The Honorable David Groves, Chair of the National Delegates Assembly, called the 2019 National Delegates Assembly of Blacks In Government (BIG), Inc., to order on Sunday, August 4, 2019, 9:15 a.m. Central Standard Time (CST), at the Sheraton Dallas Hotel, Dallas, Texas.

Reverend Montrez Nicholson blessed the assembly with an inspirational prayer and our Memorial Tribute.

Next, Chair Honorable David Groves presented a video honoring the founders of BIG.

**CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT:** Chair Honorable David Groves recognized Honorable Trekeshelia Powell, Austin Chapter, Region VI, National Credentials Committee Chair, for the first report of the Credentials Committee.

Honorable Trekeshelia Powell acknowledged the Credentials Committee’s co-chairs as follows: Betty Jean Parker, Region IV; Pinkie Mason, Region VII; and Vivian Buckner, Region VII. Then, Honorable Ms. Powell recognized the volunteers for their services to this committee.

Honorable Trekeshelia Powell presented the Credentials Committee Report officially taken at 9:00 a.m. CST as follows:

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Thereby, Chair Honorable Mr. Groves declared that a quorum was present. Chair Honorable David Groves asked the delegates to adopt today’s agenda with two minor changes. Dr. Ethel Crisp, Region V, will be serving as parliamentarian and for number 17, Honorable Mr. Terrence Williams, Region V, will do the Resolutions. Chair noted in order to bring Dr. Crisp up, the body needed to be informed that she will be doing the Standing Rules.

Then, Chair Honorable David Groves recognized Dr. Ethel Crisp, New Kemet Harambe Chapter, Region V, Parliamentarian of the Assembly, and Chair of the Standing Rules Committee, to read the Standing Rules of the National Delegates Assembly.

**ADOPTION OF STANDING RULES:** Dr. Ethel Crisp presented the 2019 Standing Rules of the National Delegates Assembly.


2. The presiding official shall be responsible for maintaining order and decorum at all times to assure that the business of the organization is transacted fairly and judiciously. Only certified voting delegates shall be allowed to make motions, speak in debate, or cast a vote.

3. The Credentials Committee shall report the total number of authorized and certified voting, delegates at the opening of the Delegates Assembly. This committee shall also submit supplementary credentials reports at the beginning of each session when requested by either the presiding official or a delegate.

4. Delegates representing a simple majority of delegates or their alternates certified at the opening of the Delegates Assembly shall constitute a quorum. A majority of all certified delegates must be present to conduct business at any and all subsequent sessions. If, at any time after the assembly has been called to order and is in session, and less than a majority of the certified delegates are present, the Parliamentarian shall notify the presiding official that the body fails to have a quorum and any and all actions of the body are unofficial and non-binding on the assembly.
5. Delegates addressing the assembly, after being recognized by the presiding official, shall first state his or her name, chapter, and region.

6. Delegates (excluding the Chair of Delegates Assembly) who are sitting on the dais and not giving a report must go down on the Assembly floor to the nearest microphone to be recognized by the Assembly Chair in order to present matters he/she desire to discuss.

7. Each delegate/speaker may speak up to one and one half (1-1/2) minutes on any issue. No delegate shall speak more than twice on any issue. No delegate shall bring more than two (2) questions to the microphone on any issue or subject. Discussion on any one issue shall not exceed fifteen (15) minutes with the exception of the Treasurer’s Report, the Auditor’s Report, and the Board of Directors’ Report.

8. Upon request of the presiding official, a motion shall be submitted in writing signed by the maker of the motion and hand-carried to the Secretary of the Delegates Assembly.

9. The election of all National Officers shall be determined by a majority vote. If a majority is not obtained on the first ballot, the two candidates with the highest number of votes shall have a runoff election. The other candidates shall not appear on the ballot.

10. The election of the Nominating Committee shall be determined by a plurality vote. The Nominating Committee shall select their chairperson immediately following the adjournment of the Delegates Assembly.

11. All candidates (1st Vice-President, 3rd Vice President, Assistant Treasurer, and the National Secretary) for National office shall present their platform to the Delegates Assembly within a (1-1/2) minute time span. The candidate for National President is allotted 2 minutes to present his/her platform to the Delegates Assembly.

12. The time span allotted for each speaker will be monitored with an electronic timer on a display screen that will be visible in the assembly room/hall. Each speaker is requested to stay within the allotted time or the microphone will be muted beyond the allotted time.

13. These rules require a two-thirds (2/3) affirmative vote by the certified delegates present and voting for adoption. These rules may also be suspended by a majority vote of the certified delegates present and voting.

14. Unless the National Constitution provides otherwise, the Assembly itself is the judge of all questions arising which are incidental to the seating of the Delegates or opening and closing the sites for Credentials and Elections.

15. All electronic devices (Blackberries, Cellular Phones, Computers with Music or Chimes, and Pagers) shall be turned off or placed on vibrate or silent while the Delegates Assembly is in session.

16. Any copies of reports or informational materials, that were distributed to the Delegates in session that need to be retrieved/or collected, shall be done by each Region’s Sergeant-at-Arms.

17. Delegates are requested to abide by all of the above for order and decorum.
By committee action, Dr. Ethel Crisp moved for the adoption of the Standing Rules for the 2019 National Delegates Assembly with one modification to number 6, where it states about individuals sitting on the dais, that if they wanted to address the body, they need to come to the floor. The modification is to also exclude the National Board Chair to address this body from the dais.

Chair Honorable David Groves declared the 2019 Standing Rules approved without objection with one modification.

Christine Wilder, Region VII, St. Louis Metropolitan Chapter, moved that the 41st National Delegates Assembly be dedicated to the Honorable Melvin Davis for his recognition as a past National Delegates Assembly Chair and for his outstanding leadership that he served for this level of Blacks In Government and seconded by Ms. Faye Rashid, Region IV, CDC/ATSDR Chapter. The motion carried without objection.

Chair Honorable David Groves introduced the dais as follows: Cheryl Daniel, Stenographer; Paula E. Davis, National Secretary, Region XI; Precilla Wade, Special Assistant to the Chair of the National Delegates Assembly, Region VI; Dr. Ethel Crisp, Parliamentarian, Region V; Reverend Montrez Nicholson, Region XI; Honorable Ms. Norma Samuel, National Treasurer, Region XI; Honorable Darlene H. Young, Chair, National Board of Directors (NBoD), Region XI; and Honorable Dr. Doris P. Sartor, National President, Region IV.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA: Chair Honorable David Groves presented the 2019 National Delegates Assembly Meeting Agenda for review with the noted two changes: Dr. Deborah McClanahan, CDC/ATSDR Chapter, Region IV, moved to adopt the 2019 National Delegates Assembly Meeting Agenda as presented with noted changes, and Ramika Lawson, Central Valley Fresno Chapter, Region IX, seconded; motion carried.


Kenneth Archer, CDC/ATSDR Chapter, Region IV, moved to accept the National Delegates Assembly Meeting Minutes dated August 12, 2018, with the noted corrections, and James Clausell, CDC/ATSDR Chapter, Region IV, seconded; motion carried.

NATIONAL PRESIDENT/EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT: President Honorable Dr. Doris P. Sartor welcomed the delegates and introduced the National Executive Committee as follows:

Honorable Shirley A. Jones, Esquire, National Executive Vice President
Dr. Jesse Sharpe, National First Vice President
Dr. Matthew Fogg, National Second Vice President
Dr. Deborah McClanahan, National Third Vice President
Paula E. Davis, National Secretary
Sandra F. Glenn, National Corresponding Secretary
Honorable Norma Samuel, National Treasurer
Rochelle Bryant, National Assistant Treasurer
Alice Mercer, National AE/EEO Chair
R. Chris Jones, National Communications and Public Relations Chair
Marie Perry, National Communications and Public Relations Co-Chair
Dr. Phadrea Ponds, National Evaluations Chair
Yolanda Tines, National Finance Chair
Ashanti Huey Patton, Esquire, National Legal Review Chair
Dr. Vera A. McKethan, National Program and Planning Chair
Anita Powell, National Health and Wellness Program Chair
Monica Hedgpeth, National Membership Chair
Dr. Charles Horne, National Legislative Review Chair
Richard Shields, National Training Chair
Paula E. Davis, National Training Deputy Chair
Honorable C. Jacquie Beatty-Sammons, National Historian/Librarian
Honorable Gerald R. Reed, National Presidential Advisor
Melvin Porter, Strategic Planning Liaison
Mazella Thomas, National Corporate Sponsorship Chair
Johnny Barideaux, National Darlene H. Young Leadership Academy Coordinator
Honorable David Groves, National Delegates Assembly Chair
Honorable Mary K. Thomas, National Delegates Assembly Deputy Chair
Kathy Best, Future Leaders of America’s Government Coordinator
Dr. Candace S.P. Williams, Military Veterans Emphasis Program Chair
Cassandra Jones, National Conference Registration Chair
Stephan Matthews, National NOW Generation Coordinator
Peggy Wilson, National Protocol Administrator
Honorable Toni Pearson, National Project BIG Vote
Honorable Leonard T. Stone, National Telecommunications Chair.

Next, President Honorable Dr. Doris P. Sartor introduced the regional council presidents as follows:

Kathy Best, Region I Council President
Honorable Phillip Atwell, Region II Council President
Charita Branch, Region III Council President
Calvin Stevens, Region IV Council President
Honorable Oscar L. Williams, Jr., Region V Council President
Edward M. V. Ratcliffe, Region VI Council President
Christine Wilder, Region VII Council President
Audrey McCray, Region VIII Council President
Ramika Lawson, Region IX Council President
Dr. Charles Horne, Region X Council President
Marion Allen, Region XI Council President

Then, President Honorable Dr. Doris P. Sartor welcomed NBoD Chair Honorable Darlene H. Young to join her at the podium.

NBoD Chair Honorable Darlene H. Young introduced the National Board of Directors as follows:

Region I Director Atricia L. Irons and Director Daniel Corria
President Honorable Dr. Doris P. Sartor and NBoD Chair Honorable Darlene H. Young presented the leadership of the National Organization of Blacks In Government, Inc.

President Honorable Dr. Doris P. Sartor took a few moments to pay tribute to our members who are no longer with us physically but whose gifts, dignity, compassion and commitment will always be remembered.

Next, President Honorable Dr. Doris P. Sartor presented the National Executive Committee’s Annual Reports to the National Delegates Assembly (August 2018–July 2019) and highlighted activities and initiatives accordingly.

The report was received for information only.

**NATIONAL TREASURER’S REPORT:** Honorable Ms. Norma Samuel, National Treasurer, presented the National Treasurer’s Report and highlighted activities and initiatives accordingly. Honorable Ms. Samuel read the Treasurer’s Statement as follows:

_Treasurer’s Statement:_ The purpose of this “Treasurer’s Report” is to provide the Blacks In Government Delegates, National Executive Committee and National Board of Directors with an overview of the current financial position and operations of Blacks In Government (BIG). The financial statements presented herein fairly represent the BIG organization’s financial position as noted and is subject to audit.

Honorable Ms. Norma Samuel presented the cash at year-end for December 2018 which was 1.7 million dollars compared to 2015, we only had $274,864.00 in cash. We have increased that by 1.4 million dollars. Statement of Financial Position *Audited Year-End 2018 and comparative totals for 2017 and 2016* and Flash Report dated July 31, 2019 (unaudited).

Kenneth Archer, CDC/ATSDR Chapter, Region IV, moved to accept the National Treasurer’s Report as presented subject to audit, and Neavaly Touray, NOAA Chapter,
Region XI, seconded. The motion carried with 298 for, one (1) against, and four (4) abstained.

Chair Honorable David Groves recessed the body at 11:04 a.m. CST.

The meeting reconvened at 11:30 a.m. CST.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT: Honorable Trekeshelia Powell presented the Credentials Committee Report officially taken at 11:25 a.m. CST as follows:

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Thereby, Chair Honorable Mr. Groves declared that a quorum was present.

**NATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS’ REPORT:** Honorable Darlene H. Young, Chair, National Board of Directors, greeted the delegates and presented the *National Board of Directors’ Annual Report to the National Delegates Assembly, August 2019* and highlighted the committees’ accomplishments and activities accordingly.

NBoD Chair Honorable Darlene H. Young moved by committee action for the ratification of the following chapters’ charters revocation:

Region IV: Mississippi Congressional Chapter — Non-compliance of BIG National Constitution and Region IV Bylaws.

Region IV: Greater Augusta Chapter — Non-compliance of BIG National Constitution and Region IV Bylaws.

Region IV: West Alabama Chapter — Non-compliance of BIG National Constitution and Region IV Bylaws.

Motion carried without objection.

**AUDIT REPORT:** Director Honorable Gary Blackmon, Region VIII, Financial Advisory and Oversight Committee (FAOC) Chair, presented the Audit Report and recognized the FAOC members for their hard work and dedication. The audit resulted in an outstanding rating.

Sherry Warren, Greater New Orleans Chapter, Region VI, moved to accept the Audit Report as presented, and Felicia Shingler, NIH Chapter, Region XI, seconded. The motion carried with 312 for, zero (0) against, and six (6) abstained.

**ADOPTION OF CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS:** Director Edward Wilson greeted the delegates and introduced his committee members. Then, Director Mr. Wilson stated there was one (1) constitutional amendment and presented as follows:

Article VI, Section III, National Appointed Positions.

Proposed Change: Article VI, Section 3, adding Paragraph (C), “National Strategic Liaison. (1) The National Strategic Liaison shall support the National President in the execution of BIG’s 5-Year Strategic Plan through coordination and collaboration with NEC and the Regional Presidents on their Strategic Performance Evaluation Reporting; (2) The National Strategic Liaison shall coordinate and consult with the National Board of Directors, Strategic Planning Committee on all the components of the Strategic.”

By committee action, Director Edward Wilson moved not to adopt this amendment.

**RATIONALE:** The duties of this current position are not impeded by nor would they necessarily be enhanced by a Constitutional amendment. It should remain, as in the policy, for flexibility in appointments and assignments, which can be changed at any time by the National President and the National Board.

- Per current BIG National Constitution Article VI, Section 3, National appointed officers have sole responsibilities. Robert’s differentiate appointed officers from other officers who may not be elected but appointed to perform specific duties.
• Per current revised Board Policy #2:14 National Strategic Plan Reporting Requirement, it is the National Executive Committee, not the National President who provides the leadership, and is responsible for implementing the organization strategic plan, as developed by the National Board of Directors’ Strategic Planning Committee.

• Any National President, as is the current practice, can designate anyone she/he wishes to be a direct contact or liaison for the NEC to the National Board, Regions, and Chapters without having a constitutional “shall”.

Director Deena Sheppard, New Kemet Harambe Chapter, Region V, moved to adopt the amendment as stated, and Ramika Lawson, Central Valley Fresno Chapter, Region IX, seconded.

Then, the body discussed the proposed amendment.

Honorable Lamonte Johnson, DIA Chapter, Region XI, called for the question, and Director Glynis Hill, EPA William D. Barber, Jr., Chapter, Region XI, seconded; motion to end debate carried.

Then, Chair Honorable David Groves prepared the delegates to vote on the amendment as presented.

The results of vote were 144 for the motion, 147 against the motion, and 26 abstained; proposed amendment failed.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT:** Kathy Best, Nominating Committee Chair, greeted the body and introduced the committee members accordingly. Then, Ms. Best presented the report as follows:

The offices open for nominations are:

- National Executive Vice President (Incumbent is eligible for re-nomination.)
- National Second Vice President (Incumbent is not eligible for re-nomination.)
- National Treasurer (Incumbent is not eligible for re-nomination.)
- National Corresponding Secretary (Incumbent is eligible for re-nomination.)

The committee received nominations and certifications from the following members and the nominees were certified by the BIG National Office and financial officers for the following offices:

National Executive Vice President: Honorable Shirley A. Jones, Esq., Region XI

National Board of Directors’ Nomination

Region I: Jacqulyn D. Allen
Region III: Dale E. Scott
Region VI: Edward Ratcliffe
Region XI: Glynis M. Hill

These nominees are currently financial, a member in good standing, and have been a member of Blacks In Government for at least three years and have been elected at
either the chapter, regional, or national level for at least one term per the National BIG Constitution, Article VIII, Section 1 (d) (2).

Chair Honorable David Groves opened the floor nominations for each respective position as follows:

**National Executive Vice President**

No other nominations were received; nomination closed on the name of Honorable Shirley A. Jones, Esq., (Region XI).

**National Second Vice President**

Honorable Felicia Shingler (Region XI) nominated Claire J. Cashwell; Dr. Deborah McClanahan (Region IV) nominated Faye Rashid; and Lawanda Young (Region XI) nominated Marie Perry for this position. No other nominations were received; nomination closed on the names of Claire J. Cashwell (Region XI), Faye Rashid (Region IV), and Marie Perry (Region XI).

**National Treasurer**

Glynis M. Hill (Region XI) nominated Honorable Faye Stewart-Henderson and Michelle Blackmon (Region VIII) nominated Duane Hill for this position. No other nominations were received; nomination closed on the names of Honorable Faye Steward-Henderson (Region VI) and Duane Hill (Region X).

**National Corresponding Secretary**

Dr. Matthew Fogg (Region XI) nominated Dr. Candace Williams and Honorable Felicia Shingler (Region XI) nominated Sandra Glenn for this position. Sandra Glenn declined the nomination. No other nominations were received; nomination closed on the name of Dr. Candace Williams (Region XI).

Chair Honorable David Groves asked each nominee if he or she accepted the nomination; each replied affirmatively.

**NOMINEES PLATFORM:** Chair Honorable David Groves proceeded with the nominee’s platform.

**NOTE:** Nominees must be certified prior to their election.

Honorable J. David Reeves, Region XI, 11th National President, asked that we announce the names of the DSHOF nominees.

Chair Honorable David Groves announced the following DSHOF nominees:

- Harold Atkins, Region XI
- Katherine L. Cage, Region VI
- Dr. Ethel L. Crisp, Region V
- Palmer T. Doiley, Region I
- Regina Kennedy, Region III
- Lee Lawrence, Region II
REGIONAL CAUCUS: Chair Honorable David Groves prepared the assembly for the regional caucuses and provided the rooms’ assignment for each region.

Chair Honorable David Groves recessed the body at 1:00 p.m. CST.

The meeting reconvened at 3:35 p.m. CST.

REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE: Honorable Trekeshelia Powell presented the Credentials Committee Report officially taken at 3:28 p.m. EST as follows:

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**ELECTION OF NATIONAL OFFICERS:** Chair Honorable David Groves prepared the delegates for voting on the respective nominees. He provided the instructions on how to use the clickers to cast a vote for the desired nominee and conducted the elections as follows:

**National Executive Vice President**
Honorable Oscar Williams, Jr., Progressive Chapter of Danville, Region V, moved that the Honorable Shirley A. Jones, Esq., for the office of the Executive Vice President be elected by acclamation and Shirron Brown, Lake Erie Chapter, Region V, seconded. The motion carried without objection.

Chair Honorable David Groves announced Honorable Shirley A. Jones is elected as National Executive Vice President.

**National Corresponding Secretary**
Honorable Oscar Williams, Jr., Progressive Chapter of Danville, Region V, moved that the Dr. Candace Williams for the office of the Corresponding Secretary be elected by acclamation and Dr. Matthew Fogg, BIG Heritage Chapter, Region XI, seconded. The motion carried without objection.

Chair Honorable David Groves announced Dr. Candace Williams is elected as National Corresponding Secretary.

**National Second Vice President—316 votes cast**
Faye M. Rashid, Region IV: 170 votes received
Marie Perry, Region XI: 104 votes received
Claire J. Caswell, Region XI: 42 votes
Chair Honorable David Groves declared Faye M. Rashid newly elected National Second Vice President.

**National Treasurer—329 votes cast**
B. Faye Stewart, Region VI: 170 votes received
Duane Hill, Region X: 159 votes received
Chair Honorable David Groves declared B. Faye Stewart newly elected National Treasurer.
Distinguished Service Hall of Fame—327 votes cast

1. Harold E. Atkins received 162 votes (51.3%)
2. Dr. Ethel L. Crisp received 161 votes (50.9%)
3. William Speight received 153 votes (48.4%)
4. Regina D. Kennedy received 148 votes (46.8%)
5. Katherine Cage received 136 votes (43%)
6. Darryl Porter received 122 votes (38.6%)
7. Mary J. Watkins received 88 votes (27.8%)
8. Lee Lawrence received 75 votes (23.7%)
9. Palmer T. Doiley received 59 votes (18.7%)

NOTE: DSHOF nominees must receive 50 percent of the votes to be inducted as recipients.

Chair Honorable David Groves declared Harold E. Atkins and Dr. Ethel Crisp inducted as Distinguished Service Hall of Fame recipients.

Then, Chair Honorable David Groves called for a vote of the regional officers from each region.

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<td>Amanda Merricks</td>
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Chair Honorable David Groves declared Jacquelyn D. Allen elected as Region I Director, and Kathy K. Best and Amanda Merricks elected for the National Nominating Committee.

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Chair Honorable David Groves declared Esther Seabrook elected as Region II Director, and Carrol Belloni and Denise A. McCray elected for the National Nominating Committee.

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<td>Mark Stone</td>
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<td>Michael Upshaw</td>
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Chair Honorable David Groves declared Dale E. Scott elected as Region III Director, and Alicia Guyton and Mark Stone elected for the National Nominating Committee.
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<td>James C. Clausell, Sr. received 24</td>
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<td>Sandra L. Glenn received 19</td>
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<td>Bob Wilson received 9</td>
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<td>Regional Director (run-off)</td>
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<td>James C. Clausell, Sr. received 29</td>
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<td>Sandra F. Glenn received 23</td>
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<td>Ruby L. Dunson received 32</td>
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Chair Honorable David Groves declared that there is a runoff between James C. Clausell, Sr., and Sandra F. Glenn. Chair declared James C. Clausell, Sr., elected as Region IV Director, and Samuel L. Manning and Ruby L. Dunson elected for the National Nominating Committee.

| V       | Regional Director                 | 28                   | Honorable Lillian Marie Barnett 12 |
|         |                                   |                      | Patricia A. Thompson 16           |
|         | National Nominating Committee     | 28                   | Adriane M. Callahan received 12   |
|         |                                   |                      | Veronica S. Sims received 19      |
|         |                                   |                      | James Somerville 23              |

Chair Honorable David Groves declared Patricia A. Thompson elected as Region V Director, and James Somerville and Veronica S. Sims elected for the National Nominating Committee.

| VI      | Regional Director                 | 21                   | Edward M.V. Ratcliffe received 21 |
|         | National Nominating Committee     | 21                   | Jacqueline B. Cook received 21   |
|         |                                   |                      | Jacqueline T. Horne received 21  |

Chair Honorable David Groves declared Edward M.V. Ratcliffe elected as Region VI Director, and Jacqueline Cook and Jacqueline T. Horne elected for the National Nominating Committee.

| VII     | Regional Director                 | 13                   | Christine Wilder received 13     |
|         | National Nominating Committee     | 13                   | John A. Gandy received 12        |
|         |                                   |                      | Leslie Slade received 13         |

Chair Honorable David Groves declared Christine Wilder elected as Region VII Director, and Leslie Slade and John A. Gandy elected for the National Nominating Committee.

| VIII    | Regional Director                 | 8                    | Gary Blackmon received 8        |
|         | National Nominating Committee     | 6                    | Johnny Barideaux received 6     |
|         |                                   |                      | Kenya Robinson received 6       |

Chair Honorable David Groves declared Gary Blackmon elected as Region VIII Director, and Johnny Barideaux and Kenya Robinson elected for the National Nominating Committee.
### Region IX

**Regional Director**
Number of votes cast—14
Kenneth C. Pearson received 14

**National Nominating Committee**
Number of votes cast—13
Dinah R. Goodspeed received 8
Christopher A. Rollins received 10
Lorraine Watkins received 7

Chair Honorable David Groves declared Kenneth C. Pearson elected as Region IX Director, and Christopher A. Rollins and Dinah R. Goodspeed elected for the National Nominating Committee.

### Region X

**Regional Director**
Number of votes cast—11
Patricia Brooks Ly received 11

**National Nominating Committee**
Number of votes cast—13
Lacretiah Claytor received 13
Jo Woods received 13

Chair Honorable David Groves declared Patricia Brooks Ly elected as Region X Director, and Lacretiah Claytor and Jo Woods elected for the National Nominating Committee.

### Region XI

**Regional Director**
Number of votes cast—129
Glynis M. Hill received 129

**National Nominating Committee**
Number of votes cast—146
Melinda Deloatch-Speight received 114
Donna Hill received 53
Michael McCrimmon received 112

Chair Honorable David Groves declared Glynis M. Hill elected as Region XI Director, and Michael McCrimmon and Melinda Deloatch-Speight elected for the National Nominating Committee.

### RESOLUTION COMMITTEE REPORT:
Honorable Terrence Williams, greeted the assembly and introduced the committee’s members. Honorable Williams presented six proposed resolutions as follows:

1. **Recognition of Honorable Melvin Davis**

   **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** we extend our sincere gratitude and respect to the family of The Honorable Melvin Davis and believe that he now resides with our Lord and Savior and is full of joy as he wears his crown and robe of righteousness, and request that a copy of this resolution be sent to his family and church leadership.

By committee action, Honorable Terrence Williams moved to adopt the proposed resolution [Recognition of Honorable Melvin Davis]; motion carried without objection.

2. **BIG Supports 'The Democracy Reform Task Force’ and Congressional Leaders Urging U.S. Senate Passage of S.949, Formally U.S. House of Representative (H.R.) 1 “For the People Act of 2019”**

   **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**
   That the National President of Blacks In Government will write a letter to Bill Sponsor Honorable John Sarbanes (D/MD), House of Representatives; Honorable Nancy Pelosi, House Speaker; and Senator Tom Udall (D-NM),
thanking all (3) three for sponsoring and supporting this powerful legislation and, specifically to advise the Democracy Reform Task Force Chairman Sarbanes to add BIG’s endorsement, as leading grassroots advocacy organization in America, for H.R.1 on his webpage, https://democracyreform-sarbanes.house.gov/newsroom/press-releases/leading-grassroots-advocacy-organizations-endorse-house-democrats-once-in-a *, and that

(1) The National President of Blacks In Government will write the Chairman for the U.S. Senate, the Honorable Mitch McConnel, asking him to support S.649, the Senate version of H.R.1.

By committee action, Honorable Terrence Williams moved not to adopt the proposed resolution [BIG Supports ‘The Democracy Reform Task Force’ and Congressional Leaders Urging U.S. Senate Passage of S.949, Formally U.S. House of Representative (H.R.) 1 “For the Peoples Act of 2019”].

After discussion, Chair Honorable David Groves prepared the delegates for a vote on the proposed resolution.

The results of the vote were 211 for the motion, 86 against the motion, and 20 abstained; proposed resolution passed.


THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

(1) The BIG National President will send a letter to NAACP Washington Bureau Directory Hillary O. Shelton advising him of this resolution and that BIG National ask all of its members to contact and email their legislative Representatives at www.house.gov and www.Senate.gov, urging passage of H.R. 1500 the Consumer First Act;
(2) The BIG President will send a letter to the Honorable Maxine Waters thanking her for introducing this legislation and BIG’s unwavering support; and
(3) The BIG National President will send a letter to the Honorable Nancy Pelosi, House Speaker, asking her to support passage H.R. 1500 – The Consumer First Act.

By committee action, Honorable Terrence Williams moved to adopt the proposed resolution if one statement is removed and it is in paragraph number two that says, “and BIG unwavering support.” [BIG Joins NAACP Urging the U.S. House of Representatives (H.R.) Passage of H.R. 1500, ‘The Consumers First Act’ Introduced by Congresswoman Maxine Waters (CA)].

After discussion, Chair Honorable David Groves prepared the delegates for a vote on the proposed resolution.

The results of the vote were 264 for the motion, 34 against the motion, and 28 abstained; proposed resolution passed with the removal of that language.
4. BIG Honors Sarah Haycox for Spearheading the Early Learning Center to be Named in Honor of Slain Civil Rights Leader Edwin T. Pratt*

THE THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

(1) BIG will send a plaque and letter to Sarah Haycox thanking her for honoring a fallen civil rights leader by spearheading a movement to have his name memorialized in the education of others through an early learning center.

(2) BIG National President will send a letter to the Pratt Family advising them of BIG appreciation honoring Sarah Haycox for her tenacity and support to honor a slain civil rights leader.

(3) BIG National President will send an email letter to CBS ‘On the Road’ Executive Producer at OnTheRoad@cbsnews.com and reporter Steve Hartman advising of this BIG Resolution and thanking them both for airing this story.

By committee action, Honorable Terrence Williams moved not to adopt proposed resolution [BIG Honors Sarah Haycox for Spearheading the Early Learning Center to be Named in Honor of Slain Civil Rights Leader Edwin T. Pratt*].

After discussion, Chair Honorable David Groves ruled this resolution out of order.

5. BIG Stands in Solidarity with the National Urban League’s 2019 State of Black America Report Identifying Erosion of the 1965 Voting Rights Act*

THE THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

(1) The BIG National President will send a letter to Mark Morial, President of the National Urban League, thanking the Urban League for its tenacity in reporting the facts on African American voter suppression and advise that BIG will operate in solidarity with the Urban League on abating voter suppression.

(2) The BIG National President will send an electronic communication to its membership base advising them of this adopted resolution linked to the 2019 State of Black America, Urban League report, and ask them to support the Urban League in its advocacy to abate State and Local efforts to erode the 1964 Voting Rights Acts.

(3) The BIG National President will direct its National BIG Vote chair to write its National Urban League counterpart and express support on related State and Local voting rights issues.

By committee action, Honorable Terrence Williams moved not to adopt proposed resolution and it should be referred to the legal review committee as a recommendation. [BIG Stands In Solidarity With The National Urban League’s 2019 State of Black America Report Identifying Erosion Of The 1965 Voting Rights Act*].

National President Honorable Dr. Doris P. Sartor, Region IV, General Chappie James Chapter, offered a substitute motion and that this be referred to the Project BIG Vote Chair for immediate implementation and seconded by Director Shelly Warren, Greater New Orleans Chapter, Region VI; the motion passed.

After discussion, Chair Honorable David Groves moved to refer to the Project BIG Vote Chair, Honorable Toni Pearson.
6. BIG Creates Feasibility Study for Each Members In Good Financial Standing to Vote for BIG National Officers.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**
The BIG National Board of Directors and/or National President will conduct a feasibility study within seven (7) months following the adoption of this resolution, allowing all BIG members to vote for its National Elected Officers within the National Executive Committee.

By committee action, Honorable Terrence Williams moved not to adopt the proposed resolution, [*BIG Creates Feasibility Study for Each Members In Good Financial Standing to Vote for BIG National Officers*].

After discussion, Chair Honorable David Groves ruled this resolution out of order.

**CLOSING REMARKS:**

National President Honorable Dr. Doris P. Sartor thanked the delegates for proceeding through delegates assembly in record time and the National Delegates Assembly team for putting on this assembly. She also congratulated the new Board of Directors, all the newly-elected officers, and delegates for handling business with decorum and being BIG all over. She wished everyone good luck, to enjoy the NTI and to remember always be an ambassador for Blacks In Government.

**RECOGNITION:** Chair Honorable David Groves recognized the National Delegates Assembly Team for their great work in planning and implementing the business meeting.

**FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Honorable J. David Reeves, Past National President, Region XI, thanked Chair Honorable David Groves for his excellence service in providing a well-run and well-organized delegates assembly.

LaShan L. Haynes, EPA William D. Barber, Jr., Chapter, Region XI, announced that the Lower Manhattan Chapter, New Kemet Harambe Chapter, South Market Area Chapter, and the EPA William D. Barber, Jr., Chapter are having a service project called Blessing Bags and they are collecting toiletries for the 2nd Change of Dallas Men’s Shelter on Tuesday, August 6, 2019 and encouraged all to support.

First Vice President, Jesse Sharpe, Department of Education Chapter, Region XI, announced that on Tuesday, August 6, 2019, Tennessee College and Alliances will host a coffee social from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m., CST. It’s open to all attendees and it is free.

Marcus Singleton, USAID Chapter, Bureau of Diplomatic Security has a booth and will be recruiting.

Honorable Mary Thomas, National Delegates Assembly Deputy Chair, thanked Chair Honorable David Groves for his outstanding leadership. Also, she mentioned to stop by the BIG Store and support all the exhibitors.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Neavaly Touray, NOAA Chapter, Region XI, moved to adjourn the 2019 National Delegates Assembly, and Janice Hall, HHS-College Park Chapter, Region XI, seconded; motion carried.
The National Delegates Assembly adjourned on Sunday, August 4, 2019, at 5:25 p.m. CST.

Respectfully Submitted,
PAULA E. DAVIS
National Secretary

THE HONORABLE DAVID GROVES
Chair, National Delegates Assembly