

2024 PCB CONFERENCE & CONVENTION

Accessibility: A Buffet of Choices

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To promote independence and opportunities for people with vision impairments

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# FROM THE CONFERENCE PROGRAM & PLANNING TEAM

Welcome to all,

We, the members of the PCB Conference Program and Planning Team (CPPT), are happy that you have chosen to join us for the 2024 PCB Conference and Convention which is the eighty-ninth such event. The weekend’s theme is “Accessibility: A Buffet of Choices!”

We are grateful to the companies, organizations, and chapters who have underwritten parts of this conference and convention. Listen throughout the weekend to hear who they are and thank them.

This year’s conference theme is special because we hope to fill your mind with offerings from that buffet. We have presentations that will inform you about the many choices that you have when you think about appliances in your home. We will inform you about ways to keep track of information that you have around your home. There is a presentation that gives different choices for making your church and religious experience more accessible. We will learn how presenters continued to create art as their vision levels changed.

It's not too late to remind others to register or add a Shout out to your friends. We are giving everyone the opportunity to share a 15-word community shout-out. We’ll read the messages during the conference that have not made it into the printed program.

Throughout the weekend you will be hearing from our planning team members who have worked so hard to make this event a success. Please don’t hesitate to reach out to us if we can be of further assistance. As you read the program and schedule, we believe you will find additional presentations and activities of interest. Exhibiters continue to register so we may have additional changes in the schedule.

We will certainly have many choices to think about. We look forward to zooming in together soon.

Enjoy our buffet,

Members of the CPPT

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We are saddened to report the passing of the following PCB peers since our last conference.

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Thursday- 10 AM to 6 PM

Friday- 11 AM to 6 PM

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# DOOR PRIZES

As a registrant of the 2024 PCB Conference and Convention, your name has been automatically entered in our door prize drawing. Listen during the scheduled door prize times to see if you win. When your name is chosen, you will need to claim your prize. You will be given 30 minutes to do so. If you are present on Zoom when your name is called, simply raise your hand. If you are listening on ACB Media 8, call or text our Door Prize Coordinator , Bob Lichtenfels at 412-596-2682.

Should a prize go unclaimed during the time window, both the name and the prize will go back in the pool for future drawings. Your claimed door prizes will be mailed to you at the address you provided during registration.

# BUSINESS MEETING & VOTING

As in other years, the PCB Business Meeting will be held on the Saturday afternoon of the conference. This meeting is only open to paid PCB members who have registered for the conference. If you are registered for the conference, but are not a paid PCB member for 2024, please do not join this meeting.

This year voting will be done by raising hands. We will utilize the virtual hand-raising mechanism provided to all participants regardless of whether you use a computer, smartphone, or regular phone. (Read the Zoom Tips section for directions.) When an issue is brought for a vote, we will count the hands raised for and those raised against. Each chapter will then be called on to cast its two delegate votes. The individual votes will be added with the chapter votes to determine the final count either for or against an issue. Please note, if there are more than two voting members in your household, you will need to log on through separate devices to each have a virtual hand to raise.

# ZOOM TIPS & PROTOCOLS

All conference sessions will be held on the Zoom platform. Zoom gives us a robust mechanism to manage large groups of attendees, multiple presenters, meeting security, and orderly discussions. Zoom is accessible whether you choose to use a computer, smartphone, tablet, or landline. Here are some tips for connecting on Zoom followed by some communication protocols.

## On a Windows Computer:

Click the provided link to launch the meeting.

Download Zoom software if prompted.

Enter your name/email and click the Join button.

Raise your hand with question/comment Alt-Y

Mute/Unmute your audio when prompted Alt-A

Quit the current meeting Alt-Q or

Close the meeting window Alt-F4

Access the tool bar to tab through Audio, Video, and Chat options Control-Shift-Alt

## On a Mac Computer:

Click the provided link to launch the meeting.

Download Zoom software if prompted.

Enter your name/email and use Command-J to join.

Raise your hand with question/comment Option-Y.

Mute/Unmute your audio when prompted Command-Shift-A

Leave the meeting Command-W.

## With a Smartphone/Tablet:

Click the Mobile number or Internet link provided.

Select Dial/Call or Internet connection.

Download Zoom app if prompted.

Enter your name/email and click the Join button.

Swipe right and left through the buttons at the bottom right of the screen.

Double tap the button you want.

Raise Your Hand button with a comment or question. You may have to tap the reactions button to see the raised hand button.

Mute/Unmute button to toggle your audio when prompted.

Leave button to disconnect.

## On a Landline Phone:

Dial the Phone number provided. (This is a long-distance toll call.)

Contact the PCB office if you need the toll-free number.

Enter the Meeting ID followed by # sign.

Enter the session Password if provided, otherwise hit # sign.

Raise your hand with a comment or question \*9

Mute/Unmute your audio \*6

## Communication Protocols:

Once you have reached the virtual meeting room, in most cases, you will be muted. If you would like to ask a question or make a comment, indicate such by raising your virtual hand. The host will allow you to speak when it’s your turn. He or she will address you by your name if you typed it in before joining, your email address if that was provided instead, or the last four digits of your phone number. The host will ask you to go ahead and unmute yourself to speak. At this point you would hit Alt-A, Command-Shift-A, the Unmute button, or \*6, depending on which device you are using.

Please have your question or comment ready and make your point quickly to allow time for others to contribute.

Begin your remarks by stating your name. Speak loudly and clearly throughout your remarks so they can be captioned accurately.

Do your best to avoid background noise. If using a screen reader such as JAWS, please use headphones so we don’t hear the jabbering when you are unmuted.

Stay muted whenever you are not speaking.

This year we are offering automated closed captioning through Zoom. As you enter the webinar, you should receive a notification that captioning is available if you wish to use it.

Do not speak over other people. Please be patient and respectful of others while they are speaking.

We will all have a pleasant and productive convention if we all practice good communication skills.

# LISTENING ON ACB MEDIA 8

When you need a break from Zoom, you can tune into the broadcast of the 2024 PCB Conference and Convention on the ACB Media 8 Network. The only events not being streamed are Thursday’s PCB Board of Directors’ meeting, Friday’s PCB Meet-up, Saturday’s PCB Business Meeting, and Sunday’s Netflix Movie. These events will only be available via Zoom. Here are ways to listen to all other content via ACB Media 8 where we will be streamed.

* Stream the audio on an internet-enabled device such as a computer or notetaker by visiting: acbmedia.org and selecting Stream.
* Tell an Amazon Echo device, “Enable ACB Media Network.” When prompted for the stream say, “ACB Media 8.”
* Download the ACB Link app to your smartphone (iPhone and Android).
* Listen on the telephone by calling 518-906-1820, but it may not connect the first time that you try it. This system has to wake up by having someone request something a few times. Use the menu to pick the media channel.
* Use the Internet Radio feature on a Victor Reader Stream to access ACB Media Network.

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# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

October 17-20 on Zoom & ACB Media

All Times Eastern

Note: Times for events are approximate and can change slightly because of presentation length or other things beyond our control. All presentations will be simulcast on ACB Media 8 unless noted.

## Thursday, October 17, 2024

10:50 AM Zoom Webinar Opens.

10:55 Welcome & Exhibit Protocols, Sue Lichtenfels, PCB Conference Team

11:00 AM Lengua Learn Communications, Carla Hayes (prerecorded)

11:10 AM Simple Little Goods, Chuck Winstead

11:20 AM Braille Wear, Terry Keason

11:30 AM The Blind Kitchen, Chef Debra Erickson

11:40 AM Q/A with Exhibitors

11:50 AM Blind Mike's Pottery, Mike Grove (prerecorded video)

12:00 PM Elegant Insights Braille Creations, Laura Legendary

12:10 PM Blind Delights, Stephanie Barrera Valdes

12:20 PM Q/A with Exhibitors

12:30 PM Even Grounds, Tom Babinszki (prerecorded)

12:40 PM Blind Girl Designs, Tricia Waechter

12:50 PM Pampered Chef, Dawn Brush

1:00 PM Mama Otter's Tidbits, Charlotte Lang

1:10 PM Q/A with Exhibitors

1:30 PM Scentsy with Nini, Nini Urschel (prerecorded)

2:00 PM The Blind Kitchen, Chef Debra Erickson

3:00 PM Library of Accessible Media for Pennsylvanians (LAMP), Various staff members, from the Carnegie Library location, Community Advocate Sponsor

3:30 PM CVS Health, Home of Spoken RX, Community Advocate Sponsor

4:00 PM PCB Board of Directors’ Meeting. All are welcome. (Not streamed on ACB Media.)

4:00 PM Auction Item Showcase Preview. (On ACB Media 8 only.) The bidding won’t begin until Sunday, but you don’t have to wait any longer to hear the parade of great items up for bid this year. Start making your wish list!

5:15 PM Dinner Break

6:15 PM General Session Prelude

6:30 PM Call to Order and Welcome, Debby Hill, PCB President

6:35 PM Invocation & Necrology Remembrance, Jacqueline Wissinger, PCB Chaplain.

6:45 PM President’s Address, Debby Hill, PCB President.

7:00 PM Door Prizes & Announcements

7:05 PM Accessible Ballot, Democracy Live

7:35 PM Hearing Aids: Audiologist Prescribed VS Over the Counter Purchase, Tony Swartz with Dr. Rebecca Blaha. This presentation will explore the options, differences, benefits, and drawbacks of obtaining hearing aids relying on an audiologist opposed to purchasing hearing aids over the counter.

8:35 PM Candidate Statements, PCB Nominating Team. Prepare for Saturday’s elections by getting to know more about each of the candidates through their pre-recorded remarks.

8:45 PM Door Prizes & Announcements

9:00 PM My Three Songs! With DJ Doug, sponsored by CVS Health. Join the fun by listening to a sample of three songs and then shout out the common theme between them. All are invited to play!

10:30 PM Exhibits Repeat on a Loop throughout the Overnight on ACB Media Stream 8.

## Friday, October 18, 2024

9:00 AM Rise for a Prize Community Coffee, Conference Program & Planning Team, sponsored by Library of Accessible Media for Pennsylvanians (LAMP). Grab a cup of coffee or tea and join us for some light conversation. Oh yes, and prizes too! Remember, only one winner per household for the Rise for a Prize events.

9:30 AM Creating Accessible Environments for the Blind and Visually Impaired, Idan Meir and Darren Gladstone. This will be a discussion around the challenges of making buildings more accessible and how the RightHear audio format signage system can help to turn buildings into more accessible spaces.

10:00 AM Coming Out of the Dark: Emergency Preparedness for Those Who Are Blind, Low Vision, and Deafblind, Valerie Claire Haven. This workshop will present information and resources individuals with visual impairments can use to keep themselves safe during emergencies and disasters. Topics will include how first responders are trained to deal with individuals with disabilities, decisions we need to make before a crisis happens, and resources to increase safety.

11:00 AM Door Prizes and Announcements

11:15 AM High Tech, Low Tech, and No Tech: strategies for self-communication of important reminders, appointments and other valuable information, Doug Hunsinger and the PCB Communications Team. The communications team panel will present methods of accomplishing important personal tasks. Whether it’s jotting down that phone number, making a grocery list, or keeping that doctor’s appointment, the team will present high tech, low-tech, and non-tech solutions for dealing with these tasks. We don’t have all the answers, so audience participation will be requested throughout the session.

12:15 pm Lunch break, PCB Meet-up, (Not on ACB Media 8)

This discussion will include questions, suggestions, and reflections on PCB. Led by The Peer Engagement Team with audience participation.

1:00 PM Accessible Appliances: A Menu of Options, Joe Fagnani with the PCB Technical Access Team. Audience members will learn how many options they have for accessible appliances.

2:00 PM Creating Art as Vision Changes, Lisa Busch with Lynda McKinney Lambert, Carol Farnsworth, and Tara Arlene Innmon. Come find out how to continue or begin practicing visual art while losing sight or totally blind. Enjoy learning the various art forms available to explore. Discover how three women overcame barriers and created paintings, felt art scenes and clay sculpture.

3:00 PM Break and Door Prizes

3:15 PM SSP Services, Sherri Rodgers and Heather Snyder. This session will help hard of members who are hard of hearing and blind to realize the independence of doing their own shopping with assistance, such as an SSP. You get up to 15 hours a month for shopping, banking, doctor visits, dining out, etc.

3:45 PM A Resource Toolkit for Empowerment: an in-depth look at Community Resources, Suzanne Erb, Cathy Long and Pamela Shaw. Have you heard about some resources in passing, but would like more in depth information about them? In this workshop, Suzanne Erb, Cathy Long and Pamela Shaw will look at several resources for shopping, transportation, and community engagement. All these resources can be accessed both using a standard telephone, as well as with more high-tech devices. Not only will we explain how these resources can be accessed, but we will provide background information about them. We will discuss ACB community calls, several resources for obtaining food, and Go Go Grandparent—a transportation resource that you can use to access LYFT and Uber rides without using a smart phone or computer.

4:45 PM Dinner Break

6:15 PM Music Prelude

6:30 PM Practical Uses of AI With Your Favorite Screen Reader or Without! Jason Miller and Anthony Ballou. Have you ever needed information really fast that is challenging to find? Let’s face it, as students, parents, and regular people, sometimes we may need information, or as blind people even forget things, more than we tend to admit. With today’s technology, helping with the kid’s math and science homework is no issue, did you say your fingers are tingling? Let’s get some possible reasons, slow cooked taco brisket, yes, we can get that recipe! This presentation will describe how to use the popular Chat GPT to research practical information, in fact, our presenter will demonstrate how he used the Chat GPT to research, locate and find a lost love. Moreover, we will use both a free and paid screen reader to gain the information using the GPT technology. Lastly, another presenter will use a mobile device (iPhone), with the GPT app, to have a live conversation. To summarize, this presentation is aimed at demonstrating how to use three different screen reading technologies with AI/GPT as a practical, and accessible resource of information, no matter what platform you choose, we aim to broaden your accessible horizons!

7:15 PM Door Prizes & Announcements

7:25 PM Worship: Recipes for Accessibility, Sue Lichtenfels and panel. This presentation is an exploration of accessibility within worship practices. Regardless of the religion or the tenants of a particular faith, we want to examine how people who are blind or visually impaired are accessing the basics: fellowship, volunteerism, participation, and leadership. What have their experiences been facing both physical and attitudinal barriers to full inclusion in the worship process? What are the tools and strategies they utilize to make worship accessible to them?

8:40 PM Door Prizes & Announcements

9:00 PM “Who said this,” a famous quotes game, with Lisa Busch, sponsored by CVS Health. There will be competition among people who pay attention to who says what and who can identify the sayer. Points will be given for correct answers.

10:30 PM Exhibits Repeat on a Loop throughout the Overnight on ACB Media Stream 8.

## Saturday, October 19, 2024

8:30 AM Rise for a Prize Community Coffee, Conference Program Planning Team, sponsored by Library of Accessible Media for Pennsylvanians (LAMP). Grab a cup of coffee or tea and join us for some light conversation. Oh yes, and prizes too! Remember, only one winner per household for the Rise for a Prize events.

9:00 AM Caring for Pets When You Have Limited or No Vision, Debby Hill and Dr. DeAnna Moore. If someone is blind or has low vision and they have not had training for a guide dog, what do they need to know to take care of a pet? This will be a presentation plus audience participation.

10:00 AM Achieve Greater Independence with the Meta Ray-Ban Smart Glasses, Lisa Salinger. In this session, learn about the Meta Ray-Ban Smart glasses: their features and possible drawbacks, and how to incorporate them into your daily life.

10:45 AM Door Prizes & Announcements

11:00 AM Get Involved with Accessible Adaptive Sports Blind Tennis with Jen Roth who will explain the rules and availability of “Blind Tennis.”

11:30 AM Creating and Promoting Your Chapter’s Identity, Thadeus Graham, PCB Outreach and Engagement Specialist.

12:00 PM Lunch Break

12:50 PM Get Connected for the PCB Business Meeting. (Access through the special Zoom connections below. (Not streamed on ACB Media.) Only paid 2024 PCB members who are registered for the conference may attend this event. All who expect to vote should be sure to join the meeting as an individual to retain their individual PCB vote. Since we will use Zoom’s hand-raising function, married couples, those using three-way calling, and others who typically share a connection should plan for accessing through their own device. If you need toll-free calling for this session, contact the PCB office no later than Noon on this day for the toll-free number.

1:00 PM Welcome and House Keeping Announcements, Debby Hill, PCB President.

1:05 PM Team & Project Reports.

1:45 PM Treasurer's Report, Michael Zaken, PCB Treasurer.

2:15 PM Bylaw & Resolution Matters, Carla Hayes, PCB Parliamentary Team

2:30 PM Elections, Chris Hunsinger, PCB Nominating Team and Debby Hill, PCB President

3:15 PM Old & New Business, Debby Hill, PCB President

4:00 PM Door Prizes & Adjournment for dinner.

6:15 PM PCB Virtual Banquet sponsored by Golden Triangle Council of the Blind (GTCB), Music Prelude

6:30 PM Greetings and Sponsor Acknowledgements, Debby Hill, PCB President

6:35 PM Drawing the 50/50 Conference Raffle

6:40 PM Banquet speaker: Karla Gilbride, General Counsel of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. Title of presentation We Have the Power: Fighting for Access and Opportunity in the 21st Century

7:30 PM PCB Award Presentations,

8:00 PM PCB Merit Awards, Suzanne Erb, PCB Peer Engagement Team

8:15 PM Door Prizes & Announcements

8:30 PM Performance: Jason Castonguay, after Banquet music and a presentation of his strategies for making good audio engineering accessible for those who are blind or who have low vision.

10:30 PM Exhibits Repeat on a Loop throughout the Overnight on ACB Media Stream 8.

## Sunday, October 20, 2024

9:30 AM Audio Described play: To See or Not to See—This is a play written and produced in Canada from VocalEye. It’s about a blind woman who becomes overwhelmed with life and turns to a Shaman to help her revisit various stages of her life so she can overcome family trauma and the difficulties of growing up as a person with a disability. While there are some funny points, it is very serious content.

11:15 AM Break: Door prizes & announcements

11:30 AM Netflix Audio Described Movie: True Spirit (Not on ACB Media) A tenacious Australian teen chases her dreams and faces her fears as she sets out to become the youngest person to sail solo around the world. Starring: Teagan Croft, Cliff Curtis, and Anna Paquin.

1:30 PM Pre-Auction Showcase. Tune to ACB Media 8 or zoom in to hear the prerecorded parade of great items up for bid this year. Familiarize yourself with the bidding process to give you the best chance of nabbing your favorite item.

3:00 PM PCB Live Auction, PCB Fund Development Team. Join the fun of raising funds for PCB and have a blast winning a great item. All conference registrants are automatically eligible to bid. Encourage your friends and family who want to join in the auction fun to sign up before Noon on Saturday, the 19th. Have them call 877-617-7407 Ext. 800 or email pcboffice@pcb1.org with their full name, city and state, phone number, email address, and type of payment they plan to use (check or credit card).

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Beyond mentoring and providing peer support, GTCB peers advocate with public officials, community organizations, and businesses to make life easier for people who are blind or visually impaired.

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# COMMUNITY SHOUT-OUTS

Hey Doug, I thought it wouldn’t last, but we are still together 40 years later. – Christine Hunsinger

Thanks for all you do for PCB – Ann Chiappetta

Hi, PCB Family! It’s been beautiful working with you all this year! GO Keystone!!! – Cathy Long

Shout out to Bucks County Association for the Blind Center, and my other zoom buddies at VIPGS affiliate to ACB – John Amato

Thanks so much to the Peer Engagement Team for all you bring to PCB and beyond. – Suzanne Erb

Hope everyone enjoys the convention. – Marita Mathews

Let’s all be kind to one another. It just feels good. – Douglas Hunsinger

My philosophy: Work hard but have fun! – Debby Hill

Thank you to the Vision Loss & Peer Engagement Teams for encouraging me to accept my vision loss and feel included. I love you All!!! Thank you!! – Cynthia Gibbs-Pratt

Thank you Keystone, PCB, ACB, and BITS for all you have done for me this year. – Mervin Keck

Knowledge is power and empowerment: Never stop learning and asking questions. – Sue Lichtenfels

Check out the blog site EdwardHersch.com for articles on Refuge. – Ed Hersch

Warm hearted wishes to all of you and may PCB continue to make a positive difference for all persons with vision loss. – Ed Facemyer

Congratulations to the convention committee for having a fabulous convention! – Shirley Brotman

Autumn, thanks much for often going beyond the call of duty! – Anthony Swartz

Debby, you are doing a good job as President of PCB. – Michael Zaken

Celebrating our 50th Wedding Anniversary this year. It’s all been good. – Bill & Irene Rehman, Washington County Chapter