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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

S.O.A.R

"O Give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good: for his mercy endureth forever" (Psalm 136 KJV.) I am thankful for a wonderful NABCI Family who is caring, supportive and committed to justice for all.

We have taken flight and are ready to S.O.A.R. into this new year with great anticipation for the wonderful things the Ohio Chapter will accomplish. The 32nd Annual State Conference was another huge success. Congratulations to Immediate Past President Marva Allen, Co-Chairmen Carmen Nelson and Shelbie Smith, Conference Committee and the Dayton Affiliate for a job well done.

My theme during the next 2 years is **S.O.A.R** which stands for Serve, Obeying our bylaws, Accountable to our membership and Responsive to the needs of all. What you can expect from me is simple: honesty, accountability, humility and transparency.

My goals are:

- Reactivate Toledo and Mahoning Valley Affiliates
- Collaborate with Community Partners & other organizations
- Start a student chapter
- Hold quarterly community service projects with our affiliates
- Establish an annual fundraiser for the State Chapter and increase our fundraising efforts
- Ensure we have sound financial procedures

Please don't forget our Leadership Training on Saturday, January 4, 2020 in Columbus, Ohio. This training is for all State and Affiliate Officers; however, it is open to all members. You can rsvp to Angelica Brewer, State Secretary or Tracy Tyson-Parker, Assistant Secretary.

There are several committees that are in need of your help. We are looking for members with a heart to serve. If you are interested in working together with other like-minded members across this great state, please contact me at ohionabci prez@gmail.com. The committees where we have vacancies are: Membership, Nominating, Awards and History and Research.

During this Holiday Season may you enjoy time with friends and family and always remember the special gift not wrapped under a tree but lying in a manger. May you all have a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year!

Yours In Service,

Staci G. Freeman

President

2019- 2021 Officers

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32ND ANNUAL OHIO CHAPTER CONFERENCE

BY: RONI BURKES- TROWSDELL- VICE PRESIDENT

*“NABCJ~
Taking a Look
at the line of
Justice: Is It
Broken or Bent”*

The 32nd Annual Ohio Chapter Conference was held October 20-22, 2019 at the Holiday Inn in Fairborn, Ohio. Chapter Conference Co-Chairs were Carmen Nelson and Shelbie Smith from the Dayton Affiliate. There were 249 persons in attendance participating in 19 workshops over the three-day event.

The Ohio Chapter was delighted to welcome National President Terri McGee from the Great State of Texas and other national board members to include Vice-President Sherman Lea, Secretary Vernise Robinson, Mid-West Representative Angelica Brewer and Immediate Past President Carlyle Holder. Ohio rolled out the scarlet and grey and welcomed our wonderful leaders to the Buckeye State.

The conference kicked-off on Sunday evening with an Ohio Chapter Meeting. The President's Reception that followed was a festive event with food, music, fellowship, games and a painting and party event. There were over 100 people in attendance to honor outgoing President Marva Allen.

Opening Session on Monday morning proved to be powerful and enlightening with our dynamic Keynote Speaker Adrian Jones, a former gang member who has dedicated his life to saving young men and women from walking in his footsteps. Other speakers included the Mayor of Fairborn Paul Keller, Department of Youth Services (DYS) Director Ryan Giles, Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction Director and NABCJ Life Member Annette Chambers-Smith.

The Justice Forum panelists to include Clifton Duckson, Coach Powell, Katrina Ransom and Dr. Anthony Wilson kept the audience engaged with discussions regarding mass shootings and the impact on the City of Dayton and national community. The forum was moderated by Warden Brandeshawn Harris.

Monday afternoon was full of energy with thought provoking workshops. The Dayton Affiliate hosted a "Dayton Strong" event to honor the recent shooting victims of the Dayton mass shooting. NABCJ members displayed pride in their African Heritage with a fashion show, amazing artwork created by offenders and the best music by DJ Freddie G. The Dayton Affiliate raised \$184.00 to benefit members of the Dayton Community who were impacted by the mass shooting.

Tuesday's kick-off was just as powerful with informative workshops. The Dr. Bennett J. Cooper Luncheon honored the legacy of Dr. Cooper by blessing several wonderful students with educational scholarships. We also honored the legacy of Dr. Reginald A. Wilkinson with awarding the Second Chance Scholarship to our Keynote Speaker and graduate of the Ohio State University, Adrian Jones.

As the conference came to a close the gavel was exchanged welcoming our new incoming President Staci G. Freeman who with a standing ovation, shared her goals of S.O.A.R. (Serve, Obey our bylaws, policies and procedures, Be Accountable to the membership and Responsive to the needs of our chapter, organization and community.)



UPDATES FROM OUR MIDWEST REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE

BY: GERARD LOWE

Greetings Ohio Chapter Members,

I hope you are enjoying your Holiday Season and that your festivities have been blessed and safe. I also bring you greetings from our National President Ms. Terri McGee and the National Board of Directors. I am excited for the Ohio Chapter as we embark on the next two year journey with the new slate of Chapter officers. I am excited to work with your new Chapter President and her Executive Committee. President Freeman's goal of inclusivity amongst Affiliate Leadership and Chapter Members is something I'm sure you will appreciate. The Ohio Chapter has a long list of great leaders and I believe President Freeman will join that list with vigor, enthusiasm, passion and transparency.

The Ohio Chapter of NABCJ continues to grow and is the strongest Chapter in the nation. The increase in membership numbers gives Ohio the advantage of having more qualified and passionate individuals who are dedicated to furthering the Mission of NABCJ. These individuals and their Affiliate Chapters are working extremely hard to ensure that under represented and under privileged populations are experiencing equal justice and benefiting from the Community service and mentoring being conducted by NABCJ.

We also have NABCJ Affiliates in Ohio who are working very hard to create and reactivate several Student Chapters at various Universities. These reactivations and new Chapters will not only strengthen the Ohio Chapter by enabling the Adult Chapters to engage Students in a University setting, but it will also allow us to help guide and develop our leaders of tomorrow. The development of Student Chapters will not just strengthen the Ohio Chapter but it will also strengthen NABCJ on a National Level. We are currently experiencing an upsurge in Student Memberships and Chapters across the country. This includes NABCJ's first High School Student Chapter that has been developed in the State of Oklahoma. See the following link to the article:

<https://kfor.com/2019/12/17/okc-school-first-high-school-in-nation-to-become-nabcj-chapter/>

I would also like to inform you that The National Board of Directors has been working very hard at finalizing updates to the National Policy and Procedure Manual. Having previously updated and ratified the National Bylaws at the 2019 National Conference in Tampa, it is imperative that our Policy and Procedure Manual is updated accordingly. Our goal is to ensure that there are succinct procedures to ensure that every provision in the National Bylaws are applied in the most complete and efficient manner possible.

In closing, I hope all of you have a very blessed, safe and Happy New Year and that 2020 is a great year for all.

Take Care,

Gerard R. Lowe
National Midwest Regional Representative
National Bylaws Committee Chairperson
National Finance Committee Member

WELCOME TO OUR NEW LIFE MEMBERS



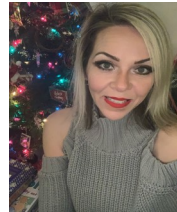
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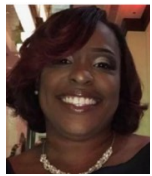


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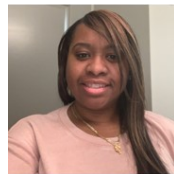
KUDOS



Roni Burkes-Trowsdell - Received the inspiring leader award from the 2019 class of the Leadership Ohio Executive Leadership Program.



Saroya Mulligan – Named the Southern Region, District 2, Parole Services Supervisor with Ohio Department of Youth Services.



Chyqulynn Jefferson – promoted to Deputy Warden of Special Services at the Ohio Reformatory for Women.



Dr. Zaria Davis – Received the 2019 Restoring Citizen award by the Restored Citizen of Columbus, Ohio.



Brandeshawn Harris – appointed Assistant Commissioner of Prisons for the North Carolina Department of Public Safety.



Otha Lewis—Received the Hunger Hero Award from Michelle Riley President of the Dayton Food bank, for his hard work and commitment with the Foodbank.

SAVE THE DATE



2020 Ohio Chapter Leadership Training
"Let's Get Ready to S.O.A.R."

Date: Saturday, January 4, 2020
Time: 10:00 am – 3:00 pm
Location: ODRC- Central Office
4545 Fisher Rd. Suite D
Columbus, Ohio 43228

Attire: Black & Gold Business Attire

- Chapter & Affiliate Officer Photos will be taken
- Lunch will be served
- Guest Motivational Speaker

Mandatory for all Affiliate Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer & Membership Chairmen. All others welcome to attend.

Please RSVP no later than January 2, 2020
Angelica Brewer at 216-609-6307 or Tracy Tyson-Parker 614-203-5259



SAVE THE DATE

July 12-16, 2020
47th Annual Conference and Training Institute
Royal Sonesta New Orleans
300 Bourbon Street
New Orleans, LA 70130

2020 Conference & Training Institute Theme:
"NABCO Improving Criminal Justice by Using the Three R's - Review, Restructure and Reform"

Come Join Us in the Big Easy!



For more information, please visit our website:
www.NABCO.org



A Few Tourist Attractions

- African American Museum
- Amistad Research Center
- Aquarium of the Americas
- Audubon Zoo
- Backstreet Cultural Museum
- Black Collegian Magazine
- Blaine Kern's Mardi Gras World
- HBCUs: Xavier, Dillard and Southern University at New Orleans
- New Orleans Historic Voodoo Museum
- New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Foundation
- New Orleans Museum of Art
- Preservation Jazz Hall
- Williams Research Center
- William Ransom Hogan Jazz Archive



National Association of Blacks in Criminal Justice

Call for Workshops

2020 National Conference and Training Institute

July 12-16, 2020

Royal Sonesta in New Orleans, Louisiana

"NABCO Improving Criminal Justice by
Using the Three R's-Review, Restructure and Reform"

Enlighten and uplift us with your expertise

Workshop Focus Areas:

- Corrections
- Adult Probation/Parole
- Juvenile Probation/Parole
- Law Enforcement Policy
- Criminal Justice College Student Leadership Development
- Returning Citizens/ Re-entry Programs
- Mental Health

Submission Criteria: (Please use the link below)

Workshop Title, Workshop Description Summary, Presenter(s) name, (including job title, email), Upload all Presenter Resume(s)/Bio(s), Areas of Focus

Notifications

Presenters are not exempt from Registration, Transportation and Hotel Costs (Please make room reservations early as rooms are in short supply); There is no monetary compensation; Presenters are responsible for handouts; Laptops are not provided; Complimentary LCD package provided to include projector screen, projector cart and cabling, Workshop submission approval by February 18, 2020

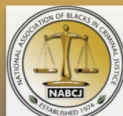
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Workshop Proposal Submission by January 18, 2020

32ND ANNUAL STATE CONFERENCE

OCTOBER 20, 2019



32ND ANNUAL STATE CONFERENCE

OCTOBER 21, 2019



32ND ANNUAL STATE CONFERENCE

OCTOBER 22, 2019



Purpose + Mission

The National Association of Blacks in Criminal Justice seeks to focus attention on relevant legislation, law enforcement, prosecution, and defense-related needs and practices, with emphasis on law enforcement, courts, corrections, and the prevention of crime.

Among its chief concerns is the general welfare of and to increase influence of African Americans and people of color as it relates to the administration of justice. NABCJ is designed to serve the needs of African Americans and people of color at all levels, including nonprofessionals, paraprofessionals, and professionals. Anyone can become a member of the Association and support a commitment to equal justice for all. To act upon the needs, concerns, and contributions of African Americans and other people of color as they relate to the administration of equal justice. The National Association of Blacks in Criminal Justice is a multiethnic, nonpartisan, nonprofit association of criminal justice professionals, students and community leaders dedicated to improving the administration of justice.

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