

REGION IV
BLACKS IN GOVERNMENT
VIRTUAL TRAINING CONFERENCE
SEPTEMBER 26, 2020



AFTER ACTION REPORT

The COVID-19 Pandemic of 2020 resulted in the cancellation of the Annual Region IV Training Conference as we know it. Instead, after some research with other regions, the Region IV Executive Committee modified its conference schedule and activities to fit the Zoom Platform.

Conference Planning Team:

C. Jacquie Beatty-Sammons, Chair; Janice Boss, Registration; Jacqueline Wilkins, Finance; Gloria Jones, Souvenir Book; Samuel Manning, Workshops; Honorable Anthony Rhodes, Plenary; Dr. Candace S.P. Williams, Evaluations; Ruth Benson, Special Events; Veronica Godfrey-Robinson, Public Relations; Famous Johnson, Hospitality; James Clausell, Exhibits; and Ira Thompson, Banquet.

Conference Summary:

Working with our Webmaster, Ms. Veronica Godfrey-Robinson and her team, the region's conference planning committee developed a half-day training event that would satisfy the requirement of hosting an annual training conference as set forth in the National Constitution. Very simply, the conference, "A Pathway to Excellence", consisted of an opening, two workshops/presentations, a segment for questions, and closing. RTC Evaluations will be presented at another time under separate cover.

The first workshop was presented by Mary E. Dawson, LPN, and highlighted her journey on "Becoming a Nurse While Surviving Racism". The second workshop, "How to Outsmart Your Smart Phone", presented by Veronica Godfrey Robinson, provided "how to" instructions on the use of some of the new features on smart phones.

Thirty-five members registered for the conference, which was representative of our face-to-face conference for the past few years (low to mid 30s). Since the Region experienced no major expenses, the total income for the event totaled \$923.00, including \$104 for a Souvenir Book Ad, minus \$28.73 for credit card fees and \$170.50 for

refunds, giving us a clear total of \$906.77. For further details, please see the Treasurer's Financial Report.

This being the Region's first attempt at using electronic technology to provide training, it was surprising how fluidly we moved through the agenda. While there were no major or minor glitches, future planning teams will do well to remember that the success of any event is dependent on the efforts of each team member to complete their assignments at agreed upon times.