

**The Portland Chapter of The Links, Incorporated**  
**June 13, 2020**  
**By Zoom**

The regular meeting of the Portland Chapter of The Links, Incorporated was held by Zoom on June 13 2020. President, Serena Ashley, presided and Secretary, Sylvia Welch was present. The meeting began at 10:07 AM and was adjourned at 2:12 PM.

**Members present on Zoom:** President, Serena Ashley, Links Harriet Adair, Estella Brame, Karin Edwards, Miaya Griffin-Stevenson, LaKecia Gunter, Linda Harris, Natalie Hooper, Rochelle Hunter-James, Maria Jackson, Jocelyne McAdory, Kimberly Matier, Kelly Michael, Stephanie Montgomery, Carla Penn-Hopson, Adriel Person, Rhonda Thomas, Barbara Thoms, Barbara Ward, Sylvia Welch, Yvonne Williams Alumna: Betty Cabine, Rene' DuBoise, Marian Gilmore, Johnnie Stokes

**Linkspiration** – Link Rene; – “And Still I Rise” in response to current race and health issues.

**Adoption of Agenda** – Yes, without objection and placed on file.

**Approval of May 5, 2020 Minutes** – Yes, without objection and placed on file.

**Officer's Reports**

President's Updates – Presented and placed on file.

**Corresponding Secretary** – Link Maria – Report presented and placed on file.

**Finance Reports** – Links Karin Edwards and Barbara Ward – Link Karin received \$600 for STEM Program and Link Barbara informed us that the Audit Committee (now complete with the 3 required members) and the CPA is in receipt of the books needed to conduct the audit.

**Secretary** – Link Sylvia – Report presented – Link Sylvia will contact Link Teresa Lyons, WA Secretary, as promised to let her know that our Chapter would rather distribute our minutes to everyone at the same time.

**WA committee Rep. Updates** –Reports presented - Link Miaya (representative for Voting and Homelessness) will have an activity in September or October. Link Barbara Thoms (representative for Alumna and Platinum members) will get together with Link Linda to talk about videoing Alumna Geneva Jones for showing at the Area Conference.

**Standing Committees Reports**

Membership/Core Values Presentation – Link Natalie – Report presented – Virtual Happy Hour on June 25, 2020 by Zoom. Waiting on instructions from National regarding new member Induction. Courage as one of our Core Values was presented.

**Constitution & Bylaws** – Link Jocelyne – Report presented – see below

**Strategic Planning** – Link LaKecia – Report presented – The plan has been updated.

**Programs** – Link Kimberly – Report presented and placed on file – Workshops will be held virtually. Campaign competition will be virtual. “Rock the Vote” has been changed to “Rock Your Power”. New members to plan virtual culminating event. Workshops will be held to 2 hours.

### **Special Committee Reports**

**Courtesy/Social** – Link Rochelle Hunter-James – Report presented

### **Unfinished Business**

The Links, Incorporated & the Links Foundation Bylaws Amendments – See below

**New Business** preferred by the Chapter was link Cori Cooper for Secretary. [Link Cori, Yes 8](#)  
[Link Sharon Y 1.](#)

Reelect current officers – Y – 8 N – 1

### **Announcements** –

HHS – Charles Drew Blood Drive – The June 20, 2020 blood drive has been canceled. However, the Red Cross still needs blood.

Note: If Link Natalie is unable to act as the Alternate for the National Assembly, Link Sylvia will serve in that capacity.

Re: Western Area 2021 Conference: Link Carla is the connect to Link Josey. Link Miaya will send a list of Links to Western Area Chapters for any corrections.

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### **Chapter Constitution and Bylaws revisions**

\*Article III Section 6A3, Membership attendance - Section 6e added – (“The Membership Committee makes their recommendation to the executive committee which makes a determination then refers their recommendation to the chapter to vote on the final decision.”)

\*Article III Section 7 – Admission to Membership – A1 deleted – (“The Link member submitting the name of a candidate for membership shall be a member of the Chapter one (1) year. The candidate shall be a resident of the Portland metropolitan area for at least 18 months prior to the beginning of the next fiscal year.”)

\*Article IV Section 3 B4– Duties of Officers (VP will keep roster and take roll.)

\*Article IV Section 3E – Financial Secretary – Strike out #s 1. (will keep roster) 2. (Will take roll) and 6. (Shall assume the necessary duties of Treasurer, except she shall not co-sign checks”)

\*Article IV Section 3F – The Treasurer – Strike out #12, (Shall in the absence of the Financial Secretary, assume her duties.)

\*Article VI Section 1 - Electronic Committee Meetings – Strike, “telephone conference virtual meetings”

\*Article VI Section 2 – Electronic Committee Meetings – Strike, a “teleconference”

\*Article VII Section 1C– Executive Committee – add “The minutes of the executive committee meeting should only be provided to those that are a part of the executive committee”.

\*Article VII Section 2 – Duties of the Executive Committee – Add 2E, “The Executive Committee’s recommendation goes to the Chapter for a majority vote.”

\*Article VII Section H1 – Nominating Committee – Strike, “A Chapter Nominating Committee member should be a member of the Chapter for at least 1 year prior to elections”.

Motion: It was moved by Link Sylvia and seconded to accept the changes to the Chapter Bylaws. Motion carried unanimously.

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### **The Links, Incorporated & The Links Foundation Bylaws Amendments**

\*Amendment 10, Article IV Section 4 – National Assembly – (No clear authority) – added a G  
Y - 1 N - 13

\*Amendment 11, Article VI Section 1 Executive Committee council (Parliamentarian left out)  
Y – 4 N - 6  
Amendment 11 In the event an amendment is needed to Amendment 11  
Y – 10 N – 1

\*Amendment 12, Article VI (Executive Council authority level) & Executive Committee Section 3. If adopted E will be added)  
Y – 6 N – 5

\*Amendment 13, Article VI Section 10 - Executive Council & Executive Committee - (adds subsections of Officers) (recuse if part of investigation)

Y – 9 N – 5

\*Amendment 14 – Article IX, Standing Committees Sections 4 & 13

Y – 8 N – 3

\*Amendment 15, Article IV Section 5 – Human Resources

Y – 4 N – 8

\*Amendment 16, Article X Section 10 (Finance) & Article X Section 13 (National Assessment)

Y – 10 N – 3

\*Amendment 17, Article VI – Indemnification Insurance – adds General Counsel

Y – 7 N – 6

\*Amendment 18, New Article – Disputes/Arbitration

Y – 5 N – 6

\*Amendment 19, Article I Section 14 – regarding conduct of a member found culpable

Y – 2 N – 11

Sylvia Welch, Secretary \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_