



Spring 2020

Q Visions
The Newsletter of the
Nation Association of
Black and White Men To-
gether

We are a gay, multiracial, multicultural organization. We are committed to fostering respect, honesty, and communication among people of different races and cultural backgrounds. We welcome people of all racial, ethnic and cultural backgrounds.

From the Co Chairs

Happy New Year!!! We hope that you had a wonderful holiday season culminating with a fantastic New Year's! 2020 looks to be a wonderful and eventful year.

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Co-Chairs Article

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For those of you who attended the 39th convention, “Diversity is our strength” in Washington, DC, you will recall that we announced at the closing banquet a bequest from the estate of longtime member Ken Pavlick. Since that time, a committee was formed and led by Dr. Preston Shumaker and Steve Ball with the assistance of Steve McGehee and the co-chairs. The committee reviewed suggestions from members and came up with their own recommendations. At the October 2019 board meeting in Long Beach, CA, the board unanimously voted to accept the committee recommendations and created two new scholarships available for the next 5 years.

These new KPBF scholarships are intended to reduce

the cost of attending convention and expose and remind the community of our organization. The first scholarship, called U35, is geared towards people 35 and under. The convention registration rate for these people is reduced to \$50! The second scholarship, called FIRST, is geared toward first time convention attendees or those who have not attended an NABWMT convention in 10 years or more. We believe the reduced registration fee will help people take a chance and attend our conventions.

To register for convention using these new scholarships, click on this link: <https://www.nabwmt.org/store/discounts-2020/>

Keep in mind, in addition to these new scholarships, we have the Michael W. Smith Legacy and the Wendell Roberson Scholarships. These scholarships are intended to help defray the cost of attending convention for those in financial need. Confidentiality for those who apply for these scholarships is respected. To learn more detail about the scholarship eligibility, go to: <https://www.nabwmt.org/store/scholarships/>

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Our last scholarship is the B. Chambers Educational Scholarship founded and managed by Dr. Preston Shumaker. This scholarship is geared towards an LGBT student in an accredited college or trade school. If you know an LGBT student that would benefit from a scholarship, more information and the application can be found by going to: <https://www.nabwmt.org/store/scholarships/>

Gavin and Scott have served the organization as co-chairs since the 2016 convention in Memphis. Their term will expire on September 30, 2020 with elections being held at the New Orleans convention. While leading this organization has been a fulfilling and profound honor for both of us, however, it is time for new ideas, energy and leadership. If you are at all interested in helping lead this organization in the new decade and keep the momentum building towards our 50th year, contact Gavin or Scott ([email nabwmt@nabwmt.org](mailto:nabwmt@nabwmt.org)) and we can share what being a co-chair really means. Our organization is filled with talented, experienced and passionate members.

Under the leadership of Ken Scott-Baron and Demetrius Mack, we are proud to continue two programs related to the upcoming November elections. These fine gentlemen have organized a voters guide to share the candidates positions on key issues like – immigration, healthcare, gun issues, and wealth inequality and organization a voter registration drive. It is our civic duty to vote in the primary and general elections. Scott shared “every time I vote, in the voting booth I take a moment and remember those that died to give me the right to vote. Voting honors their memory and sacrifice.”

So as we change the calendar from 2019 to 2020, we have much to look forward, much to celebrate and much to appreciate. As you make your New Years resolutions, keep the NABWMT in mind. Make a resolution to read Q-Visions, resolve to attend convention to reconnect with your chosen family and re-engage with the greater LG-BTQ community, and make sure to vote. Your vote matters!

Yours in brotherhood, Gavin and Scott

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40th Anniversary Convention!!

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40th Anniversary Legacy Book

***1981, San Francisco, CA:
1982, Washington, DC:
1983, Columbus, OH:
1984, Atlanta, GA:***

We are drawing closer the 40th Anniversary convention of NABWMT in New Orleans in July 2020. Along with the normal convention program, we are producing a 40th Anniversary Legacy Book of the NA.

This book will cover all 40 years of the organization, from our beginnings to the present. This will include the many projects, initiatives, and incalculable humanitarianism shown by our members to our members and the community at large.

We have a long history of fighting racism, homophobia, HIV/AIDS discrimination, and other ism's in our community. At this year's convention, we are going to take a moment to look back at our accomplishments and reflect on our progress as an organization and our relationship with the gay community and with the world we live in today. Join us in New Orleans as we celebrate this milestone in our organization and experience why "we are family."

To keep projects like this one going, we are asking a "small" price for the 40th Anniversary Legacy Book. Currently, we are thinking \$20 for the book. This may change as we haven't yet printed the book itself but are anticipating staying within budget, but then again, you never know. We will also print a limited number of Legacy books, so don't hesitate to purchase one at convention.

We are planning to roll out the Legacy book with some fanfare. We are asking you bring old chapter banners and t-shirts. We plan to hang the banners (if the hotel cooperates) and set up tables to give your t-shirts away during one of the luncheons or dinners.

Let's celebrate this event with flare since we are going to be in New Orleans. I'm getting excited and eagerly awaiting for this year's convention and I hope you plan on joining us in New Orleans July 22 – 26, 2020! Laissez le bon temps rouler! **Doug Reynolds**

MEDIA COMM 2019 REVIEW

We celebrate our commitment to bring our members, friends and allies the best media presence to enhance our statement of purpose. In our final video cast of the year we note our achievements of 2019.

We launched our upgraded NA aural Podcasts midyear to include some video presentations to make our messages more visual. This podcast is designed to reflect the urgency of our times. 22 podcasts were made during 2019.

We are in a very difficult and threatening times and events are undermining and attacking our values in our country and lives. We have an administration that has removed or rolled back historic gains in laws protecting the communities of color, queer people and hurting many at the margins. Never before have our right to vote been so overtly and forcibly suppressed and gerrymandered. Our committee will continue to keep you all updated.

Meanwhile we were happy to work with the B. CHAMBERS FUND organizers which recognizes LGBTQ students for their scholastic achievement and making a significant impact in their communities. Since the fund's inception, nearly \$20,000 have been awarded.

And just as exciting the NABWMT was the fortunate benefactor of The Ken Pavlick Bequest which a select committee used this Fund is to ensure the robust and vibrant development of the NABWMT 2020 through 2030. The Media Committee developed the web portals to attract younger (under 35), first timers, and "returning" (after 10 years), attendees to the Convention.

Within The NA Media Committee we started a program to help our members and allies to vote for the candidate of their choice in the midterm 2018 elections. We did this to emphasize our collective values. Working with our consultants, we developed a 2020 program to tell all that we believe that no life is worth less or more than any other life based upon race, sex, sexual orientation, gender or gender expression, color, age, or geographic origin. This program led to the development of a phone banking methodology to contact our members with voting information for the 2020 General Election. Our main website hosts a voter guide.

In the social media arena, we curated over 13,000 members of our main Facebook page providing careful oversight. Likewise, our fledgling political action Face-

book was developed to provide a space for education on the state of our values.

In accordance with our Standing rules which state, in part, that "The NABWMT will publish an electronic publication at least quarterly that shall contain news of the organization.." we provided a notable upgrade with digital online access of our Q-Vision newsletter.

The media committee hosted or assisted online presences of information for California, Arizona, Wisconsin and of course that nation at large with our main site: nabwmt.org.

We still support Email Blasts by Mail Chimp where our audience allowed us to exceed sector average "opens" at 28%.

Finally we are grateful for the support of many people this year. First, the NA co chairs Scott and Gavin, who are great boosters of our work. We recognize also, fellow Media Committee member Mark and Media consultants Irwin, Tim. Steve, Mack, Kirk, and many more including the NA Board members. Our work is made possible by you all.



NEWS of FRIENDS AND ALLIES

FROM PACT Philadelphia

13th Annual Community Kwanzaa Celebration

This year's Kwanzaa Celebration was again, another successful event.

PACT joined with Philadelphia Black Pride and other organizations and individuals to co-sponsor this event which is free to everyone.

Shelton West, one of our members, sang in his usual wondrous voice, and

'Stevie Wonder' made two appearances. After the show, there was a food spread and lots of conversations.

Scott Cole RIP



Former BWMT Detroit member Scott Cole passed away earlier this week. I don't have the details of his passing other than I was told when he got off the bus from work- he walked to the nearby gas station mini mart and collapsed . I can only speculate he had a massive heart attack but I do not have the details. Scott just turned 60 years old in December

Those who knew Scott and spent time with him- knew him to be a kind gentle soul , who seemingly did not have a care in the world. He was fun and fun loving especially as I remember him at Cedar Point and the roller coaster rides-- -he was in heaven on those rides.

His carefree disposition will be missed by those who he spent the most time with and those who knew him. Keep his family and friends in your prayers.

Sbmitted by Brian Porter

Do you have news to share?

**Please email us at:
nabwmt@nabwmt.org**

From our Philadelphia Chapter

"A Call to Arms: Name Change or Not to Change"
Tyrone Harvey, PACT Member

It hit me first on May...2019, the date of our last Anniversary celebration which was held at JNA Caterers on Broad St. I knew it would be a momentous occasion, but really didn't understand the true impact until later. As we went through the usual exchange of pleasantries, greeting old friends, reflecting on memories of the past as I had not seen most of them for many moons, we settled into our seats and the first glance of the program immediately caught my attention. There it was, P-A-C-T Philadelphia. Whoa! Were my eyes deceiving me? Was there an egregious error made by the printer that somehow slipped by the watchful eye of our top notch quality assurance (Anniversary) team? Or was it true that a name change had officially been made to the organization which I had been associated with since 1994, formerly known as MACT-Philadelphia? Much to my shock and dismay, it was the latter. As my mind shook in disbelief, I sat in silence trying to hold my emotions in check but felt as if someone had just whispered in my ear, "you're no longer in Kansas, Dorothy!" As I reflected on past efforts

To move the organization in that direction, I recalled the passionate pleas which were made in attempts to bring the group to a better understanding of the fact that (1) membership, while technically good, was stagnant and needed to grow; (2) that our organization and statement of purpose was not embraced by the newer or younger generations, as times had changed and they did not face the same challenges; and (3) that there was a need to partner with other organizations, in order to remain relevant in the new LGBTQ landscape. Nonetheless, the evening continued and the festivities included the awarding of special honours to Amber Hikes, Philadelphia LGBT Liaison. Ms. Hikes addressed the group, giving accolades and kudos to the group for work over the years as well as its progression towards inclusivity with the recent name change.

It took me back to the days when individuals like Mandy Carter were connected to our national organization and when a woman from the Philadelphia area was elected to serve on the Board of Directors. I engaged in some discussion with the members seated at my table and it seemed as if everyone, including the city's appointed LGBT leadership were in support of the name change and held a positive impression as to the path that was being taken. I got the impression that no one wanted to "rock the boat" so to speak, so I left the event with a positive outlook and feeling hopeful for the organization's future and the name change. Afterwards, my thoughts centered on how things in the organization had changed and I was forced to begin thinking about my involvement with the organization, which had been minimal for some time prior to then. I realized that while the organization was pivotal to my coming "out" and into the self that I am, I hadn't maintained my connections to the group nor its mission, as I once had. Yes, life was happening with, within and around me and in many ways had taken me further away from the organization—I hadn't been attending social events, political activities and had infrequent personal interaction directly with members of the group.

I didn't revisit my thoughts on the matter again until attending the national convention in Washington, DC. I am not sure if it was the fact that a group of us was again together or if it was weighing heavily on my mind, but the mere mention of a name change on the national level ignited conversations about our local organization, as one of the last surviving chapters in the National Association. It was there that new facts and understandings came to light and a culmination of divergent thoughts and surrounding circumstances regarding the current status of the organization were revealed. At that time, we were not able to fully discuss what had taken place in the wake of the name change nor to develop a plan of action as to how we would be moving forward, but it did signal that regardless of the "name" of the organization, there was work to be done to address some of the concerns that still existed within the group.

At our November, 2019 general membership meeting, the sirens of alarm as to the organization's future AND the current name change rang loud and clear. As we waited in vain for our speaker to arrive, thoughts of the name change entered the conversation and shaped the exchange of personal stories that were shared by those in attendance. Members shared thoughts as to their reasons for joining the organization and what they would like to see and receive in return as a result of involvement; what other organizations offer by way of benefits; what participation entails and how those things keep us motivated to continue membership. While these things are truly important and will ultimately shape which organizations we choose to become involved with and remain attached to, there must also be accountability by membership that there is a reciprocal responsibility that they have to the organization for maintaining its standards and continuation.

It is this sort of deep searching that each member will need to undergo and the type of commitment required at the table, during public events and behind the scenes to continue to operate as an organization. Therefore, this is a call to arms for all Philadelphia soldiers who believe in the statement of purpose and mission of our organization to commit themselves on January 17th in collaboration and partnership to assemble the building blocks in place to maintain what we have together, regardless of the name we choose or have chosen for ourselves.



A selection from our video cast and podcast series

Broken Justice: This video cast topic is an update on the roots of mass incarceration and the Broken Justice system.

Slavery: I know that our viewers understand that the first enslaved people were sold in Jamestown, in 1619. This started centuries of oppression of people at the margins. And you know that America and the White House were built by slaves. And that white Americans profited from forced Black labor.

Jim Crow: In 1865, slavery ended, but oppression did not. Enter the so called “Jim Crow” era which effectively legalized segregation in all aspects of American life, for the next 100 years and brought terror against Black people, intended to maintain the status quo. It wasn’t until the 1960s, with the passage of the Voting Rights and Fair Housing acts that the Jim Crow era officially ended. In the housing boom of the 1950s, as white America began building wealth in the suburbs, Black people, were deliberately and systematically shut out, a method called “redlining”. While the law made redlining illegal, racism in the mortgage industry didn’t go away.

Similarly, the end of slavery didn’t stop former slave holders from thinking of Black people as slaves. The 13th Amendment outlawed slavery, but left a loophole known as “except as punishment for crime.” States throughout the former Confederacy immediately began drafting laws guaranteed to lead to the arrest of Black people. The roots of today’s mass incarceration are in those laws.

There’s a direct line from slavery to the fact that the average Black family has only 10 % for every dollar held by the average white family. And, while blacks are only 13% of the overall population, they make up 40% of the prison population. Slavery’s impact is felt every single day by African Americans.

The results of a national research by the Open Society Institute,, say that most Americans believe the country’s criminal justice system comprises an ineffective, purely punitive approach to crime.

Mass Incarceration Americans want to attack the causes of crime rather than the

symptoms;

Budget Shortfalls and Prison Spending 42 of the 50 states are running budget deficits. Given a choice of six budget areas that could be reduced to help states balance the budget, the public places spending on prisons at the top of their list, tied with transportation. Americans would take the budget axe to prisons much more quickly than to childcare for working families, security against terrorism, education and job training, or healthcare. Hispanics and blue-collar workers are among the strongest supporters of cutbacks in prison spending

The War on Drugs Many non-violent offenders are receiving prison sentences that are counterproductive and unduly harsh. Americans describe drug abuse as a medical problem that should be handled mainly through counseling and treatment. According to the research, Americans believe that today’s prisons are no more than “warehouses,” providing little or no rehabilitation or re-entry programs, that instead simply store criminals for a period of time and then dump them back on the street, no different than when they were first incarcerated.

Changing Views on Mandatory Sentencing The public has now turned against previously popular mandatory sentences, such as “three strikes” provisions.

Prevention is Nation’s #1 Criminal Justice Goal Americans see prevention as the most important function of the criminal justice system, and also the function that is most sorely lacking. Several groups rank after-school activities ahead of values education as the best way to prevent crime. The preventive measure perceived to be most effective at reducing crime is character education—teaching young people personal responsibility and moral values.

Additional key findings

- *“The nation’s approach to crime is off on the wrong track
- *The war on drugs as a failure
- *The best way to reduce crime is to effectively rehabilitate prisoners by requiring education and job training so that once released

The Prison Industrial Complex This refers to the overlapping interests of the government and private companies in mass incarceration, and the fundamental relationship between punishment and commerce. it was born in the '80s, when the War on Drugs was enacted in full force under President Reagan. We send more people to prison than any other nation on Earth, and people of color make up most of that incarcerated population.

Here are five ways the prison-industrial complex functions as a new, legal form of slavery.

- *Incarcerated individuals are legally “The Property Of The Government”
- *Prisoners are leased to private companies for mandatory labor
- *Prisoners work and live In Inhumane conditions
- *Prisoners are paid next to nothing while corporations profit huge amounts
- *The system dehumanizes Incarcerated Individuals

In her book *The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration and the Age of Colour-blindness*, legal scholar and civil rights advocate Michelle Alexander calls life after prison a parallel to the slavery and Jim Crow era, “in which discrimination in nearly every aspect of social, political, and economic life is perfectly legal.”NEWS

We can’t ever hope to effectively fight systemic racism or transform our broken criminal justice system if we don’t truly understand why and how things got to be the way they are. The future of this country depends on our ability to embrace the truth about our collective history, even the parts that make us want to look away. And NABWMT will always be there to educate and inform

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*<https://www.benjerry.com/whats-new/2019/08/slavery-to-mass-incarceration> | Library of Congress audio files <http://www.safetyandjusticechallenge.org/resource/broken-ground-why-america-keeps-building-more-jails-and-what-it-can-do-instead/> https://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/social-justice-reform-is-no-justice-at-all/2019/11/27/139dff76-109b-11ea-b0fc-62cc38411ebb_story.html *<https://www.opensocietyfoundations.org/newsroom/majority-americans-think-us-criminal-justice-system-broken-ineffective-see-need> *<https://www.bustle.com/articles/142340-5-ways-the-us-prison-industrial-complex-mimics-slavery> <http://newjimcrow.com/>

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CONVENTION 40

New Orleans Awaits

Our Spectacular 40th
Convention will be one of the best



Whether it is your first time or you are returning to visit with your brothers, friends and family – Welcome! 2020 is the 40th anniversary of the National Association of Black & White Men Together and to celebrate, we are offering some amazing discounts on the regular convention registration rate of \$175. (SEE LINK BELOW)

Registration includes access to all official convention programs, events and the infamous “no-talent show”. Three meals are included including the closing banquet. So come and join us!

First Timers \$75

If this is your first ever NABWMT Convention, we have special discounted rate, saving \$100 (over 50%) on the regular convention price of \$175.

Returning Friends \$75

If you have not been to convention in ten+ years, please come back and revisit with old friends at this special discounted rate, saving \$100 (over 50%) on the regular convention price of \$175

Age 35 and under \$50

As a very special incentive to make the convention accessible to younger attendees, please note that you can save \$125 (over 70%) on the regular convention price of \$175

**NEW SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE FOR
NEW ORLEANS CONVENTION**

Apply for NEW Scholarship

New: [Go To Ken Pavlick Bequest Fund](#)

Other Scholarships: Next Page

Apply for LEGACY Funds or Scholarships

Go to [W.Roberson , B. Chambers & M.Smith Funds](#)

B. Chambers Scholarship Fund OVERVIEW

We are excited to announce this 2020 scholarships to recognize LGBTQ students for their scholastic achievement and making a significant impact in their communities. THREE \$1500.00 scholarships will be awarded to outstanding students making a difference. Since the fund's inception, nearly \$20,000 have been awarded.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Applicants must be a citizen of the United States and accepted in an accredited college, university or technical school.
- Applicants must possess a minimum 2.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

Required Scholarship Information:

- Name, address, telephone, current school
- Two letters of Recommendation: A personal reference which speaks to your character and an academic reference which conveys your school performance
- Current official transcript of grades
- A completed scholarship essay

2020 Essay Question (500 Word Maximum)

“Hate has increased dramatically toward LGBTQ persons in recent days. Share your experiences with hate and possible solutions to address this rising challenge.”

Mail completed scholarship submissions, by May 31, 2020 to:

B. Chambers Scholarship Fund c/o Dr. PL Shumaker, 670 Louis Henna Blvd #704, Round Rock, TX 78664. email: docplshu@gmail.com

Winners will be contacted by phone. If selected, all winners must attend the 39th Annual National Association of Black & White Men Together Convention Banquet on July 26, 2020 at the Double Tree Hotel, 300 Canal Street, New Orleans, LA 70130 to accept the scholarship award. Good Luck!

M. Smith Fund

Named in honor of NABWMT's founder and helps individuals with demonstrated financial need attend the annual convention, particularly so the recipient can take advantage of the educational programming at the core of convention's purpose.

This scholarship has been expanded this year to include long term members.

Requirements of the Legacy Scholarship include: A Lifetime Membership or Lifetime Achievement Award Winner or

Served on chapter or national Board of Directors or 20 years of Membership or

Fixed Income or Retired, Scholarship used for: Convention Registration, Hotel, Travel Costs

W.Roberson Fund

Examples include transportation, lodging and/or meals. First priority for Wendell Roberson Fund awards is given to persons living with HIV who also have a demonstrated financial need. Second priority is given to persons not living with HIV who nonetheless have a demonstrated financial need.

Funds are disbursed directly to the vendor (i.e. to the hotel or airline) or on a reimbursement basis for approved purposes (i.e. meals) upon furnishing valid receipts.

NEW ORLEANS HOTEL INFORMATION



Room rates at the convention hotel (Doubletree on Canal Street) start at just \$109 + tax per night, so if you have not been to New Orleans before, why not extend your stay with your new friends

This special extension rate applies to three days prior and three days post the convention. For hotel information please [click here](#)

For further information on the convention hotel please [click here](#)

The French Quarter



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New Orleans, LA

July 22, 2020 – July 26, 2020

\$175 per person

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Future NABWMT Conventions

By Scott Duty

2021
Minneapolis,
MN



The board of directors, convention managers and convention planning committee are all hard at work putting together our 40th annual convention in New Orleans, LA later this year.

2021 Minneapolis, MN

It might be hard to imagine, but work has already begun for the 41st convention in Minneapolis, MN and the 42nd convention in Atlanta, GA. The work is preliminary – site selection, convention theme and the like have already begun. Our host hotel will be the [Crowne Plaza Northstar](#) in downtown Minneapolis.

As we discussed convention locations over the past few years, Minneapolis was repeatedly mentioned. If you have not been there before, you are in for a treat. I have been fortunate enough to travel to the greater Minneapolis area many times with my work. These trips have exposed me to what is known as “Minnesota Nice.” A wonderfully accepting people, politeness and gratitude abound.

Minneapolis has a vibrant downtown area with lots of shopping, restaurants and bars that thrives on diversity. Not just diversity in sexuality, but also as a place that embraces the many nationalities that have made the Minneapolis/St. Paul/Bloomfield areas home.

This diversity happened quite by accident. The area is home to a world-class airport that used to be a hub for Northwest Airlines (before being acquired by Delta Airlines). Immigrants from Africa would fly to Northwest Airlines to America and many stayed in the city where they landed.

The area is also home to the Mall of America – the largest shopping mall in the United States complete with an indoor roller coaster! Several years ago, a light rail system was completed. With stops located throughout downtown and out to the suburbs, you can get from downtown to the airport in about 20 minutes or the Mall of America in about 30 minutes for \$2.50. The train even has Wi-Fi.

If you are interested in being on the convention planning committee, please reach out to Scott and Gavin at nabwmt@nabwmt.org.

2022 Atlanta, GA

In the blink of an eye, we will be going to Hotlanta for the NABWMT 42nd annual convention. The convention planning committee is being led by Nat Martin and Travis Robinson. We are excited to have the Atlanta chapter show us their amazing city and southern hospitality.

The area is truly a gateway to the south. World headquarters for Delta Airlines, Coca-Cola, CNN, the Atlanta Braves, Falcons and Thrashers - the city is energetic and quite memorable. Since Atlanta is so easy to get to, we expect to have wonderful speakers and workshop presenters.

As details emerge for the program, we will look engage with the history and heritage. Home of Ebenezer Baptist Church, [The Martin Luther King, Jr. National Park](#) and a couple hour drive to the newly opened [The National Memorial for Peace and Justice](#) near Montgomery, AL.

Dates and host hotel to be determined in the next year or so.

If you are interested in being a part of the convention planning committee, please reach out to Nat and Travis!

2022
Atlanta,
GA



NABWMT VOTER GUIDE

YOUR VALUES ARE AT STAKE

NABWMT 2020 GENERAL ELECTION VOT- ER GUIDE

THE NABWMT PROVIDES A VOTER GUIDE FOR OUR MEMBERS AND ALLIES.

WE DO NOT ENDORSE ANY CANDIDATES, BUT OUTLINE THEIR POSITIONS RELEVANT TO OUR VALUES AND MISSION STATEMENT. LINK TO OUR [VOTER GUIDE](#)

WE PROVIDE THESE REVIEWS OF CANDI- DATES WITH A FOCUS ON FOUR ISSUES IMPORTANT TO OUR VALUES: Health Care, Immigration, Gun Issues. Wealth Inequality
Are you ready to work with us on the im- portant task of informing our friends and allies on voting according to our values?

Please [Contact us](#)

• THE CENSUS CITIZENSHIP QUESTION

- We must remember that this is also the time for our once-in-a-decade national Census. If we aren't counted, then our city & state will have LESS federal money for the next 10 years, and our political voice is weakened by having remapped voting districts with different representation than we now have.
- BEING IGNORED BY NOT BEING PROPERLY COUNTED IS LIKE BEING INVISIBLE, AND IS ONE OF THE WORST FORMS OF DISCRIMINATION!!
- **CALL TO ACTION**
- **Contact your [Senator](#) to support the Every Person Counts Act**

How To Find Out

Encourage your family, neighbors, friends and fellow BWMT/MACT/NABWMT friends to VOTE in upcoming elections!

Visit these web sites for each of your members/friends/family to find out when to vote, how to register to vote if not already done, and exactly where they need to cast their ballots:

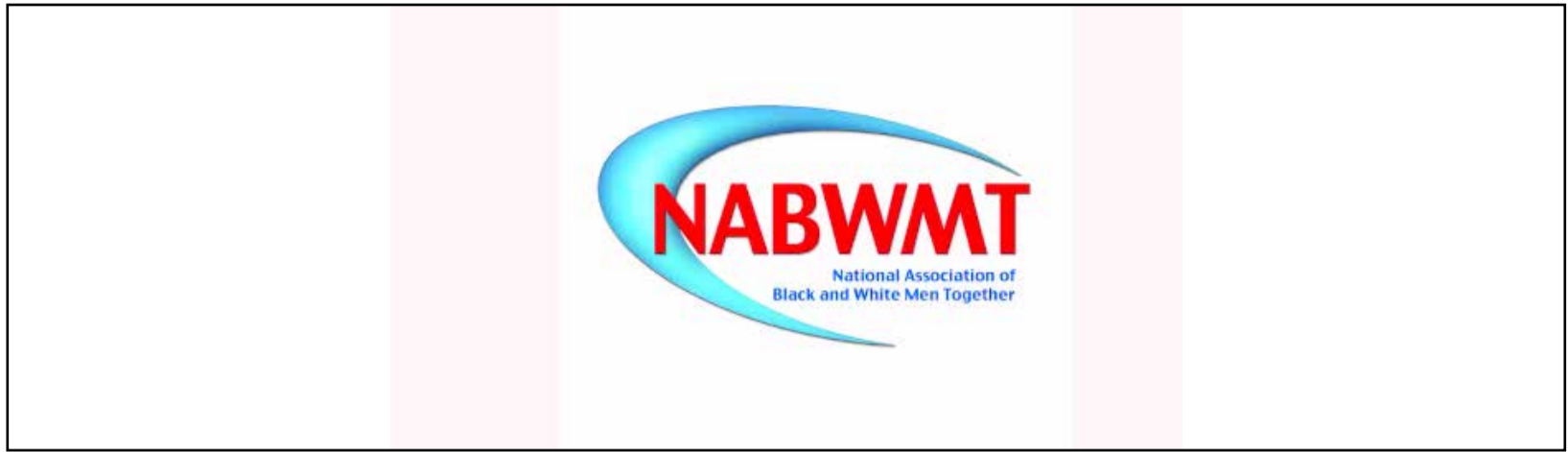
Dates of My State's Voting in 2020, and rules for voter registration in my [state](#):

Also [other election information](#) Actual [Voting Location](#) (Polling) for My Address:

Share the specific information with everyone individually-- do the actual work (yeah, I know it's sad that someone wouldn't want to do this themselves) to help enhance motivation to vote!
We may also have to educate everyone about who the best candidates are, and link them to our NA web site (except this omits all local election information).



Watch the Video on Donations



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- PROVIDE AN ENDOWMENT
- JOIN THE SOCIAL MEDIA CHEERLEADERS TEAM
- DONATE ON LINE
- USE "GO FUND ME"
- DONATE TIME AND /OR EXPERTISE

**IF YOU WISH TO DONATE TIME OR EXPERTISE,
THE FOLLOWING AREAS ARE AVAILABLE.
YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE AN EXPERT!**

- FINANCE AND FUNDRAISING
- CHAPTER DEVELOPMENT
- MEDIA AND PUBLISHING
- ARCHIVES AND EDUCATION
- PLANNING
- CONVENTIONS