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MEMORANDUM FOR CHAPTER PRESIDENTS AND REGIONAL COUNCIL PRESIDENTS

FROM: The Honorable Dr. Doris P. Sartor
National President

Rochelle L. Bryant
National Assistant Treasurer

SUBJECT: 2020 National Delegates Strength Deadline

The deadline for determining Chapter and Regional delegate strength will be approaching soon. **The cutoff date is June 24, 2020.**

As per the Blacks In Government National Constitution, Article VII, Section 2, Subsection C.(4), Chapter Delegates:

"In determining delegate eligibility, only Regular members of Chapters in good financial standing with the Regional Council and the National Organization at least sixty (60) days prior to the Assembly shall be counted unless the Chapter being represented is less than 60 days old."

Additionally, pursuant to Article V, Section 4, Chapter Formation and Reporting Requirements and Article VII, Section 2, Subsection C, Chapter Delegates, paragraphs 2.C.(1), 2.C.(4) and 2.C.(5)(a) of the National Constitution of Blacks In Government, Inc., and the National Board of Directors Policy Manual, Policy #1:00, paragraph E, Delegates Assembly Authorizations, and Policy #1:24, Chapters and Regions Financial Reporting Requirements, the number of authorized delegates to the National Delegates Assembly (NDA) has been determined for each Chapter as contained therein. **Criteria is summarized below:**

1. To be considered eligible to have delegates, the Chapter must be in an active status 60 days prior to the convening of the NDA, unless exempted by the National Board of Directors (NBOD). That is the Chapter must maintain at least ten (10) qualified regular active dues-paying members and complete a financial report and forward the report to the National Organization annually. This excludes Chapters who have been chartered less than 60 days.
2. Any Nonexempt Chapter not having 10 regular active dues-paying members 60 days prior to the convening of the NDA will be ineligible to have delegates.

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3. A qualified regular member is defined as a member whose membership category is Regular member (RM), Regular Life member (RLM) and Regular Gold Plus member (RGPM).
4. The Number of Chapter delegates is a factor based on the number of qualified RM, RLM or RGPM who are in good financial standing with the National Organization and Regional Council 60 days prior to the convening of the Delegates Assembly. Associate members are not counted when determining the number of authorized delegates.

Chapter Membership	Number of Delegates
1 - 25	2
26 - 50	4
51 - 75	6
76 - 100	8
101 - 300	16
301 - 500	32
Over 500	40

Membership Cutoff date: June 24, 2020

National membership dues for each Chapters qualified RMs, RLMs or RGPMS whose membership expires on or before June 24, 2020 **must** be received by the National Organization no later than June 24, 2020, (*postmarked or Hand Delivered*).

National membership dues for each Chapters RMs, RLMs or RGPMS who are new members of the Organization must be received by the National Organization no later than June 24, 2020, (*postmarked or Hand Delivered*).

Request for Membership Roster Updates

We encourage you to review your Chapter membership data to ensure that the rosters are accurate and up-to-date. To obtain your rosters, go to www.bignet.org, click on the online membership feature and follow the prompts. Please review the information given on your Chapter roster. It is essential that you update the roster and provide any changes, additional or deletions to the National Organization as soon as possible as this will assist us as we determine your Chapters delegate strength.

You should send your membership dues and roster updates to:

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 ATTN: MEMBERSHIP
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Direct questions or concerns about the authorized delegate count to Ms. Rochelle L. Bryant, National Assistant Treasurer, at roceob@gmail.com and direct questions about the chapter roster to Ms. Monica Hedgspeth, National Membership Chair, at membership.inquiries@bignet.org We strongly encourage you to submit any outstanding memberships to the National Organization as soon as possible, but definitely by the **cut-off date of June 24, 2020**.

cc:

Chair, National Board of Directors
 Chair, National Delegates Assembly
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