

# 2021 Annual Report

## National Braille Association



**NATIONAL BRAILLE ASSOCIATION**

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## About Our Board of Directors

The National Braille Association, Inc. is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors which formulates the policies and procedures needed to implement NBA's programs.

All members of the Board are involved in services which promote braille literacy. They are braille transcribers, teachers of the visually impaired, braille production facility supervisors, coordinators of volunteer groups, rehabilitation teachers, and retired professors. The Board meets twice a year to conduct the business of the organization.

Board members are nominated by the NBA membership. A nominating committee is then responsible for recommending candidates for officer and director positions. Elections are held at the annual membership meeting.

What is truly unique about this board is that it is a working board.

Each member volunteers not only the time needed to attend the meetings, but also performs the tasks his or her position requires. Board members chair administrative committees that oversee policies and procedures, membership development, and the production of the *Bulletin* and other publications. A Board member is NBA's meetings planner.

A Board member may also chair one of the skills committees. It is the responsibility of the skills committees to develop and lead workshops and write articles for the *Bulletin* in the various braille specialties: Unified English Braille, textbook format, mathematics and science, music, tactile graphics, computer-assisted transcription, and foreign language. The result of these efforts provides training for transcribers so that they can produce quality braille for the blind and visually impaired.



## NBA Board Roster

### Executive Committee

**President**

Jana Hertz  
Aliso Viejo, California

**Vice President**

Kyle DeJute  
Louisville, Kentucky

**Treasurer**

Heidi Lehmann  
Castorland, New York

**President Elect**

Patrick Janson  
N. Ridgeville, Ohio

**Secretary**

Cindy Olmstead  
Jackson, Michigan

**Immediate Past President**

Cindi Laurent  
Edina, Minnesota

**Elected Member from the Board**

Kathleen Cantrell  
New York, New York

### Directors

**William Freeman**

Louisville, Kentucky

**John Romeo**

Las Vegas, Nevada

**Anna Werner**

Minneapolis, Minnesota

**Nancy Raspiller**

Scottsdale, Arizona

**Angela Vanappelen**

Spring Valley, California

### National Office Staff

**Executive Director**

David Shaffer  
Rochester, New York

**Operations Manager**

Christopher Clemens  
Rochester, New York

**Bookkeeper**

Marty Soderlund  
Rochester, New York

## Balance Sheet

### December 31, 2021

National Braille Association enjoys the participation of many volunteers who donate their services in a variety of ways. These volunteers assist NBA by serving on its Board of Directors, its Committees and at the National Office in Rochester, New York. Because of the unique quality of the work involved, no objective basis is available to measure the value of donated services. Therefore, no amounts for donated services have been reflected in the accompanying financial statement.

ASSETS	
<b>Current Assets</b>	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	52,674
Investments	2,986,192
Accounts Receivable	800
Inventories	1,409
Prepaid Expenses	19,555
<b>Fixed Assets</b>	
Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment	72,122
Master Volumes	1,972
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(74,094)
<b>Net Fixed Assets</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>3,060,630</b>



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**LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS**

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**Current Liabilities**

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Accounts Payable	3,008
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**Net Assets**

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Net assets without donor restrictions	2,030,065
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Net assets with donor restrictions	956,127
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<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>3,057,622</b>
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<b>Total Liabilities and Net Assets</b>	<b>3,060,630</b>
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## The NBA Roll of Honor

**NBA is grateful for the monetary and in-kind gifts received from the following individuals and organizations in 2021.**

### FOUNDATIONS AND ORGANIZATIONS WHO MADE A CONTRIBUTION IN 2021

AmazonSmile	The Lorma E. Gardner Endowment Fund
CNY Community Foundation	The Manny Fund
The Community Foundation	National Braille Press
Fidelity Charitable Trust	NewCo Foundation
Bette Fritz Bielefeldt Living Trust	U.S. Charitable Gift Trust

### FRIENDS OF NBA WHO MADE A CONTRIBUTION IN 2021

Onnie Blackburn	John Konig
Donald and Nikkie Brandborg	Shelley Mack
Donald Chlan	Richard Maples
Sandra Lee Frankenbach	Susan Marrier
Howard Goldstein	Tina Neinstedt
David Horowitz	Nicholas Skinner
Phyllis Hutchins	

### MEMBERS OF NBA WHO MADE A CONTRIBUTION IN 2021

Susan Allen	Jason Hunter
Cecile Beresford	Nancy Raspiller
Penny Carpenter	Susan Rothman
Robert Clapper	Lucija Tancabelic
Mary Denault	Pamela Wiker
David Goldstein	



## LIFE MEMBERS OF NBA WHO MADE A CONTRIBUTION IN 2021

Karen Bird

Janice Brewer

Jessie Buzawa

Doris Cohn

Christy Cutting

Miriam Dixon

Nancy Fosdick

Elizabeth Gensler

Dawn Gross

Janice Hallberg

Priscilla Harris

Helen Hendrickson

Jana Hertz

Fred and Mildred Irwig

Sandra and Richard Jefferies

Ellen Kimbrough

Cynthia Laurent

Carol Morrison

Adam Ruschival

Barbara Sheperdigian

Patricia Stoudt

Karen Stowe

Barbara Taffet

Judith Walsh

Dorothy Worthington

## GIFTS-IN-KIND IN 2021

Kathleen Cantrell

Kyle DeJute

William Freeman

Jana Hertz

Patrick Janson

Cindi Laurent

Heidi Lehmann

Betty Marshall

Cindy Olmstead

Nancy Raspiller

Robinson and Gordon, CPA

John Romeo

Diane Spence



## How to Make a Gift to NBA

Since National Braille Association's inception in 1945, individuals, corporations, and foundations have made contributions of all sizes to provide the resources needed for achieving and maintaining our goals. The need for financial and volunteer support continues as we strive to provide for growth, change, and the future.

There are many ways to support NBA:

- **Annual Gift**—Contributions of any size are welcome in cash or securities. Cash gifts may be sent to the National Office at any time or charged to a credit card. Gifts of common stock and other securities may be transferred electronically into our General Investment Fund. It is suggested that you contact the Executive Director to obtain the correct routing numbers before making such a transfer.
- **Bequest**—Designate the National Braille Association, Inc. as a beneficiary of a portion of your estate. You or your attorney may contact the Executive Director for appropriate wording to incorporate into your will.
- **Insurance**—Designate NBA as the beneficiary of a life insurance policy.
- **Memorial or Tribute**—Pay tribute to a living or deceased person with a donation to NBA. Celebrate a birth, wedding, graduation, anniversary, or other special event in the life of someone you know.
- **Employee Matching Plan**—Your employer may have a policy of matching employee contributions to nonprofit organizations. NBA qualifies for most such programs.
- **Loyalty and Credit Card Rewards**—Many Loyalty and Credit Card Reward companies allow you to use your reward points towards a donation to the National Braille Association.

Although unrestricted contributions to the general fund provide National Braille Association with the flexibility to use your gift in the area of greatest need as determined by NBA's Board of Directors, you have the option to designate your gift to the following special fund:

- **Mary Archer Scholarship Fund**-- The purpose of the Mary Archer Scholarship Fund is to provide scholarships equal to the amount of the cost of registration to those attending an NBA conference for the first time.

Every contribution is deeply appreciated as we work together and share our resources with others.

National Braille Association is a nonprofit educational organization. Donations are tax deductible to the extent provided by law.

Our Federal Identification Number is 22-6064715.