



NAOBI-DC Steering Committee Meeting

Sunday, November 04, 2007

Documents present:

NAOBI-DC Bylaws; NAOBI-DC Membership List

Meeting commenced at 7:30 PM.

Purpose of the letter to DC affiliates

The first line of the letter reads "This email is to inform you of the decision to close the NAOBI DC Chapter." The discussion began with the supposition that it seemed NAOBI, Inc.'s objective is to end the DC chapter.

Further discussion and reading of the letter centered around the statements "For those still interested in a chapter, please take heed to the pre-requisite previously mentioned and keep your chapter going! There are too many of us to allow this chapter to close!".

The attendees determined to move forward using these lines of the letter.

The assumption is that the parent organization does want the chapter to reconstruct, and that the revoking of charter can only happen for cause.

Preparing for the NAOBI Inc. meeting

The current officers spoke about the historic difficulty of keeping DC affiliates engaged in the chapter - both as working committee members and as event attendees. Collectively, they remarked that since strong working committees never arose, they had to set the goals, objectives, and plans for the chapter and do all of the leg-work. One hypothesis is that work is so accessible in DC that affiliates are extremely busy and not 'needing' NAOBI DC to help open doors; and Black interpreters are so prevalent that camaraderie occurs without one organization pulling the people together.

Each of the existing officers stated

- their support for the concept of a local NAOBI chapter
- their desire to not continue the day-to-day operations of a chapter
- their willingness to mentor new leadership in process, planning, goal-setting, etc.

There will be a special call meeting of NAOBI-DC affiliates prior to the meeting with NAOBI, Inc.

The purpose of this meeting will be to come together 'in house' and determine how we want to move forward and who will take the reins.

**This meeting will be on
Friday evening, December 14, 2007 @ 7:30 PM
Golden Corral, 1001 Shoppers Way, Largo, MD 20774 (301) 324-6807
[Largo metro stop]**

We will emphasize that the discussion and leadership are open to any one -- not only past DC leaders. Likewise, we need to be careful that affiliates do not feel as though NAOBI, Inc. is guiding the discussion. The discussion must be about DC affiliates' ownership, their responsibilities, and their personal accountability for DC chapter.