

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BLACK ACCOUNTANTS (NABA)

MINNEAPOLIS/ST PAUL CHAPTER

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Duties of the Standing Committees

12.1 Fundraising Committee – Kojo Baafi

- a. Plan and coordinate events that will provide funding for the Chapter's current and future operating costs.
- b. Recruit and coordinate corporate support for the Chapter's services and scholarship program.
- c. Seek local corporate sponsorship and participation at the annual National Conventions.

12.2 Finance Committee – Veronica Wirekoa-Fobena

The Chapter Treasurer shall serve as the chair of the Finance Committee. Duties of the Finance Committee include:

- a. Utilize budgets provided by sub-committees to assist the Treasurer in establishing a general operating budget.
- b. Complete all required reporting to the National Office by deadlines outlined in the NPPM.
- c. Complete all other tasks as assigned by the Treasurer.
- d. Assure that funds raised by the chapter will be used in accordance with donor restrictions.
- e. Assure that permanent and temporary restricted funds are not used to fund operations. Board restricted funds should only be used for Board approved initiatives.
- f. Allow unrestricted funds to be used at the discretion of the Executive Board.

12.3 Membership Committee – Monica Anderson

- a. Actively recruit new members, reclaim former members, and encourage member participation in Chapter activities
- b. Plan and coordinate membership receptions and member services.
- c. Ensure that dues and applications are sent to National Office lockbox for processing.
- d. Maintain a current directory of the Chapter's membership
- e. Plan and organize other social/networking events to build camaraderie among the membership.
- f. Perform monthly membership reconciliation as required by the NPPM.

12.4 Student Outreach Committee --- Mark Felton

- a. Act as liaison between professional and student chapters.
- b. Coordinate activities with the local student chapters under the Chapter's supervision.
- c. Encourage and assist students entering the accounting profession.

- d. Recruit students to join the professional chapter upon graduation.
- e. Register students for the Central Region Student Conference.
- f. Coordinate student programs.
- g. Coordinate the annual scholarship selection process.

12.5 Community Outreach & Involvement Committee – Akilah Mahon

- a. Act as liaison between the Chapter and various community-based groups.
- b. Coordinate community volunteer events.
- c. Encourage members to actively participate in community service events.

Accounting Career Awareness Program – Nana Ahwoi/ Monica Anderson(see specific committees below)

The primary objective of ACAP is to increase the understanding of accounting and business career opportunities among high school students from underrepresented ethnic groups. Through ACAP's efforts, students have received educational enrichment experiences and practical help needed for college preparation and a career in accounting / other business related fields. It targets minority high school juniors and seniors, provides early exposure to business field, and students participate in financial literacy sessions, public speaking sessions, learn about transitioning to college life, visit corporate sponsor campuses, etc.

ACAP’s success is primarily attributed to the generous support of our corporate partners. The benefits for corporate partnership include:

- Increase the pipeline for employment through diversity.
- Assist in the educational opportunity for underrepresented ethnic minority students
- Fulfill civic goals and objectives.
- Where applicable, it aligns local support with the organization’s national sponsorship and partnership with NABA
- Increase visibility into corporate culture and foster relationships (Personnel participation in the program)

Focus Area	Description	Lead
Public Relations:	Responsibilities include developing materials to spread the word about the program	Veronica Wirekoa Fobena / Abdul Jama
Recruitment:	Responsibilities include identifying student participants, counselor, and program director candidates	Nana Ahwoi / Felyn Goh
Corporate Sponsorship:	Responsibilities include contacting companies for program funding	Kojo Baafi
Logistics:	Responsibilities include coordination logistics items including transportation, food, etc	DJ Ajibewa
Entertainment:	Responsibilities include determining and coordinating with logistics and schedule of activities on entertainment during program	Akilah Mahon
Schedule of Activities:	Responsibilities include developing content for the 2009 program i.e. course content	Thad Standley