



Washington, DC NAACP Branch
General Body Meeting
Thursday, June 12, 2008
Israel Baptist Church
1251 Saratoga Avenue, NE
7:00pm

AGENDA

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| I. Call to Order | Lorraine Miller, President |
| II. Opening Prayer | Rev. James Coleman, Chaplain |
| III. President's Report | Lorraine Miller, President |
| IV. Treasurer Report | Angela Wood, Treasurer |
| V. Secretary's Report | Ruby Lewis, Secretary |
| VI. Website Update | Akosua Tyus, Assistant Secretary |
| VII. Ward 8 City Council Candidates | |
| • Darrell Gaston | |
| • Howard Brown | |
| VIII. <u>Committee Reports:</u> | |
| ○ DC Youth Council | Pe'Trina Paxton |
| ○ DC Area Council | Sable Nelson |
| ○ Young Adults | Akosua Tyus |
| ○ Health | Shavon Arline |
| ○ Economic Empowerment | Rebecca Thompson |
| ○ ACT-SO | Ruby Lewis |
| ○ Education | Gloria Jefferson |
| ○ Political Action | Eugene Kinlow |
| ○ Membership Services | Elnora Fitzgerald |
| ○ Veteran Affairs | Joe Wynn |
| IX. Announcements | |
| X. Next Meeting Date | |
| XI. Adjournment | |



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MINUTES

- I. The Washington, DC NAACP Branch General Body Meeting was called to order at 7:14pm, by Lorraine Miller, President.
- II. Rev. James Coleman, Chaplain gave the opening prayer.
- III. Lorraine Miller welcomed branch members and guests. The NAACP centennial year will be 2009, celebrating 100 years since the NAACP was founded on February 12, 1909. The NAACP DC Branch is planning a series of three events for the centennial, including a symposium, dinner, and a youth activity. Lorraine Miller plans to meet with the Director of the Motion Picture Association regarding planning a film festival. She met with the Dean of Howard University Law School regarding planning a symposium. She also recommended the branch lead a historic preservation initiative of the home of Carter G. Woodson as one of our centennial activities. She wants the branch to create a Blue Ribbon Commission to research the closing of DCPS and the renovation of closing schools. Lorraine Miller announced on behalf of the NAACP National Board of Directors, the three President/CEO candidates are Benjamin Jealous, Fred Haynes, III, and Alvin Brown. The final announcement will be made at the May National Board of Directors meeting. The DC Branch submitted two resolutions to the National Office by May 1, 2008 to be considered by the Resolution Committee, including a resolution on veteran issues and DC Voting Rights.
- IV. The minutes from the April 10, 2008 General Body Meeting were read silently and approved with corrections by the general body.
- V. Ruby Lewis announced the Grand Master's testimonial. The branch agreed to purchase a table for the Grand Master's testimonial and branch members will reimburse the branch for ticket by May 30, 2008.
- VI. The NAACP 99th Annual Convention will be held in Cincinnati, Ohio July 12-17, 2008. We elected ten delegates to attend the national convention.
- VII. We discussed the article in the Washington Post "Critics of Old Guard Take Black Activism Online," which criticized the NAACP for its aging leadership without bringing in fresh blood and youthful leadership capable of moving the organization forward.

VIII. E. Ned Sloan introduced Keith Battle and Anthony Perry to explain the noose hanging at the National Stadium. A noose was found on the construction grounds of the Nationals new stadium and led to the firing and on-job friction amongst the employees that reported it. Michelle and William Jawando agreed to draft a letter on behalf of the DC Branch to EEOC, FBI, and DOJ Civil Rights Division requesting a robust investigation of the situation and report to the DC Branch.

IX. Committee Reports:

DC Youth Council

- The branch approved to pay registration for the Executive Committee Members and \$1,000 stipend to assist with the DC Youth Councils expenses in attending the national convention in Cincinnati, OH. Denise Keels, DCYC Advisor thanked the DC Branch for its financial support of the DC Youth Council.

Young Adults Committee

- Akosua Tyus announced the Young Adults Committee is continue to increase the visibility of the NAACP DC Branch amongst young adults within the DC community, encourage membership dues payment, and motivate young adult members to be active within the DC Branch. Other YAC goals include activating and recruiting an International Affairs Committee Chair, recruiting a (WIN) Women In NAACP Committee Chair, and recruiting a WebMaster. Thursday Network has invited us to participate in Sports Jam on Saturday, May 31, 2008. This event will be a physical and mental competition for young professionals to raise funds for Thursday Networks scholarship and tutorial programs. Previous YAC events include on Thursday, November 29, 2007, we collaborated with Thursday Network, NCNW, and the NAACP DCAC units to co-host a State of Emergency Forum on the unjust treatment of African-American youth within our juvenile justice system. We co-hosted the Advance Film Screening of "The Great Debaters" with Thursday Network on Monday, December 17, 2007. We are now co-hosting First Fridays at Felix with several other young professional organizations. Our first event co-hosting First Fridays was held on Friday, December 7, 2007. We have continued to co-host First Fridays at Felix in January, February, March, and April. Recently appointed Public Relations Chairperson, Cassidy Johnson, has resigned from her position due to accepting a new job in Atlanta, GA. The 2008 NAACP Leadership 500 Summit will be held May 22-25, 2008 in Scottsdale, AZ. Akosua Tyus and Rebecca Thompson will represent the DC Branch at the summit.

Health Committee

- Shavon Arline will schedule a conference call to begin planning the "Heart & Head" HIV and AIDS Awareness event for the DC Branch centennial series.

Economic Empowerment

- Rebecca Thompson announced the Economic Empowerment committee had a successful year coordinating investment planning and tax preparation financial education workshops for young adult committee meetings and co-hosting a Tax Preparation Workshop on Tuesday, March 11, 2008 with the Washington, DC Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

ACT-SO

- Ruby Lewis, ACT-SO Chair explained ACT-SO is a yearlong enrichment program designed to recruit, stimulate, and encourage high academic and cultural achievement among African-American high school students. The program relies on the dedication and commitment of community and business leaders who volunteer as mentors and coaches to promote academic and artistic excellence. Through this collaborative effort, participating students develop the confidence and skills needed to excel in school and in life. ACT-SO currently includes 26 categories of competition in the sciences, humanities, business, and performing and visual arts. She announced the local ACT-SO Competition was held Saturday, April 19, 2008. The finalist will attend the national competition, which will be held at Disney World in Orlando, FL to celebrate the 30 year anniversary of ACT-SO.

Membership Services

- Elnora Fitzgerald, Membership Services Chair announced 10 regular adult memberships and 2 life memberships were processed in April 2008. April memberships totaled \$625.00. \$249.00 was retained by the DC Branch and \$376.00 was remitted to the national office.

X. Announcements:

- Shiloah Baptist Church is hosting one day financial seminar “Moneywise in the Community with Kevin Boston” on Saturday, May 31, 2008.
- The Metropolitan Baptist Church will host a voter education forum “What is at Stake in ‘08” on Saturday, May 17, 2008.

XI. The meeting adjourned at 8:42pm.

ATTENDEES:

Akosua Tyus
Rebecca Thomspson
William Jawando
Michele Jawando
E. Ned Sloan
Keith Battle
Anthony Perry
Lorraine Miller
Ernestine Brown
Ruby Lewis
Theresa Johnson
Elnora Fitzgerald
Paula Mack
Kwamme Anderson
Hazel Kennedy
Ardell Woodland
Angela Wood - EXCUSED

16 Total 3 Visitors

June

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1	2	3 NAACP Health Conference Call Meeting 6:30pm	4 NAACP Young Adults Meeting 6:30pm	5	6	7
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15	16	17	18 NAACP Economic Empowerment Conference Call Meeting 6:30pm	19	20 NAACP Solstice @ Andalu w/ Talented Tenth Society 1214 18th St. NW 6pm - 9pm	21
22	23	24	25	26 NAACP Executive Committee Meeting Israel Baptist Church 1250 Saratoga Avenue, NW 7:00pm	27	28
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NAACP CHOOSES BENJAMIN T. JEALOUS AS NATIONAL PRESIDENT-ELECT

Human rights activist & former black newspaper editor will become 17th leader of civil rights group

The NAACP National Board of Directors is pleased to announce the selection of Benjamin T. Jealous as National President-elect. He is the 17th person chosen to lead the nation's oldest and largest civil rights organization in its 99-year history.

Jealous, 35, comes to the NAACP from the San Francisco-based Rosenberg Foundation*, where he's served as president since 2005.

"Ben Jealous has spent his professional life working for and raising money for the very social justice concerns for which the NAACP advocates," said NAACP National Board of Directors Chairman Julian Bond. "He is a perfect match. He is intergenerational and his presence is a demonstration that the nearly 100-year old NAACP attracts the best and brightest. We are looking forward to a great future under his leadership."

Jealous' career path includes leadership positions with Amnesty International, where he directed its U.S. Domestic Human Rights Program from 2002 to 2005.

Prior to that, he served as executive director of the National Newspaper Publishers Association--a federation of more than 200 black community newspapers in 38 states. He is former managing editor of the *Jackson Advocate*, the oldest black-owned weekly newspaper in Mississippi that has been a long-time fierce champion of civil rights and the disenfranchised. Jealous was mentored by the *Advocate's* publisher, the late Charles Tisdale, who was attacked as a teenager for helping found a local NAACP unit. The *Jackson Advocate* was torched repeatedly for its principled stances on civil rights.

As a community organizer on civil rights lawsuits in the '90s, Jealous worked in Mississippi to gain equitable funding for the state's historically black colleges and universities. For the NAACP Legal Defense Fund he organized churches and residents to fight against the elimination of obstetric services at St. Luke's Women's Hospital in Harlem, New York.

Jealous also served as program director for the National Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty. At 14, he organized his first voter registration drive.

"As an advocate who has spent his entire adult life working for civil and human rights organizations, and as a black parent raising a young child in this country, I am intimately invested in the future successes of the NAACP," Jealous said. "As a fifth-generation member of the NAACP, I know this mighty Association's

fundamentals are strong. I see great opportunities to increase the NAACP's role as a positive force in the collective life of black people and our nation. I am humbled and enthused at the prospects being afforded me by this experience."

The California native attended public and parochial schools in Monterey County. He holds a bachelor's degree from Columbia University and a master's degree in social policy from Oxford University where he was a Rhodes Scholar. He is married to constitutional law professor and former NAACP Legal Defense Fund litigator Lia Epperson and is the dedicated father of Morgan, 2.

Jealous will officially begin his tenure as president Sept. 1.

Founded in 1909, the NAACP is the nation's oldest and largest civil rights organization. Its members throughout the United States and the world are the premier advocates for civil rights in their communities, conducting voter mobilization and monitoring equal opportunity in the public and private sectors.

* The Rosenberg Foundation awards grants designed to improve public policy regarding the economic security of working families and the economic and civic integration of immigrants and members of historically disadvantaged communities in California.



NAACP DC Branch Website Features

- Home Page
- DC Branch History Page
 - NAACP Founders
 - Historic & Notable DC Branch Members
- Overview Page
 - NAACP Mission
 - Strategic Agenda
 - Committees & Chair Contact Info
- DC Branch Leadership Page
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- Membership Page
 - Membership Application
 - E-mail List Subscription
- Secured Members-Only Page
 - Agendas
 - Minutes
 - Meeting Documents
 - Archive (Past Events)
- NAACP National Headquarters RSS News Feed
- Community Resources
 - Job Announcements
 - Community Organization Links

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Young Adults Committee Report

- I. The objectives of the Young Adults Committee are to recruit young adult members and develop emerging leaders through encouraging leading branch initiatives, chairing committees, and participating in activities of the Washington, DC Branch.
- II. The Young Adults Committee meets monthly to highlight the mission on the NAACP, objectives of the DC Branch, and discuss various education, economic, political, and health issues of interest to young adults.
- III. Our current initiatives are to continue increase the visibility of the NAACP DC Branch amongst young adults within the DC community, encourage membership dues payment, and motivate young adult members to be active leaders within the DC Branch.
- IV. YAC Accomplishments:
 - Young Adults member, Kassidy Johnson has resigned as Public Relations Chairperson due to accepting a new job in Atlanta, GA.
 - Created a mass e-mail distribution system through the www.naacpdc.org website, which is hosted by the Godaddy.com service.
 - Established a partnership with the Talented Tenth Society for promoting monthly social events that promotes the visibility of the NAACP among young adults. We co-hosted First Fridays at Felix (F3) from December 2007 through May 2008. We will begin co-hosting a new event with the Talented Tenth Society called Solstice at Andalu beginning June 20, 2008.
- V. YAC Goals:
 - Recruit a young adult to chair the International Affairs Committee and (WIN) Women In NAACP Committee
 - Recruit a WebMaster to develop and maintain the branch website and e-mail distribution system
 - Recruit a Social Event Planner to plan social events targeting young adults (i.e. Happy Hours)
 - Recruit a Fundraising Committee Co-Chair to specifically solicit and coordinate sponsorships
 - Recruit a Membership Committee Co-Chair to plan membership drives targeting young adults and assist Mrs. Fitzgerald with processing memberships
- VI. Upcoming Events:
 - We are now co-hosting First Fridays at Felix with several other young professional organizations. Our first event co-hosting First Fridays was held on Friday, December 7, 2007. We have continued to co-host First Fridays at Felix in

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Akosua Tyus 6/12/2008

January, February, March, April, and May. The last First Fridays at Felix we co-hosted with the Talented Tenth Society was in May 2008. Beginning on June 20, 2008, we will co-host a new social event called Solstice at Andalu.

- We are working with the Health, Economic Empowerment, and Political Action committees to develop a strategic agenda around the NAACP centennial.

VII. Past Events:

- On Thursday, November 29, 2007, we collaborated with Thursday Network, NCNW, and the NAACP DCAC units to co-host a State of Emergency Forum on the unjust treatment of African-American youth within our juvenile justice system.
- We co-hosted the Advance Film Screening of “The Great Debaters” with Thursday Network on Monday, December 17, 2007.
- Thursday Network invited us to participate in Sports Jam on Saturday, May 31, 2008. We voted to participate in the competition, but were unable to fill a 5 man team.
- The NAACP Leadership 500 Summit was held in Scottsdale, Arizona May 22-25, 2008. Akosua Tyus and Rebecca Thompson represented the DC Branch.



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Healthcare Committee Report

- I. The DC Branch of the NAACP participated on a panel discussion in reference to emergency care for minorities on May 28, 2008 at 12 p.m. at the Marriott Wardman Park. Shavon Arline, chair of the healthcare committee represented the branch.
- II. The Black Women's Health Imperative (formerly known as the Black Women's Health Project) will be hosting their 25th Anniversary conference on June 19-21. There will also be a free 5k walk on that Saturday June 21 on the National Mall starting on 15th and Constitution. The healthcare committee is encouraging branch members to participate in the walk as a branch team. No fundraising required. Please visit www.blackwomenshealth.org for more information on registration.
- III. The Healthcare committee is developing a strategic health agenda for the centennial, which will include implementing several initiatives to reduce HIV rates within the DC community.
- IV. **Health Focus Group**
 - We plan to form a focus group to develop a strategic agenda to reduce HIV rates in the DC community and assess the needs in educating the DC community about sexual health.
 - This focus group will include pastors, teachers, cause focused non-profit organizations, and chapter-level black organizations.
- V. **"Health within the African-American Community" Forum**
 - We would like to plan a Health Centennial Event on a Saturday or weekday event as a part of CBC week or immediately following in October 2008.
 - This forum will include a keynote speaker and/or a panel of health professionals promoting sexual health within the African-American community through educating the community on HIV and other STD's.
 - This will be held in a community center within Washington, DC, which will be metro accessible to students and low-income communities.
 - The target audience for this forum will be DCPS high school students, churches, and middle/low-income community members.
 - We plan to have radio stations promote this forum and possibly broadcast on-site.
 - Free Confidential HIV Testing will be available on-site.
 - We would also like to offer prize incentives for completing HIV testing.
- VI. In closing, the healthcare committee held its monthly conference call Tuesday, June 3, 2008. The next conference call will be scheduled for June 1. The conference call number is (712) 432-1620 access code 945876#.



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Economic Empowerment Committee Report

- I. The objective of the Economic Empowerment committee is to accelerate economic growth in our communities and eliminate existing racial and ethnic economic disparities through implementing educational and advocacy programs.
- II. The Economic Empowerment Committee plans to implement two events during the NAACP Centennial year (September 2008 – July 2009).

Recession Survival Workshop

- We will plan a Recession Survival Workshop in October or November 2008 educating the community on financial planning strategies under the current state of the U.S. economy.
- This will be a community focused event, which will target young professionals and the working class community.
- We will seek to partner with other organizations to increase attendance and community awareness.

E-Filing Tax Preparation Workshop

- Before April 2009, we would like to plan another Tax Preparation workshop partnering with local tax preparation providers such as H&R Block and the IRS.
- We plan to offer free e-file tax preparation assistance.

III. Past Events:

- The Economic Empowerment Committee co-hosted a Tax Preparation Workshop on Tuesday, March 11, 2008 with the Washington, DC Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

- IV. The Economic Empowerment Committee will meet via conference call on Wednesday, June 25, 2008 at 6:30pm. The conference dial-in number is (712) 432-1699 and the access code is 401340#.

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6/11/2008

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