

Portland (OR) Chapter President Report April 9, 2022

LOCAL:

Dues Submission

I want to give a big thank you to Link Kimberly Ireland, Link Karin and Link Barbara Ward who helped play a role in getting our dues paid on time.

Audit Committee

Our fiscal year ends April 30. This means our official audit process begins May 1. The collection of all required documentation must be completed by June. Therefore, please submit all Western Area vouchers to Link Kimberly Mack Ireland and copy me. Electronic voucher form will be uploaded to our chapter website.

I want to thank the Audit Committee, which consists of Link Kimberly Mack Ireland as Chair, Link Miaya, Link Lakecia, Link Carla, and Link Sylvia. Another big special thanks to Link Barbara Ward for your support of Link Kimberly and the Committee during this process.

A Night with Dr. Dempsey

Per the request from the Chapter, we have scheduled a one hour discussion on self-care. Topics submitted by members for discussion are loneliness, depression, and anxiety. If there are other topics that you want as part of the discussion, please send an email to Link Miaya.

A Glass Ceiling Has Been Shattered

Congratulations to Supreme Court Associate Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson! What a wonderful testimony to have during the launch of HER Umbrella Project. Mountains are moving and all things are possible to those who believe. Justice Ketanji's confirmation matters. Black women's rights matter. The future of black women is brighter. As we seek to shine brighter and brighter, I want to continue to encourage our members to get involved in the Black Women Empowering Black Women Initiative and our HER Umbrella project. We still have much succession planning to do; nationally, regionally, and locally.

Mystery Solved

I had the chance to connect with the Department of Justice regarding the letter received regarding the incorporation of our chapter. The chapter did file, I believe in error, during the 2020 fiscal year. I have requested a meeting with the DOJ.

Protocol Pearls Webinar

Please join me and the Western Area Protocol Committee for a Webinar on "The Essence of Protocol", **Thursday, April 14, 8pm to 9:30pm CST**. During the webinar, they will share updates on your favorite topics of Attire and the Official Pin, as well as other protocol information. You will have a better understanding of protocol for The Links, Incorporated. The meeting link is listed below for your reference.

Here is the link:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1908353485341977869>

Finance Matters

Electronic Payments

Zelle is not an authorized form of electronic payment by Western Area or National Chapters, however, can use Zelle at their own risk and must be approved for use by chapter vote. Paypal and Eventbrite are authorized by WA and National for use. There have been reports of fraud with Zelle that have started to surface. I wanted the Chapter to be aware as we voted to use Zelle as our electronic form of payment.

1N5 Verification

Our verification form was sent in with one correction. Will follow-up to ensure the correction is made.

AREA:

Conversation with our Western Area Program Coordinator

I want to encourage participation in the "What's Going On? Why I Vote" conversation on April 29, 2022 at 8 PM CST, which will feature the Western Area National Trends and Services Committee. As you know, our own Link Carla is the Western Area Chair, and Link Miaya is on the Western Area National Trends and Services Committee. This conversation could not be more timely.

Western Area Chapter Elect

We are expanding our chain of friendship with seven new chapters to charter for a total of 300 new members. The Southern Metroplex (TX) Chapter is one of seven chapters-elect that will be welcomed into our organization. These will take place during April and May. It would be wonderful to especially support the Southern Metroplex (TX) Chapter as they will be a part of our Western Area family. Their charter ceremony will take place May 1 at 4 PM EDT.

The Future of Black Women - virtual roundtable series

Please register for the next Future of Black Women Roundtable Discussion. It will be held on Tuesday, April 26 at 8 PM CST and will discuss the future of black women in the C-Suite. Not only do we want to help position black women for various Chief management positions, but we need to train our next generation of women leaders now! Please join this very important talk.

NATIONAL:

Health Matters

Please keep our national president and her mother in your prayers. Her mother is recovering from surgery at the same time Link Kimberly had to go in for a surgical procedure.

COVID-19

Restrictions are still in place. We cannot gather for any Links events other than our services connected to our program implementation. It remains that we cannot have more than six members at a time for implementing program services and you must social distance and wear a mask. All other chapter activities must be virtual. There have been no updates to our COVID policies at this time.

National Assembly

The 43rd National Assembly is scheduled for June 29-July 3, 2022 in Baltimore, MD. It will be hybrid. Only Delegates, Alternates, Executive Council, Foundation Board and a limited number of attendees will be in-person. All others will register virtually and will count toward our one-in-five. COVID protocols will be in place.

Chapters are also asked to extend greetings at the assembly with a chapter ad and video greeting. Submission deadline is May 31. Video greeting can only be 10 seconds. The fee for the video and ad is \$175. Additionally, it is tradition that chapters contribute towards a gift for our National President to honor her contributions during service. Each member is asked to contribute \$5 per member. We would mail one check on behalf of the chapter and it needs to be received by June 3. The check memo line should read: National President's Gift.

We will elect new officers at the National Assembly. The candidate profiles and brochures for national office and chair, as well as the national nominating committee are located in the Members Only section under documents. You can also find them in the vertical menu bar. Please review the profiles and brochures as we will need to give direction to the Delegate/Alternate for National Assembly.

Leadership Development

The application and endorsement deadline for the Leadership Academy Cohort IV is Friday, April 15, 2022 at 8:00 pm. EDT. If you are interested in applying, please let me know. You must be over the age of 45 and the cost of the Academy is \$250. Attendance to the National Assembly is required, but you may attend virtually or in-person.

The Leadership Academy is a two-year training program envisioned and institutionalized by our 15th national president, Link Margot James Copeland, for Links over the age of 45 who are leaders or emerging leaders at the chapter, area, or national levels. The Leadership Academy, both a face-to-face and virtual experience, is designed for participants to engage in groups across areas and discuss leadership issues that include: interpersonal leadership principles; intergenerational relationships; knowing the Links documents; and organizational effectiveness. The Leadership Academy is led by Link Karen Dyer and Link Jan Collins-Eaglin along with assistant deans and Link faculty. Our goal is to inspire and inform participants to help position The Links, Incorporated as a premier provider of transformational programming and impactful community service.