, ACB Rehabilitation Issues Task Force, Portland, OR; and Will Burley, Advocate, Protection and Advocacy for Beneficiaries of Social Security (PABSS), Austin, TX

Provider: ACB Rehabilitation Issues Task Force, Blind Pride International, Randolph-Sheppard Vendors of America

CE credit: 1

2:45 pm - 4:00 pm My Life and Career as a Blind Attorney 1.00 credit \$5

Accomplished attorney and litigator Al Fogel will review his career as a blind attorney litigating personal injury and other complex cases in the courts of New York State.

Presenter: Alter S. Fogel, White Plains, NY

Provider: American Association of Blind Attorneys

CE credits: 1

2:45 pm - 4:00 pm Books, Libraries, and Games

1.00 credit \$5

Part 1 - Beyond Marrakesh: The United States became the 50th country to adopt the Marrakesh treaty. What is it and what happens now? Part 2 - The State of Library Services in the Empire State. Part 3 - Blindfold Games/ObjectiveEd: How accessible games that provide many hours of fun for thousands of blind people now are helping students learn important skills.

Presenters: Kim Charlson, President, American Council of the Blind and Director, Perkins Braille and Talking Book Library, Watertown, MA; representatives from the Talking Book Libraries of New York; Marty Schultz, Founder, Blindfold Games/ObjectiveEd, Miami Beach, FL

Provider: Library Users of America

CE credit: 1

4:15 pm - 5:30 pm IAC: I Hate Typing on Slippery Glass!

1.00 credit \$5

This session is intended to help Voiceover users take the frustration out of inputting text on their iPhones and iPads. Based on Judy Dixon's recent bestselling book, "Writing Your Way: Composing and Editing on an iPhone or iPad", the author will discuss and demonstrate numerous ways of inputting text - some using the iPhone itself and some using external hardware. Expect to add to the conversation.

Presenter: Judy Dixon, author, "Writing Your Way: Composing and Editing on an iPhone or iPad" and other books about iDevices, Arlington, VA

Provider: Information Access Committee

CE credits: 1

4:15 pm - 5:30 pm The Real Power Behind Free Aira Access and Other Offers

1.00 credit \$5

Discuss the impact that Aira Access is making in daily lives. Learn how you can use Aira Access to do more every day and how you can help bring Aira Access to your community to level the playing field for all. You will also hear about Aira's upcoming promotions, along with the power behind the new free trial, open to anyone who uses Aira for free.

Presenters: Amy Bernal, Chief Experience Officer, and Paul Schroeder, Vice President, Public Policy & Strategic Initiatives, AIRA

Provider: Aira

CE credit: 1

5:45 pm - 7:00 pm LUA: MUSIC, MUSIC, MUSIC!

1.00 credit \$5

A discussion of what is available through the Music Section of the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped and others. Explore recorded music offerings available from the Library of Congress archives and how to access them, accessible music software, and the current state of braille music notation.

Presenters: Panel facilitated by Brian Charlson, President, Library Users of America, Watertown, MA, and Paul Edwards, President, Braille Revival League, Miami, FL

Providers: Braille Revival League, Friends in Art, Information Access Committee, Library Users of America

CE credit: 1

5:45 pm - 7:00 pm HumanWare: BrailleNote Touch + / Brailliant BI 14 1.00 credit \$5

The BrailleNote Touch + running Android 8.1 is the most modern note taker on the market today. It is the only Google-certified Braille tablet which blends powerful and intuitive apps for managing, accessing and creating information from KeySoft with millions of apps that can be downloaded from the Google Play Store. Review some of the many features and enhancements such as Chrome optimized for a braille user, the exciting new Easy Reader +, or the ability to run modern apps such as Sling TV or SiriusXM. Discuss the Brailliant BI 14. Includes time for Q&A and feedback.

Provider: HumanWare

CE credits: 1

7:15 pm - 8:30 pm FIA: Beginning Yoga for the Blind and Visually Impaired 1.00 credit \$5

How to improve body alignment and strength, increase breath awareness, enhance emotional stability, and quiet the mind through simple ancient yoga exercises. Participate in basic movement and breathing exercises, and learn some simple chanting. A DVD collection describing these practices and produced by the presenter available for purchase.

Presenter: Marty Klein, blinded veteran, author and long-time yoga practitioner, Woodstock, NY

Provider: Friends-in-Art in ACB

CE credit: 1

7:15 pm - 8:30 pm HumanWare: What's new with Victor- A Trek / Stream Discussion. 1.00 credit \$5

Success of the Victor Reader Trek and Stream marches on into 2019! Join the HumanWare team at the annual Stream User Forum. Share stories and tips on downloading and playing back books and periodicals from favorite websites. Learn what is new with both the Stream and Trek. Includes live demonstrations of features and time for Q&A.

Provider: HumanWare

CE credit: 1

Monday, July 8

7:00 am - 8:15 am ACB Families: "Telling Tales at the Table" 0.50 credit \$2.50

Every family has a story. Heroes, heroines, saints and villains; they're all there, along with storylines and plots that twist and turn over the years, decades, and centuries, across countries and continents, in ships and on horseback. The key is how to take the cryptic notes from the family Bible and the news clippings in the library archives, the birth and death announcements in yellowed newspapers stored on microfiche, and all the rest and turn it into the story it truly is. Advice, tips and tricks for turning your family's facts into a sweeping story that will keep your Thanksgiving guests silent and spellbound.

Presenter: Carla Ruschival, President, ACB Families, Louisville, KY

Provider: ACB Families

Note: CE credit available for this presentation only; breakfast not eligible for CE's.

CE credit: .5

7:00 am - 8:15 am BRL Breakfast	0.50 credit	\$2.50
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Enjoy a meal with us while we learn how our brothers and sisters from around the world benefit from using, reading and writing braille. Our featured speaker, Fred Schroeder, President of the World Blind Union and former RSA Commissioner, who will be able to share initiatives being taken to advance the interests of braille around the world.

Presenter: Fred Schroeder, President, World Blind Union and former Commissioner, Hehabilitation Services Administration

Provider: Braille Revival League

Note: CE credit available for this presentation only; breakfast not eligible for CE's.

CE credit: .5

12:15 pm - 2:30 pm CCLVI Luncheon (in CCLVI Pkg)	0.50 credit	\$2.50
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Discussion of the importance of advocating for the inclusion of low vision and diabetic devices as durable medical equipment covered by Medicare.

Presenters: Clark Rachfal, Director of Advocacy and Governmental Affairs, and Claire Stanley, Advocacy and Outreach Specialist, American Council of the Blind, Alexandria, VA

Provider: Council of Citizens with Low Vision International

Note: CE credit available for this presentation only; lunch not eligible for CE's.

CE credit: .5

12:15 pm - 2:30 pm FIA and VIVA Luncheon and Special Movie Presentation	1.50 credits	\$7.50
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Join Friends and Art and VIVA for a delicious lunch, an inspiring speaker, and a special movie matinee. Marty Klein, blind since 1974, describes the creative process behind this documentary aimed at preventing suicide among veterans and promoting opportunities for people with disabilities. His audiodescribed film will be shown following the luncheon and Marty will be available afterward for questions and discussion.

Presenter: Marty Klein, blinded veteran, author, and producer of the documentary "Why Can We Serve", Woodstock, NY

Provider: Friends-in-Art in ACB and Visually Impaired Reterans of America

Note: CE credits available for presentation and movie only; lunch not eligible for CE's.

CE credits: 1.5

12:15 pm - 2:30 pm Voices from Around the World Luncheon: "Passport to New Cultures"	1.00 credit	\$5
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Join us as we welcome our international guests and discover the key to nonverbal cultural cues! Have you ever traveled abroad and wondered whether to hug or shake hands, kiss once or twice on the cheek? A panel will discuss cultural differences to help you in your travels.

Provider: ACB International Relations Committee

Note: CE credit available for this presentation only; lunch not eligible for CE's.

CE credit: 1

1:15 pm - 5:30 pm Employment Discrimination Mock Trial	4.00 credits	\$20
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A true-to-life employment discrimination case will be tried. ACB members in attendance will act as the jury and render a verdict based on the evidence presented.

Provider: American Association of Blind Attorneys

CE credits: 4

1:30 pm - 2:30 pm Two Amazing Devices Compared: the BRAILLE Me and the Orbit Reader	1.00 credit	\$5
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A panel of experts talk about the strengths and weaknesses of two braille displays that can be bought for around \$500, and are a part of the braille revolution that is making electronic braille an affordable option for many people. Members who own and use these devices will also be encouraged to share their experiences.

Provider: Braille Revival League

CE credit: 1

1:15 pm - 2:30 pm Distance Training and Upward Mobility	1.00 credit	\$5
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The Olmsted Center for Sight is a not-for-profit agency whose mission is to help people who are blind, visually impaired, or physically disabled achieve their highest level of personal and professional independence. Program categories include low vision clinical evaluations, community and school-based vision rehabilitation services, assistive technology training, career education for employment training and job placement. Discover the types of vocational training offered by OCS in the fields of business math, customer service, hospitality, and computer skills. A distance learning platform is available to reach consumers who seek flexible training opportunities for upward mobility. Examine how BEP participants may participate in training opportunities.

Presenters: Elhanna Porter, Program Manager, and Humberto Hernandez, Employment and Training Specialist, Olmsted Center for Sight, Buffalo, NY

Provider: Randolph-Sheppard Vendors of America

CE credit: 1

2:45 pm - 4:00 pm BPI- Yoga for Warriors	1.00 credit	\$5
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This trauma-sensitive yoga workshop/class can be a healing resource for anyone effected by trauma, anxiety, depression or chronic stress through the breath and gentle movement. Yoga can help us to reestablish a connection to the body, cultivate self-awareness, increase emotional and physical resiliency and become more present in our daily lives.

Provider: Blind Pride International

CE credits: 1

2:45 pm - 4:00 pm CCLVI: "Smart Houses" (in CCLVI Pkg) 1.00 credit \$5

Have you ever imagined what life would be like in the future? It's 2019 and we are living in a world full of technology. Learn to make your home run more efficiently with innovative devices, and explore how they can make life easier for you. Discover a world you can control with voice commands and smartphone apps.

Providers: ACB Next Generation Committee and Council of Citizens with Low Vision International

CE Credit: 1

2:45 pm - 4:00 pm FIA Writers Workshop 1.00 credit \$5

Interactive workshop explores elements of creative writing. Learn basic exercises for creating action, building tension, and generating emotion in fiction, poetry and drama.

Presenters: Annie Chiapeta, author and poet, New Rochelle, NY; Dr. Herbert Guggenheim, author and poet, Rockville, MD

Provider: Friends in Art in ACB

CE credit: 1

2:45 pm - 4:00 pm How the Helen Keller National Center for Deafblind Youth and Adults Can Help Me as a Deafblind Person 1.00 credit \$5

An overview of services available through the Helen Keller National Center for Deaf-blind Youth and Adults to people who are deaf-blind and to professionals working in the field of deaf-blindness.

Presenter: Bryan Ward, Helen Keller National Center for Deaf-blind Youth and Adults

Provider: Sight and Sound Impaired (SASI) Committee and the Rehabilitation Issues Task Force

CE credit: 1

4:15 pm - 5:30 pm Games with Ralph 1.00 credit \$5

Use braille to play a number of word games; prizes will be awarded to the winners. See just how good you are at braille and words and quick thinking! A hands-on event with ideas you can use to create similar activities for your class or group.

Presenter: Ralph Smitherman, Jackson, MS

Provider: Braille Revival League

CE credit: 1

4:15 pm - 5:30 pm "Now You Can Just be Friends with Your Friends" 1.00 credit \$5

Look at apps that enable blind persons to get visual assistance using their iPhones. Some apps use the phone itself, and others connect the blind person to sighted humans who provide assistance through the use of the iPhone's camera. Expect to add to the conversation.

Provider: Information Access Committee

CE Credits: 1

4:15 pm - 5:30 pm Cochlear Implants: One Persons Experience 1.00 credit \$5

Do you have a combined hearing and vision loss? Is your hearing loss at the point where you are thinking about a cochlear implant? The presenter describes his experience with the process, from evaluation to implant to activation and learning to hear with the processor. Also of interest to those who work with the deaf-blind. Question-and-answer time included.

Presenter: Phil Jones, Loganville, GA

Provider: Sight and Sound Committee

CE credit: 1

4:15 pm - 5:30 pm Women and Horses: Confidence, Love and Power 1.00 credit \$5

The presenters will share stories about their riding experiences and the special relationship that can grow between horses and persons with disabilities.

Presenters: Susan Glass, Saratoga CA and Suzanne Ament, Christiansburg, VA

Provider: Women's Concerns Committee

CE credit: 1

5:45 pm - 7:00 pm Accessing Graphics a New Way: Exploring the World with Midlina 1.00 credit \$5

UNAR labs is an early-stage startup company developing products with the aim of providing blind and visually impaired people seamless access to digital media, from graphs to maps to text. We do this with our AI powered software platform, Midlina, which instantly transforms digital media content on your smartphone into a multi-sensory output perceivable through haptic (active touch), auditory, gestures, and enhanced visual feedback. With Midlina, blind people can access digital information when they want, where they want, and how they want.

Presenter: Hari Prasath Palani

Provider: Guide Dog Users Inc.

CE credits: 1

5:45 pm - 7:00 pm PM Yoga with Leslie Spoone 1.00 credit \$5

Relax and breathe. Join us for the calm and balance you'll need for convention week.

Presenter: Leslie Spoone, Orlando, FL

Provider: ACB Women's Concerns Committee and Recreation Zone

CE credits: 1

Tuesday, July 9

7:00 am - 8:30 am NIB Breakfast

0.50 credit \$2.50

Join National Industries for the Blind for a discussion about challenges and opportunities related to its work to provide employment for people who are blind.

Provider: National Industries for the Blind

Note: CE credit available for this presentation only; breakfast not eligible for CE's.

CE credits: .5

12:15 pm - 1:30 pm AAVIA Lunch and Meeting

0.50 credit \$2.50

Interesting and important anecdotes from our presenter's distinguished 40-year career as an attorney.

Presenter: Robert Brenna, Senior Partner, Brenna Boice LLC, Rochester, NY

Provider: American Association of Blind Attorneys

Note: CE credit available for this presentation only; lunch not eligible for CE's.

CE credit: .5

12:15 pm - 2:30 pm IVIE Luncheon: "Making Tax Information Less Taxing For Business Owners"

0.50 credit \$2.50

A representative from H&R Block will discuss recent changes in the tax code which affect entrepreneurs and other important tax information that business owners need to know. Of particular interest to vocational rehabilitation counselors who serve consumers with business-related goals.

Provider: Independent Visually Impaired Entrepreneurs

Note: CE credit available for this presentation only; lunch and business meeting not eligible for CE's.

CE credit: .5

1:15 pm - 2:30 pm The Freestyle Libre

1.00 credit \$5

Do you have questions about the Freestyle Libre, a continuous glucose monitoring system that is accessible to diabetics who are blind or who have low vision? Are you wondering if it will work for you or your clients? Hear what diabetics who are blind have to say.

Presenter: Christopher Gray, Executive Director, Missouri Council of the Blind, St. Louis, MO

Provider: ACB Diabetics in Action

CE credit: 1

1:15 pm - 2:30 pm BPI: Becoming Your Own Beacon

1.00 credit \$5

Discussion around the importance of looking for answers from within, whether LGBT, or straight, sighted or vision-impaired. A path of no-judgement where you will be motivated and empowered to become your own beacon in life.

Presenter: Gabriel Lopez Kafati, Certified Life Coach

Provider: Blind Pride International

CE credits: 1

1:45 pm - 4:00 pm The ABLE Act	2.00 credits	\$10
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A discussion of the ABLE Act, with particular emphasis on its potential as a savings vehicle for employed people.

Presenter: James R. Sheldon, Managing Attorney (ret), Neighborhood Legal Services, Buffalo, NY

Provider: American Association of Blind Attorneys

CE credits: 2

2:45 pm - 4:00 pm LUA Program	1.00 credit	\$5
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Part 1 - When You Can't Believe Your Eyes: Vision Loss and Personal Recovery: first-hand account of her experiences and accumulated wisdom into a book to help others make the transition to independence after vision loss.

Presenter: Hannah Fairbairn, retired instructor at the Carroll Center for the Blind, Newton, MA

Part 2 - Picture the Feeling: Tactile Graphics Today and Tomorrow: Discover what NLS and National Braille Press are doing with tactile graphics. Explore other sources for maps and pictures that blind people can access and use, including the new Graphiti tactile graphic display.

Provider: Library Users of America

CE credits: 1

4:15 pm - 5:30 pm Stop! Look! Listen! Pedestrian Safety	1.00 credit	\$5
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A panel discussion - Cars are getting quieter, intersections are getting more complicated, and drivers are getting more distracted, and... it is getting harder and harder for us to be safe! Representatives from guide dog schools will share tips and provide reminders on how To navigate.

Provider: Guide Dog Users Inc.

CE credit: 1

5:45 pm - 7:00 pm Top Ten Technology Treasures	1.00 credit	\$5
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Each day, we are presented with many challenges ranging from equal access to staying healthy and fit. Discover exciting new developments, apps, and tech supports addressing the needs of individuals with visual impairments in today's fast-paced world. At the end of this session, participants will be able to identify technology and understand how a particular piece of technology can be used to solve a problem for someone who is legally or totally blind.

Presenter: Steve Famiglietti, Blind Services Vocational Manager, NEAT Center at Oak Hill, Hartford, CT.

Provider: Guide Dog Users Inc.

CE credit: 1

Note- This CEC session is offered again on 7/6/19 at 3:30 PM. CEC credit can only be earned for one session.

Wednesday, July 10

11:00 am - 5:00 pm NY School for the Blind	3.50 credits	\$17.50
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An opportunity to visit the campus, meet staff and ask questions. Lunch included. CE credits not available for travel time.

Provider: American Council of the Blind

CE credits: 3.5

1:15 pm - 2:30 pm LGBT Digital	1.00 credit	\$5
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The trendiest apps for the LGBT community from dating to events, health information and more. Discover practical uses, etiquette, and of course accessibility.

Provider: Blind Pride International

CE credits: 1

1:15 pm - 2:30 pm BOP Workshop: "Highways, Byways and Back Alleys: Transporting Your Readers to Your Message"	1.00 credit	\$5
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No one size fits all readers. Some like print, others braille, still others digital cartridge, email and podcasts. At the 2019 BOP Writer's Workshop, BOP members Deb Cook Lewis and Susan Glass will describe the many-pronged approach the BOP has taken for ensuring that there is a format for every Braille Forum and E-Forum reader. They will also share ideas that individuals and affiliates can use for making local newsletters and other materials available in audio, digital and other formats. This will be a hands-on workshop where you can transform the BOP's lessons into practical strategies you can use to increase the scope and reach of your own publications.

Presenters: ACB Board of Publications members Susan Glass, Saratoga, CA and Deb Cook Lewis, Clarkston, WA.

Provider: ACB Board of Publications

CE credits: 1

1:15 pm - 4:00 pm Grassroots Advocacy Bootcamp: The Three Branches of the Government	2.50 credits	\$12.50
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When do you use one branch over the other and how do they work? In the U.S., we have three distinct branches of the government. How do advocates use these separate entities to advocate for the rights of blind and visually impaired Americans?

Presenters: A hands-on workshop led by

Provider: American Council of the Blind

CE credit: 2.5

2:45 pm - 4:00 pm Financial Freedom: Sailing Away from Social Security	1.00 credit	\$5
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It's easier said than done. It's not as simple as finding a job and getting it. We all know the system makes it easier to depend on it than to break free from it. A panel will help you answer important questions such as "How do I go about

saving money in a system that doesn't let me save?" and "What are my rights as I navigate Social Security policies?"

Provider: ACB Employment Committee

CE credit: 1

5:45 pm - 7:00 pm FIA Rounds and Harmony	1.00 credit	\$5
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An excellent opportunity to sing away the stress of the convention while observing methods for teaching simple rounds to participants with a wide range of musical abilities. Learn some rounds to use in your classroom, rehabilitation facility etc.

Provider: Friends-in-Art in ACB

CE credit: 1

5:45 pm - 7:00 pm Bookshare Office Hours at ACB!	1.50 credits	\$7.50
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Provider: Bookshare.org

CE credit: 1.5

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