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ASALH  
EC Agenda  
July 15, 2021 Meeting  
ZOOM: 7:05 p.m.

**In attendance:** In attendance: Evelyn Brooks Higginbotham, Eric Jackson, Lionel Kimble, Annette Palmer, Gilbert Smith, Gladys Gary Vaughn, Gladys Mack, Susan Sims Marsh, Zende Clark, Edna Green Medford, Sylvia Cyrus, Camesha Scruggs, Tara White, Zebulon Miletsky, Barbara Spencer Dunn, Karsonya Wise Whitehead, Natanya Duncan, Aaisha Haykal, David Walton

**Motion:** Moved by Lionel Kimble to adopt the Agenda.  
Seconded by Susan Marsh. Passed unanimously

I. Opening Remarks: President Evelyn Higginbotham

### Notes

We have engaged members and they have requests. We will try to answer their requests and concerns. We established a Public Response Committee, and we need to revisit what this mean and if there are structural problems, we need to address them. We need to be practical and say so.

II. Secretary's Report: Karsonya Wise Whitehead

We will move to adopt the June 17, 2021 Minutes during the August meeting.

### **Old Business**

III. Ratify 2020 Auditors and Accountant reports

**Motion:** Moved by Gilbert Smith to accept the Dec 31, 2020 Audit Report and 990 Tax Return. Passed Unanimously

III. National Membership Report: Barbara Dunn

**MOTION:** The National Membership Committee moves that should the groups in Rochester, New York, Tulsa, Oklahoma, and (Triad) Greensboro, North Carolina meet the requirements for chartering by August 15, their names will be submitted to the Planning Committee on August 16 to be placed on the agenda to vote on being chartered during the August 19 EC meeting. Passed Unanimously

Natanya: We should review to make sure that the Branch is financial, and that the members are financial.



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Barbara: There are a few items that each Branch has to complete: minutes, bank account, 15 members; I will send list of things that all the branches are working toward

Natanya: Can Membership provide the Organizing Branches in a spreadsheet so that it was easy to review the requirements for chartering and to confirm this information has been provided, reviewed, and is on file?

**MOTION:** The National Membership Committee moves that the Sullivan County Branch (New York) of ASALH be placed on probation with a deadline of December 31, 2021, to meet all essential requirements to continue as a branch of ASALH.

Motion Passed with One No (Natanya)

**MOTION:** The National Membership Committee moves that the C. Delores Tucker Branch of ASALH in Washington, DC be placed on probation with a deadline of December 31, 2021, to meet all essential requirements to continue as a branch of ASALH.

Motion Passed: With One No (Natanya)

IV. Approve Festival Budget and Festival Plan: Gladys Gary Vaughn

Last year \$50 for Marquee Event and entire event; 2021 - \$60 and 4 for 4 marketing plan (you get four activities when you pay for four activities)

**Motion:** The Festival team is requesting approval of the 2022 BHM Festival, virtual, a full month of programming as presented, sans pricing. Passed Unanimously

## **New Business**

V. Governance Recommendations: Zende Clark and Susan Simms Marsh

a. Point of Information Hiring of a consultant and development of a branch compliance handbook: put forth a recommendation to Audit and Finance to hire a consultant to do a review of the Branches.

b. POI Constitution & By-Laws recommendation for a staggered election: it went out to the members and will be voted on in the October meetings

c. Proposal for membership to attend EC meetings.

Motion: Moved by Lionel Kimble to refer this issue back to the Governance Committee.

Seconded by Natanya Duncan. Motion Passed with two No's (Zende and Barbara)

## **Held Over Until Next meeting**

a. Nomination Committee, Election Report - Annette Palmer and Natanya Duncan

b. Policy for in-person vs virtual branch meetings, Sylvia Cyrus: Will Address at next meeting



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## Unfinished Business

VI. Updates from the Program Cluster: Lionel Kimble and Aaisha Haykal

- a. Academic Program Committee- Tara White
- b. NY Life
- c. Woodson House –

**Motion:** Moved by Lionel Kimble to adopt the symposium for the Woodson Birthday Commemoration December 2021. TABLED

## Announcements

a. Zende: Reminder to EC members to please pay your \$1000 dollars as soon as possible – the Report will be given at the September meeting.

b. Lionel: Today is Sylvia's 18<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary. Zebulon and his wife are expecting a baby.

c. Edna: If you nominated one of these people for an Award, we need a headshot, asap: Dunbar, Hamilton, Gates, Alridge, Johnson Jones, Givens

Meeting adjourned 9:18

SECOND DRAFT