



Chapter President Report March 27, 2020

AREA:

Western Area Leadership Summit will be held at the Hyatt Regency in San Antonio, TX October 23-25, 2020. Western Area Leadership Team arrives October 21, 2020.

45th Western Area Conference in Portland, Oregon will be June 2-6, 2021 held at the Portland Marriott City Center rather than The Hilton as previously communicated. Western Area Leadership Team will arrive June 1, 2021.

New Western Area Leadership members are: Camellia Kennedy of the Houston (TX) Chapter, HBCU Chair; and Sharon Watkins-Jones of The Katy-Richmond-Area (TX) Chapter, Disaster & Emergency Relief Chair.

Western Area Helen Giddings requests recommendations for the Black Women Empowering Black Women (BWEBW) Committee, and 3 pilot chapters to pilot the Campaign College. Black Women leading change to open doors for ourselves, other women in the community as well as youth aspiring to be successful. If a member is interested in sitting on a board or becoming an executive officer in your profession, this initiative is designed to give those members access to information and people already in those circles.

So Glad She's My Sister 2! A Western Area Chain article featuring pictures and stories of Link sisters exemplifying any one of the Core Values of The Links, Incorporated. Monthly contributions appreciated but are not mandatory. Submissions may be used in a subsequent virtual scrapbook production.

Our Western Area Director has offered the WA Executive Team's virtual meeting platform for chapter presidents to conduct chapter meetings in March. It is possible their platform will be available to chapters again in April but not yet determined. However, our chapter may have our own virtual meeting service by our April 8, 2020 meeting date.

All in person events for the next 8 weeks are limited to less than 10 people. Chapters holding events during the next couple months need to work with the venues to discuss rescheduling options.



NATIONAL:

Suspend all inductions and new member ceremonies until further notice from National President and Vice President. We will not need to start over in our intake process.

National Assembly - June 17-21, 2020 in New Orleans, LA at the Hilton New Orleans Riverside. Planning is moving forward. If we have to cancel or postpone the Assembly then Link Kimberly Jefferies Leonard will make that decision and communicate the same. Call to Conference registration link had an error and is being worked on and is expected to be released soon. Room registration begins within the assembly registration link. The Links, Incorporated has blocked 90% of the host hotel.

For historical accuracy and in deference to Link Margaret Rosell Hawkins, “the” visionary behind the creation of The Links, primary rank shall be accorded to Link Hawkins in all "tandem" references to Link Margaret Roselle Hawkins and Link Sarah Strickland Scott as cofounders of The Links, Incorporated, as well as in other attributional citations about our organization’s heritage.

Beginning on March 16, 2020, our Headquarters staff began working remotely. To ensure they are able to continue their responsive support of chapter presidents and chapter members/operations, headquarters requests one of the following when making requests and/or inquiries of our headquarters staff - a) chapter members contact the chapter president with any requests and/or inquiries then the chapter presidents make the request of our headquarters staff; or b) chapter member copy you - our chapter presidents - on all requests or inquiries sent to headquarters. This process change will allow HQ to know chapter presidents are aware of requests and will also help the presidents manage chapter operations as it relates to HQ responses.

Mission Statement:

“Friends Transforming Communities Through Service”

Humbly Submitted by

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