California Council of the Blind 2024 Virtual Conference and Convention Pre-Convention Program

**Come Back To The Future with CCB!  
Celebrating 90 years of achievement In the blind and low vision community.**

The California Council of the Blind and the Convention Planning Committee our excited to invite you to our fourth annual Pre & Post Convention virtual activities. All activities with the exception of the pre-convention Board of Directors meeting, the Nominating Committee, and the Virtual Exhibits will be held on the Pre-Convention Zoom link.

To obtain the pre-convention Zoom link, please send an email to:

[convention.ccb@gmail.com](mailto:convention.ccb@gmail.com)

All times listed are in the pacific time zone.

# Friday, March 1

7:00-8:30 p.m.

CCB Membership Committee Pre-Convention Kickoff Event

Join us on Friday, March 1 from 7–8:30 PM for a thrilling kickoff event — CCB Trivia and Game Night! Hosted by the CCB Membership Committee, dive into a night filled with fun, shenanigans, and a chance to test your knowledge of California Council of the Blind history. All members are welcome for a fun-filled evening!

# Saturday, March 2

3 p.m.-4:30 p.m.

California Diabetics in Action

Come join us on Saturday, March 2 from 3:00 PM to 4:30 PM. Our special presentation will be about nutrition, what we can eat to help and heal, strengthen and vitalize us. Enid Velasco, LCSW, has a wealth of knowledge you won’t want to miss. This will be followed by our business meeting. There will be two drawings for door prizes.

# Wednesday March 6

7:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Let’s Zoom with Deb Join our guide, Debi Armstrong for a deep dive into all things Zoom.

# **Thursday, March 7**

7:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Resolutions Committee

# Friday March 8

7:30 p.m.—9:00 p.m.

Inclusive Diversity of California invites you to our annual business meeting, Celebrating unity, honoring diversity! We will elect new board members and plan for the rest of our year. After that, we will have some fun with our trivia game, “Who Am I Anyway?” There will be a $25 gift card for the lucky winner!

# Saturday, March 9

## 11:00 p.m.-12:30 p.m.

Resolutions Committee

## **1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.**

CLUA Business Meeting

California  Library Users of America invites you to our annual business meeting, Celebrating Our love of books and all our different technologies. We will elect new board members and plan for the rest of our year.  We will have a few other  surprises

As well.

## **4:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m.**

CCB Women Program

Join the CCB women's group to celebrate women's history month and the women that have made a difference in our lives. We'll play a women's trivia game as well.

# Sunday, March 10

## **1 p.m.-2:30 p.m.**

Getting From Here to There and Back again

Join Daveed Mandell on Sunday, March 10 at 1 pm, for a discussion about public transit. Is public transit working well for you? If so, tell us how. If not, what are some of the concerns you have? What are the general issues you’re facing, how would you improve public transit and make it more accessible and easy to navigate? What might we in CCB do to move public transit forward? Join us as we discuss these important issues which affect all of our members.

## **3:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m.**

Common Bond

Add some fun to your Sunday by playing the game of Common Bonds. Join a team, score some points and learn something new! There's always fun and laughs to be had when CCB players gather to stretch their minds.

## 5:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m.

Golden State Guide Dog Handlers, Inc. Annual Business Meeting and Program

President: Frank Welte

Join with GSGDHI members as we hold elections, conduct other important business and share useful information for guide dog handlers and others interested in the guide dog lifestyle.

# **Monday March 11**

7:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Mind-stretch Monday

# Tuesday, March 12, ,

# 7:30 PM-9:00 p.m.

CCB Housing Committee Listening Session

Chair: Frank Welte

Learn how the CCB Housing Committee is working to improve housing opportunities for blind and visually impaired Californians, and tell us about your housing concerns.

# **Wednesday, March 13**

7:30 P.M.-9 p.m.

Braille Revival League of California Annual Business Meeting and Program

President: Frank Welte

Join with BRLC members as we hold elections, conduct other important business and devise strategies to increase the use and availability of braille in California.

# Thursday, March 14

7:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Pre-Convention Board meeting

# Friday, March 15

7:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Lighthearted Inprov in the Dark

# Saturday, March 16,

## **11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.**

Tips for Birding by Ear

It's Singing Season: Learn The Joys and Science of Birding By Ear

For blind people and people with low vision, birds can be our most familiar neighbors. They are a direct path into the natural world, and you need go no further than your back patio to find them. Join Susan Glass on Saturday March 16 at 11 a m as we explore what the birds in our neighborhoods are telling us, as well as how to identify them.

## **1:00 p.m.-2:30 p.m.**

Untangling Vision Terminology

Join Lorise "Rise" Diamond, curious mind and member of CCCLV, ACB Students, and CCB ABIV Chapter, for a captivating exploration of vision terminology in CCB’s pre-conference warm-up event

## 5:00 PM-6:30 p.m.

California Alliance on Aging and Vision Loss Annual Business Meeting and Program

President: Frank Welte

Join with CAAVL members as we hold elections, conduct other important business and devise strategies to increase the quality and availability of services for older blind and visually impaired Californians.

# Sunday, March 17

## 1:00 p.m.-2:30 p.m.

The Power of the Word

Cathy Schmitt Whitaker believes in the power of the brain and our thoughts. Blending knowledge of self-improvement and meditation in this session, you will learn strategies to create empowering thoughts that will energize you to action.

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## **3:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m.**

California Alliance on Aging and Vision Loss

All are invited to attend an informative program session of the California Alliance on Aging and Vision Loss.

## 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Scattergories Saint Patrick’s Day Edition

# **Monday, March 18**

7:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

CCCLV Business Meeting

California Council of Citizens with Low Vision (CCCLV) Annual Membership Meeting

Catherine Schmitt Whitaker, President

# All are welcome to our CCCLV annual membership meeting. At this important session, we will conduct business and elections of CCCLV officers for the organization. We would also like to hear your input as to how CCCLV may serve you better and your thoughts about large print guideline standards for CCCLV.

# Tuesday, March 19

7:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

CCB Quizbowl

Join your Mystery Game Show hosts and test your knowledge at the CCB Quiz Bowl.  This night will be fun and laughter filled.  Don’t miss out!

Wednesday, March 20, ,

7:30 PM

CCB Credentials Committee meeting

Chair: Frank Welte

Chapter and affiliate representatives who need to make corrections to their credential information must attend this meeting.

# Thursday, March 21

# 7:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Writers Workshop

What book has most profoundly affected your life? This could be a book that shifted your worldview, or opened you up to the joy of reading, Perhapsit set yu on a course for the rest of your life. Please join us to discuss and write about this life-affecting literature.

# Friday, March 22

# 7:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

# The Resolutions Committee will meet again if needed.

# Monday, March 25

7:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

CCB Candidates Forum

Join us to listen to those who have submitted statements of intent to run for open position as officers and directors.

# Tuesday, March 26

7:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

CCB Bylaws Committee

Join the bylaws committee for a discussion of proposed constitutional amendments

Wednesday, March 27, 2024, 7:30 PM

CCB Nominating Committee meeting

Chair: Frank Welte

This committee will select a slate of nominees for elected CCB leadership positions. Chapter and affiliate representatives must be present at the start of the meeting. Latecomers will not be admitted