

National Membership Report: September 2022

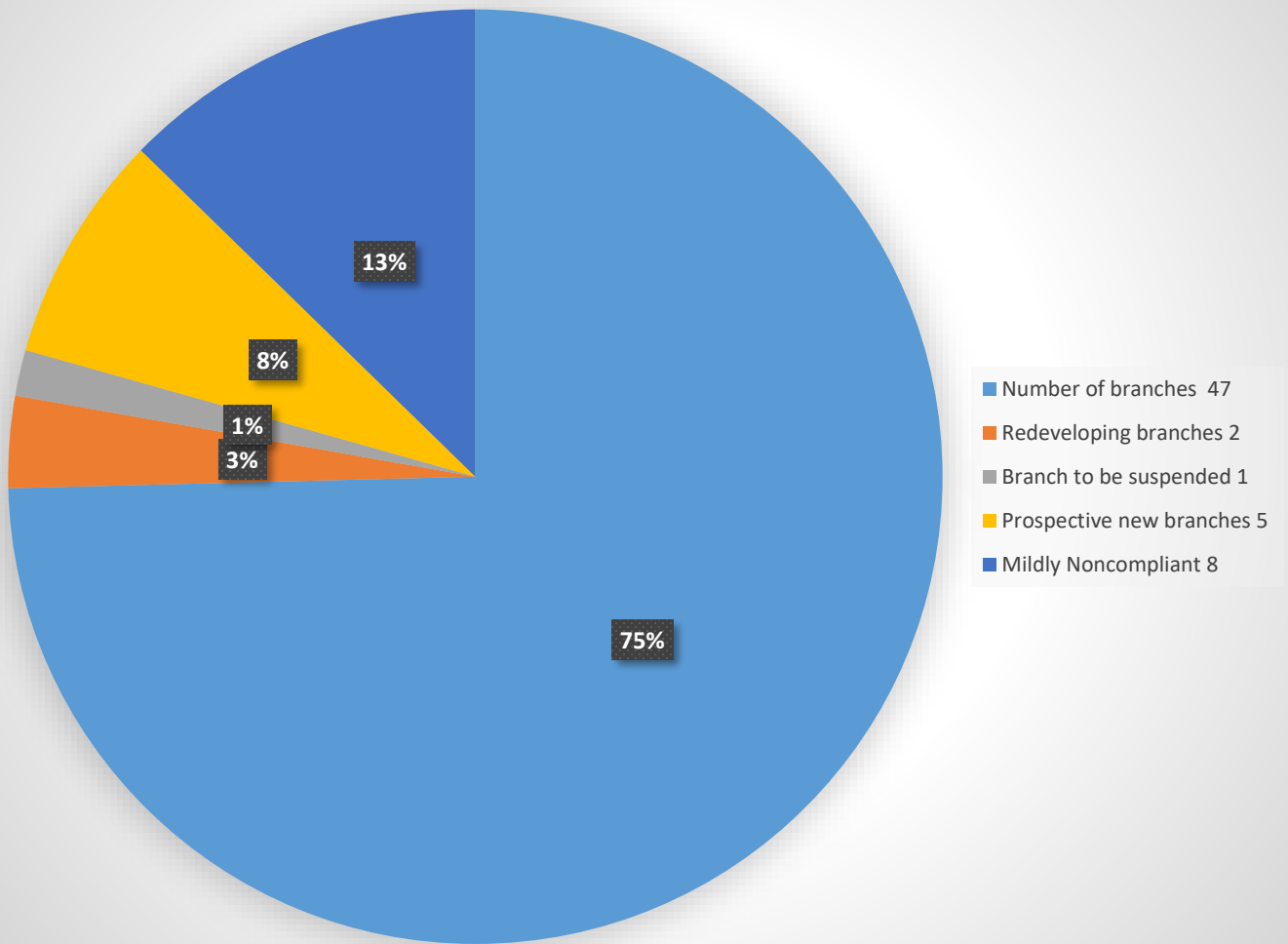
The membership year started on January 1, 2022 to September 24, 2022. This report includes:

- A: Comprehensive list of branches by region and their compliance status
- B: Prospective Organizing Branches
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- D: Redeveloping Branches
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A: Regional Map

1. Massachusetts, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania
2. The District of Columbia, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia,
3. Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, Kentucky, Tennessee,
4. North Carolina, South Carolina, Alabama, Louisiana, Texas, California,
5. Georgia and Florida

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1. Massachusetts, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania: **REGION ONE**

- Martha's Vineyard Branch (MA)
- The Bronx Branch (NY) **[12 members up from 9]**
- The Manhattan Branch (NY)
- Dr. Carter G. Woodson Greater Trenton Branch (NJ)
- Edna McKenzie Branch (Pittsburgh) (PA)
- Phila-Montco Branch (PA)
- Philadelphia Heritage Branch (PA) **[3 officers missing secretary/historian/ vice president]**
- Rochester (NY)

Total of nine (8) branches

2. The District of Columbia, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia **REGION TWO**

- C. Delores Tucker Branch (DC) **[17 members] 2 officers, banking missing**
- Carter G. Woodson Branch (DC)
- Bethel Dukes Branch (DC)
- Julian Branch (MD)
- Samuel L. Banks Branch (MD)
- Prince George's County Truth Branch (MD)
- Roland McConnell Branch (MD)
- Hampton Road Branch (VA)
- Louisa County Branch (VA)

- Organizing Central (Lynchburg) (VA)
- Richmond Branch (VA)
- Huntington Tri-State Branch (W. VA)

Total of twelve (12) branches

3. Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, Kentucky, Tennessee **REGION THREE**

- ASALH (Detroit), MI
- Paul Laurence Dunbar Branch (Dayton) **needs institutional member. 3 officers secretary, treasurer and historian**
- Margaret & Robert Garner Branch (Cincinnati) OH **10 members, needs institutional member**
- Cleveland Branch OH
- Joseph Taylor Branch (Indianapolis) IN **needs a secretary**
- Chicago Branch of ASALH (IL) **SUSPENDED [see email thread]**
- Greater Kansas City Area (MO)
- Carter G. Woodson Branch (Louisville) KY
- Memphis Area Branch, TN

Total of nine (9) branches

4. North Carolina, South Carolina, Alabama, Louisiana, Texas, California **REGION FOUR**

- Romare Bearden Branch (Charlotte) NC
- Charleston Area Branch (SC) **11 members**

- Charles A. Brown (Birmingham) AL **[Needs a new president]**
- Harper Councill Trenholm Sr. (Montgomery) AL
- Mobile Branch AL
- Charles Deslondes Louisiana Branch (New Orleans) LA
- W. Marvin Dulaney (Dallas-Fort Worth) TX
- Our Authors Study Club, Inc. (Los Angeles) CA

Total of nine (8) branches.

5. Georgia and Florida **REGION FIVE**

- Atlanta Branch GA **[Financial report missing]**
- Athens Branch GA
- Savannah Yamacraw Branch GA
- Central Florida - Dorothy Turner Johnson Branch FL
- Manasota Branch FL
- James Weldon Johnson Branch FL
- ASALH of Tampa Bay Branch FL **3 members and vice president [donated \$1300]**
- St. Petersburg Branch FL
- South Florida Branch FL

Total of nine (10) branches.

B: PROSPECTIVE ORGANIZING BRANCHES

Attempting Reconnection

North Carolina Triad
Tulsa, Oklahoma

Newly interested

Murfreesboro, TN
Rhode Island College
Hagerstown, MD

C: INTERNATIONAL SUBCOMMITTEE

They are unable to attend the 2022 conference because of travel matters. The conference initially billed as hybrid shifted to in person for all presenters alluding many international persons. There are plans to participate in the February Festival – stay tuned.

D: REDEVELOPMENT hosted programs. However, the branch members are financial with ASALH HQ, making annual tribute/donation, attend and aid capacity for other branches. Often these branches are graying and desire to remain viable parts of the ASALH. Regional coordinators are willing to assist in repopulating branches within this status. There are 2 branches that meet this criteria – Philadelphia Heritage and Tampa. One solution is to create a landing page for all non-website operating branches to attract new members through a modern platform. While utilizing the WP for membership and regional coordinators to assist in traffic flow.

E: MANUAL EDIT

The Association for the Study of African American Life and History, Inc. (ASALH) was founded on February 9, 1915, in Chicago and incorporated on October 2, 1915, under the laws of the District of Columbia as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, tax-exempt professional organization.

A branch member shared this error with me and it needs to be corrected before there is wider circulation.

Conclusion 2022

In the midst of the endemic and change in organizational leadership I believe the branches are on the right road to recovery. The dearth of large numbers of new recruits

is not disheartening but one of challenge our leadership faces in the Great Depression or World War II – yet the Association and its branches survived.

The membership appreciated the online sessions for officers training and expectations. The two outstanding presenters were Valerie Holt and Susan Simms Marsh. Their slides are available and accessible to the membership. The recordings are available as well. The forthcoming national Branch Meeting on September 24 will introduce members to the Internet empowering them to create their own landing page – meeting the market – locally and globally where they are online.

I know this will be beneficial for our national and branch membership. The second workshop on writing a branch history will be instructive and informative for branch members as well. This information will contribute to marketing and popularizing the national/branch history to the masses.

Finally, there are two recommendations from the Membership Department. First ASALH needs a paid national membership director. This person would provide current and prospective members on aspects of compliance and assist with maintaining an online presence. Moreover, they would collate all of the information that trickles in – the elected and service corps are volunteers that cannot enrich the member experience under mounds of paperwork. Second – ASALH needs a national historian as an elected officer or committee that is tasked with situating the current incarnation of the Association with previous administration. They would work with the membership and marketing aspects of business – utilizing both areas to maximize the Association's footprint.

In closing the pressures facing the Association allow for creativity to manifest itself in myriad ways. The national membership committee is up to the challenge and making those incremental steps forward.

Respectfully submitted

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Re: Chicago Branch ASALH Officer Election Ballot

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Tue, Jul 26, 2022 at 8:29 AM

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Reverend McCay,

I appreciate your perseverance with the organization and throughout this experience. I especially appreciate your transparency regarding the duplicity and abuse you endured in an effort to move the branch forward. Finally, in the midst of your personal and professional life commitments - herding a diseffective group would be insanity. It is my hope that you will continue your ASALH membership and share the public facing items such as the ASALH YouTube channel. If not, once again, I completely understand. I believe the ship/Association will right itself when the exodus/purge continues to siphon off counterproductive behaviors/intentions.

Finally, it was a pleasure meeting you. I hope to keep in touch. You know my ear and heart are open to conversing with you and offering whatever support I can render.

Peace,

Dr. Jones

On Tue, Jul 26, 2022 at 8:16 AM Cedric McCay <cedric.mccay@gmail.com> wrote:

Thanks, Gaidi. I don't think that I want to be involved with these folks. I won't be filling out any officers election form or participating with them, going forward. I'm not sure that I want to be involved with ASALH, at this point, if it requires engaging these same persons. I don't like what I've experienced with these people. FYI.

For complete clarity, I'll copy both Sylvia and Lionel on this message. It's their cooperative manipulation around this chapter restart and officer election process which has really turned me off. They can have it; they win. I have nothing to gain here and a lot of time and energy which could be more valuably re-directed in ways which would benefit our community.

I do appreciate your sincerity and passion for building our organization. I'll find other ways to support its mission and purpose. Thank you for your help!

- Rev. McCay

On Jul 26, 2022, at 7:08 AM, gnkruma@gmail.com wrote:

I've invited you to fill out a form:

[Chicago Branch ASALH Officer Election Ballot](#)

New Officers Election.

FILL OUT FORM

[Create your own Google Form](#)

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Research is formalized curiosity. It is poking and prying with a purpose. Zora Neale Hurston

Guerrilla archives through time are small interventions with grand intention. Anon

Anyone who has the power to make you believe absurdities has the power to make you commit injustices - Voltaire