

# National Council of Negro Women 58<sup>th</sup> National Convention Minutes

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## 58<sup>th</sup> National Convention Plenary I – Friday, November 9, 2018

The **58<sup>th</sup> National Convention** of the National Council of Negro Women, Inc. was officially called to order on Friday, November 9, 2018, at 3:38 PM by National Chair and President, Ingrid Saunders Jones. Following the invocation by Ms. E. Tonya Greenwood, Ariana Brazier led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance after the posting of the colors. A video presentation of “Lift Every Voice and Sing” was shown. Chair Jones welcomed everyone present and thanked all for attending. The first order of business was to organize the convention by seating the delegates.

### **1<sup>st</sup> Report of the Credentials Committee**

Committee Chair Patricia Lattimore provided the first report of the Credentials Committee. As of 2:00 PM, there were:

National Officers - 18  
National Affiliates - 54  
Standing Committee Chairs - 6  
Sections -198  
Life Members - 137  
Legacy Life Members - 31

**Total Voting Delegates: 444**

Guests - 110  
Exhibitors Companies - 13

**Grand Total Number of Participants: 567**

The first report of the Credentials Committee was adopted.

### **Convention Quorum**

A quorum was present.

### **Convention Standing Rules Committee Report**

Committee Chair A. Lois Keith provided the Convention Standing Rules Committee Report and moved that the standing rules be adopted as presented. The standing rules were adopted as presented.

### **Convention Program Committee Report**

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Committee Chair Paulette Norvell Lewis reported and moved the adoption of the convention program schedule as presented. The program was adopted as presented.

**Appointment of 58<sup>th</sup> National Convention Committees**

Without objection, the following members were appointed by Chair Ingrid Saunders Jones:

Minutes Approval Committee

- Victoria Juste, Chair
- Lisa Simmons
- Karyn Buford

Tellers

- Margaret Smith Perkins, Chair
- Rita Lewis
- Tangela Hummons
- Kimberly Shields

Timekeepers

- Lori Hawkins, Chair
- Robin Straigton
- Joan Simms

**2016 NCNW National Convention Minutes Approval Committee Report**

Chairperson Loretta Tillery reported that the minutes of the 2016 National Convention were reviewed, approved and are available upon request.

**Nomination of the Elections Committee**

Peola McCaskill, National Parliamentarian, read Article VII Section 2 of the National Council of Negro Women, Inc. Bylaws regarding the Elections Committee. Chair Ingrid Saunders Jones opened the floor for nominations for the Elections Committee.

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The following nominations were received from the floor.

- Toni Oats (IL)
- Sara Dennis (NY)
- DeborahTucker Barrow (MI)
- Derrica Williams (GA)
- Judge Adele Riley (OH)
- Gloria Handy Roberts (CA)
- Rev. Shavon Arline Bradley
- Stephanie Dukes
- Dr. Shelley Henderson (CA)
- Mary Nelson (VA)

Member Alotta Taylor moved that nominations be closed. The motion was seconded, and the motion was adopted. Nominations were closed. The assembly recessed for ten minutes.

Upon the expiration of the ten-minute recess, Chair Ingrid Saunders Jones reconvened the meeting. The following nominees withdrew their names for consideration for the Elections Committee.

- Deborah Tucker Barrow
- Judge Adele Riley (OH)
- Mary Nelson (VA)

All the nominations were uncontested and the nominees for each office was declared elected by Chair Ingrid Saunders Jones.

The following individuals were elected to the Elections Committee:

- Toni Oats (IL)
- Sara Dennis (NY)
- Derrica Williams (GA)
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## Nominating Committee Report

### Nomination and Election of National Officers

National Parliamentarian Peola McCaskill read Article IV - National Officers, Section 1. A and B; Article VI - Board of Directors, Section 1.; and Article VII – Standing Committees, Section 8 the Nominating Committee of the National Council of Negro Women, Inc. Bylaws regarding the election of National Officers, Board of Directors and Standing Committees.

Committee Chair Rev. Leah Daughtry recognized the following members of the Nominating Committee:

### Nominating Committee Members

- Joann Blount
- Cynthia M.A. Butler-McIntyre
- Pamela Howard
- Deborah Tucker Barrow
- Denise Johnson
- Gwendolyn Jarvis
- Helena Johnson
- Patrice Taylor Shelton

The following slate of candidates for National Office was presented and distributed in writing to members in attendance:

<b>Chair:</b>	Dr. Johnnetta B. Cole (DC)
<b>Vice-Chair:</b>	Dr. Thelma T. Daley (MD)
<b>Vice-Chair:</b>	Dr. Helene Johnson (CA)
<b>Vice-Chair:</b>	Dr. A. Lois Keith (GA)
<b>Young Adult Chair:</b>	Sharah Denton (GA)
<b>Recording Secretary:</b>	Courtney Lattimore (DC)
<b>Assistant Recording Secretary:</b>	Sandra Young (MI)
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Beverly Beavers Brooks (TX)

There were no nominations from the floor. Nominations were closed. The adoption of the Nomination Committee Report was moved by Dr. Barbara Williams Skinner and seconded

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by the Honorable Alexis Herman. All the nominations were uncontested and the nominees for each office was declared elected by Chair Ingrid Saunders Jones.

## Nomination and Election of Members-at-Large

The following slate of candidates for Members-at-Large was presented and distributed in writing to members in attendance:

Brenda Anderson (CA)  
Lynda Bagley (NY)  
Ariana Brazier (PA)  
Sandra Gipson (FL)  
Regina Majors (IN)  
Marilyn Powell Godette (NC)  
Olivia Smith (NJ)

There were two nominations from the floor: Arion Jamerson (NY) and Rhonda Ruben. Nominations were closed.

## Nomination and Election of the Nominating Committee

The following slate of candidates for the Nominating Committee was presented and distributed in writing to members in attendance:

1. Latisha Hazell (OH)
2. Victoria Juste (NY)
3. Doris Settle Maxwell (NC)
4. Rose McKay (FL)
5. Lauren Poteat (DC)
6. Carolyn Tibbs (MD)

There were no nominations from the floor. All the nominations were uncontested and the nominees for each office was declared elected by Chair Ingrid Saunders Jones.

## **Elections Committee Report**

Chair Patricia Lattimore reported on the election and campaign rules. Chair Ingrid Saunders Jones requested that Parliamentarian Peola McCaskill read Article VII Section 2 of the National Council of Negro Women, Inc. Bylaws. Chair Lattimore announced that

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voting would take place on Saturday, November 10, 2018 between 11:00 AM and 12:30 PM in the McPherson Room of the Grand Hyatt Hotel.

## **Nomination and Election of the Elections Committee**

Nominations for the seven members of the Election Committee were opened and closed. The following state of candidates was presented to the body:

1. Sara Dennis (NY)
2. Andrea Good (IN)
3. Linda Hunt (MD)
4. Doris Maxwell (NC)
5. Mary B. Nelson (MS)
6. Gloria Roberts (CA)
7. Gloria Waddles-Perry (NM)

There were no nominations from the floor. All the nominations were uncontested and the nominees for each office was declared elected by Chair Ingrid Saunders Jones.

The meeting recessed at 4:20 PM.  
The meeting reconvened at 4:35 PM

## **Report of the Chair Ingrid Saunders Jones**

The Co-Chairs for this year's Convention are Dr. Mary Breaux Wright, 24th International President of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.; Lady Drema Lee Woldman, National President of Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc., and Dr. Shirley Cason-Reed, 9th President of the Women's Missionary Society of the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

President Ingrid Jones re-emphasized that: NCNW is alive!... NCNW is well...NCNW is solvent! and...NCNW is ready for the future!

## **Announcements**

The Bylaws Committee Report will be read on Saturday, November 10, 2018.

The Town Hall will begin at 7:00PM with Tharon Johnson, Moderating.

The authors of the book, *For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Politics*, will be on the panel – Donna Brazil, Yolanda Caraway, Leah Daughtry, and Minyon Moore.

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Plenary Session was adjourned by Chair Ingrid Saunders Jones at 5:37 p.m.

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**Call to Order**

The meeting was called back to order at 9:03 a.m. by Chair Ingrid Saunders Jones. Lady Drema Woldman, National President, Top Ladies of Distinction provided remarks of welcome. Cynthia Butler- McIntyre provided the invocation.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Report of the Credentials Committee**

Chair Patricia Latimore provided the second credentials report as of 8:00 AM on Saturday, November 10, 2018:

National Officers - 20  
National Affiliates - 57  
Standing Committee Chairs - 6  
Sections – 241  
Life Members – 146  
Legacy Life Members – 41

**Total Voting Delegates: 511**

Associate Life - 1  
Guests - 113  
Exhibitors Companies 15

**Grand Total of Participants: 640**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Report of the Credentials Committee was adopted.

**Report of the Bylaws Committee**

Peola McCaskill, National Parliamentarian, read Article X of the National Council of Negro Women, Inc. Bylaws regarding the Amendment of Bylaws. She stated that the proposed revisions to the bylaws were distributed to the membership on October 5, 2018. She

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presented the bylaws and recommended revisions. She thanked the following members of the Bylaws Committee for their work and support:

- Wanda Sims
- Smith Perkins
- Loretta Tillery

She also thanked Patricia Lattimore who served as an advisor to the committee.

The following actions were taken by the body:

- **Article III. Membership Section 1. Organizations and Sections, Paragraph E** – The proposed bylaw amendment to strike “thirty (30) and insert “twenty-five (25)” was referred to committee.

The motion was made to accept the recommendation of the Bylaws Committee and adopt the following motions:

- **Article III. Membership Section 1. Organizations and Sections, Paragraph G** – The proposed bylaw amendment to strike “at the beginning of each fiscal year” and insert “no later than April1.”
- **Article IV. Structure, Section 1. National Officers** - The proposed bylaw amendment to insert “Chairman of the Board” after “President” wherever it appears in the Bylaws.
- **Article IV. Structure, Section 1. National Officers** - The proposed bylaw amendment to insert “elected” after “No”.
- **Article IV. Structure, Section 2. Community-based Sections and Collegiate University-based Officers, Paragraph A** - The proposed bylaw amendment to insert “or until their successors are elected” after “two-years”.
- **Article IV. Structure, Section 2. Community-based Sections and Collegiate University-based Officers, Paragraph B** - The proposed bylaw amendment to insert “or until their successors are elected” after “one-year”.



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- **Article IV. Structure, Section 3. Duties of Officers, Paragraph C Recording Secretary** - The proposed bylaw amendment to strike “She shall” in sub-paragraph 2 and Amend sub-paragraph 3 by inserting “Send” and striking “shall be sent”.
- **Article IV. Structure, Section 3. Duties of Officers, Paragraph H Historian** - The proposed bylaw amendment to strike “She” and inserting “The Historian”.
- **Article VII. Standing Committees, Section 9. Personnel Committee** - The proposed bylaw amendment to strike “Personnel Committee” wherever it appears in the Bylaws and inserting “Human Resources Committee”.
- **Article VII. Standing Committees, Section 5. Membership Committee** - The proposed bylaw amendment to insert “including the 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President” after five (5) members.

The motion was adopted.

- **Article IV. Structure, Section 3. Duties of Officer, Paragraph A. President** – The proposed bylaw amendment to insert “and personnel” after “Appoint standing committee” and adding “8. Except for Chairing the Executive Committees and Board of Directors and appointing Board Committees, may delegate all of the above duties to a Chief Operating Officer.”

The motion was made by Patricia Lattimore to amend the proposed bylaw amendment by striking “8. Except for Chairing the Executive Committees and Board of Directors and appointing Board Committees, may delegate all of the above duties to a Chief Operating Officer.” Leona Bridges of the Golden Gate Section seconded the proposed amendment. The proposed amendment was adopted.

The amended motion was adopted by the body.

- **Article IV. Structure, Section 2. Community-based Sections and Collegiate University-based Officers, Paragraph A** - The proposed bylaw amendment to strike “and shall not serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office” and inserting “No elected officer except the President and Treasurer may serve more than two (2)

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consecutive terms. The President and Treasurer may serve no more than three (3) consecutive terms.” was referred to committee.

- **Article V. Meetings, Section 1. National Convention, Paragraph C** - The proposed bylaw amendment to strike “three (3)” and insert “five (5)” was referred to committee.

## **Report of the Nominating Committee**

The Honorable Alexis Herman provided the following report on behalf of Chairperson Leah Daughtry. The Nominating Committee received a request from two nominees for Member-at-Large to address the assembly. Rhonda Ruben withdrew her self-nomination for Member-at-Large and Arion Jamerson withdrew her self-nomination for Member-at-Large. Following the two withdrawals, all the nominations were uncontested and the following nominees for Member-at-Large was declared elected by Chair Ingrid Saunders Jones:

Brenda Anderson (CA)  
Lynda Bagley (NY)  
Ariana Brazier (PA)  
Sandra Gipson (FL)  
Regina Majors (IN)  
Marilyn Powell Godette (NC)  
Olivia Smith (NJ)

## **Report of the Elections Committee**

Chair, Patricia Lattimore, took the floor to thank the Election Committee and reported that balloting for elections are not needed. All the contests have been decided via voice vote.

## **Administrative Standing Rules Standing Rules**

National Parliamentarian Peola McCaskill reported that the Standing Rules were not brought forward for a vote during the 2016 Convention because of time constraints. The proposed administrative standing rules were reviewed in the interim, proposed and presented again to the membership.

The motion was made by Tangela Hummons (MD) to adopt the Administrative Standing Rules as presented. Dr. Thelma T. Daley seconded the motion. The motion was adopted.

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**Section Information Regarding IRS Filing**

Mr. David Glenn from National Headquarters provided the following information to the assembly:

IRS Group Exemption: National NCNW grants tax exempt status to Sections. Each Section must file and maintain its own EIN (Employer Identification Number) if used, 990 and 990EZ, report, most Sections use a 990 if they made less than \$50K a year; most forms are due February 15. NCNW as a national body does not file Section forms to IRS; however, a copy may be submitted to NCNW National. If a Section does not file for three (3) consecutive years, a reinstatement fee of \$400 and five (5) years of financials must be submitted to IRS. Fair Share payments are due annually on the first of October. Fundraising events should submit 10% within 30 day of the event. The fair share for the Bethune Height Recognition Program Proceeds is based on the net profit minus seed money for the next year's program

**National Membership Committee Report**

Chairperson Ms. A. Lois Keith reported that the Initial Membership Drive was designed to Recruit and Retain members. The main strategy of the campaign was to communicate, use social media forums, acknowledge illnesses, deaths, marriages, special invitations. Several suggestions were made on how Sections can successfully recruit and retain. Dawna Fields and Johnnie Walker emphasized becoming an Achiever by paying \$300 or more annually and building up the Bethune Height Recognition Program; utilize website.

**Announcements**

There were several announcements regarding Section photos.

Plenary Session 2 was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

**58<sup>th</sup> National Convention Plenary III – Sunday, November 11, 2018**

**Harambee Gospel Brunch**

Chair Jones invited Ms. Barbara Williams-Skinner to provide an invocation for the brunch. The invocation was followed by an introduction of the keynote speaker Dr. Shirley Cason-Reed, 9<sup>th</sup> President of the Women's Missionary Society of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. Dr. Reed's keynote address was based on Esther 4:14 "And who know whether you have not come to the kingdom for such a time as this?". Her message encouraged

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everyone to have faith and belief in each person's unique assignment from God. She shared that everyone has been equipped with the gifts, talents, and abilities to accomplish their Godly assignments. She asked everyone to have faith, refocus their lives on their Godly purpose and to renew or begin a relationship with the Lord.

### **Bethune-Height Recognition Program**

National Co-Chairpersons Ms. Johnnie Walker and Ms. Dawana Michelle Fields highlighted the importance of the Bethune-Height Recognition program in recognizing outstanding community leadership and supporting the work of NCNW.

The total collected are the results of the Bethune-Height Recognition Program fundraising by States, Sections and donors: \$60,000.00

### **Closing Plenary Call to Order**

The meeting was called back to order at 12:37 p.m by Chair Ingrid Saunders Jones. Chair Jones provided remarks of thanks and acknowledgement to everyone involved with making the convention a success.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Report of the Credentials Committee**

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The 3<sup>rd</sup> Report of the Credentials Committee was adopted.

**Report of the Elections Committee**

Chair, Patricia Lattimore, reported that all of the elected office and positions presented by the Nominating Committee were uncontested; therefore no ballot election was needed during this convention. All officers were elected by voice vote and declared elected by Chair Ingrid Saunders Jones. Chair Lattimore thanked the members of the Nominating Committee and the Elections Committee for their hard work resulting in a smooth election of officers.

The following were elected during the 58th National Council of Negro Women, Inc. Convention

<b>Chair:</b>	Dr. Johnnetta B. Cole (DC)
<b>Vice-Chair:</b>	Dr. Thelma T. Daley (MD)
<b>Vice-Chair:</b>	Dr. Helene Johnson (CA)
<b>Vice-Chair:</b>	Dr. A. Lois Keith (GA)
<b>Young Adult Chair:</b>	Sharah Denton (GA)
<b>Recording Secretary:</b>	Courtney Lattimore (DC)
<b>Assistant Recording Secretary:</b>	Sandra Young (MI)
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Beverly Beavers Brooks (TX)

**Members-at-Large**

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Doris Maxwell (NC)  
Mary B. Nelson (MS)  
Gloria Roberts (CA)  
Gloria Waddles-Perry (NM)

**Installation of Officers**

The Honorable Alexis Herman, Senior Advisor of the Dorothy I. Height Foundation, served as the Installing Officer and administered the oath of office to those elected during the convention. She also thanked all the outgoing officers and those who were elected to national committees for their service to the organization.

**Remarks by NCNW National President and Chairperson, Johnnetta Cole**

Chair Johnnetta Cole addressed the assembly with humbled words of appreciation and thanks for being elected as the 7th President of the National Council of Negro Women, Inc. She acknowledged and thanked the NCNW Executive Director and staff for their commitment and hard work for our organization. Chair Cole gave special recognition and thanks to immediate Past President Ingrid Saunders Jones for all her outstanding work to put NCNW on the right course for a successful future. She shared her vision for the organization and desire for NCNW to continue to fulfill its mission. She concluded her remarks by sharing her belief in the multitude of possibilities that can be achieved when women work collectively to achieve their goals. She closed with the inspirational Ethiopian Proverb, "When women lead, streams run up".

**Adjournment**

The 58<sup>th</sup> NCNW National Convention was adjourned at 1:27 p.m. by Chair, Johnnetta Cole.