

Virtual Conference/Convention of the American Council of the Blind of Texas, Inc. (ACBT) on the Zoom Platform

August 28-29, 2020

THEME: ACBT: 2020 Vision for the Future

Friday, August 28

Friday Sessions and Exhibits

12:00-1:45 PM Virtual Exhibit Hall

2:00-3:30 PM Leadership Seminar

“Steppingstone to Becoming a Good Leader”

Moderator: Dr. Karen Wolffe, Consultant at Career Counseling and Consulting LLC. in Austin

Panelists: Dr. Gene Brooks, Lecturer in the Department of Special Education at the University of Texas at Austin, Dan Spoone, President American Council of the Blind and Cyral Miller, Outreach Programs, Texas School for the Blind/Visually Impaired (TSBVI)

4:00-4:55 PM So what’s happening at ACB?

Updates from Dan Spoone, President ACB, Eric Bridges, Executive Director, Clark Rachfal, Director of ACB’s Advocacy & Governmental Affairs and Claire Stanley, Advocacy & Outreach Specialist

5:00-6:00 PM Virtual Exhibit Hall

7:30 PM Variety Show - Musical entertainment, comedy, etc.

Saturday, August 29

Sessions and Exhibits

8:00-9:00 AM Virtual exhibit hall

9:00-9:55 AM TWC

Updates from Texas Workforce Commission (TWC)
Presenter: Edward Serna, Executive Director of Texas
Workforce Commission

10:30-11:30 AM Advocacy on the Rise

Presenters: Dennis Borel, Executive Director of the
Coalition of Texans with Disabilities (CTD) and Larry P.
Johnson, Advocate, Author & Motivational Speaker

12:00-1:00 PM Virtual Exhibit Hall

1:00-2:15 PM Adjusting to Blindness

Facilitator: Diane Yoder, VR Supervisor Texas
Workforce Solutions

Panelists: Jamie Sibson, Manager of Training Services,
Criss Cole Rehabilitation Center (CCRC), Becky
Browning, Vocational Rehabilitation Teacher Program
Specialist, Texas Workforce Commission, Blind Services
Support, Belinda J. Lane, Vocational Rehabilitation
Teacher and Braille Program Specialist, Office of Blind
Services Support, Texas Workforce Commission,
Vocational Rehabilitation Division

30-3:30 PM "Meeting the Jetsons"

Although we don't have Rosie the robot, we do have Roomba to vacuum our floors. And to take care of all of our cooking needs, we have the Instant Pot. Join this session for demos and to see how this technology can change your life forever!

Presenters: Michael McCulloch, Sandhya Rao, and Linda Swanson, iBUGToday

4:00-4:55 PM Protection & Advocacy for Beneficiaries of Social Security (PABSS)

"How the PABSS Program can help during COVID-19"

Presenter: Will Burley, PABSS Advocate, Disability Rights Texas

5:00-6:00 PM Pre-Banquet Social (music and chat)

Music by DJ Kevin Ratliff, Austin Chapter (Bring your own Dinner, Dessert, Snacks, Beverage)

ACBT Banquet

6:00 PM Banquet Keynote speaker: President

Dan Spoons, American Council of the Blind

Annual Awards

Door Prizes

Closing remarks

ACBT Auction

7:30 PM Auction

