



## **Chapter President Report January 12, 2019**

### **LOCAL/CLUSTER:**

Contacts began with the Northwest Cluster Chapter Presidents to gain their support to propose their chapters contribute to the monetary assessment and physical participation in the Host Chapter/Cluster duties for the 2021 Area Conference. Link Fran Davis, Tacoma Chapter President is onboard. We agreed we will ask Tri Cities to physically participate since their chapter is struggling to retain their charter as a result of such a small membership level. Once our chapter votes, the other chapter presidents will communicate the request to their chapter members and vote on the assessment within their chapters.

### **AREA:**

WA Conference 6/5/19-6/9/19. Call to Conference will be sent mid February. The Area is trying to secure the contract for two entertainers prior to the Call to Conference being released. Gospel Brunch held at the 2019 Area Conference. The Area Director and Planning Committee are in Austin, Texas at the venue doing a site visit.

Area slate of officers has been presented. We will vote during our May chapter meeting in preparation the conference.

WA Haiti Mission Trip 2/17/19-2/23/19. However, the registration has not been sent out because the Area is double checking with international travel agents to confirm those dates are best for entrance into and exit from Haiti.

It is important to ensure all our members reside within our stated chapter boundaries. Please check and double check all members adhere to our guidelines.

The Friendship Activity Report and Program reports need to be included in the 2/1/19 Program report submission in the online tool. We have a stellar 100% on time program submission reputation. Our goal is to have 100% on time participation again this year.

There will likely be a Links Day At The Capitol again this year. It will either be a full event or on a smaller scale. The Congressional Black Caucus will hold their event the last week of February 2019.



**NATIONAL:**

Christina is no longer employed by The Links, Incorporated and a replacement has not yet been named. The Area Vice Director can assist with membership inquiries directed to the National office.

The National President's email notice concerning the testing of our sisterhood and the temperature among members related to the Western Area slate of officers. One of our nominees was determined by our National Nominations chair to not reside within her chapter's stated boundaries. Therefore, her nomination did not move forward. This is why our Area Director impressed upon chapter Presidents and Vice Presidents to know where our chapter members reside. This is most important when inducting new members but also needed when members move throughout their tenure.

New contract approval process for events wherein chapters' contracts need to be placed in Dropbox for the legal representatives to review. Also, all contracts whether below or above \$5K threshold. There is a 10 day review period. All events where non-Links are invited require liability insurance.

A 15 day Links Foundation grant request lead time is required.

New Mission Statement:

"Friends Transforming Communities Through Service"

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