

Please find below a summary of activities by the Committee between September 28-October 24th, 20213.

TO: 2ND VICE-PRESIDENT CAROLYN COLEMAN, PhD. & SECRETARY
MELISSA McKENNA
MEMBERS & OFFICERS, MC-EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
VIA: BRANCH PRESIDENT LINDA PLUMMER
FROM: COMMUNICATION CMT CHAIR. PATRICIA FENN
RE: OCTOBER COMMUNICATIONS CMT REPORT TO GENERAL
MEMBERSHIP-2023

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Please see below, activities by the Communications Cmt between September 21-October 23, 2023

10/24: Attended General Membership meeting. 7 pm. Virtual

10/23:

- Sent Communications Cmt report on Sunday, 10/22.
- Drafted and sent to Branch PAC members a resolution for consideration to the MSC Resolution Cmt for consideration at the MSC State Convention. Draft resolution addresses background for MSC and local branch planning and participation in the Maryland 250 Centennial events in 2026.

10/22: Sent notice Branch PAC/Resolution Cmt Chair to withdraw intended two resolutions on Artificial Intelligence in favor of addressing them via legislative format form at Legislative Workshop at the MSC State Convention; and notice of intention to address a resolution about MSC/local Branch participation in Maryland's observation of the country's 250 Centennial Anniversary via planning by respective History Committees.

10/21: Forwarded to Youth Council Advisors and ACT-Cmt Chair Staff article from Black. Noting the announcement of debuted a new exhibit, "Blacks in White: African American Health Professionals," to bring attention to the efforts of Black health professionals.

10/20:

- Working with PAC Cmt Members on correspondence with MCPD re Drone Pilot Program;

- Reviewed and sent recommendation to Branch President re Derek Holmes, Jr. printing company's holiday greeting cards;
- Forwarded to Youth Council Advisors and ACT-SO Chair article by Liz Feldman in today's MyMCM of Girls Summit at Clarksburg HS on Saturday, Noon-4 pm, sponsored by MCPS.

10/19:

- Unable to attend MSC Convention Planning Cmt due to its link;
- Asked and received information about disability parking arrangements from Convention Cmt Chair Lindsey;
- Forwarded to Branch Education Chair article by Elia Griffin from *MOCO 360* about intention of MCPS to hear from community about retaining/re-naming of seven schools after enslavers;
- Forwarded to Branch PAC members article by Ginny Bixby from *MOCO 360* about MCPD's Drone Pilot Program about to be greenlit by MC County Council' and PAC Cmt consideration about its evaluation program;
- Forwarded to ACT-SO Chair and Youth Advisor announcement from *Bethesda Magazine* Teen Awards nominations due 11/10.

10/17: Forwarded to the ACT-SO Chair & Youth Advisor announcement from the MC Office of Grants Management is now accepting applications from qualified nonprofit organizations that provide direct services to community members. The amount, which has reached \$250,000, is available through the County's Fiscal Year 2024 (FY24) Quarter Two Community Projects Fund Grants Program.

10/16: Listened/asked questions to candidates from Moving Forward Team; virtual.

10/13: Exchanged clarifying information to MSC Awards Cmt Member Danita Tolson, MD. re MC's submission.

10/10:

- Attended Executive Cmt Meeting. Virtual. 7-8:30 pm;
- Proposed two resolutions to MSC Cmt Chair for resolutions.

10/05:

- Reformatted and forwarded to MSC Planning Cmt Chair copy of Awards submission from Health Cmt Chair Brenda Hoskins for Kweisi Mfume Award for Excellence in Advocacy;

- Forwarded to Branch Cmt Chairs for Labor & Health, article by Danielle J. Brown from *Maryland Matters*, dated 10/04/23, about the MD Labor Department's... "the first step in providing a state plan for Maryland workers to receive partial paid family and medical leave to help ailing family members, look after a newborn baby or spend time with a family member before military deployment. On Sept. 29, the department approved the initial contribution rate for the Family and Medical Leave Insurance (FAMLI) state plan. The contribution rate will be 0.90% of covered wages divided equally (at 0.45% each) between the employer and employees at businesses with 15 or more workers."

10/02:

- Listened to candidates from Moving Forward Team for MSC Election;
- Working with MD Delegate Caylin Young (D-District 45-Baltimore City) on research & discussion for his re-introduction of HB 1034 in the 2024 MD General Assembly. It establishes a MD AI Impact Advisory Board;
- Forwarded to Branch PAC members copy of notice from MD Black Legislative Caucus of a Listening Session on Wednesday, 10/04; 6:30 pm-8:30 pm. Virtual.
- Worked with Health Committee Chair Hoskins on the Committee's nomination for MSC Award at State Convention;
- Sent legislative information to Branch Legislative PAC Cmt chair re Briefing to MC County Council on 10/3 by the Office of Intergovernmental Relations; their recommendations from last year; and calendar of legislative deadlines in Annapolis;
- Listened to interaction between PAB commissioners Sterling and Branson before the Council's Public Safety Cmt. Virtual. Committee adopted a number of recommendations made by the Branch, including a name change suggested by Branson.

9/28:

- Attended regular meeting of MSC Convention Planning Cmt. Virtual. 6:30-9 pm. Internal report sent;
- Attended virtual meeting of Montgomery County Council to hear exchange with MCPS Superintendent Monica McKnight, Ph.D; and BOE Chair Karla Silvestre.
- Forwarded to Youth Council Advisor, ACT-SO CoChair & Education Cmt Chair announcement of Federal Asian-Pacific Caucus (FAPAC) 2023 Hybrid Student Career Fair; September 29, 2023. 11 am.

9/27:

- Forwarded to ACT-SO Cmt Chair, Youth Advisor & MSC Secretary announcement from the MD Commission for Women about nomination for Maryland Young Women Leadership Award, due 10/13/23;
- Sent list of concerns to MSC Candidate Dyotha Sweat re her leadership intentions as MSC President;

- Had lengthy phone conversation with MSC Candidate Richard Potter regarding his leadership intentions as MSC President following my list of concerns sent to him.

9/14-present: In a series of e-mail exchanges with several state legislators and Katie Olson Savage, MD Secretary of Information & Technology about re-introduction of HB 1034 (establishing a MD AI Impact Advisory Board) and the status of the Secretary's Workgroup on recommendations & impact of AI in Maryland.

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