

# 2022 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**

Kathleen Cantrell  
New York, New York

**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**

Kyle DeJute  
Louisville, Kentucky

### 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, 2022

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.

<b>ASSETS</b>	
<b>Current Assets</b>	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	63,589
Investments	2,647,836
Accounts Receivable	318
Inventories	1,431
Prepaid Expenses	34,503
<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>2,747,677</b>



<b>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>	
<b>Current Liabilities</b>	
Accounts Payable	3,320
<b>Net Assets</b>	
Net assets without donor restrictions	1,740,225
Net assets with donor restrictions	1,004,132
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>2,744,357</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Net Assets</b>	<b>2,747,677</b>

## The NBA Roll of Honor

**NBA is grateful for the monetary and in-kind gifts received from the following individuals and organizations in 2022.**

### FOUNDATIONS AND ORGANIZATIONS WHO MADE A CONTRIBUTION IN 2022

AmazonSmile	Lorma E. Gardner Endowment Fund
Bette Fritz Bielefeldt Living Trust	The Manny Fund
Braille Publishers	The Richard M. and Marion L. Merrill Fund
Estate of Donald W Chlan	Thomson Reuters
John S. Koning Fund	

### FRIENDS OF NBA WHO MADE A CONTRIBUTION IN 2022

Erma Akey	Caroll Hopkins
Charlotte Arnstein	Judith Hornsby
Andrew Biles	David Horowitz
Joan Black	Cathie Humann
Lynn Carroll	Anne Katlic
Barbara Carson	Linda Kirchgessner
Daisy Cheng	Joyce Lewis
Sylvia Chun	Sylvia Lloyd
Webb Comfort	Jean Macco
Maxine Cook	Glenn MacDonald
Mary Daniel	Kathleen McGrath
Nancy Doute	Delores Meader
Con and Joy Englehorn	John Ravarino
Judith Feltman	John Redmond
Beverly Ferguson	Sally Saunders
Howard Goldstein	Michael Sigman
Wendy Gosselin	Donna Soroky
Wendy Hardy	Susan Stevens
Dara Heather	Carol Stockdale



## **FRIENDS OF NBA WHO MADE A CONTRIBUTION IN 2022, CONTINUED**

Anita Turk	Richard Wohl
Susan Van Dehey	Monet Wright
Jeanne Wilde	Aldo Zordan

## **MEMBERS OF NBA WHO MADE A CONTRIBUTION IN 2022**

Susan Allen	Marcia Kline
Pamela Boy	Irene Miller
Mary Denault	Virginia Molinaro
Jo Ann Doerer	Gloria Moyer
Mary Elliott	Susan Robertson
David Goldstein	Bonnie Rothman
Jason Hunter	Elizabeth Symington
Patrick Janson	Pamela Wiker

## **LIFE MEMBERS OF NBA WHO MADE A CONTRIBUTION IN 2022**

Janice Brewer	Lynne Luxton
Janis Falk	Shelley Mack
Nancy Fosdick	Carol Morrison
Priscilla Harris	Freddie Peaco
Helen Hendrickson	Adam Ruschival
Mary "Freddie" Hubbard	Barbara Sheperdigian
Mildred Irwig	Patricia Stoudt
Sandra Jeffries	Karen Stowe
Ellen Kimbrough	Dorothy Worthington
Cynthia Laurent	

## **GIFTS-IN-KIND IN 2022**

Kathleen Cantrell	Patrick Janson
Kyle DeJute	Cindi Laurent
William Freeman	Heidi Lehmann
Jana Hertz	Betty Marshall



**GIFTS-IN-KIND IN 2022, CONTINUED**

Cindy Olmstead

John Romeo

Nancy Raspiller

Diane Spence

Robinson and Gordon, CPA



## 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.