**WyCB 2021-2022 Advocacy**

**White Cane Law Committee**

**The White Cane Law committee put together a proposal to update Wyoming’s white cane law and corresponding Driver’s Education Manuals. We proposed changes to increase the penalties and fines. We also proposed adding some additional information in the Wyoming Drivers Education Manual under the section of, Right-Of-Way to Pedestrians. Lastly, we offered some examples of what an individual should/or shouldn’t do when encountering handicapped pedestrians.**

**The purpose of these recommended updates is to rectify the inequities in the law and to provide for safer passage for the pedestrians within the state who are using a cane or being accompanied by a guide dog. Increased penalties, fines, and recommended precautions all seem to be in order, especially during this age of highly distracted drivers.**

**The White Cane Law proposal was put on hold due to the pressing matter of the Talking Books Program advocacy campaign.**

**Now that the talking books program advocacy campaign is calmer, we can move forward with the White Cane Law proposal.**

**Sherry Leinen- President**