

SOUTH BREVARD BRANCH NAACP

Committee Sign-Up Form

Become an active member of the South Brevard Branch NAACP. Select a volunteer opportunity that benefits your education, training, experience, interests or one where you think you will be able to learn from working with others and make a valuable contribution.

Indicate your preference for a committee by checking the appropriate box(es).

ACT-SO Youth Program – Thelma Bryan

- Each year, high school students across the country start a journey to sharpen their skills through the **Afro-Academic, Cultural, Technological and Scientific Olympics** (ACT-SO). From visual arts and business to performing and culinary arts, participants work with community-based volunteers for a year to develop projects and performances. The experience culminates in local and national events where students compete for scholarships and other rewards.
- Coordinates programs and serves as advisors and mentors for senior and youth groups.

Armed Services and Veteran Affairs – James Minus

- Works closely with agencies responsible for providing services to members of the Armed Forces and Veterans to ensure programs are administered fairly and justly to the minority community.

Communication / Press/Publicity/ and Technology – Josephine Hunter

- Develops, promotes, and maintains the branch's social media, technology and publicity footprint in the county and nationally.
- Promotes positive images in the media and works to eliminate employment segregation in radio, television, and other areas of this industry.
- Secures publicity for the work of the Branch and the Association and serves as liaison to The CRISIS.

- Enlists the support of other community organizations on issues affecting the interests of minority groups.

Community Coordination – Yvonne Minus

- The Committee on Community Coordination shall enlist the support of other community organizations on issues affecting the interests of African Americans and other communities of color.

Criminal Justice & Legal Redress – Rodney Edwards

- The Committee on Criminal Justice shall:
 - (1) seek to eliminate harsh and unfair sentencing practices that are responsible for mass incarceration and racial disparities in the prison system; (2) support and seek to increase trust and public safety by advancing effective law enforcement practices; (3) fight for the restoration of the voting rights of formerly incarcerated people and the removal of barriers to employment; (4) elevate the voices of crime victim survivors in order to identify and advance systemic breakdowns existing in the criminal justice system that perpetuate crime; (5) resolve to end the war on drugs for its disproportionate collateral consequences and harm to communities of color; (6) seek the institution and availability of alternatives to incarceration, including education, employment, and mental health services; (7) eliminate zero-tolerance policies implemented in our schools which keep kids out of the classroom and put them on a path from the schoolhouse to the jailhouse; (8) investigate programs implemented in our local law enforcement agencies which derail from their main purpose of safety and order to conduct the work of federal agencies for which they do not have the capacity; and (9) seek budget modifications in states where incarceration receives more funding than education.
- The Legal Redress Committee shall:
 - (1) investigate all cases reported to it; (2) supervise all litigation in which the Unit is interested; and (3) keep the National Office and the Branch informed on the progress of every case. It shall not give general legal advice.

Economic Development – Alberta Clinkscale

- Shall implement local efforts and support national programs to preserve and expand economic empowerment among African Americans and other communities of color by
 - Researching and establishing relationships with private and public entities;
 - Supporting the work of the National Office in monitoring the progress and activity of private and public entities designated by national programs;
 - Implementing local efforts to promote the growth of business ownership;
 - Increasing employment and job creation;
 - Encouraging business development and home ownership.

Education – Brian Bryan

- Seeks to eliminate segregation and other discriminatory practices in public education.
- study local educational conditions affecting minority groups;
- Investigate the public school system and school zoning;
- Familiarize itself with textbook material that is racially derogatory;
- Seek to stimulate school attendance;
- Keep informed of school conditions and strive to correct abuses where found;
- Investigate the effects of standardized and high-stakes testing practices;
- Teacher certification;
- Promote parental involvement in education;
- Aim to be a center of popular education on the race question and on the work of the Association.

Finance & Budget – Rodney Edwards, James Minus, Jessie Hewett

- The Finance Committee shall consist of the President, Treasurer, and one other member.
- It shall study the financial needs of the Branch and shall be responsible for drafting an adequate annual budget.

Freedom Fund / Ways & Means – Kendra Edwards

- Plans and conducts fundraising activities, entertainment, and other projects for local and national purposes within the scope of the Association's programs.
- It shall work closely with the Finance Committee.
- Plans and coordinates the Annual Freedom Fund Gala

Grant Committee – Camille Hadley

- BUILD Grant

Health – Alberta Clinkscale

- Works to promote, protect and maintain the health of the community by advocating for equal access to health education, treatment, care and research.

Housing – Alberta Clinkscale

- Studies housing conditions in the community and addresses complaints while opposing all restrictive housing practices.

Labor and Industry -

- Shall seek ways to improve the economic status of minority groups by:
 - (1) working to eliminate discriminatory employment practices in industry and government, wage differentials based on race, unequal opportunities for training and promotion, and unfair dismissals;
 - (2) encouraging greater participation in the trade union movement;
 - (3) working to end discriminatory practices in labor unions;
 - (4) securing the enactment of state and federal fair employment practices legislation; and
 - (5) working for improved opportunities in vocational and apprenticeship training.

LGBTQIA+ –

- Receive and seek to address complaints of discrimination whether public or private;
- study and address conditions in the local community for LGBTQIA+ persons and address LGBTQIA+ issues and concerns;
- disseminate information and render such other assistance which may be necessary.
- The LGBTQIA+ Committee may also work with other Standing Committees on projects that are of mutual interest to the Standing Committees as complaints of discrimination whether public or private;
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 - disseminate information and render such other assistance which may be necessary. The LGBTQIA+ Committee may also work with other Standing Committees on projects that are of mutual interest to the Standing Committees.

Membership & Life Membership – (Temp) Rodney Edwards, Diane Jackson

- Works to maintain and increase membership by organizing, soliciting new members and securing renewals.
- Track membership renewals and expiration dates
- Focus on recruiting Life Members and sponsors a continuing program to this end.

Political Action – Yvonne Minus

- Works to increase the number of registered voters, seeks the repeal of racially discriminatory legislation and improve the administration of justice.

Religious Affairs – James Minus

- The Religious Affairs Committee shall include ministerial and lay religious leaders who are members of the Unit. It shall
- Promote an educational program designed to give moral and ethical interpretation to the civil rights struggle;
- Interpret the work of the Association to organized religious groups of all faiths;

- Enlist the support of such organized religious groups for membership, fundraising, and the struggle for equality and full civil rights;
- Provide resource assistance for religious education and social action activities associated with the improvement of race relations.
- Works to give moral and ethical interpretation to civil rights initiatives and enlist the support of religious groups of all denominations.

Youth Department – Brian & Thelma Bryan

Women in NAACP (WIN) (\$10.00) – Cynthia Harris

- A standing committee, which enhances women's leadership and advocates for women and children's issues. WIN addresses social, economic, health, and welfare concerns, organizes events, and supports the NAACP's mission, while founding figures like Ida B. Wells and Mary Church Terrell were key to the organization's establishment.
- Open to any NAACP member with dues: \$10 regular; \$5 local WIN Committee
- Supports ongoing NAACP programs and activities
- Focus on SIDS and HIV/AIDS awareness, women's health, girls' group development, mentoring, financial literacy, abuse prevention, networking, disaster relief.
- Built two schools in West Africa
- National theme: "Outstretched hands and open hearts to women and children"
- Meetings occur at NAACP Convention and State Meeting