

National Membership Committee and Advisory Board

May 19, 2022 Report

Chair: Ida Jones

Regional Coordinators:

Region 1: Sharonda Allen
Region 2: Victoria Davison
Region 3: Gaidi Nkrumah
Region 4: Ryan Adams
Region 5: Anita Shepherd

Committee members:

Valerie Holt
Gloria Brown Marshall
Moses Massenburg

Executive Council members:

Dorothy Bailey [ex-officio]
Barbara Spencer Dunn
Janet Sims Wood

Advisory Board members:

Gwendolyn Hawks-Blue
Marcia Garrison
Marie Wilder
Marilyn Lockett

The National Membership Committee met on May 3, 2022

Meeting agenda:

REPORTING ON DELINQUENT BRANCHES

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REPORTING ON DELINQUENT BRANCHES

Branch chartering: Organizing Rochester branch

Organizing branches inquiry: Tulsa and North Carolina Triad.

Faltering branches: There were roughly 11 branches within the zone for probation or other disciplinary action.

Redeveloping branches: In the first category are the Philadelphia Heritage and Tampa branches. These branches are populated with dedicated and interested folks who are willing to remain financially as members, make an annual donation to the ASALH HQ and attend meetings – virtually with local/regional branches. They are graying and do not comply with the required 15 members, 5 officers or institutional member. Terms of redevelopment was shared with Margo Vickers and the Governance committee to define the terms of “redevelopment” and the length of time a branch can remain in that status.

HOMEWORK FOR REGIONAL COORDINATORS

Auditing the website: Ida requested all regional coordinators review their areas on the website. There are faulty addresses and former officers listed making contact with the branches difficult for potential members as well as regional coordinators seeking to refer potential members. This is part of a larger desire to see the entire website revised with clearer content information and layout. There was a suggestion to create landing pages for non-web-present branches.

DISCUSSION ABOUT PRO-RATED DUES

Valerie shared that there was no consensus on the audit and finance committee – however it might be resubmitted.

ACTION ITEMS

Membership--Status of 11 Branches Compliance Extension to March 17, 2022 – of the 11 non-compliant branches – there remained one on the verge of probation – the Chicago branch. As of Friday May 13. President McCay and Historian Kimble provided information and detailed progress that moved them into another category. I am requesting another extension until **August 1, 2022** to hold a special election to fill three vacancies vice president, secretary and treasurer, draft and submit branch bylaws/constitution and obtain an institutional member – seemingly the previous administration did not fulfil any of these areas of compliance. The current president made great strides in obtaining a bank account and EIN. He is also working on succession planning as well as communicating with several potential institutional members. As for the other branches making incremental progress – I request they too be given until **August 1, 2022** to fulfil their outstanding non-compliant matters.

Redevelopment category Philadelphia Heritage and Tampa Branch – these two branches – possibly among others are graying and have had zero growth. In Philadelphia the membership is/has reached out and been unsuccessful in growing the branch membership. The current members do not meet compliance of 15 members, 1 institutional member, or 5 officers. Yet, they are willing to pay their national dues, make an annual tribute to ASALH HQ, and attend branch programs/possibly the national meeting. Margo Vickers explained that this category would need to explicitly define in terms of qualifying and length of time to avoid becoming a popular option. Secondly, the national bylaws and constitution do not have language to accommodate this designation. So a constitutional committee and amendment would be needed to approve this designation.

Chartering – The Rochester Branch after meeting all necessary criteria is being moved for chartering on July 14th during the quarterly national branch meeting.