

**Sixth General Assembly**

**21-26 May 2016**

**Program & Business Agenda**

**Proudly hosted by Braille Authority of North America and National Federation of the Blind**



**Venue:**

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**Assembly Chairman**

**Christo de Klerk, President, International Council on English Braille**

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**International Council on English Braille (ICEB)**

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**Saturday 21 May**

02:00-05:30 p.m. **Outgoing ICEB Executive meeting**

 Separate agenda, observers welcome

05:00-06:00 p.m. **Registration of General Assembly Attendees**

 The registration packet will include a USB flash drive containing the sixth General Assembly's program, papers, and reports. Braille copies will be at the registration desk for those who requested them

06:00 p.m. **Welcome Opening Reception from BANA and NFB**

 Master of ceremonies: Christo de Klerk

07:30 p.m. **Close of Reception – Saturday evening free**

**Sunday 22 May**

08:00-08:30 a.m. **Registration**

 Registration of General Assembly attendees who were unable to register on the previous day

08:30-10:00 a.m. **Session 1: Sixth General Assembly opening**

08:30-09:15 a.m.United States of America National Anthem

 Welcome from the Braille Authority of North America

 Jennifer Dunnam, Chair

 Welcome from the National Federation of the Blind

 Mark Riccobono, President

 Welcome from the Sixth General Assembly organizing committee, local arrangements and announcements

 Judy Dixon

 Welcome from the ICEB President

 Christo de Klerk

09:15-09:55 a.m. **Keynote address**

 **Braille and the Brain: What We Know and Why It Matters**

 Robert Englebretson, Ph.D., Associate Professor, Department of Linguistics, Rice University, Houston, Texas, U.S.

09:55-10:00 a.m. **Vote of Thanks**

Mary Schnackenberg (New Zealand)

10:00-10:30 a.m. **Tea and coffee break**

10:30-12:00 noon **Session 2: Business**

 Introduction of delegates and observers, the roll call

 Confirmation of the minutes, secretary for the Sixth General Assembly, Judy Dixon (U.S.)

 Approval of the Agenda

 Speaking rights and confirmation of the speakers' monitor

 Voting rules

 Appointment of Resolutions Committee

 Nominations Committee: first report, presentation of the slate, Mary Schnackenberg (New Zealand)

 President's report, Christo de Klerk (South Africa)

12:00-01:00 p.m. **Lunch**

01:00-02:30 p.m. **Session 3: Business**

 Country reports

* Australia
* Canada
* Ireland
* New Zealand

02:30-03:00 p.m. **Tea and coffee break**

03:00-04:30 p.m. **Session 4: Business**

 Country reports (continued)

* Nigeria
* South Africa
* United Kingdom
* United States

04:30 p.m. **Close of session – Sunday evening free**

05:00 p.m. **Close of nominations for Executive**

 Nominations in addition to the names on the slate are to be in the hands of Mary Schnackenberg by this time.

**Monday 23 May**

08:30-10:00 a.m. **Session 5: Business**

 In Memoriam: A time for each ICEB member country to briefly speak about key contributors to braille who have died since the Fifth General Assembly in Johannesburg in May 2012

 ICEB Constitution and Bylaws report: Discussion of revised Constitution and bylaws and the recommendation from the Executive that it be adopted, Mary Schnackenberg (New Zealand).

10:00-10:30 a.m. **Tea and coffee break**

10:30-12:00 p.m. **Session 6: Business**

 Reports:

* Treasurer's Report (Including Budget and Finance Committee report), Bill Jolley (Australia)
* Adoption of Minutes of Fifth General Assembly held in Johannesburg, May 2012
* Code Maintenance Report: Phyllis Landon (Canada)
* Public Relations Officer's report on outcomes of ICEB Fifth General Assembly 2012 resolutions: Mike Townsend (United Kingdom)

12:00-01:00 p.m. **Lunch**

01:00-02:30 p.m. **Session 7: Papers**

01:00-01:45 p.m. **Paper 1**

 Implementation of UEB in Canada's Largest School District

 Darleen Bogart and Carol Farrenkopf (Canada)

01:45-02:30 p.m. **Paper 2**

 Cracking the Code: UEB Implementation in a Braille Printing House

 Samuel Foulkes and Saul Garza (U.S.)

02:30-03:00 p.m. **Tea and coffee break**

03:00-04:30 p.m. **Session 8: Papers**

03:00-03:45 p.m. **Paper 3**

 Implementing Unified English Braille in the United Kingdom

 Mandy White (United Kingdom)

03:45-04:30 p.m. **Paper 4**

 UIB: Irish Braille in Progress

 Ilka Stäglin and Pat Farrell (Ireland)

04:30 p.m. **Close of session**

**Tuesday 24 May**

08:30-10:00 a.m. **Session 9: Papers**

08:30-09:15 a.m. **Paper 5**

 Provision of Braille Reading and Learning Material in South Africa: A Balance Between Technology and Braille Adding Value and Creating a Love of Reading

 Pasha Alden (South Africa)

09:15-10:00 a.m. **Paper 6**

 Unified English Braille and Literacy Development in English-Speaking Africa: Benefits, Challenges and Policy Implications

 Paul M. Ajuwon (U.S.)

10:00-10:30 a.m. **Tea and coffee break**

10:30-12:00 noon **Session 10: Papers and Business**

10:30-11:15 a.m. **Paper 7**

 Alignment of Braille and Print English for Learning and Instruction

 Mackenzie E. Savaiano (U.S.)

11:15-11:35 a.m. **Business**

World Braille Council: Judy Dixon (U.S.)

African Forum: Christo de Klerk (South Africa)

11:35-11:55 a.m. **Midnote Address**

 **"The Survival of Braille is in the Balance"**

 Kevin Carey, Chair, Royal National Institute of Blind People (United Kingdom)

11:55-12:00 noon **Vote of Thanks**

 Judy Dixon (U.S.)

12:00-12:30 p.m. **Lunch**

12:45 p.m. **Bus to Washington, D.C.**

02:00-05:00 p.m. **Capitol Tour**

 Guided tour of the United States Capitol Building

05:30-07:30 p.m. **Library of Congress Reception**

 Madison Building, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

07:30 p.m. **Bus returns to Baltimore—will drop off at NFB and Hyatt Place**

**Wednesday 25 May**

08:30-10:00 a.m. **Session 11: Short Presentations**

 Poster session presenters will provide short overviews of their projects (10 min each)

* Super Animals Sound Cards Project

 Maria Stevens (New Zealand)

* The iBraille Challenge App for iOS

 Cheryl Kamei-Hannan, and Frances Mary D'Andrea (U.S.)

* The Mangold Basic Braille Program, from Tactual Perception to Learning the Unified English Braille Code

 Stephanie A. Herlich (U.S.)

* Something to Hold On To: Tactile Access to Graphics in Higher Education

 Leona Holloway, Matthew Butler, and Kim Marriott (Australia)

* Literacy and Assistive Technology Instruction for Children with Visual Impairments and Multiple Disabilities

 Jennifer R. Wheeler (U.S.)

* Using the Moon Alphabet for Point Symbols in Tactile Diagrams

 Nicholas Wood (New Zealand)

* The Orbit Reader

 Venkatesh Chari (U.S.)

* Designing the Canute with the Blind Community

 Ed Rogers (United Kingdom)

10:00-10:30 a.m. **Tea and coffee break**

10:30-12:00 noon **Session 12: Poster Session & Tour**

* Posters and demonstrations: Presenters from Session 11
* Visit NFB International Braille and Technology Center

12:00-01:00 p.m. **Lunch**

01:00-02:30 p.m. **Session 13: Business**

UEB Code Maintenance Committee Discussion

Phyllis Landon (Canada)

02:30-03:00 p.m. **Tea and coffee break**

03:00-05:15 p.m. **Session 14: Papers and Business**

03:00-03:45 p.m. **Paper 8**

Developing and Delivering an Online Course for Teachers to Support the Effective Teaching of Literacy Through Braille

 Rory Cobb (United Kingdom)

03:45-04:30 p.m. **Paper 9**

Braille Music and UEB in Practice in the UK

 Roger Firman and Sally Zimmermann (United Kingdom)

04:30-05:15 p.m. **Business**

ICEB Braille Music Committee report

Jordie Howell (Australia)

Braille Technology Committee report

Christo de Klerk (South Africa)

Certification Report

Maria Stevens (New Zealand)

Braille Signage Committee Report

Betty Nobel (Canada)

First report of Resolutions Committee

Nominations Committee second report, to be followed by election of the Executive if additional nominations have been received

Mary Schnackenberg (New Zealand)

06:00 p.m. **Presidential dinner at the NFB**

 Master of Ceremonies: Christo de Klerk

**Thursday 26 May**

08:30-10:00 a.m. **Session 15: Papers**

08:30-9:15 a.m. **Paper 10**

 Understanding and Reducing Inaccuracy in Electronically Generated Braille

 Jennifer Dunnam (U.S.)

09:15-10:00 a.m. **Paper 11**

 BANZAT Building Better Braille: an Accreditation Framework for Producers Using Computer Translation Software

 Mary Schnackenberg (New Zealand)

10:00-10:30 a.m. **Tea and coffee break**

10:30-12:00 noon **Session 16: Papers**

10:30-11:15 a.m. **Paper 12**

 Personal Perspectives on Unified English Braille for Mathematics

 Kyle J. Steinle (U.S.)

11:15-12:00 noon **Paper 13**

Your Personal And Confidential Information In Braille: What Goes On Behind The Scenes To Make It Happen?

 Jen Goulden (Canada)

12:00-01:00 p.m. **Lunch**

01:00-03:00 p.m. **Session 17: Business**

Resolutions Committee report: Discussion and adoption of resolutions

Introduction of incoming ICEB President and Executive

Looking ahead to the Seventh General Assembly in 2020

Closing comments, thank-yous and farewells

03:00 p.m. **Close of General Assembly – Thursday evening free**

**Friday 27 May**

08:30-12:00 noon **Incoming ICEB Executive meeting**

 Separate agenda, observers welcome

12:00-01:00 p.m. **Lunch**