



COLUMBIA (MD) CHAPTER OF THE LINKS, INCORPORATED

MONTHLY CHAPTER MEETING – MINUTES –April 13, 2024

Howard Community College
Science Engineering and Technology Building Room 205
10901 Little Patuxent Parkway Columbia, MD

Pre-Meeting Activity

Chapter Training

Link Tracey Rogers led the administration of the D.O.P.E. Personality Test, unveiling and deliberating its findings. The test aimed to offer insights into fellow Links within the chapter, with the revealed revelations poised to foster cohesion-building efforts.

Call to Order: The monthly meeting of the Columbia (MD) Chapter of the Links, Incorporated was held at Howard Community College on Saturday, April 13, 2024. The meeting convened at 9:45 a.m. by Link Lisa Cooper Lucas, President, presiding, and Sharon R. Pinder, Recording Secretary, was present.

President Lisa Cooper Lucas provided the Linkspiration

Members in attendance: 31 Members were in attendance. Attendance was recorded via sign-in roster and will be submitted to Madame Vice President Regina Clay.

Establish a Quorum: Parliamentarian Vivian Lawyer affirmed the quorum.

Adoption of the Agenda and Minutes: The agenda and minutes were presented without objection.

Points of Protocol: Link Robin Steele led a discussion on the usage and administration protocols of the Links' logo, ensuring its proper handling and application.

Chapter Governance

- **President's Report**

The President presented her report. The report will be filed as presented.

Highlights included:

- Update Chapter Profiles in MMS by April 30th
- Submit Oral Project (history of the Chapter) by January 2025

- **Vice President's Report**

In the absence of VP Regina Clay, Link Jo Emily Knotts presented the Vice President's Report. The report will be filed as presented.

Highlights include:

1. Leave of Absence Motions Presentation and Adoption

The following motions were presented orally, recorded, and submitted via the Motion Template. The motions were unanimously adopted and will be filed with the Report.

Motions (5):

- I move that Lindiwe Burrison be granted an additional year of Leave of Absence for the 2024-2025 Program Year.
- I move that Veronica Morrow be granted an additional year of Leave of Absence for the 2024-2025 Program Year.
- I move that Marquita Davis be granted a Leave of Absence for the 2024-2025 Program Year.
- I move that Juliet Gilliam be granted a Meeting Sabbatical for the Program Year 2024-2025.

2. Reminder of individual fulfillment of the 1:5 requirement
3. The Links' 44th National Assembly – June 19-23, 2024 Dallas/Ft. Worth Area, TX
4. An Alumna Celebration for Link Rosalynne Atterbeary is scheduled for May.

5. Additional Motions filed (2):

The following motions were presented orally, recorded, and submitted via the Motion Template. They were unanimously adopted and will be filed with the Report.

- A. Election of Delegate and Alternate to the National Assembly.

Motion: I move to elect President Lisa Cooper Lucas and our Delegate and Vice President Regina Clay as our alternates to the National Assembly in Dallas, TX, on June 19-23, 2024. The motion was unanimously adopted.

B. Purchase of Ad for National Assembly Journal for \$650.00.

Motion: I move that we spend no more than \$650.00 for an ad in the Souvenir Journal for the 44th National Assembly.

- **Corresponding Secretary Report**

Link Marquita Davis reported no correspondence on record.

- **Recording Secretary Key Messages**

Link Sharon Pinder provided no further updates or additional information at this time.

- **Nomination Committee Update**

Link Juliet Gilliam, Nominating Committee Chair presented the following:

- Announced New Treasurer Link Elizabeth Clark
- New Corresponding Secretary Link K. Michelle Sterrett
- New Nominating Committee
 - Chair – Juliet Gilliam
 - Members – Cathy Bell, Germaine Bolds-Leftridge, Diane Martin, Sharon Pinder
- In Need Of:
 - Audit Chair
 - Recording Secretary

By-Laws Committee

By-Laws Committee Chair Link Vivian Lawyer presented a report, and it will be placed on file.

Highlights included:

- Facts regarding how the room at HCC was secured for Chapter meetings.
- Need to develop a plan for making modifications to Chapter Bylaws and Standing Rules (March-November, 2024)
- Chapter Review of possible amendments April/May timeframe

AACR Report

- Link Vivian Lawyer presented the report “AACR Expectations 2024 and Beyond”
- Link Rochelle Michaux-Conway will be the 2nd volunteer as the Link representation at the AACR.
- There is a request for more presence on the committee work.

Financial Secretary Report

Financial Secretary Melanie Brown presented the report, and it will be placed on file.

Treasurer's Report

Link Shaydra Robinson presented the Treasurer's report, and it will be placed on file. It was noted that this was Link Shaydra's last official meeting as Treasurer. Gratitude continued to be expressed for her commitment and sacrifices.

Strategic Planning Update

Link Judy Smith discussed moving the Consent Agenda from a pilot prototype phase into an implementation stage. This will be effective on May 1, 2024. Link Judy reviewed roles and responsibilities. This report will be placed on file.

Fundraising Update

Link Rebecca Reed presented the report; it will be placed on file.

Highlights include: Save the Date for Jazz Brunch on November 10, 2024 ; Invitations and Sponsorship Packages will be available for the May meeting.

Update on the Umbrella Program

Link Regina Little-Hollis presented an oral report on behalf of Services to Youth.

- Mental Health Forum is the culminating event - April 25, 2024
4-6 pm in the Kittleman Room, located in Duncan Hall
Link Yvette Rooks one of the featured speakers.

Link Diane Martin is the new Chair for ITS

Update on Black K.A.R.E.

Link Rochelle Michaux-Conway delivered a compelling oral report on the project's current status, aligning closely with our mission to raise awareness of chronic kidney disease. Notable highlights include the outstanding turnout at various outreach events. Additionally, the committee is actively exploring advertising avenues and considering recording segments to amplify our message and initiatives. Rochelle also shared poignant personal anecdotes, underscoring the significance of this vital project to the community we serve.

New Business

President Lisa Cooper Lucas shared a heartfelt letter, offering personal reflections on her life journey and recounting some challenging moments from the past year. This genuine gesture was made with the intention of fostering open communication and connection within the group.

Birthday Celebration

Joys and Concerns

Adjournment The meeting was officially adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Upcoming Meetings and Volunteer Opportunities:

Team Up calendar link: <https://teamup.com/ksk4f54c615ouafgji>

- April 13 – Chapter Meeting
- April 15 – Program Committee Meeting
- April 22 – Membership Committee Meeting
- April 23 – National Trends Facet Meeting
- April 23 – Service to Youth Facet Meeting
- April 25 – Mental Health Forum
- April 25 – Fundraising Committee Meeting
- April 26 – HCC Vino Scholastico
- April 27 – AACR Health Fair
- May 1 – Executive Committee Meeting
- May 11 – Chapter Meeting (**not on the calendar**)
- May 15 – Programming Committee Meeting
- May 23 – Fundraising Committee Meeting-
- May 27 – Membership Committee Meeting
- May 29 – Service to Youth Facet Meeting