



**Washington, DC NAACP Branch
General Body Meeting
Thursday, September 13, 2007
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. Greetings | Lorraine Miller, President |
| IV. Reading of Minutes | Akosua Tyus, Assistant Secretary |
| V. Treasurer Report | Angela Wood, Treasurer |
| VI. Justice for Jena 6 | Akosua Tyus |
| • March in DC | Angelique Lew |
| • Charter Bus to Jena, LA | Howard NAACP Chapter |
| VII. “Barrier Breakers” Fundraising Gala | Hazel Kennedy |
| VIII. NCNW Black Family Reunion Update | Ruby Lewis, Secretary |
| IX. Executive Committee Appointment | |
| • New DC Youth Council Advisor | |
| X. <u>Committee Reports:</u> | |
| ○ Young Adults | Akosua Tyus |
| ○ Health | Shavon Arline |
| ○ Economic Empowerment | Rebecca Thompson |
| ○ ACT-SO | Ruby Lewis |
| ○ Education | Gloria Jefferson |
| ○ Youth Works | E. Gail Anderson-Holness |
| ○ Legal Redress | E. Ned Sloan |
| ○ Membership Services | Elnora Fitzgerald |
| ○ Political Action | Eugene Kinlow |
| ○ Veteran Affairs | Joe Wynn |
| XI. Announcements | |
| XII. Next Meeting Date | |
| XIII. Adjournment | |



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**Washington, DC NAACP Branch
General Body Meeting
Thursday, June 14, 2007
Masonic Temple
1000 U Street, NW, 3rd Floor
7:00 pm**

MINUTES

- I. The Washington, DC NAACP Branch General Body Meeting was called to order at 7:06 pm, by E. Ned Sloan, 2nd Vice President.
- II. Bishop Imogene B. Stewart gave the opening prayer.
- III. E. Ned Sloan welcomed branch members and guests.
- IV. The minutes from the May 10, 2007 General Body Meeting were distributed and read silently by the general body. Doris Mack, DC Branch member, identified a correction to be made to the minutes. Bishop Imogene B. Stewart motioned the approval and acceptance of the minutes with the necessary corrections. The motion was seconded by Rev. Dr. E. Gail Anderson Holness and approved by the general body.
- V. Angela Wood, Treasurer, reported that the branch Net Income as of June 14, 2007 was \$3,710.73. The branch is current on all expenditures and office expenses.
- VI. Former Mayor Anthony Williams was a presented an appreciation award for supporting the Washington, DC NAACP Branch in bringing the National NAACP Convention to Washington, DC in 2006.
- VII. Committee Reports:

Young Adults Committee

- Akosua Tyus, Assistant Secretary and Young Adults Committee Chair announced that the first Young Adults Committee meeting on Wednesday, May 9, 2007 was very successful. 27 young adult professionals attended this first meeting, including three new financial members. Stefanie Brown (NAACP Youth & College, National Director), Ernest Coverson (NAACP Region VII, Director), and Michael Wotorson (NAACP Education Department, Director) brought greetings from the NAACP National Office. Nathan Saunders, General Vice President of the Washington Teachers' Union, Local 6 welcomed the NAACP young adults to the Washington Teachers' Union located at 1717 K Street, NW, Suite 902, Washington, DC. We explained the mission of the NAACP, the objectives of the DC Branch, and encouraged attendees to assist in implementing DC

Branch initiatives through joining the Education, Economic Empowerment, Health, Political Action, and Youth Works committees.

- The Young Adults Committee also initiated a Black Organization Collaborative initiative with several black community organizations in DC. The first meeting was held on Monday, May 14, 2007. The organizations that attended the BOC meeting included Urban League Young Professionals, National Council of Negro Woman, National Black MBA Association, National Society of Black Engineers, National Pan Hellenic Council, Washington Teachers' Union, Morehouse Club, DC Metro CITE, Alpha Phi Alpha, Omega Psi Phi, 100 Black Men, Delta Sigma Theta, and Sigma Gamma Rho. The purpose of this collaborative is to strategically collaborate on addressing mutual issues within the community. The next BOC meeting will be held on Monday, July 16, 2007 at the DC Department of Health.

Education Committee

- Gloria Jefferson, Education Committee Chair, announced that she attended the Daisy Bates Conference in Little Rock, Arkansas. Joe Kitchen recommended the Education Committee organize a plan to hold Mayor Fenty accountable in the implementation of DCPS plan. Eugene Dewitt Kinlow, Political Action Chair, agreed for the Political Action Committee to work with the Education Committee to develop a plan to hold Mayor Fenty accountable in the implementation of his DCPS agenda.

Political Action Committee

- Eugene Dewitt Kinlow, Political Action Chair, announced that the Political Action Committee met on June 6, 2007. The Political Action Committee agenda was set to address payday lending, DC Voting Rights, voter education, and voter registration.

Veteran Affairs Committee

- Joe Wynn, Third Vice President and Veteran Affairs Committee Chair announced Veteran Affairs Committee meetings are held on the 1st Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm in the Office of Veteran Affairs, located at 441 4th Street, NW, Washington, DC.

Resolution Committee

- Joe Wynn, 3rd Vice President attended the Resolution Committee meeting on May 3, 4, and 5, 2007 in Baltimore, MD. At this meeting committee members discussed the resolutions that had been submitted by the branches and amendments to the bylaws of the NAACP.

WIN Committee

- Gloria Jefferson announced that she has been the chair of the (WIN) Women in NAACP Committee. Imogene Stewart, Ruby Lewis, Angela Wood, and Laura Jackson volunteered to work with Gloria Jefferson on the WIN Committee.

- VIII. Lorraine Miller, President, announced Roslyn Brock, NAACP National Board of Directors Vice-Chair is leading the Leadership 500 initiative. A Leadership 500 conference will be held in Detroit, MI from Wednesday through Saturday, prior to the national convention. Roslyn Brock has sponsors to cover the expenses of 3 NAACP, DC Branch members between the ages of 30 and 50, to attend the Leadership 500 conference. Any members within this age demographic are encouraged to submit their name to Lorraine Miller to be sponsored in attending the Leadership 500 conference.

IX. There will be no Executive Committee or General Body Meeting held during the month of July, due to attending the NAACP National Convention in Detroit, MI.

X. The meeting adjourned at 8:28pm.

ATTENDEES

Dr. E. Gail Anderson-Holness
Ernestine Brown
Elnora Fitzgerald
Beverly Gurley
Gloria Jefferson
Joshua Jefferson
Theresa Johnson
Eugene DewittKinlow
Joseph Kitchen
Louise Langley
Kimberly Like
Doris Mack
Lorraine Miller
E. Ned Sloan
Twyla Stephen
Bishop Imogene Stewart
Ruth Turner-Johnson
Akosua Tyus
Wayne Upton
Regina Williams
Angela Wood
Ardell Woodland
Joe Wynn

23 Total Attendees 2 Visitors

DC Area Black Organization(s) Calendar 2007-2008

September

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9	10	11	12	13 NAACP General Body Meeting Israel Baptist Church 7:00pm	14	15 100 Black Men "Three Doctors' Positive Peer Pressure Competition"
16	17	18	19 NAACP Young Adults Happy Hour (Zanzibar) 6-7pm	20	21	22
23	24	25	26 NPHC, ULYP, NAACP CBC Reception Lounge 201-201 D Street, NE Washington, DC	27 100 Black Men - CBC "BMOA Fall Leadership Weekend"	28 100 Black Men - CBC "BMOA Fall Leadership Weekend" CBM CBC Reception Grand Hyatt Hotel	29 100 Black Men - CBC "BMOA Fall Leadership Reception" (City Club of Washington) 100 Black Men "Best of Washington Golf Tournament" (Cross Creek Golf Club-Beltsville, MD)
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DC Area Black Organization(s) Calendar 2007-2008

October

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
	1 100 Black Men Tutorial Program Lunch Event (All Tutorial Locations)	2	3 NAACP Young Adults Meeting	4 CBM Mentoring Conference Tremont Plaza Hotel Baltimore, MD	5 CBM Mentoring Conference Tremont Plaza Hotel Baltimore, MD	6 CBM Mentoring Conference Tremont Plaza Hotel Baltimore, MD
7 CBM Mentoring Conference Tremont Plaza Hotel Baltimore, MD	8	9	10	11 NAACP General Body Meeting Israel Baptist Church 7:00pm	12 100 Black Men "Executive Stakeholders Breakfast" (City Club of Washington)	13 NAACP "Breaking Barriers" Gala Grand Hyatt
14	15	16	17 NAACP Young Adults Happy Hour	18	19	20
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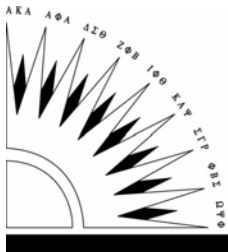
*National Pan-Hellenic Council, Inc. – Eastern Region,
National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP)
Washington, DC Branch &
Greater Washington Urban League Thursday Network
Host...*

“Bridging the Gap for the 21st Century” Congressional Black Caucus Reception

Wednesday, September 26, 2007

*Lounge 201
201 Massachusetts Ave, NE
Washington, DC 20002
6-9pm*

Lounge 201
(202) 544-5201
<http://www.lounge201.com/>



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**Washington, DC NAACP Branch
Young Adults Committee Meeting
Wednesday, June 20, 2007
Washington Teachers' Union – Conference Room
1717 K Street, NW, Suite 902
Washington, DC 20036
6:30pm**

Young Adults Committee Report

- I. The Washington, DC NAACP Young Adults Committee Meeting was called to order at 6:50pm, by Akosua Tyus, Chair.
- II. Neosha Ponder gave the opening prayer.
- III. Akosua Tyus welcomed members and visitors to the Washington, DC NAACP Branch Young Adults Committee. The objective of the Young Adults Committee is to recruit young adult members and encourage their participation in the branch initiatives. Promoting homeownership within the minority community is an objective under the Economic Empowerment initiative of the Washington, DC NAACP Branch.
- IV. Homeownership Workshop:
 - Yvette Hicks of the GWU Home Program & Service Award Program explained the home buying process and distributed first-time homebuyer informational materials. The home buying steps she explained include obtaining your credit score, reducing debt, considering home type, getting pre-approval for a loan, finding a real estate agent, and looking for your home. She also encouraged individuals to contact your employers Human Resources department to inquire about their first time homebuyer programs. For more information contact Yvette Hicks at (202) 994-5369 or e-mail her at yhicks@gwu.edu.
 - Tommy Bankins of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development explained the HUD programs available to assist in home buying process and he distributed Home Buying Guides, Achieving Homeownership brochures, FHA Streamline brochures, Avoiding Foreclosure brochures, Home Inspection brochures, Mortgage Insurance brochures, and Home Buying 100 Question and Answer brochures. For more information contact Tommy Bankins at (202) 402-3323 or e-mail him at Thomas_E.Bankins@hud.gov.
 - Patricia McCoy of the Greater Washington Urban League's Home Purchase Assistance Program explained the GWUL Home Purchase Assistance Program (HPAP) and distributed an HPAP Fact Sheet. She explained the HPAP program assists DC residents in purchasing homes in Washington, DC through offering closing cost assistance of 4% of the home purchase price. Although the HPAP program is for DC residents, each state

has home buying and closing cost assistance programs available for its respective residents. For more information visit the GWUL website www.gwul.org, contact Patricia McCoy at (202) 265-8200 x227, or e-mail her at patriciamccoy@gwul.org. The Director of the GWUL Home Purchase Assistance Program, Kimberly Henderson can also be contacted at (202) 265-8200 x228 or through e-mail at kimhenderson@gwul.org.

- Sherin Koshy of PNC Bank distributed brochures and explained the mortgage closing cost discount available to NAACP members with a PNC WorkPlace Digital Checking account. She explained the PNC WorkPlace Digital Checking account is free, with no monthly service charge, or minimum balance required with recurring direct deposit and active online bill pay. For more information on opening a free PNC WorkPlace Digital Checking account contact Sherin Koshy at (202) 835-5521 or e-mail her at sherin.koshy@pnc.com. Kim Rollins, Mortgage Consultant for PNC Mortgage, LLC explained the PNC Home Opportunities Program and distributed brochures. She explained PNC Mortgage's down payment assistance programs, credit terms, and qualifications. For more information on the PNC Mortgage home opportunities program contact Kim Rollins on her cell at (202) 460-8282, at work (703) 698-9438, or e-mail her at kim.rollins@pncmortgage.com.

V. Committee Reports:

Committee reports summarizing the activities of the Washington, DC NAACP Economic Empowerment, Education, Health, Fundraising, Political Action, and Youth Works Committees were distributed. Sign-Up sheets were also distributed for standing committees.

Economic Empowerment

- Akosua Tyus explained that the Economic Empowerment committee does not currently have a chair. The objective of the Economic Empowerment committee is to accelerate economic growth in our communities and eliminate existing racial and ethnic economic disparities by implementing educational and advocacy programs.
- There are several programs developed by the NAACP National Office, which can be implemented by the Economic Empowerment Committee including Homeownership education workshops.
- If you are interested in chairing the Economic Empowerment committee, you must become a financial member of the Washington, DC NAACP Branch. As Economic Empowerment Committee Chair you will also be a member of the NAACP Executive Committee, which meeting the 4th Thursday of the month.
- Rebecca Thompson expressed interest in chairing the Economic Empowerment Committee.

Education Committee

- Gloria Jefferson explained the objective of the DC NAACP Education Committee is to ensure that students in DCPS have access to an equal and high-quality public education by eliminating education related racial and ethnic disparities. Gloria Jefferson encouraged individuals interested in joining the NAACP Education Committee to contact her at (301) 868-6667 or e-mail her at joshjr@hotmail.com.

Health Committee

- Shavon Arline was recently appointed chair of the Health Committee at the Executive Committee Meeting on June 14, 2007. She currently has a Master's degree in Public Health, works as the Program Manager for the Black Women's Health Imperative, and

was Health Committee Chair of the Chesterfield NAACP Branch. Health Committee reports were distributed explaining several health committee initiatives addressing health disparities facing the black community including obesity, HIV/AIDS, depression, and diabetes.

Fundraising Committee

- Akosua Tyus explained the branch is planning a formal gala on Sturday, October 13, 2007 as a fundraiser for the branch. To join the fundraising committee and assist with planning this event contact Hazel Kennedy, Fundraiser Committee Chair, at (202)365-8710 or e-mail her at hikennedy@comcast.net.

Political Action Committee

- Akosua Tyus distributed Political Action Committee reports and explained that Eugene Dewitt Kinlow, Political Action Chair, held a Political Action Committee meeting on June 6, 2007. The Political Action Committee agenda was set to address payday lending, DC Voting Rights, voter education, and voter registration. To join the Political Action Committee contact Eugene Dewitt Kinlow, Chair at (202)563-2131 or e-mail him at kinlow@aol.com.

VI. Upcoming Events:

- The NAACP National Convention will be held in Detroit, MI from July 7-12, 2007. The Leadership 500 conference will be held from July 5-7th in Detroit, MI.
- Roslyn Brock, NAACP National Board of Directors Vice-Chair is leading the Leadership 500 initiative and has sponsors to cover the expenses of 3 NAACP, DC Branch members between the ages of 30 and 50, to attend the Leadership 500 conference. Any interested members within this age demographic are encouraged to submit their name to Akosua Tyus to be sponsored in attending the Leadership 500 conference.
- The next NAACP Black Organization Collaborative meeting will be held on Monday, July 16, 2007 in the DC Department of Health Conference Room at 825 North Capitol Street, NE, Washington, DC.

VII. Due to the national convention in July 2007 and individual summer travel plans, the next NAACP Young Adults Committee meeting will not be held until fall 2007. The Washington Teachers' Union will be moving in July 2007, so future Young Adult Committee meeting will be held in a new location. The exact date and meeting location will be forthcoming.

VIII. Marcus Gray gave the closing prayer.

IX. The meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.



Washington, DC NAACP Branch

Black Organization Collaborative Meeting

Monday, May 14, 2007

Washington Teachers' Union – Conference Room

1717 K Street, NW, Suite 902

Washington, DC 20036

7:00pm

- I. The first meeting of the NAACP Black Organization Coalition was called to order at 7:01pm by Akosua Tyus, Washington DC NAACP Branch, Young Adults Committee Chair.
- II. She explained that the Washington, DC NAACP Branch initiated this coalition to strategize on collaborative efforts to address mutual issues including education, economic empowerment, healthcare, professional development, and civic advocacy.
- III. Meeting attendees introduced themselves, stating their organization, position held, organization's mission, and desired goals to be achieved through this coalition.

Organizational representatives that introduced themselves include:

- 100 Black Men, Greater Washington, DC
 - Vice President of Operations, W. Roderic Hopkins
 - Public Relations Chair, Eric Evans
- Alpha Phi Alpha, Omicron Lambda Alpha Chapter
 - Community Service Committee Chair, David McLachlan
- Black Women's Health Imperative
 - Program Manager, Shavon Arline
- CITE, Washington, DC Metro Chapter
 - President, Eric Mason
- Delta Sigma Theta, Federal City Alumnae Chapter
 - Former Social Action Chair, Shirley Rivens Smith
 - Member, Celeste Malone
- Delta Sigma Theta, Washington, DC Alumnae Chapter
 - President, Toni White-Richardson
- NAACP, DC Branch
 - ACT-SO Chair, Secretary, Ruby Lewis
 - YAC Co-Chair, Michele Jawando (Also representing both Washington, DC Chapters of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority)

- Health Committee Chair Nominee, Shavon Arline (Also representing Black Women’s Health Imperative)
 - YAC Member, Nokomis Johnson
- National Black MBA Association (BMBA), DC Chapter,
 - President, Oscar Mardis
- National Council of Negro Women (NCNW), Greater Washington Millennium Section
 - President, Roberta Jacobs
 - 2nd Vice President, Lisa Davis
- National Minority AIDS Council,
 - Intern, Sable Nelson
- National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE), DC Metro Alumni Extension
 - Vice President, Fatima Senghore
 - Social Chair, William Ellis
- NAVBPUC,
 - Past Executive Director, Glo Ivory
- Omega Psi Phi, Fraternity, Inc.
 - Alpha Omega Chapter, Political Action Chair, Robert Fairchild
 - UDC Chapter, President, Calvin Rice
 - Pi Lambda Lambda Chapter, President, Harvey Woodson’s (Wife)
- Pan Hellenic Council (NPHC), DC Chapter,
 - Vice President, Cynthia Adesioye
- Sigma Gamma Rho, Sorority, Inc., Phi Sigma Chapter,
 - Social Action Chair, Kwoncene Watson
 - Member, Christine Banks
 - Member, Stephanie Dorga
 - Youth Affiliate Advisor, KaSaundra Oden
- Teachers For Thought, LLC,
 - President, Kimmoy Matthews
- Urban League Young Professionals (ULYP), Thursday Network,
 - Public Relations Chair, Crystal Davis
 - Membership Services Chair, Rita Lassiter
 - President, Laurie Rowe
- US Africa Sister Cities
 - President, Shirley Rivens Smith
- Washington Teachers' Union, Local 6,
 - General Vice President, Nathan Saunders

IV. Robert Fairchild, Political Action Chair, Omega Psi Phi’s Alpha Omega Chapter explained that he has participated in organization coalitions before. He would like to see this coalition be effective in collectively taking action within the community.

V. After introductions, Akosua Tyus reiterated that the focus of this coalition is to strategize on collaborative efforts in addressing mutual issues of concern within the community.

VI. Based on the missions of the organizations, each organization was encouraged to identify current programs or initiatives on which they would like to collaborate with other organizations. As an example, the NAACP Young Adults would like to collaborate with 100 Black Men on their mentorship program. National Society of Black Engineers mentioned that they have an SAT Preparation program and they would like to increase

the participation of high school students. Nathan Saunders, General Vice President, Washington Teachers' Union, Local 6, offered to assist NSBE and other organizations with encouraging DCPS student participation through mandating that teachers encourage their students. He offered the resources of the Union to make information available to the teachers.

- VII. Akosua Tyus suggested that we determine specific issues for this coalition to target within the community, formulate committees around the issues, and designate representatives of organizations to collaborate on addressing these issues through the committees. Organizations recommended this coalition focus on issues including education, economic empowerment, political action, and health. Recommendations included our education initiative's focus on improving DCPS and addressing the shortage of black men in college. Economic initiatives suggested include supporting black owned businesses and homeownership. It was recommended that our political action initiatives target on achieving voting rights for DC. Health initiatives to be targeted include promoting healthy families/relationships and addressing black health disparities.
- VIII. Robert Fairchild, Political Action Chair of Omega Psi Phi's Alpha Omega Chapter recommended we select one or two issues to focus on successfully addressing as a coalition.
- IX. Several organizations recommended that we begin to analyze the potential of the coalition focusing on a larger mission, rather than the committee centered focus approach. Roberta Jacobs of National Council of Negro Women, and Fatima Senghore of National Society of Black Engineers, DC Metro Alumni Extension recommended that we look at developing a coalition focused plan, such as lobbying efforts on Capitol Hill and developing a unique event to brand the BOC.
- X. Toni White-Richardson, President of Delta Sigma Theta, Washington DC Alumnae Chapter recommended that we formulate a mission statement for this coalition.
- XI. Recommendations of language to be included in the mission statement of the coalition include:
 - Strategically implement programs affecting the Washington, DC community
 - Strategically implement initiatives collectively addressing political, education, economic, and health issues in Washington, DC
 - Collaborate on issues currently impacting Washington, DC
 - Utilize our collective power to achieve more collectively than we could as individual organizations
 - Focus on issues affecting Washington, DC
- XII. It was recommended and agreed upon that the Washington DC NAACP Branch will continue to host and coordinate the activities of the coalition.
- XIII. We will create a BOC calendar, which will include each organizations community events. Organizations are asked to send there upcoming events to Akosua Tyus and they will be combined into one calendar, so that we can support one another and announce the events within our respective organizations.
- XIV. Announcements:

- Oscar Mardis, President of the National Black MBA Association, DC Chapter announced that they will host a Wealth Building Series on Saturday, June 2, 2007.
- Shirley Smith of Delta Sigma Theta, Federal City Alumnae Chapter and President of US Africa Sister Cities announced Timbuktu Muslim Museum will be at Busboys & Poets located at 14th & V Streets, NW, Washington, DC on Saturday, May 19, 2007 at 5:30pm.

XV. Initially, the NAACP Black Organization Coalition will meet monthly and in the future we will seek to meet quarterly. The date of our next meeting will be e-mailed out after confirming the availability of the Washington Teachers' Union conference room.

XVI. Michele Lawrence Jawando, Washington DC NAACP Branch gave the closing prayer.

XVII. The NAACP Black Organization Coalition meeting adjourned at 8:53pm.

NOTES:

The mission statement recommendations are detailed in this committee report. All organizational representatives in attendance at the May 14, 2007 meeting will have an opportunity to review the mission statement recommendations and provide feedback. In preparation for our next meeting, the Washington DC NAACP Branch will meet with one representative of ULYP, BMBA, NCNW, 100 Black Men, NSBE, NPHC (representing all black Greek letter organizations) to review the mission recommendations, finalize the mission statement, and determine the objectives of the coalition prior to the next meeting. This mission statement will be presented to the organizations and those organizations who agree with the mission will be invited to participate in the planning and implementation of programs that support the mission.



Washington, DC NAACP Branch Youth Works Committee Report

- I. The objective of the Youth Works Committee is to develop youth leadership effective in positively affecting change with the community.
- II. The Youth Works Committee will work with the DC Area Council to implement a mentorship program between the Youth Council, College Chapters, and DC Branch members. This committee will function as a liaison fostering a collaborative relationship between the Youth Council, College Chapters, and DC Branch.
 - DC NAACP Youth Council
 - Howard NAACP College Chapter
 - Georgetown NAACP College Chapter
 - George Washington University NAACP College Chapter
 - American University, Catholic University, and UDC once re-activated and chartered
- III. The Region VII Youth & College Division office has appointed Akosua Tyus and Gerard Charles as Advisor and Co-Advisor in the activation of the DC Area Council. The DC Area Council will function as a governing body, which oversees the Youth Council and College Chapters in Washington, DC. Members of the DC Area Council will include all Youth & College units in Washington, DC. We would like to schedule a preliminary strategic planning meeting within the month of May, to develop goals and strategies for the DC Area Council.
- IV. Professional Development Mentorship Program:
 - The NAACP DC Branch Mentorship Program will include Professional Networking Events and on-going individual mentoring between branch members, college chapter members, and +18 youth council members.
 - A Professional Resource Database will be developed to track DC Branch Members professional expertise to be utilized as potential panelist and speakers for college chapters and youth council events.
 - An Internship Database will be maintained to receive internship opportunities in the community and promote awareness of the programs among youth council and college chapter members.
 - o The Branch Office is looking for interns to assist the Office Manager
 - o Joe Wynn is seeking an intern to assist his office with Veteran Affairs issues.

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Washington, DC NAACP Branch **Political Action Committee Report**

Payday Lending

- We discussed Payday lending and talking about ramping up efforts to publicize the local branch and National's position on payday lending.
- I publicized the rally on June 7, 2007 at America's Cash Express at Georgia and New Hampshire Avenue in Washington, DC. More information is available at the website:
<http://www.myfoxdc.com/myfox/pages/News/Detail?contentId=3430100&version=1&ocale=EN-US&layoutCode=VSTY&pagelId=3.2.1>
- The Center for Responsible Lending is working with the NAACP, DC Branch to prepare for a DC Council hearing on June 21, 2007 at 1:00 PM at the District Building.
- The hearing is a response to the legislation put forward creating new rules to rein in payday lenders. This legislation is being sponsored by DC City Council Members Mary Cheh and Marion Barry.

DC Voting Rights

- Preparing for Mark-up in the Senate Committee on Homeland Security on June 13, 2007. Urged committee to attend.
- Planning a Senate Lobby Day on June 20
 - We request that the DC branch send out a request for support in those states where we have a chance of moving the Senator to a yes position. Locally, we need Senators Byrd (WVA), Webb (VA)m, and Specter (PA)
 - Additionally, it would be helpful if we could commit individuals from these branches to join us on Senate Lobby Day.

Voter Education/ Voter Registration

We plan on having several events that work to educate voters in advance of next year's presidential election. Some of these ideas will have this committee work with other committees including the youth committee. These ideas include:

- Happy Hour/ Social where you have to present a Voter Registration card.
- Use the Presidential Debates as an opportunity to partner with other organizations
- An Event targeting the largely unregistered population (High School or College)
- A summit on Voter Education for the ex-felon population

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Washington, DC NAACP Branch **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. There are several programs developed by the NAACP National Office, which the Economic Empowerment Committee has requested information on implementing. These programs include Building on a Dream, Economic Reciprocity Initiative, Bank of America's Financial Empowerment Initiative (FEI), and the Reginald F. Lewis Youth Entrepreneurial Institute.

"Building on a Dream"

- "Building on a Dream" is a Homeownership Program developed by the NAACP National Office.
- This program is a partnership between the NAACP and the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) committed to ensuring that all American families who desire to own a home are able to do so.
- This program involves producing the housing report "Building on a Dream," which focusing on the state of minority housing in America and hosting Housing Town Hall meetings to address housing issues.
- Copies of the "Building on a Dream" Executive Summary Housing Report were distributed to the committee.
- Christine Bischoff of the NAACP National Office is the contact for implementing "Building on a Dream." She has offered to answer any questions our branch has on this program and assist our branch in implementing this program.

Economic Reciprocity Initiative (ERI)

- The Economic Reciprocity Initiative (ERI) measures corporate America's financial relationship with the African American community.
- Since 1996, the National NAACP Office has developed an annual Consumer Choice Guide analyzing the diversity efforts of 50 private corporations in lodging, telecommunications, financial services, general merchandising, and automotive industries.
- The national office recommends branches host workshops educating the community on the results of the annual Consumer Choice Guide.
- Copies of the 2006 Consumer Choice Guide were distributed to the committee.
- Christine Bischoff of the NAACP National Office's Economic Empowerment Department is the contact for this program and has offered to answer any questions our branch has on this program.

Financial Empowerment Initiative (FEI)

- The Financial Empowerment Initiative (FEI) is designed to advocate for increased access of African-American and other minority communities to credit, capital, and financial services in order to create wealth.
- The FEI program focuses on educating individuals about managing credit, achieving homeownership, business development and personal investing, while increasing financial literacy in general.
- The Bank of America Financial Empowerment Initiative (FEI) is currently being restructured by the National Office.
- Dawn Franklin explained that while the national office restructures the Financial Empowerment Initiative (FEI) with Bank of America, individual branches are welcome to develop Financial Empowerment Initiatives (FEI) with other financial institutions.
- Doris Bishop recommended that our branch contact Wachovia Bank as a potential partner in implementing our Financial Empowerment Initiatives (FEI).

Reginald F. Lewis Youth Entrepreneurial Institute

- The NAACP Reginald F. Lewis Youth Entrepreneurial Institute is an out-of-school based program offered through a partnership with (HBCU)'s to inspire young people to view entrepreneurship as an option for success and to teach them the skills required to become successful business owners.
- The Reginald F. Lewis Youth Entrepreneurial Institute for 2007 is currently on hold by the National Office.
- Dawn Franklin of the NAACP Economic Development Department is the contact for the potential implementation of this program.

III. The Economic Empowerment Committee identified workshops to be planned and conducted throughout the year. These workshops will focus on **Homeownership, Entrepreneurial Development, Credit Repair, Jobs, Tax Preparation, and Predatory Lending.**

Home Ownership Workshops

- Partner with local banks, HUD, and local community organizations to provide information on the benefits and feasibility of home ownership
- Work with local media outlets (local radio, television stations, newspapers) to ensure that event is listed on citywide community calendars

Entrepreneurial Workshops

- Partner with local business owners and community organizations to provide information and resources for attendees
- Organizations could include Small Business Association, lenders, and grant providers
- Work with local media outlets (local radio, television stations, newspapers) to ensure that event is listed on citywide community calendars

Credit Building Workshops

- Bring in various speakers, financial advisors, and community organizations to provide information on improving FICO scores, paying off debt, effective money management skills, etc.

- Speakers could include Michelle Singletary (of TV One's Singletary Says), Operation Hope, etc.

Job Fair

- Partner with local staffing agencies, local businesses, and federal agencies
- Provide information on job training programs
- Publicize event citywide and possibly partner with other local organizations
- Outreach to local high schools, community colleges, universities, community centers

Tax Preparation Workshop

- Provide attendees with information on federal tax credits, tax preparation, common mistakes, etc.
- Partner with local tax preparation providers such as H&R Block and the IRS
- Possibly offer free tax prep during workshop (encourage attendees to bring W2 forms and other info)
- Host in a location with a computer lab to provide e-filing

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Washington, DC NAACP Branch **Education Committee Report**

- I. The committee objective previously established by the DC NAACP Education Committee is to ensure that students in DCPS have access to an equal and high-quality public education by eliminating education related racial and ethnic disparities.
- II. The NAACP Education Advocacy Procedural Manual details the NAACP education initiatives developed by the national office, committee member responsibilities, and committee operating procedures.
- III. The committee reviewed the positions of the Education Committee, including Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Committee Secretary, Legislative Coordinator, Parent Liaison, Community Partnership Coordinator, Higher Education Coordinator, Early Childhood Coordinator, Public Schools Coordinator, Elementary School Coordinator, and Secondary School Coordinator.
 - The committee agreed to review the positions descriptions, select a position of interest, and consider education advocates within the community that will be an asset to our committee prior to the next Education Committee Meeting.
- IV. The NAACP Education Department's "NAACP Call for Action in Education" was distributed to the committee members.
 - At the Education Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, January 10, 2007, two issues from the "NAACP Call for Action in Education" were identified for our committee to focus on addressing in 2007.
 - These issues include issue #5, reduce class sizes, on page 11 and issue #8, decreasing the high school drop-out rate, on page 15 of the "NAACP Call for Action in Education."
- V. The process for developing an Annual Education Action Plan is detailed in Section IV on page 10 of the "NAACP Education Advocacy Procedural Manual."
 - The committee determined the one education related issue that we will address in the upcoming year will be decreasing the high school drop out rate.
 - Our approach to addressing this issue will be to coordinate and implement an official "Back to School Stay in School" program.
- VI. The NAACP Education Department's "Back to School Stay in School, Procedural Manual" was distributed to all Education Committee members.

- The goals of the “Back to School Stay in School” program is to assist students in grades K through 12 with the academic and social support required to complete high school.
 - The “Back to School Stay in School” program involves a Back to School rally, parent/family workshops, reduce drop-out campaigns, site visits, reading classes, math classes, culture programs, social skill enrichment programs, and recognition ceremonies.
 - Implementing the “Back to School Stay in School” program will require alliances and resources throughout the community, so it is essential that the Education Committee seek to establish contacts and partnerships throughout the education community.
- VII. The Education Committee seeks to establish contact and partnerships within the education community, including local teachers union affiliates, teachers, counselors, principals, students, school board members, retired school personnel, Office of Civil Rights representatives, public education elected officials, PTA affiliates, educational agencies, faith-based organizations, community business, and social service agencies.
- All committee members were asked to consider people in the community within these positions that can join our Education Committee and/or be partners in achieving similar education objectives.
- VIII. The Education Committee planned an educational forum titled “Equity Matters.”
- This forum addressed four issues detailed in the “NAACP Call for Action in Education,” including (Issue #1) increasing resource equity, (Issue #2) improving teacher quality, (Issue #5) creating smaller class sizes, and (Issue #8) reducing the high school drop-put rate.
 - Nathan Saunders agreed that the Washington Teachers Union would co-sponsor this event through providing refreshments at the forum.
 - The structure of the program included a reception from 6:00pm to 6:30pm, the forum will began with a education advocate speaker addressing the four areas discussed from 6:30 to 7:00pm, the speaker was followed by a panel of education leaders providing specific expertise on the four areas from 7:00 to 7:30pm, lastly the discussion will allow the public the opportunity to express their views on the issues addressed.
- IX. Mayor Fenty’s “100 Days and Beyond: 2007 Action Plan for DC” was distributed to the Education Committee for review on own time.
- X. Another goal of our committee is to increase student awareness of the DC NAACP Branch Scholarship and the NAACP National Scholarship Program. The NAACP National Scholarship Applications were distributed to the Education Committee members.
- XI. An additional responsibility of the DC Branch Education Committee includes processing parent and student complaints. At a future meeting, the committee will review the Complaint Resolution Process which is detailed in the “NAACP Education Advocacy Procedural Manual.”



Washington, DC NAACP Branch Health Committee Report

The first Health Committee meeting was held on Tuesday, September 4, 2007 at 6:30pm in the Black Women's Health Imperative office located at 1420 K St, NW, 10th Floor, Washington, DC.

The NAACP has 5 major health advocacy areas in which the Health Department requests that branch health committees focus their efforts on:

- Racial disparities and access to health care
- HIV/AIDS
- Respiratory diseases
- Mental Health
- Obesity and obesity related diseases

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NAACP COORDINATES ACTIVITIES AROUND JENA SENTENCING ON SEPT. 20 *America rallies as Bell, other defendants face lengthy prison sentences*

The NAACP is working with numerous groups, individuals, local, state and federal officials to coordinate demonstration activities related to Mychal Bell's sentencing in two weeks. A march, rally and town hall meeting are being planned for that day.

Thousands are expected to converge on Jena, La. and the LaSalle Parish Courthouse Sept. 20 as defendant Mychal Bell is sentenced for his role in an altercation with a classmate following a series of racial incidents in the town of 3,000 after three nooses were hung in a tree at the local high school.

In the last year, Bell, 17, who remains incarcerated, and five others-- Robert Bailey Jr., 17; Theo Shaw, 17; Carwin Jones, 18; Bryant Purvis, 17; and a minor--faced overly aggressive prosecution, extended incarceration and are being charged with serious criminal conduct offenses that could lead to many years of imprisonment.

On Sept. 20, "March on Jena" participants are asked to convene at Ward 10 Recreation Park in Jena starting at 7 a.m. where instructions for the day will be given. Prayers will follow the 8:15 a.m. march to the courthouse before the judicial proceedings begin. Following the sentencing a support rally will be held at the park around 11 a.m. That evening a town hall meeting focusing on education and criminal justice disparities in the U.S. will be held at 7 p.m. in Alexandria, La.

NAACP officials will present petitions to Louisiana Gov. Kathleen B. Blanco at Noon on Sept. 19 at the State Capitol. The thousands of signatures are a symbol of those across the nation that are concerned with the unequal treatment of the defendants and the disturbing climate that led to an escalation of events in the southern town. Individuals are urged to sign the petition found online at www.naacp.org up until that time.

The NAACP has gathered a team of pro bono attorneys to assist in Bell's appeal and the defense of the remaining young men. Activity updates and information on contributing to the Jena 6 Legal Defense Fund can be found online at www.naacp.org or by calling toll free (888) 362-8683.

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.

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