

NABSW COMPREHENSIVE COMMITTEE REPORT: FOR ANNUAL REPORTS AND QUARTERLY REPORTS

COMMITTEE NAME: NABSW International Education Committee

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Dr. Sandra Mitchell, Dr. Willie Davis, Denaya Kelly-Darby, Nikel Bailey, Traci Lewis, Erica Pettis, Deborah Fitch, Janet Bryan, and Toni Oliver

REPORTING PERIOD: (Report must be submitted by two (2) weeks prior to SCM)

Date:

- September Progress Report**
- December Progress Report**
- March Progress Report**
- June Progress Report**

DESCRIPTION OF THE COMMITTEE/TASK FORCE (Per the Constitution)

The International Education Conference Committee shall be responsible for developing, planning and coordinating the Annual International Education Conference. The goal of the IEC is to expose the Association members to Black cultures in other countries. Additionally, the Conference generates financial resources for meaningful contact in the International Black community.

1. COMMITTEE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

Annual goal: Develop, implement and evaluate NABSW's international educational conference to Ghana and Morocco for 2017.

Quarterly Goal: Recruit more conferees for the 40th International Education Conference. Confirm workshop presenters for 2017 conference. Collect proposals for 2018 conference.

2. COMMITTEE INFORMATION, PROJECTS, EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Committee information

For Annual Report (the information contained herein begins in September 2016 to date)

1. There have been 11 conference call meetings ((2016) 9/11, 9/25, 10/09, 10/23, 11/09, 11/20, 12/11; (2017) 01/08, 01/22, 02/05, 02/19)
2. There were originally 11 members. One member could not continue to attend so he graciously bowed out. Another member is no longer active. There are 7 committee members: Dr. Sandra Mitchell, Dr. Willie Davis, Denaya Kelly-Darby, Nikel Bailey, Erica Pettis, Deborah Fitch, Janet Robinson-Bryan and two representatives: Toni Oliver and Traci Lewis
3. The IEC is in need of a Co-Chair who is detailed, organized, enjoys committee work and is ready to jump in substantively.
4. Lessons learned from Spain:
 - a. There was not enough free time
 - b. When changes to programing are made, the IEC will ask the hotel to post them at the front desk or a white board or slip notes under conferee doors
 - c. There is a need to clarify the role of travel agent
5. One new recruitment tool is used – BlackPR.com. We are uncertain if new travelers are obtained from this posting. However, it is a good place to send out the notice of the IEC.
6. There are ongoing discussions about the structure, roles and responsibilities of the IEC and how committee members can be more functional and responsive as a committee.
7. Travel locations for 2018 and 2019, based on the results of a travel interest survey sent in January 2017.
 - a. 2018
 - i. Jamaica with an extension to Bahamas
 - ii. Jamaica with an extension to Turks and Caicos
 - b. 2019
 - i. Australia
 - ii. Uganda and Rwanda
8. IEC would like to schedule a meeting with the National Office Director to discuss tasks and how to handle work when there are competing priorities.
9. A request has been made to lift up the work of the IEC during the 50th anniversary of NABSW. The IEC is waiting for direction from the annual conference committee.
10. CSU Stanislaus is able to provide CEUs for the IEC but they will cost \$25 per unit. The committee felt this is too expensive. Baba Willie is checking in with the Michigan NASW.
11. The IEC will investigate the process for creating a group on NABSW's website.

For Quarterly Report (the information contained herein begins in January 2017 to date)

1. As of March 16th, there are 22 travelers.
2. NABSW is contractually obligated for 40 travelers.
3. The IEC will be traveling to 2 cities in Ghana, Accra and El Mina and to Casablanca, Morocco. The travel agency is Access Africa. Betty Ray is the contact person.
4. Registration is still open and the IEC is actively taking new registrations.
5. An advertisement went out to BlackPR.com in February 2017. BlackPR.com is an online Black media outlet with a network of thousands of people and places.
6. The committee meets on average twice a month by conference call.
7. RFP's were distributed (earlier this year) for 2018, which is the 50th anniversary of NABSW. Proposals will be reviewed and a travel agency will be selected. It is the goal of the IEC to distribute a brochure in 2017, allowing travelers and potential travelers more time to make payments.
8. NABSW members and previous travelers were surveyed to determine a location for 2018, and the decision was either Jamaica and the Bahamas or Jamaica and Turks/Caicos with a cruise if possible.

3. PROJECTED ACTION FROM THIS REPORTING PERIOD TO THE NEXT REPORTING PERIOD:

1. Recruit at least 18 more travelers.
2. The national office to send out an email blast to all members
3. Review received RFP's for 2018 and select a travel partner for 2018
4. Send RFP (Australia and Uganda and Rwanda) for 2019 conference
5. Finalize the first letter to the travelers
6. Make payments to Access Africa
7. Continue to confirm workshop presenters

4. COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS, COMMENTS AND/OR SUGGESTIONS FOR NATIONAL CONSIDERATION:

- a. The IEC would like to schedule a meeting with the National Director and national office staff to discuss IEC tasks
 - i. Sending out the IEC brochure several times during the conference recruitment period
 - ii. Sending emails in a reasonable amount of time
 - iii.

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