**Third Quarterly Virtual Chapter President's Meeting Notes: June 16, 2022**

**Honorable Calvin Stevens, President,** Region IV Council Blacks In Government, Inc. (BIG), called the 3rd Quarterly Virtual Meeting of the Chapter Presidents to order @ 7:00 pm CST/8:00 EST on June 16, 2022.

**Honorable President Calvin Stevens** gave the invocation.

**ROLL CALL**: Honorable President Calvin Stevens conducted the roll call; stated \_\_\_\_\_\_ out of 25 Chapters acknowledged.

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| **CHAPTER** | **PRESENT** |
| Albany Area | Mr. Ira Thompson |
| Atlanta Metro | Absent |
| Brevard Space Coast | N/A Charter Revoked during NDA |
| Bay Area | Ms. Laverne Feaster-Johnson |
| CDC/ATSDR | Mr. Danny Wade |
| Central Florida | Mr. Charles Tubbs |
| East-Central Savannah River | Mr. Famous Johnson |
| First Mississippi | Mr. Christopher Barnett |
| General Chappie James | Absent |
| Greater Memphis Area | Dr. Janice Boss |
| Huntsville-Madison County | Honorable Mary Peoples |
| Jacksonville First Coast | Absent |
| Kings Bay Area Chapter | Ms. Darlene Green |
| Magnolia Chapter | Al Taylor |
| Middle Georgia | N/A Charter Revoked during NDA |
| Mississippi Gulf Coast | Ms. Florence Clay |
| Mississippi Metro | Ms. Ramona Settler |
| Muscle Shoals Areas | Ms. Vanessa Hailstock |
| Oak Ridge | Absent |
| Okaloosa County | Ms. Ruby Dunson |
| Port City | Gwen Hall for Dr. Reginald Crenshaw |
| Raleigh Durham Area | Marika Boyd |
| Suburban Atlanta | Ronnie Bell |
| Tampa Florida Chapter | Mr. Marvin Jones |
| TVA-Chattanooga | N/A Charter Revoked during NDA |

**Honorable President Calvin Stevens** acknowledged Executive Members and Guests on the line: None

**Honorable President Calvin Stevens** acknowledged Ms. Vanessa Hailstock, Muscle Shoals Area Chapter, as the note-taker for this meeting. Also, playback would be provided after the meeting.

**Adoption of February 2, 2022, Minutes**: Honorable President Calvin Stevens asked if there were any objections, and the minutes were adopted without objections.

**Adoption of Agenda**: The agenda was adopted without objections.

**Honorable Mary Peoples** went over the Region IV Chapter President's Meeting Standing Rules that she had been tasked to develop. The draft copy had been sent to Chapter Presidents for comments & updates. Members of this committee are Honorable Mary Peoples, Veronica Godfrey-Robinson, and Charles Tubbs. Honorable Peoples explained that these Standing Rules ensure the meetings are orderly.

Honorable President Calvin Stevens did ask who could qualify to be a Parliamentarian and Honorable Peoples explained that whoever on the call had experience as a Parliamentarian.

There were no other discussions or objections to adopting the Standing Rules.

**Honorable Alice Mercer** – Honorable Calvin Stevens reported that all chapters but three are financial.

**Ms. Peggy Wilson, Nominating Committee Chair** – No Report

**Ms. Sandra Glenn – Program and Planning Chair** – reported on the status of the Young Competitions.

The Oratorical contest is the only competition this year that has contestants. The competition will be held on June 25 @ 11 am EST.10 am CST via Zoom. The link will be sent out. Ms. Glenn will meet with contestants before the competition. Judges are still needed. There are only two contestants, one from CDC/ATSDR and one from the Okaloosa County chapters.

There were no Stem contestants this year.

**Mr. Famous Johnson, Region IV Director**, - update the status of the 2022 Delegates Assembly and NTI

Director Johnson reported that the host hotel, Hilton, was all booked up and that reservations were being taken at the overflow hotel, Westin. Still, you must go to the BIG website and register for the BIG discount.

Honorable President Calvin Stevens encouraged all chapter presidents to inform their delegates to go to the BIG website, where there will be a list of who will be running for National officers during the delegate's assembly. Also, any amendments will be posted on the website.

**Remarks from Honorable President Stevens:**

**BIG Listserve** – he encouraged members to sign up if they have not already signed up. Information is being distributed weekly. The listserve is on the left tab of the BIG website.

He encouraged all chapter presidents to review & update if needed, chapter membership rosters at least every quarter.

Per Ms. Ruby Dunson, the deadline date is June 25, 2022, to have the roster updated.

**Award Committee** – the executive committee, appointed Dr. Collins. She is looking for volunteers to collaborate with her.

Fall Council Meeting will be held virtually on October 1, 2022.

Chapter report requirements are particularly important. It allows chapter presidents/chapters to know what other chapters are doing and let Region Directors know what chapters are doing to be reported to National. These reports are due at the Spring & Fall Council Meetings.

Mr. Famous Johnson, East Savannah River Chapter President, stated that Region IV Directors need to receive chapter reports at least two times a year to present at the BOD meeting, which is face to face. These chapter reports need to be sent by the first week in August.

Hospitality Suite during NTC – Mr. Kenneth Archer from CDC/ATSDR, will be the host of the regional suite. National will pay Saturday & Sunday. Monday – the Region will pay Wednesday. The other days for the conference will depend on how many delegates from the Region attend the conference if the suite is kept.

Honorable Stevens asked how many chapters the president planned to attend the NTI, and the number was seven plan to attend.

Honorable Stevens asked that we all continue to review Region IV's website because Veronica Godfrey and her committee have done an outstanding job keeping the website up to date.

**Memorial Program** - Honorable Stevens has been tasked to upload photos of deceased members from 10 years ago. If anyone has any pictures, please send them to him.

Registration Assistance for NTI information will be sent out.

Honorable Mary Peoples – discussed updating the Policy & Procedure Management with a revision committee. I need to access records going back ten years which is extremely hard. She asked if we needed information dating back ten years because whatever was in the minutes pertaining to a policy would have been added to that policy.