



REGION IV BLACKS IN GOVERNMENT
ALABAMA FLORIDA GEORGIA KENTUCKY MISSISSIPPI
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REGION IV COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE VIRTUAL MEETING
JUNE 17, 2021

REPORT OF THE REGION IV COUNCIL THIRD VICE PRESIDENT
FOR THE PERIOD OF MAY 20, 2021 – JUNE 17, 2021

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I. RESPONSIBILITIES

The Third Vice President shall be responsible for serving as a focus point serving the interests of Local Employees who are members of Blacks In Government. The Third Vice President is responsible for the coordination of programs and activities relating to Local Government. They shall perform such other duties as may be assigned by the Regional Council President.

II. ACTION ITEMS

- No Action Items.

III. ACTIVITIES

- Serves as Region IV Third Vice President, Region IV EO Committee Chair, Region IV Strategic Planning Committee Member assigned to the Advocacy Subcommittee and Magnolia Chapter President.
- Continue to communicate with the membership and the National Third Vice President Mazella Thomas on matters concerning local (city and county) government.
- Continue to participate in meetings with National Third Vice President Mazella Thomas.
- Participated in the Region IV Executive Committee (EC) Meeting, Virtual, 5/20/21. Report of the Region IV Third Vice President was submitted and presented during the meeting, posted on the Region IV Website and disseminated to Region IV Executive Committee, Chapter Presidents, etc.
- Participated in the National Membership Event, hosted by National Membership Chair Jerry Jackson. Panel Discussion on the Benefits of Joining BIG and Why BIG is Important, Via Zoom, 5/22/21, 12:00 pm CST. Panelists: Past National President, the Honorable Gerald R. Reed, Presidential Advisor; Past National President, the Honorable J. David Reeves, Parliamentarian; NOW Generation Chair, Alesia Smith; and Vice President DIA Chapter of BIG Chandra Smith.

- Participated in the meeting with National Third Vice President Mazella Thomas, 5/25/21. The attendees included eight (8) inclusive of 1st, 2nd and 3rd Vice Presidents and other representatives from the various Regions. Region IV Third Vice President Katie Course provided a verbal and written report. During the meeting, Minutes of the 3/16/21 were presented: Reports from the various representatives were provided and the following items were discussed - Issues/concerns of state, local and city government members and events to recruitment members; National Executive Committee (NEC) programs, activities or committees that we would like to learn more about; Challenges in recruiting new BIG members; Decline in BIG membership; BIG new Membership Recruiting/IMPEXIUM System. Future Meetings will be held at least once a quarter with the next meeting being held 07/2021; specific date to be determined.
- Participated in the 2021 Region IV Virtual Regional Training Conference (RTC), “Theme: Call to Action: Develop Your Thinking to focus on Leading with a Purpose”, Via Zoom, 8:00 am CST to 4:00 pm CST, 6/12/21. Assisted in the development of the power-point presentation presented by National AE/EEO Committee Chair Alice Mercer during the AE/EEO Workshop.
- Participated in the Region IV Executive Committee Meeting, 6/17/21. Report of the Region IV Third Vice President was submitted; posted on the Region IV website available to all Region IV members.

IV. CONCERNS/FYI

- Local and Region membership rosters need to be reconciled with National to identify local (city and county) government members.
- Chapter Presidents are encouraged to continue to send the contact information for the Third Vice President, Officer(s) and/or Chapter Representative(s) that are responsible for Local (City and County) Members.
- Programs and activities need to be developed to recruit and retain Local (City and County) government members at all levels of BIG and act the Regional Training Conference (RTC) and National Training Institute (NTI).

V. INVITATIONS & EVENTS

- Meet with Region IV Legislative Review Chair to determine and address the issues and concerns of local government members.
- Continue to communicate with National Third Vice President to identify and address the issues and concerns of local government members.
- Magnolia Chapter Meeting, via Zoom, 6:00 pm, 6/24/21.
- Region IV Chapter Presidents Meeting, via Zoom, 7:00 pm, 6/24/21.
- Region V RTC, 6/25/21.
- Regional IV Spring Council Virtual Meeting, 6/26/21. Elected as a Magnolia Chapter Primary Representative.
- 2021 National Delegates Assembly (NDA), Virtual, 8/20/21.
- 2021 National Training Institute (NTI), Virtual, 8/23-26/21. On 8/24/21 the National Second and Third Vice Presidents are hosting the State and Local Forum, time to be determined.
- Region IV Executive Committee Meeting, via Zoom, 8/12/21.
- Region IV Chapter Presidents Meeting, via Zoom, 9/23/21.
- Region IV Executive Committee (EC) Meeting, via Zoom, 11/18/21.
- Region IV Fall Council Meeting, To Be Determined.