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39th CENTRAL AREA CONFERENCE of THE LINKS, INCORPORATED

Link Alice Strong Simmons
18th Central Area Director

Cincinnati, OH ~ June 17-20, 2015



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CENTRAL AREA NOMINATING COMMITTEE

▶ Link Awilda Hamilton, Chair

▶ Committee:

▶ Link Angela Porter-Duerod

▶ Link Rebecca H. McKeel

▶ Link Lana Nayles

▶ Link Inetta F. Rogers

NOMINATING COMMITTEE'S WORK SUMMARY

► **Enhanced Member Services and Engagement:**

- Fully implemented the new comprehensive “green” process adopted at the National level that removed barriers that could make it for members to pursue Area offices
- Followed The Links, Incorporated Nominating Procedures Manual and aligned the Central Area Nominating Process Timetable with National
- Sent “Call for Nominations” electronically to chapter presidents as well as all correspondence to candidates and members

NOMINATING COMMITTEE'S WORK SUMMARY (cont'd)

- Provided Frequently Asked Questions and Answers to chapter presidents and Leadership Summit attendees
- Posted candidate profiles and campaign brochures in the “members only” section on the Central Area website
- Communicated routinely with Central Area Chapter Presidents via the Area Director's President's Chats and Central Area e-Blasts

Organizational Assessment and Alignment:

- Aligned Central Area campaign fees, timelines and processes with National and the other Areas (Eastern, Southern, and Western)



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Leadership Development:

- Encouraged members to seek offices through personal outreach as well as presentations
- Certified ten candidates to pursue offices at the 2015 Central Area Conference



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CERTIFIED CANDIDATES FOR CENTRAL AREA OFFICES

▶ Area Director

▶ Glenda Masingale Manson, Central Illinois (IL) Chapter

▶ Vice Area Director

▶ Monica Boone Allen Windy City (IL) Chapter

▶ Secretary

▶ Jill Bryant Veneable, Greater Wayne County (MI) Chapter

▶ Treasurer

▶ Sheila R. Brown, Lake Shore (IL) Chapter



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CERTIFIED CANDIDATES FOR CENTRAL AREA OFFICES (cont'd)

▶ Nominating Committee

- ▶ Joyce A. Carter, South Suburban Chicago (IL) Chapter
- ▶ Andreana J. Dobbs, Harbor Lites (IL) Chapter
- ▶ Gina S. Gunn, Hendersonville Area (TN) Chapter
- ▶ Inetta F. Rogers, River City (TN) Chapter
- ▶ Delta Jones-Walker, Northern Indiana (IN) Chapter

▶ Foundation Representative

- ▶ Tara R. Bradley, Oklahoma City (OK) Chapter



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