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Dear ICUB members and friends,

The time for the Thirty-Third Annual Iowa Council of the United Blind Conference and Convention is fast approaching. It will be held virtually the weekend of August 20, 21, and 22, 2021. We would love to have you join us!

As always, we have a great convention planned. We will kick off this year's event with Iowa's People & Places: An Introduction to 13,000 Years of Iowa History, a virtual audio tour, from the State Historical Museum of Iowa.

Key speakers include: ACB representative Clark Rachful; Blind History Lady Peggy Chong; former Director of the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, Karen Keninger; Pramit Bhargava, Creator of the Louie Voice Control app; and a representative from the state Ombudsman office.

There will be topics covering advocacy, accessing technology like streaming on-demand services, resources for the aging, bringing accessible absentee ballots to Iowa, and how to deal with state government. You'll learn valuable information, connect with others, and have a good time doing it!

We wish to thank, in advance, our sponsors, speakers, ICUB members, and everyone else who has been working so diligently to make this convention a memorable one. We also want to thank the American Council of the Blind for all of their time in making this year's event possible and for streaming it live nationally on ACB Radio, the Greater Iowa Credit Union for funding the cost of producing convention materials, and Democracy Live for sponsoring our conference and convention.

So read all the details below, register today, and get ready to join. We'll see you soon!

Carrie Chapman, President

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2021 Conference and Convention Details

Accessing the Conference and Registration

This year's conference will be streamed live on ACB Radio. You can access ACB Radio via your Alexa device, by phone or your computer. This will allow you to listen to all our great speakers and events!

If you would like the full experience, though, you do need to register. Registering allows you to engage with others including our speakers, be eligible for up to \$200.00 in door prizes, and if you're a member, speak and vote on state business.

There is no cost to register!

After registering, you will be given Zoom credentials that will allow you to fully participate and actively engage in this year's event. Zoom can be accessed via landline, by the app on your smart phone or device or by computer.

Door Prizes

ICUB will be giving away a total of \$200.00 in door prizes during the third general assembly on Saturday afternoon. This includes a \$100.00 members-only door prize!

To be eligible to win a door prize, you have to be registered for the conference and present at the time of the drawing. In addition, to be eligible for the members-only door prize, you have to be a current active member of ICUB. Current, active membership means that a person has paid their 2021 annual membership dues by August 10, 2021.

If you are not a member of ICUB but are interested in joining please let us know by August 10, 2021, when you register!

State Business and Voting

State business will be conducted throughout this year's conference and convention. State business will include annual reports, elections, voting on amendments to the constitution, selecting delegates for the 2022 ACB National

Conference and Convention, and funding for the 2022 ACB President's Meeting and Legislative Seminar.

All voting will take place during the third general assembly Saturday afternoon. Any business not completed during the time allowed will be carried over to the end of the afternoon session on Saturday or into a fourth general assembly on Sunday, August 22, 2021.

In order to speak and vote on state business, you must be a current, active member of ICUB and be registered for the conference.

See the following page for a full list of speakers and events!

Agenda

Iowa Council of the United Blind

Thirty-Third Annual Conference and Convention

Friday, August 20, 2021

5:45 p.m. Iowa's People & Places: An Introduction to 13,000 Years of Iowa History from the State Historical Museum of Iowa

Program Description: Leo Landis, State Curator for the State Historical Society of Iowa, will describe highlights of an exhibit commemorating 175 years of Iowa statehood. The exhibit opened in March 2021 and includes information on American Indians, the Civil War, Community Development, World War I and World War II, Equal Opportunities, and more. Leo will highlight these themes and museum artifacts in the exhibit. A question and answer session to follow.

7:00 p.m. First General Assembly

Call to Order—Carrie Chapman, President

Invocation—Cody Dolinsek

“Star Spangled Banner”—Mary Haupt

**Greetings from the Des Moines Chapter—Lori Trujillo Roush,
President**

President's Report—Carrie Chapman

Election of Nominating Committee—Bettina Dolinsek

Appointment of Auditing Committee—TBD

**Marie Hoenig Perkins Braille Award—Mike Hoenig, joined by
Jordyn Robbins and Family**

Travels with Karen—Karen Keninger

First Reading of Proposed changes to the state constitution

Announcements

Adjournment

Saturday, August 21, 2021

**8:30 a.m. Remembering Those We Have Lost—Joann Slayton
and LaDonna Seliger**

9:00 a.m. Second General Assembly

Call to Order and Welcome—Carrie Chapman, President

Pledge of Allegiance

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Announcements

9:15 a.m. ACB Report and Legislative Update—Clark Rachful, Director of Advocacy and Governmental Affairs, American Council of the Blind

9:45 a.m. Aging Resources of Central Iowa—Crystal Doig

10:15 a.m. Louie Voice Control App—Pramit Bhargava, Creator

10:45 a.m. Break

10:50 a.m. Streaming On-Demand Services: Hulu, Disney Plus, and Netflix—Joel Schneider, Director, Audio Description Project, American Council of the Blind

11:20 a.m. Resources Available Through Milestones—Dawn Carstensen, Area Agency on Aging, Davenport, IA

11:50 a.m. Scams and How to Avoid Them—Community Resource Officer Kruger, Ames Police Department

12:20 p.m. Iowa Reapers Beep Baseball—Kyle Kuhlman

12:30 p.m. Afternoon Break

12:45 p.m. Third General Assembly

Call to Order—Carrie Chapman, President

Friends of the Library—Don Wirth

Announcements and Door Prizes

1:00 p.m. Tales from the Blind History Lady—Peggy Chong

1:45 p.m. Second reading and voting on proposed changes to the state constitution. Elections and state business meeting to be conducted throughout the remainder of the afternoon between speakers. Any unfinished business will be conducted at the end of this afternoon session or carried into Sunday for the fourth general assembly.

2:25 p.m. Break and Door Prizes

**2:30 p.m. Dealing with Problems with State Government—
Kristie Hirschman, State Ombudsman**

**3:00 p.m. Accessible Voting Ballots, Charlie Kinnune,
Democracy Live**

**3:20 p.m. Educational Services for Iowa's Blind Children—
Steve Gettel, Superintendent, Iowa Educational Services for
the Blind and Visually Impaired and Iowa School for the Deaf**

3:45 p.m. Break and Door Prizes

**3:50 p.m. What's New at IRIS—Mary Frances Evans,
Executive Director**

**4:05 p.m. Iowa Department for the Blind Report—Emily
Wharton, Director**

4:30 p.m. Remaining state business. Time permitting, any unfinished business will be conducted at the end of this session. Any business not able to be completed within a reasonable amount of time will be carried over to the following day for a fourth general assembly.

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Adjournment

Happy Hour with Ralph Smitherman and Mary Haupt will follow immediately after the general assembly.

Ralph and Mary will host the hospitality room. Open to all Convention attendees, it is a good place to hoist a glass, munch on a few of your favorite snacks, and talk with fellow conventioners. The room will be held on a special conference line and be open shortly after the Saturday afternoon general assembly.

Sunday, August 22, 2021

9:00 a.m. Fourth General Assembly

This assembly will only be held if it is determined that the business from the previous general assemblies could not be conducted during the time allowed. If the Fourth Assembly is not needed, highlights from the state conference will be replayed on ACB Radio during this time.

Convention Registration and Donations

We want to make it easy for you! There are multiple ways to register. The fastest way will be through our new website which will be available any day now! Through the website you can not only register for the conference, you can find out more about ICUB, pay your dues and make donations.

Other ways to register include by email, phone or U.S. mail.

To register utilize one of the following:

Website: icublind.org (Coming soon!)

Email: eyeforonly1@gmail.com

Phone: 712-310-7140

U.S. mail:

Iowa Council of the United Blind

29965 185th St.

Honey Creek, IA, 51542

If registering by email or phone please include your name, address, phone and preferred email address. Registration is per individual not household. So please include this information per person wishing to register for the conference and convention.

If registering by U.S. mail please print the form below and send to the address provided above.

Speaking about donations, although we are virtual this year, we still experience expenses. If you appreciate all that ICUB has to offer, and would like to help defray costs, consider making a donation.

Donations can be made via our new website or by U.S. mail. If sending in your donation U.S. mail please do at the address above and make checks payable to the Iowa Council of the United Blind.

Registration Form

Iowa Council of the United Blind

Thirty-Third Annual Conference and Convention

Name(s) of Registrant(s): _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Number of Registrations: _____

I would like to donate the following amount to _____

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Thank you in advance for your support!

Carrie Chapman, President

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