CALIFORNIA TRANSCRIBERS AND EDUCATORS

FOR THE BLIND AND VISUALLY IMPAIRED

56th Annual Conference

March 9-12, 2015

San Francisco Airport Marriott Waterfront

Welcome

Leveling The Playing Field

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***Of Special Interest to Parents and Families***

This year our Conference has again extended a special welcome to parents and families with children who are blind or visually impaired by offering a No-Charge Registration to current members. We hope you enjoy all the activities and workshops provided especially for you.

**Workshops** We are offering a large number of workshops geared toward parents, students, and families on a variety of subjects. These workshops will be presented by professionals in their fields of expertise.

**Exhibit Hall** Here you will find a myriad of exhibitors offering the latest in   
assistive technology, as well as educational toys and books. Please take advantage of this  
opportunity to learn all about the most up-to-date equipment available.

From the President ...

Welcome to the 56th annual CTEBVI conference. In the past, the goal of the CTEBVI Board of Directors, along with countless volunteers, has been to design conferences that will enhance your professional and personal lives. This year is no different. In recent years, we’ve taken steps on the path to *Defining Our Future* and while we’ve made great strides in this endeavor, we recognized that *Bridging the Gap* between technology and maintaining braille literacy is essential for *Strengthening our Community Piece By Piece* using tools like refreshable braille displays, mobile devices that allow for braille input and speech output, as well as workshops that provide educators and students with the necessary skills for *Surfing the Accessibility Wave* (digital media, electronic files, etc.) so that you don’t feel like you’re adrift between the two worlds. For this conference, we are asking you to *Share Your Vision in our Changing Times*. Some of the workshops  
being offered will guide transcribers as they transition from EBAE to UEB, provide educators and parents with strategies to create an environment where B/VI children can thrive socially and academically, and offer useful tips to those who are visually   
impaired to get the most out of their screen readers, apps, and note takers.

Another opportunity for sharing will take place at our Friday afternoonSymposium. Topics will range from digital instructional materials, transcribers and technology, to preparing B/VI students for college. Don’t miss out!

We look forward to seeing you at our Thursday Welcome Reception and Friday Lunch/General Session. It’s important for members to attend the General Session where you will be voting on bylaws changes and board nominees. Eat and meet with our vendors at the Exhibitors’ Reception on Friday. Come and network at the President’s Reception on Saturday just before the banquet. Our conference will conclude with interactive forums and a Brunch/General Business Session.

Please don’t forget to bid on the Silent Auction. All proceeds go to the Donna Coffee Youth Scholarship fund. Our Exhibits Hall is NOT to be missed. You will get to see some of the latest and greatest products for people living with vision loss.

On behalf of CTEBVI’s Board of Directors, we sincerely hope you have a wonderful experience and are able to put what you’ve learned into action to improve the lives of people who are blind or visually impaired. Thank you for your attendance.

Sincerely,

Tracy Gaines

# General Conference Information

## On-Site Registration

You may register at the Satellite Registration Desk. Please note that on-site registration is   
nonrefundable.

*Thursday, March 19:*  8:00 am - 9:30 am

& 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

*Friday, March 20:*  7:00 am - 4:00 pm

*Saturday, March 21:*  7:00 am - 4:00 pm

## Continuing Education Units

CEUs are again being offered with an ACVREP fee of $35, payable in advance with registration fee. This fee will allow CEUs for an unlimited number of workshops. You will get instructions for receiving certificates after conference. Please provide an email address where you wish the instructions sent.

## Silent Auction

All proceeds of the silent auction go to the *Donna Coffee Youth Scholarship Fund*. This event also provides you with the opportunity to take home some beautiful gifts.

Silent Auction items must be claimed and paid for by the end of the banquet unless other arrangements have been made. Items not claimed will be offered to the next highest bidder. GOOD LUCK!!!

## Exhibit Hall

Attendance is free to everyone. CTEBVI’s Exhibit Hall offers a large number of vendors presenting the latest in assistive technology, braille jewelry, and really neat toys.

## Announcement Board at Registration

Have an announcement or job opening? Please feel free to post it on the board that will be located near the Registration Desk.

## Hospitality Suite

If you need a place to relax and rejuvenate, visit our Hospitality Suite for light snacks and   
beverages.

The Hospitality suite will be open:

*Friday*  9:30 am - 11:00 am

*Saturday*  9:30 am - 11:00 am

& 4:15 pm - 6:00 pm

# Conference Highlights

## Thursday, MARCH 19

### CTEBVI Board Meeting

**10:15 am - 5:00 pm**

### Pre-Conference Workshop

(registration in advance required)

### Smarter Balanced: How to Access the Test and Identify the Skills Your Student Needs to Succeed

**Time: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm**

(includes one hour break for lunch on your own)

**Cost: Free**

The Smarter Balanced test requires all students to take the test online, from either their computer or tablet. Even those of you taking the test in paper braille format this year will need to teach your students prerequisite skills to take the test electronically in future years.

In addition to thoroughly explaining the test from the perspective of the educational team of a student with a visual impairment, we will go over the technology skills needed by the student in order to access the electronic version of the test.

We will also cover the prerequisite skills a student needs and present strategies and a timeline for when to teach these skills.

Additionally we will present other functional uses of the technology required for the test and demonstrate how to use the embosser and braille display.

### Presenters:

Adrian Amandiis part of the technology team at the California School for the Blind which provides technology training, assessment, and technical assistance on campus at CSB as well as throughout the state of California. He is a credentialed teacher who enjoys the opportunity to specialize in technology in order to better support TVIs.

Julie Manningis a psychologist at CSB responsible for organizing and implementing testing to students on campus. She has worked with representatives in the state department as well as Smarter Balanced to further understand and clarify issues of access for students with visual impairments.

### Share Your Vision in Our Changing Times

### Welcome Reception

### 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm

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***Entertainment provided by:***

**Wayne Siligo and the Cheeseballs featuring Ilan Ota**

Enjoy complimentary hors d'oeuvres and a No-Host Bar while you sway to the mellow tones of the Cheeseballs and get to know your fellow conference attendees.

##### Wayne “The Big Cheese” Siligo

A consummate “musician’s musician,” Wayne Siligo has performed extensively throughout his career, both as a soloist and sideman, in a wide spectrum of   
venues. Wayne is no stranger to   
CTEBVI; he currently serves on our   
Executive Board, has presented workshops at conference for many years, and has published numerous articles   
concerning music education for the visually impaired. His award winning Jazz Ensemble at the California School for the Blind continues to perform regularly for various state functions and conferences.

“The Featured Cheese”**,** Ilan Ota, has become a well known fixture at CTEBVI conferences overpast few.  
His life in musicas a four year old in a play and sing program whichto his first formal lessons on the violin. Three years later, Ilan wasinto the prestigious Northwest Boys Choir in Seattle, WA, where he remained as an active member for many years. At the age of 15, his focus moved to drumming and percussion quickly became his passion. Following a full scholarship at the Los Angeles Music Academy in Pasadena, CA., Ilan and his mother relocated to Southern California where he began concurrent studies in braille music and piano at the Southern California Conservatory of Music. Ilan is currently continuing his studiesGrant Horrocks,establishing his career as akeyboard/vocalist and composerthe Losarea.

## FRIDAY MARCH 20

### Silent Auction Begins / Exhibit Hall Open

### 9:30 am - 1:30 pm

Come to the Exhibit Hall to browse the exhibitors’ booths and see all the great silent auction items.

### Welcome Luncheon

### 12 Noon - 1:15 pm

Speaker: **Dr. Sharon Sacks**, Superintendent CSB,

*“The Future of the California School for the Blind”*

Luncheon will also include General Business Session,   
Part 1. Everyone is invited to attend whether or not you are registered for the meal. Separate seating will be provided for non-dining attendees.

Dr. Sharon Z. Sack**s** is the Superintendent of the California School for the Blind. Prior to her appointment at CSB, Sharon was a full professor and the coordinator of the teacher   
preparation program in blindness & visual impairment at California State University, Los Angeles. Also, Sharon coordinated the teacher preparation program for students with moderate to severe disabilities at San Jose State University. She has been published widely and has presented nationally and internationally in the areas of social skills instruction,   
psycho-social implications of visual impairments, and   
transition from school to adult life. Sharon served as   
President of AERBVI, and has served on numerous boards.

### Share Your Vision Symposium

### 1:30 pm - 5:00 pm

Nine industry leaders from varied disciplines will share their visions of what lies ahead for students with BVI. We will identify the challenges and explore cutting edge   
projects, tools, and technologies to overcome those   
challenges.

#### Perspective from Higher Education

##### Speaker: Roberto Gonzalez - Alternate Media Specialist, Berkeley City College

*Higher education is further along the road towards digital classrooms than K-12 so the higher education perspective provides a glimpse of the future. This component will define the skills and abilities that a rising college freshman with BVI must have to easily transition to the college classroom*.

**Images and Graphics**

Speaker: **Anh Bui,** Director of DIAGRAM R&D Center

*This component will explore recent progress towards   
digital access to diagrams, images, and graphics.*

#### Video

##### Speaker: Josh Miele, Director of the Smith-Kettlewell

Video Description R&D Center

*Josh will explore recent progress on the accessibility of video.*

### Digital Publishing Tools

##### Speaker: Sarah Herrlinger, Product Manager of

##### Accessibility at Apple

*Sarah will share tools that publishers, transcribers and   
educators use to create accessible digital content.*

#### Glimpse of the Future: Digital Delivery of Instructional

#### Materials

##### Speaker: Cristin Lockwood, CEO of Liberty Braille, an Accessible Media Solutions provider for the Oklahoma State DOE

*This component will showcase a current program that   
leverages Bookshare and iPads to deliver accessible   
instructional materials to students with BVI.*

#### Transcribers and Technology

##### Speakers: Sharon Anderson, Dawn Gross,

##### Jane Thompson, and Jonn Paris-Salb

*As technology becomes more prevalent and advanced, this component will explore the opportunities and challenges for career transcribers.*

### Exhibit Hall Open

### 3:00 pm - 6:30 pm

Come to the Exhibit Hall to browse the exhibitors’ booths and see all the great silent auction items.

### Exhibitors’ Reception

### 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm

Take this dedicated time to visit with the exhibitors, ask questions about their products, get demonstrations and indulge in some delicious hors d'oeuvres. Don’t miss out on a chance to check out the Silent Auction items.

## SATURDAY, MARCH 21

### Last Day for Silent Auction

### 9:30 am - 4:30 pm

### Exhibit Hall Open

### 9:30 am - 5:00 pm

This is your last chance to visit the Exhibit Hall. Browse the booths, talk with exhibitors, see demonstrations on the   
latest assistive technology, play with the toys, and more! Don’t forget to visit the Silent Auction table and place your bids for some really great items.

### President’s Reception

### 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Entertainment provided by:

#### Wayne Siligo and the Cheeseballs featuring Ilan Ota

Meet your CTEBVI President, Tracy Gaines. Socialize and relax with your fellow conference attendees after an   
intense day of fun and informative workshops. Unwind, relax and enjoy! No-host bar.

### Share Your Vision Banquet

### 7:00 pm - 9:30 pm

Keynote Speaker: **Stacy Cervenka**

*“Braille in the Working World”*

Pianist: **Chris Nakamura**

Get ready for a wonderful evening of good food, good   
company, good music and an entertaining speaker.  
Everyone is invited to attend whether or not you are   
registered for the meal. Separate seating will be provided for non-dining attendees.

Stacy Cervenkahas been legally blind since birth due to optic nerve hypoplasia. She was included in a typical public school classroom throughout her childhood, first attending a school with a resource room for blind and visually impaired students and then being served by an itinerant teacher. Stacy has worked as a Legislative Assistant to US Senator Sam Brownback, serving as the Senator’s advisor on adoption and foster care, labor, disability employment policy, and North Korean human rights. Stacy has also worked as the Youth Programs Coordinator at the Sacramento Society for the Blind and as a California Legislative Fellow. Stacy currently works as the Advisory Committee Analyst at the Department of Rehabilitation, where she works with the Blind Advisory Committee, the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Advisory Committee, and the California Vendors Policy Committee. Stacy lives in Sacramento with her husband Greg DeWall and one-year-old son Leo.

Chris Nakamur**a** has studied the piano for most of his 20 years. He is currently a student at the California School for the Blind (CSB) where he is the lead keyboardist in the CSB Mission Ensemble, and performs weekly at the Kaiser Medical Center in Fremont,. In 2014, Chris won first place in the National Federation of Music Clubs Western Division .In addition to his classical studies he is presently studying improvisation and composition. After leaving CSB, Chris plans to continue his education by attending Community College near his home in Sacramento.

## SunDAY, March 22

### SUNDAY FORUMS

### Come to Learn, Stay to Discuss

### 8:00 am - 9:30 am

Choose from three fabulous forums to share ideas,   
challenges, and solutions. Make the most of your last day at conference!

#### Forum 1

#### Recap and Discussion of Symposium

##### Moderator: Ed Summers

Join several of the symposium presenters for coffee and a moderated open discussion about the impact of digital technology in the classroom. Bring your perspective and be prepared to share with the group.

#### Forum 2

#### Balancing Smarter: The Sunday Morning Report

##### Moderators: Julie Manning, PhD, Adrian Amandi, Stephanie Herlich , and Yurika Vu

Accessing and taking the test, products and recommended purchases, prerequisites and potential lessons. Standardized tests will be online. Despite what you think, it’s not completely asinine. Want it in braille, audio, or large print? If you don’t set it up right, your kid will need to squint. Did you try to buy an embosser and an electronic display? If you did, your business manager probably started to sway. Have you questioned if your student has the right skills? You better start early because trying to catch up has no frills. In addition to thoroughly explaining the test, you’ll get a chance to see CSB at its best.

#### Forum 3

#### Transcriber's Forum: Change Is Here—Where Are You?

##### Moderator: Jana Hertz

Come share ideas, listen, and troubleshoot with your fellow transcribers. This will be a forum where any and all subjects pertaining to transcribing can be discussed. Some topics might be:

UEB--Will YOU be transcribing in UEB? What challenges are you facing? Have you begun training? What are your agencies doing with regard to training? Are you a trainer?

Common Core is so visual, I would like to know how other transcriber’s are dealing with the materials.

Employment issues for school employees and contract transcribers. School transcribers: What does your classification look like? Do you have ample time to complete your work? Do you have support from your school districts? Contract transcribers: Do you have enough work to keep you busy?

How do you work smarter or faster?

How do you get tactiles done?

Are transcribers becoming obsolete? With what do you need help? Can CTEBVI help?

Please feel free to email me or bring other topics of   
discussion to this workshop!

### Complimentary Sunday Brunch and

### iPad Drawing!!!

### 10:00 am – 12 Noon

**Our Conference concludes with a Complimentary Buffet Brunch (must be pre-registered to eat) and will include General Business Session, Part 2, and a Roundtable   
Discussion.**

Richard Rueda **will host a student panel on the topic of *“Braille and Technology for School and Play”***

**A thoughtful discussion with blind and low vision high school and college students providing their insight and   
impressions on how they are maximizing success in   
academics and during play with braille and accessible technology (mainstream and proprietary).**

**Richard Rueda** has worked in the field of Blindness and Low Vision since 1992. He has worked with the Intercommunity Blind Center in Whittier, the Junior Blind of America in Los Angeles, Department of Rehabilitation as the statewide Transition Coordinator since 2001, and served as Director of Community Services at the LightHouse for the Blind and Visually Impaired in San Francisco from 2010 through 2011. In the autumn of 2011, Richard returned to the Junior Blind of America where he is serving as their new Director of Transition Services for Northern and Central California. Richard has facilitated professional workshops and seminars for CTEBVI since 2004.

**Pre-register for the brunch and not only do you get to enjoy a FREE meal, but you will receive a ticket for a FREE chance to win our drawing.**

**The kind folks at Transcribing Mariners have donated an iPad Mini that will go home with the lucky winner. The drawing will be held at the conclusion of the   
panel. You must be present to win.**

Everyone is invited to attend the meeting whether or not you are registered for the meal. Separate seating will be provided for non-dining attendees.

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 supporting CTEBVI through their program advertising.

**Speakers and Musical Entertainment**

Dr. Sharon Sacks, Saturday Luncheon Speaker and Stacy Cervenka, Keynote Speaker

Ilan Ota, *Wayne Siligo and the Cheeseballs*, and Chris Nakamura, Musicians Extraordinaire

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Ting Siu, Symposium moderator, and all of our Symposium speakers

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