

## Nominating Committee Report Jan 25, 2024 ASALH EC Meeting.

The Nominating Committee met on Tuesday evening at 8:04 PM. The meeting was originally slated for 7 PM, but due to a technical issue with Zoom the meeting began late. In attendance at the meeting were Bros. Kimble, Miletsky and Sisters Foreman and Duncan. Sis. Johnson advised in advance of her need to be absent and provided her proxy to Sis Duncan. Bro. Cade originally attempted to join the call during the 7 PM start time and disconnected. We were unable to reach him despite numerous attempts. The meeting proceeded as follows:

The committee was advised that per the Constitution, the Executive Director had issued a call for student nominations to the EC. The nominations were to close that evening at 11:59 PM and therefore the committee needed to anticipate a follow up meeting to vet those candidates. Once vetted the candidates would be presented to the ASALH body for a vote.

The committee was then advised that in response to vacancies on the EC, the Committee chair had been approached by persons who wished to self-nominate for vacant Business Seats on the EC. As per our Constitution, the filling of business seats is to be voted on by members of the EC.

Upon receiving their inquiries, the committee chair researched and verified their standing in ASALH, read their bios, and confirmed their willingness to serve and support ASALH.

At the committee gathering the chair shared the bios and publicly available weblinks on each candidate. The Chair began with

ASALH member **Norka Blackman Richards of 4 Real Women International and Queens College SEEK Program**

<https://4rwi.org/our-values/>

<https://www.qc.cuny.edu/communications/staff-profile-norka-blackman-richards/>

Blackman Richards, a former missionary, and founder of **4 Real Women International**. The 18-year-old global nonprofit provides leadership training and community services to women looking to improve their circumstances. The non-profit is funded in part by grants and donations secured by Blackman-Richards from governmental agencies, non-profits and philanthropists. She has also served as Director of the largest minority serving campus-based opportunity program in the City University of New York system, the Percy E. Sutton SEEK Program (Search for Education Elevation and Knowledge) for the past 24 years where she over seas budgets and grants totaling over 3 million dollars and directly employs 65 people in service to 1600 first generation students of color.

The committee discussed Blackman-Richards' experience with grant writing and budgets as a possible positive asset to ASALH. The also visited her non-profit website to view details on the mission and value statements of the organization. After which it was unanimously decided that Blackman-Richards should be brought forward to the EC for consideration.

The Chair next moved to presenting Pastor Walter J Lanier for consideration.

ASALH member Lanier President of the **African American Leadership Alliance of Milwaukee** and Senior Pastor of **Progressive Baptist Church of Milwaukee**

<https://www.aalamilwaukee.org/>

<https://progressivebaptistmilwaukee.com/>

Pastor Lanier, former Legacy Bank director and Board Chair of the Milwaukee Pension Fund serves as President of the **African American Leadership Alliance of Milwaukee** which boasts **The Black Male Initiative** as one of the jewels in its crown. The Alliance seeks to make Milwaukee a global business destination where African American entrepreneurs take center stage. He has raised capital for the Alliance and his extensive community connections; established philanthropic connections with sports and entertainment personalities. Lanier has managed funds for both private sector and government agencies.

The committee discussed Lanier's experience with raising money as a possible positive asset to ASALH. The committee also visited websites to view details on his community impact. After which it was unanimously decided that Lanier should be brought forward to the EC for consideration.

The websites visited were:

<https://shepherdexpress.com/culture/mke-speaks/walter-jack-lanier-bringing-harmony-to-the-milwaukee-black-c/>

<https://wisconsinwatch.org/2024/01/milwaukee-wisconsin-black-men-boys-males-achievement/>

The committee then moved to discuss ASALH member John E. Adams Certified Public Accountant.

Mr. Adams serves as Corporate Controller of Infrastructure Engineering Inc. in Chicago. He is also the steam behind The Bronzeville Trail Task Force, a multi-million dollar project to restore for public use the Bloomington Trail on Chicago's Northside. For 16 years Mr. Adams served as the Chief Financial Officer of the Rainbow Push Coalition. His other employment accomplishments include serving as Managing Deputy Director of the City of Chicago Department of Revenue. Bro. Kimble explained that he had first-hand knowledge of the success of Mr. Adams in the Chicago area.

The committee discussed Adams's experience with managing money in non-profit and government settings as a possible positive asset to ASALH. The committee also visited websites to view details on his community impact. After which it was unanimously decided that Adams should be brought forward to the EC for consideration.

The websites visited were:

<https://www.bronzevilletrail.org/>

<https://www.chicagobusiness.com/people-on-the-move/john-e-adams>

The meeting closed with the body determining that it would recommend to the EC to favorably consider the three said persons for a business seat on the Council at 8:51 PM EST.

Election results:

During the EC meeting of January 15, the Committee brought the name of Sis Karsonya (Kaye) Wise Whitehead for nomination as secretary of the EC. In accordance with the Constitution, an electronic election was conducted with the following results:

**326 Votes in Favor**

**8 Votes Against**

**Total participation 334 persons**

This ends the report of the Nominating Committee

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Karsonya".

ASALH Nominating Committee Chair