

Greetings Fellow Federationists!

I hope all are doing well during the COVID-19 outbreak. Before I give my report, I want to clarify a couple of items that people might be wondering about.

When I was first brought on as webmaster two years ago, the division was paying companies to maintain the domain name of nfbdeaf-blind.org along with the hosting platform. Shortly after that, the domain name was transferred to NFB to maintain under its master account and the hosting provider was switched to NFBNet. This means that for both the domain name and the hosting now does not have to be paid by the division. In regards to hosting the site on NFBNet, it allows the national office to provide technical assistance with maintaining the website. Otherwise the maintenance of content on the site is handle by the division through its webmaster.

What I have accomplished between last year's national convention and now is the following:

- Updated existing pages accordingly, such as the Resources page and the National Convention page
- Updated the Membership Form page with the 2021 application form
- Updated the contact info for the division's treasurer on the Board of Directors page, Contribution Opportunities page, membership forms, and PayPal account
- Added the updated SSP whitepaper

There is a page on the site that lists all of the state DeafBlind divisions and committees with the contact information for the president or chairperson. If there is a state DeafBlind division or committee that is not listed on this page,, please inform Alice Eaddy and she will pass it along to me.

Either later this year or sometime next year, the national office will be working with the division to migrate the website to a new web platform where multiple NFB state affiliate and national division websites will be placed on a single web server to assist with keeping their sites up-to-date with the latest software. All of the sites will have the same branding across the board, but will be customized towards the needs of the affiliate or division. The national office will be responsible for maintaining the software update side of the site, which will be powered on Drupal (initially running Drupal 8 and then upgrading to Drupal 9 and later) after the site migration is complete. After the migration, the affiliate or division will still be responsible for maintaining the content updating side of the website. Some of the pages will have content pulled from nfb.org. The national office will contact the affiliate or division 90 days prior to when their site is ready to begin the migration process with a third-party vendor.

The best way to keep the content on the site current and up-to-date is for everyone within the DeafBlind Division periodically review the site and submit feedback to either Alice or myself for our review to see if the revision is warranted.

Thank you for your time to let me provide you my report. Enjoy the rest of the convention. Thank you.