

National Association of Black Social Workers
Office of Student Affairs: Quarterly Report
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The Office of Student Affairs maintained its commitment to motivating, educating and communicating with current and potential student chapters and their advisors to build the bridge to the national organization. The 2013-2014 OSA administration met its obligation to the legacy of OSA by choosing to energetically inspire students' engagement in organizing, defending, advocacy for and giving back to the black community guided by the principles of Sankofa and the African values that infuse the organization of NABSW.

2013-2014 OSA Administration Theme:

"Honoring the principle of Umoja: Bridging the gap of the generational divide."

2012-2013 OSA Officers

Lia Andrews- President

Karen White- Treasurer

Tiasha Dandy-Secretary

Activity since April 2014

OSA Officer Elections

Students attending the 46th National Conference elected their incoming OSA Officers for the 2014-2015 Administration:

Walter Higgs, III- President Elect

Jamye Hardy- 1st Vice President Elect

Edward Scott, Jr.-2nd Vice President Elect

Tanyaka Cline- Secretary Elect

Ronald Frost- Parliamentarian Elect

*Janel Young – Treasurer Elect (Resigned prior to installation)

Officer Transition

OSA Officer Transition has begun; newly elected Officers are paired with their counterparts from the current administration in order to have a seamless transition into their new positions.

Incoming officers were also introduced to their National Counterparts in an effort to foster a growing mentorship between the NABSW Executive Officers and OSA Officers. Current President Andrews and OSA Advisor Brown planned an eventful OSA Retreat which involved team skill building, leadership training, OSA history, officer responsibilities and Conference planning.

Communication

OSA continues to speak on behalf of students at each Steering Committee Meeting and through our administration. We continued to utilize various means of communication including newly revamped OSA section of NABSW's new website, Facebook, and the Harambee Vision Student Newsletter and the OSA email accounts. OSA is proud of the support and guidance provided to student chapter throughout the year. The OSA Facebook page currently has 199 members, which includes 8 new members since conference with 8 members pending.

Scholarship and Budget

Throughout the entire year, the 2013-2014 OSA Administration grossed \$5160.00. After the deduction of \$2000.00 pledged to be returned to the national organization, the students netted a profit of \$3160.00. These figures were a result of creative fundraising efforts which consisted of a new OSA designed t-shirt, Sankofa polo shirts, NABSW inspired coffee mugs, laptop case covers and reusable shopping bags, a raffle, authentic NABSW graduation stoles, as well as, the OSA Day of Service Black Print Wellness Walk, which allowed individuals and groups to pre-register online, which was a significant contribution to OSA's successful fundraising efforts. We would like to especially thank Sister Alice G. Thompson for her generous contribution to students presented both at Oct SCM and National Conference. We greatly appreciate the support and dedication Sister Thompson has shown to OSA and the students of NABSW.

OSA is proud to announce all scholarships were presented to deserving students. Twelve scholarships to be used for either tuition or books, ranging from \$250-\$2000, were awarded to NABSW student members at the Cenie "Jomo" Williams Luncheon during the 46th National Conference in Indianapolis, Indiana. Of those scholarships given, once again due to the generous donations, the OSA Community Leadership Tuition Scholarship was awarded to a well deserving student.

Membership and Innovation

OSA has worked diligently to assist student chapters in establishing and renewing chapter memberships during the membership season. We currently have 25 active paid student chapters as well as 1 chapter working towards re-affiliation and has been in contact with OSA in order to troubleshoot some challenges. We are happy to report that the University of Cincinnati and Texas College re-affiliated with the organization in 2014. There were 7 inquiries from students in regards to starting chapters where no ABSW existed. Both the OSA President and Advisor have continued to work very closely with student chapters in the absence of a 2nd Vice President.

OSA Sankofa Mentorship Committee:

The OSA Sankofa Mentorship Committee is designed to serve as the liaison to guide the student chapters throughout the Sankofa mentorship process. The Sankofa Mentorship Committee currently has 18 members paired with Jegnias, and is always looking for more participation. The program officially launched on February 6th, 2014 and the first conference call was held March 8th. The committee has established a protocol for monthly conference calls as well as guidelines for contacts between Jegnias and Lamaj. Parliamentarian-Elect Ronald Frost will move the Sankofa Mentorship Committee forward and a conference call is forthcoming.

Last but certainly not least, we would like to thank the members of NABSW for their continued support of student activities. We are truly grateful for the assistance of the Executive Committee, our Advisor, Administrative staff and local chapters who assisted throughout the year.