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Did You Know? The fastest muscle in the body? The eye. That’s where the expression “in the blink of an eye” originates. A blink takes place in just 100 – 150 milliseconds!
(Source: https://www.drarthurhaley.com/9-fun-eye-facts-in-observance-of-world-sight-day/)

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# **President’s Message**

Dear ACB Next Generation Family,

Spring is upon us, and with the coming of spring means new opportunities for growth. One major opportunity for growth and development came when we held our first-ever Board and Committee Retreat during the April board meeting. During the retreat, presenters discussed our affiliation with ACB and Incorporation in Washington, D.C., the fiduciary responsibilities of board members, basic parliamentary procedures, expectations of board and committee members, the role of the ACB liaison and our relationship with ACB, and staying true to our brand. Thank you to Maria Kristic, Matt Selm, Amanda Selm, Kenneth Semien Sr., and Greg Lindberg for their presentations.

In addition to the retreat, our Programs Committee continues to provide educational events aimed at helping our members and aspiring leaders grow personally and professionally. Recent events included “Bridging the Language Gap,” which focused on improving communications with those who are not fluent in English; “Soaring Higher to Our Goals” focusing on goal setting using the SOAR method; and “Tech It Out: Notetaking Tips and Tricks,” which focused on various methods of notetaking, including using Microsoft Word, an agenda in the body of an email, and organizing notes using AI tools like ChatGPT. To ensure you receive information about our upcoming programs, you can subscribe to our email list by sending a blank email to main+subscribe@acbnextgeneration.groups.io.

As I think back on the opportunities for growth and development that we offer our members, I also take the time to consider how I have grown on a personal level as I have started to feel more comfortable in my new role as president of ACB Next Generation. With the ups and downs, I am reminded that each experience presents a new lesson to learn and an opportunity to grow.

In closing, I hope you will take advantage of the opportunities NextGen offers to you as a member.

Warmest regards,

Kristen Kelling
President, ACB Next Generation

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# **2025 ACB Next Generation Midyear Meeting**

By Kristen Kelling

We would like to invite you to attend a special midyear membership meeting to be held on Monday, June 2, 2025, at 8 p.m. Eastern, 5 p.m. Pacific.

This meeting will serve as an opportunity to provide a midyear update, recognize the hard work of our board and committees, and get everyone geared up for the ACB Conference and Convention.

Be on the lookout for the Zoom information. We hope to see you there!

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# **2025 Candidate Forum Announcement**

by ACB NextGen Programs Committee

Join us for our second annual Candidate Forum hosted by ACB Next Generation! This year, the American Council of the Blind will be electing officers to serve a two-year term. Positions up for election include President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Don’t miss this opportunity to meet the future leaders of ACB on Thursday, June 12 at 9 p.m. Eastern, 6 p.m. Pacific.

Back by popular demand, if you are a current ACB NextGen member, you’ll have the opportunity to submit questions which may be asked during the event. To submit your questions, please email programs@acbnextgeneration.org or text (202)-524-0909. The deadline to submit questions is Thursday, June 5. Grab your thinking caps and get creative. We can’t wait to see what you come up with this year!

To receive information about how to join the event, please subscribe to the ACB Community Events list. If you’re not already subscribed, just send an email to community@acb.org requesting to be added to the daily events list.

Don’t miss out on a fun way to learn more about the future leaders of ACB!

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# **Dream Big in Dallas at the 2025 ACB Conference and Convention**

Dallas — known for the Dallas Cowboys, historic landmarks, and the iconic ‘90s soap opera *Dallas* — is about to get even more exciting this summer as it hosts the 2025 American Council of the Blind Conference and Convention. With the theme “Big Dreams, Bold Ideas,” you won’t want to miss out on the action!

This year’s convention takes place in two parts: the virtual week runs from June 23 through June 30, and the hybrid (in-person and virtual) week runs from July 4 through July 11. To ensure you receive all the important updates, subscribe to the convention email list by sending a blank email to: acbconvention+subscribe@acblists.org.

Registration for the 2025 ACB Conference and Convention will open on Thursday, May 15, and close on Tuesday, June 17. The cost is $55 for ACB members and $70 for non-members, whether attending virtually or in person. If you’re interested in participating in any tours, it’s highly recommended that you register as soon as possible, as tours tend to sell out early. Registration includes access to all convention sessions that do not require a separate ticket, as well as entry to the exhibit hall (for in-person attendees).

If you’re planning to attend in person, you can now make your hotel reservations. The in-person portion of the convention will be held at the Hyatt Regency, located at 300 Reunion Blvd., Dallas, TX 75207. Room rates are as follows:

* $99 per night (single or double occupancy)
* $124 (triple occupancy)
* $149 (quadruple occupancy)
* These amounts do not include tax, which is currently 17.2%.

To make reservations online, visit:

<https://www.hyatt.com/en-US/group-booking/DFWRD/G-AMCB>.

To book by phone, call (214) 651-1234 and use group code G-AMCB. If asked, provide the address listed above. The cutoff date to make hotel reservations is Monday, June 9.

Flying into Dallas? Margarine Beaman and her team of volunteers can assist you upon arrival and departure, whether you’re flying into Dallas Fort Worth (DFW) or Love Field (DAL). To request assistance, email Margarine with the subject line “Airline Information” at oleo501625@outlook.com, or call her at (512) 921-1625. Be sure to include the following details: your name, arrival date and time, arrival airport, airline and flight number, city of origin (including connecting flights), cell phone number, and departure date, time, airport, and airline.

For additional questions about the ACB Conference and Convention, feel free to contact Janet Dickelman, ACB Convention Coordinator, at janet.dickelman@gmail.com or (651) 428-5059.

We can’t wait to see you this summer!

Source: American Council of the Blind

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# **Empowering Through Connection and Understanding: ACB Next Generation Lights Up the 2025 Convention**

By ACB NextGen Convention Committee

What’s hotter than the Dallas sun this July? The incredible lineup of events from ACB Next Generation! This year, ACB NextGen is proudly sponsoring 19 dynamic programs and events. 10 programs will be featured on the official ACB Convention Program, and 9 events will only be shared on our platforms. All events are created to Develop, Lead, and Elevate attendees.

Our theme for this year’s lineup on programs and events is “Empowering Through Connection and Understanding.” You’ll find this spirit woven throughout every session, whether we’re diving deep into wellness, building bridges across generations, or creating space for leadership, advocacy, and growth. All times listed below are in Central time.

**Virtual Week**

**Food For Thought**Thursday, June 26 from 5:30 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.

What role does food play in your life? Do you view it as a way to fuel your body, experience pleasure, or manage your blood sugar levels? ACB Next Generation, in collaboration with ACB’s Mental Health and Wellness Committee and ACB Diabetics in Action, presents an opportunity for individuals to gain insight from three unique perspectives on relationships with food. Amanda Selm will discuss how she has adopted healthy habits and continues to reap benefits. Patricia Maddix will share how she successfully manages her relationship with food while living with Diabetes. Lastly, Pam Shaw will talk about her emotionally driven relationship with food.  Together, let's nourish our minds and explore the profound connection between food and our thoughts.

**NextGen VS Boomers Battle of the Ages**Friday, June 27 from 5:30 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.

It’s the Generational Showdown of the year! Prepare for trivia questions that bridge the age gap. Prepare to be challenged and even learn a thing or two. This event is sponsored by the Alliance on Aging and Vision Loss and ACB Next Generation. Non-members welcome.

**Leadership Linkup (Virtual Only)**Saturday, June 28 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

Step into the Leadership Arena and network with leaders of the American Council of the Blind. This is your opportunity to connect directly with the heart of ACB leadership. You’ll be paired with an emerging leader and move through fast-paced and meaningful conversations with dynamic ACB leaders all in one Zoom event. This is an invitation only event, and signing up ahead of time is required as space is limited. Zoom details will be shared with confirmed participants prior to the event.  This event is sponsored by ACB Next Generation and ACB’s Berl Colley Leadership Institute.

**Together We Thrive: Families Embracing Vision Challenged Members**
Saturday, June 28 from 1:00 p.m. to 2:15 p.m.

Join us for an inspiring and heartfelt program that highlights the power of family resilience and support in the face of vision-related challenges. This session features the unique journeys of three families who have navigated life with vision loss and emerged stronger together. The Carpenter Family will share how they rally around their mom and wife, offering steadfast support and love through every challenge. The Nipper Family will explore a mother’s role in empowering her daughter’s independence, leadership aspirations, and personal growth. The Allen Family will discuss how they balance life with two daughters, challenging preconceptions, fostering advocacy skills and navigating their community with strength and grace. Each story reflects a different perspective, but all speak to the importance of family, understanding, and perseverance. This event is especially for families of individuals experiencing vision loss and anyone seeking encouragement, connection, and hope. This session is sponsored by ACB Next Generation.

**Hybrid Week**

**Leadership Linkup (In-person only)**Friday, July 4 from 5:30 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.

Step into the Leadership Arena and network with leaders of the American Council of the Blind. This is your opportunity to connect directly with the heart of ACB leadership. You will be paired with an emerging leader and move through fast-paced and meaningful conversations with dynamic ACB leaders all in one room. This is an invitation-only event, and signing up ahead is required as space is limited. Location details will be shared with confirmed participants prior to the event. This session is sponsored by ACB Next Generation and ACB’s Berl Colley Leadership Institute.

**Saturday Night Shindig**
Saturday, July 5 from 10:30 p.m. to 11:45 p.m.

Join ACB Students and ACB Next Generation as we celebrate our return to the annual Convention! Bring your families, friends, foes, and random strangers to meet and greet new and old acquaintances.

**RSVA/IVIE Networking Event**Sunday, July 6 from 1:00 p.m. to 2:15 p.m.

Discovering the World of Entrepreneurship!
Join us as dynamic entrepreneurs share their journeys, including opportunities within the Randolph-Sheppard Program. Hear firsthand how they chose the path of entrepreneurship and what drives their success.

Presenters: Kevin Fortune, Owner of The fortune Agency, CEO National BVI Chamber of Commerce, Cincinnati, OH; Hayley Agers, DoTERRA Wellness Advocate, Marysville, WA; Ardis Bazyn, Bazyn Communications, Thornton, CO; Linda Allison, President, Tennessee Council of the Blind and Tennessee vendor, Knoxville, TN; Conrad Bennett, Lots of Smiles, Romney, WV

Co-sponsored by RSVA, IVIE, ACB Next Generation, the ACB Employment Committee, and the Rehabilitation Issues Task Force.

**Discovering the Five Love Languages: Connecting Through Care**
Sunday, July 6 from 5:30 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.

Did you know that everyone has a Love Language, the way they best give and receive love? Whether in friendships, family, professional, or personal relationships understanding the Five Love Languages can transform how we connect with those around us. Join us for an engaging and interactive event where we’ll explore the Five Love Languages: Affirmation, Acts of Service, Quality Time, Physical Touch, and Gifts. We’ll break down what each Love Language means, how they show up in daily life, and how simply learning someone’s Love Language can help you build stronger, more meaningful relationships.  Plus, hear from individuals who will share how their Love Languages help to shape the way they connect with others.

**The ABC’s of Advocacy**Monday, July 7 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Join us for an interactive session exploring the fundamental principles of advocacy, what it is, why it matters, and how you can make an impact. Whether it’s at the local, state, or national level, advocacy is a powerful tool for driving change. Through interactive discussions, small group collaborations, and role playing exercises, you'll gain practical strategies and confidence to amplify your voice. This event is proudly sponsored by the ACB Advocacy Steering Committee and ACB Next Generation.

The following sessions are not a part of ACB’s Convention Program but are sponsored by ACB Next Generation

**Breakfast with Champions**
Saturday, July 5th from 6:30 a.m. to 8:45 a.m.

Get your convention experience off to a great start. Join ACB Next Generation as we meet and greet with four Board Members of the American Council of the Blind, Ray Campbell, Cecily Laney Nipper, Kenneth Semien Sr., and Koni Sims. Let’s break bread, bond with each other, and share our burning questions and aspirations with these amazing ACB leaders. This event will take place onsite at the Hyatt Regency. Signing up in advance will be required. Please watch our email list and social media for more details as we get closer to the event.

**Annual ACB NextGen Framily Dinner**Monday, July 7th from 4:15 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

A favorite tradition returns as we visit the diverse city of Dallas. Each year, we select a local restaurant to hold our NextGen Framily dinner. This year’s location has not yet been decided. Please watch our email list and social media for more details. Signing up in advance will be required.

**Convention After Hours Socials**
**Zoom Socials**

Sunday, July 6th, Tuesday, July 8th, and Thursday July 10 at 8:00 p.m.

We are bringing some of our favorite Game On with NextGen events to the Convention. Join us for Allstars Sports Trivia, Don’t Get Me Started, and Name That Tune Music Trivia.

**Clubhouse Socials**

Monday, July 7th and Wednesday, July 9th at 8:00 p.m.

Unwind and relax with friends after enjoying a full day of Convention goodness. Join us on Clubhouse to meet and mingle with new friends and reconnect with those whom you have not heard from in a while!

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# **Financial Assistance to Attend the ACB Conference and Convention**

By ACB NextGen Membership Committee

Are you ready for the biggest event of the year? The ACB Conference and Convention is coming up soon, and you don't want to miss it! Pre-registration will open on Thursday, May 15, and close on Tuesday, June 17. The cost is $55 for ACB members and $70 for non-membersThe convention will be hybrid, meaning you can choose to attend virtually or in person. The convention dates are June 23 to 30 (fully virtual) and July 4 to 11 (hybrid).

ACB Next Generation is excited to offer financial assistance for 16 lucky members to attend the convention. We know that some state affiliates also provide financial assistance to their members, and we encourage you to check with your state affiliate first to see if they have such an opportunity.

You can find your state affiliate information at https://acb.org/state-affiliates.

If you still need financial assistance, ACB Next Generation will cover the $55 convention registration fee for 16 people who register first. All you have to do is send a copy of your receipt to treasurer@acbnextgeneration.org and to
membership@acbnextgeneration.org after you register. Please note that we will reimburse you after the convention in August and only after we receive a testimonial about your convention experience. This reimbursement does not include the $10 registration fee for ACB Next Generation, which we highly recommend you cover to have a chance to win some of our cool door prizes.

Visit the convention website at <http://acbconvention.org>.

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# **Door Prizes at the ACB Convention**

Hello ACB Next Generation Framily,

It’s that time of year again. The ACB Conference and Convention is right around the corner, and we couldn’t be more excited!

One of our favorite traditions is giving out awesome door prizes to individuals who register with ACB Next Generation. Everyone who registers and makes the $10 donation to ACB Next Generation with their convention registration will be entered to win a door prize during each of our NextGen-sponsored programs at the ACB Conference and Convention!

But here’s the deal: we can’t make the magic happen without YOU!

Because the convention is hybrid again this year, and with shipping costs on the rise, we’re doing things a little differently. Instead of sending physical items, we’re asking for contributions through our secure Square checkout link (found below!). Once donations are collected, we will use the funds to purchase digital gift cards through RaiseRight, and winners will receive their door prizes by email after our NextGen events.

Since there’s a processing fee for Square, we’re asking for a minimum contribution of $10. However, no amount is too big or too small, and we appreciate every single donation!

Please note: We will not be accepting any physical items this year, and we will not hand-deliver any items during the conference.

Ready to help us bring the fun?

Just complete the Square checkout link below to donate!

<https://checkout.square.site/merchant/WGANFPGWB0Z69/checkout/PZL3N3WVLQT65UEVA3ABZVIL?src=sms>

If you have any questions or need assistance, please email us at acbnextgen@gmail.com or call us at (202) 524-0909.

We are so grateful for your support, and we can’t wait to give away some fantastic door prizes at this year’s convention!

Thank you,

The ACB Next Generation Convention Committee

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# **The Hottest Deal of the Summer**

By ACB NextGen Membership Committee

Don’t miss one of the hottest deals of the summer!  Take advantage of this sizzling offer by joining or renewing your membership with ACB Next Generation.

Did you know that by paying your ACB Next Gen dues during the 2025 ACB Conference and Convention, you can rest easy by covering your membership through 2026! That's right. All you have to do is either join us as a new member or renew your membership between June 23 through July 11, 2025, and you will be a paid member of this growing affiliate through 2026.

Dues are only $15 per year. Just think of what you can do with the extra cash in your Venmo or PayPal account. From Uber Eats to Starbucks to Kit-Kat bars, the possibilities are endless.

To join us as a new member or renew your membership, please complete the membership application located at:
<https://www.acbnextgeneration.org/membership>

Please direct any questions or comments to membership@acbnextgeneration.org.

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# **Fundraising Corner: Popcorn, Swag, Walk, and More!**

By ACB NextGen Fundraising Committee

Hello ACB NextGen family,

The Fundraising Committee is back with a lineup of exciting opportunities that you won’t want to miss!

**Double Good Popcorn Fundraiser**

June 6–10, 2025

Get ready to snack for a good cause! Our Double Good popcorn fundraiser kicks off on Friday, June 6, 2025, at 9 a.m. ET and runs through Tuesday, June 10, 2025, at 9 a.m. ET. Choose from a delicious variety of gourmet popcorn, and know that 50% of the proceeds will support ACB Next Generation. Visit <https://popup.doublegood.com/s/j16p7g3w>
Event code: j y m j r c

**Brenda Dillon Memorial Walk**

Join Our All-Stars Team!
Once you’ve got your popcorn, lace up your walking shoes and join the ACB Next Generation All-Stars Team for the annual Brenda Dillon Memorial Walk at <https://interland3.donorperfect.net/weblink/weblink.aspx?name=E144393&id=103&cfifid=76>. Show your team spirit by sporting some ACB NextGen swag – this year in royal blue! Visit Blind Girl Designs and grab your official All-Stars t-shirt or tote bag today.

**Save the Date**

**ACB NextGen Auction**

September 7, 2025

Mark your calendars: our NextGen Auction is scheduled for Sunday, September 7, 2025. This is a great way to bid on amazing items and support our affiliate. Have something you want to donate? Simply fill out our form:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1cZQE0Pby6M8aK6m6FloE7gK8z7fJsDzlMDo7zSXBCVU/edit>

**Ongoing Fundraisers: Support All Year Long**
Don’t forget about our year-round fundraising efforts:

* RaiseRight Program – Purchase gift cards to hundreds of retailers, and a portion of every sale supports ACB NextGen.
* Monthly Monetary Support (MMS) Program – An easy and impactful way to give monthly.

If you have any questions or need help with any of our fundraisers, don’t hesitate to reach out to us at fundraising@acbnextgeneration.org.

Thank you all for your continued support — we couldn’t do it without you!

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# **2025 ACB Next Generation Committee Showcase**

Are you looking for your niche in ACB Next Generation? Are you wanting to step outside your comfort zone, learn new skills, and find unique ways to support this affiliate?

The ACB Next Generation board and committee chairs invite you to the 2025 committee showcase. Committee chairs will provide an overview of their committees and present examples of the exciting work they do to help the affiliate thrive. There will also be opportunities to ask questions and learn more about each committee.

The Committee Showcase will be held on Wednesday, August 6, 2025 at 8 p.m. ET, 5 p.m. PT. Be on the lookout for more details and the Zoom info for this session.

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# **Cosmic Committee Corner: Publications Committee**

By Greg Lindberg, Chair, ACB NextGen Publications Committee

The ACB Next Generation Publications Committee creates long-form content for our affiliate. This includes the NextGen Insight (you’re reading right now!), a quarterly newsletter that is distributed in February, May, August, and November. The committee also produces the Next Up with NextGen podcast, which typically releases a new episode each month and can be found on all major podcast platforms and at <https://acbnextgeneration.org/category/next-up-with-nextgen/>. In addition, the committee publishes regular blog posts on the NextGen blog at <http://acbnextgeneration.org/blog>. Committee members also assist with proofreading and editing of projects and content for other NextGen committees to ensure we are following our style guide and maintaining our brand in our messaging.

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# **KCBNG Update**

By Joey Couch, President, Kentucky Council of the Blind Next Generation

As of this writing, we are only a week out from the running of the 2025 Kentucky Derby. Our chapter started out our spring with a bowling event which was very well attended in March. We’re also planning on participating in an auction which will help raise money for our local chapter as well as our local ACB chapter, the Greater Louisville Council of the Blind. We will have other activities planned throughout the summer as well.

I was also able to attend the ACB DC Leadership event back in March and enjoyed the information. I had the opportunity to visit Capitol Hill and meet with staffers from the various Congressional representatives from our state.

I hope everyone enjoys this wonderful spring we’re having so far. I also hope everyone gets to enjoy the upcoming ACB Conference and Convention this summer, whether it be virtually or in person.

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# **Summer Recipe: Croation Potato Salad**

Note: This potato salad can be served as a side or just eaten by itself on hot summer days.

**What they used…**● 3 large potatoes
● 4 to 5 eggs, as desired
● 5 scallions
● 1 Tbsp mustard
● 1 Tbsp oil
● mayonnaise (to taste)
● salt and pepper (to taste)
● 1 Tbsp dill
● cucumbers
● radishes

**How they made it…**1. Boil the potatoes, and allow them to cool.
2. Peel the potatoes, cut them into cubes, and place the cubes into a large bowl.
3. Boil the eggs, and cut them into smaller pieces.
4. Add them to the bowl, and mix lightly.
5. Chop the scallions, add them to the bowl, and mix again.
6. Add the mayonnaise, mustard, oil, salt, pepper, and dill to taste as desired.
7. Slice the radishes and cucumbers, and use them to decorate the top of the salad.

The above recipe is just one of over 100 that can be found in the 2022 ACB Next Generation Cookbook, which can still be purchased at <https://acbnextgeneration.org/2022cookbook/>

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# **Blog and Podcast Roundup**

In addition to publishing the NextGen Insight, the Publications Committee also produces blog posts and the Next Up with NextGen podcast. Below is a roundup of recent blog and podcast content.

**Blog Posts**
Passion Project Portal: Justin Graben (by Greg Lindberg):
<https://acbnextgeneration.org/2025/02/28/passion-project-portal-justin-graben-by-greg-lindberg/>

A Story of Overcoming Adversity (by Sugar Lopez):
<https://acbnextgeneration.org/2025/03/31/a-story-of-overcoming-adversity-by-sugar-lopez/>

Timeless Tech Safety Tips for the Blind & Visually Impaired (by Jessica Dail and Danielle Stevens):
<https://acbnextgeneration.org/2025/04/28/timeless-tech-tips-for-the-blind-visually-impaired-by-jessica-dail-and-danielle-stevens/>

ACB NextGen Members Recognize Their Moms for Mother’s Day:
<https://acbnextgeneration.org/2025/05/11/acb-nextgen-members-recognize-their-moms-for-mothers-day/>

**Next Up with NextGen Podcast**
Positive Affirmations and Gratitude:
<https://acbnextgeneration.org/2025/02/18/positive-affirmations-and-gratitude/>

Celebrating ACB Next Generation’s 5th Birthday:
<https://acbnextgeneration.org/2025/03/30/celebrating-acb-next-generations-5th-birthday/>

Recapping the 2025 ACB DC Leadership Conference with Two NextGen Members:
<https://acbnextgeneration.org/2025/05/07/recapping-the-2025-acb-dc-leadership-conference-with-two-nextgen-members/>

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# **Calendar of Events**

Everyone is welcome to attend these events by accessing the Zoom mobile app, visiting the Zoom website at https://zoom.us, or calling (312) 626-6799, and entering the appropriate meeting ID and passcode.

You may sign up to receive reminders and Zoom details by subscribing to the ACB Next Generation email list. Please send a blank email to main+subscribe@acbnextgeneration.groups.io

In addition, many ACB Next Generation events are listed on the ACB Community Call schedule. Please watch your email for program details and possible updates.

**May 2025**

7 - NextGen 101 – 9 p.m. ET

12 - ACB Next Generation Board Meeting – 8 p.m. ET

13 - Tuesday Night Huddle: Pitch Fast and Elevate – 8 p.m. ET

15 - May NextGen Insight published

18 - Game On with NextGen: Chain Reaction – 9 p.m. ET

**June 2025**

2 - ACB Next Generation Midyear Membership Meeting – 8 p.m. ET

8 - Picture the Future AI Event – 9 PM ET

9 - ACB Next Generation Board Meeting – 9 p.m. ET

12 – Candidate Forum – 9 p.m. ET

**July 2025**

20 - Game On with NextGen: Who Wants to Be a Millionaire? – 9 p.m. ET

30 - Tuesday Night Huddle: Advocacy – 8 p.m. ET

**August 2025**

6 – ACB Next Generation Committee Showcase – 8 p.m. ET
11 - ACB Next Generation Board Meeting – 8 p.m. ET

13 - NextGen 101 – 9 p.m. ET

15 - August NextGen Insight published

19 - Tuesday Night Huddle: TBD – 8 p.m. ET

24 - Game On with NextGen: TBD – 9 p.m. ET

\*Topics and speakers are subject to change. Please reference ACB Next Generation emails and the ACB Community Call schedule.

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(February 15, May 15, August 15, and November 15) in a digital format via email and posted to our website the following month. Send newsletter items for consideration to publications@acbnextgeneration.org.

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# **ACB Next Generation Committees**

Interested in joining a committee? Fill out the committee interest form at <https://forms.gle/kNpzgMBW3ZWzPS7S6>

**Advocacy/Legislative Committee**

Chair: Aaron Espinoza

Contact: advocacy@acbnextgeneration.org

**Awards Committee**

Chair: Joseph Hernandez

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