



## **Chapter President Report April 13, 2019**

### **LOCAL/CLUSTER:**

A Resolution in Memory of Link Rosemary Anderson was written and presented to Link Rosemary's family during her March 30th funeral. A signed copy was filed in our chapter archives.

Our Historian and Archivist Linda Harris will circulate the Member Profile for Archives to secure information about members' accomplishments, offices and positions held, emergency family contacts, and information used to create resolutions or tributes concerning our members.

Great work to the 2018 Cohort- Links Karin Edwards, Lakecia Gunter, Rochelle Hunter-James, and Terry McCray-Hill. Their Links Service Project "Savor The Flavor" in collaboration with White Rose Educational Fund nourished our bodies with good food and souls with a showcase of youth artistic expressions. Thank you for your hard work. We look forward to a second go around.

### **AREA:**

WA Conference 6/5/19-6/9/19. Call to Conference was distributed March 1, 2019. Please register now before early registration ends May 7th. The Call to Conference went out via email. It can also be accessed on the WA website homepage under the WA Conference tab in the menu. If you do not plan to share a hotel room book the overflow hotel The Fairmount Hotel. It is approximately 85% full. There are only various days available rather than full weeks due to an irregular booking pattern.

Apply for all awards offered for your office/committee. Many of the awards come with monetary gifts. These are in addition to the annual program awards and include Membership Vice President,, Communications/Technology, Secretarial, Human Trafficking, Voter Initiative, HBCU, Strategic Planning, Organizational Effectiveness, and STEM.

Remember to seek out webinars to attend for your committees/offices. Register then attend the webinars to share the information with your committee and the entire membership.



**NATIONAL:**

Link Natalie participated the STEM-U-LATING Young Minds Institute Training so is now an additional resource for all Links to utilize when developing their NSBE Jr chapters including chartering. Thank you for your positive representation of the Portland Chapter Link Natalie!

In response to Link Alice Strong Simmons's email regarding Ethics violations dated April 4th, I sent a reply asking if the Link Sisters being charged with ethics violations will have a chance to share their perspectives and history of their particular matters to enable delegates to cast fully informed votes.

Additional Information was provided in the National President's Fireside Chat with chapter President's 4/10/19. The attorney for The Links, Incorporated was on the line and explained there are three lawsuits filed against the national organization by members who have taken their grievances into litigation rather than through the proper process through the executive counsel. This is why Link Alice thought it appropriate to disseminate the email with a reminder about the grievance process.

An update on the cases is being sent password protected to provide members current information.

**New Mission Statement:**

"Friends Transforming Communities Through Service"

Humbly Submitted by  
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