

**SEACOAST NAACP #2070  
1 NEW HAMPSHIRE AVENUE, PEASE INTERNATIONAL TRADEPORT  
PORTSMOUTH NH 03801  
MEMBERSHIP MEETING, June 4, 2018**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. with a welcome by President Rogers Johnson, round table introductions, and an invocation by Chaplain Irving Heughan.

**Secretary's Report**

The minutes of the May 7 meeting were read and accepted with a correction.

**President's Report**

President Rogers Johnson reported that the NEAC Quarterly Meeting was held on June 2 in Worcester. It was announced at the meeting that the NAACP has entered an agreement with Wells Fargo Bank to work to help atone for the bank's past policies of carrying out red lining practices and denying loans to people of color. A similar agreement has been reached with the Santander bank. Representatives of both banks will attend a meeting of the NH Minority Business Coalition to develop a program for recruiting minority college students to serve as summer interns on New Hampshire police forces, with the hope that they will return to New Hampshire to live and work. The program will find lodgings for the students and pay a stipend. The program will also offer low interest rates to minority homebuyers, in an effort to increase diversity in the state.

It is hoped that the program can be expanded to include minority students entering the teaching profession.

Rogers noted that if successful, this program could expand to include similar efforts in other states lacking in diversity, such as Maine and Vermont.

The Governor's Advisory Council on Diversity and Inclusion has held a meeting to write its interim report. Rogers shared copies of the report and urged members to take note of the section regarding HB 1319, which prohibits discrimination based on gender identity.

The Council has been contacted in regard to incidents with a racial basis in an elementary school and a Junior High School in Conway, NH. Rogers will meet with the Superintendent of SAU 9 to discuss the incidents. Rogers noted that such incidents at the elementary school level may reflect a problem in the community. He will offer an opportunity for diversity instruction, noting that we need to begin a process of diversity instruction for all communities in the state.

Rogers noted the turnover of leadership at UNH and stated that he foresaw a positive outcome of the change.

Rogers and Devon Chaffee of the NH ACLU will attend a meeting on June 20 with the Indonesian Community Council and members of the police forces of communities in the area.

Before leaving us for Chicago, Larry McGhee was able to secure a reservation at the Eliot Boat Basin for the annual picnic on August 4.

**Scholarship Committee**

Bob McGann, Chairman of the Scholarship Committee, announced that two outstanding young people have been awarded scholarships of \$450 each. The recipients of the awards are Alexa MacKenzie of Traip Academy in Kittery and Chafik Nadim of Dover High School.

Alexa will attend Temple University in Philadelphia, PA and Chafik will attend the University of New Hampshire. Both students are wonderful representatives of their communities. They will

advance the ideals of the NAACP by bettering themselves and the communities where they live by fostering a broad understanding of diversity.

**Ongoing Business**

Jon Ring announced that the MLK Jr. Breakfast Committee will meet on July 14 to begin planning for the 2019 event.

Following the roundtable sharing of comments and announcements, the meeting was adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Frances Elsemore  
Secretary