

# ***“On the Shoulders of Our Ancestors, Forging Our Legacy for the Future”***

August theme: “We’ve Only Just Begun” | by The Carpenters | (1970)

## **WELCOME!**

WELCOME to our monthly “Albuquerque Convention 2024 Newsletter”! Join us in our journey to explore what Albuquerque and New Mexico have to offer for next summer’s 43rd annual NABWMT convention. In the coming months, we’ll let each of our Convention Planning Committee (CPC) team members share a little personal introduction with you.

## **ABQ CPC Team Members**

In this newsletter, we just want to let you know who our team members are:

**Tim Wilson**, Denver, CO — Co-Chair

**Wendell Reid**, Ft. Lauderdale, FL — Co-Chair

**Kelvin McAdory**, Long Beach, CA

**Ken Scott-Baron**, Long Beach, CA

**Mack Scott-Baron**, Long Beach, CA

**Mark Behar**, Milwaukee, WI

**Paul Cloutier**, Los Angeles, CA

## **CPC’s Advisory Team**

We have also established an Advisory Team, whose members’ expertise and experience will be helpful to us:

**Derek Crider**, Washington, DC

**Doug Reynolds**, Kansas City, MO

**Gavin Morrow-Hall**, Sierra Vista, AZ

**Justin Terry-Smith**, Albuquerque, NM

**Mandy Carter**, Durham, NC

**Marshall Martínez**, Albuquerque, NM,

Executive Director of Equality NM

**Steve McGehee**, Ft. Lauderdale, FL

**Tim Springer**, Minneapolis, MN



## **What do you think of when you hear the word “Albuquerque”?**

Albuquerque is world famous for its Hot Air Balloon Festival, held in October every year. The International Balloon Museum might be a side trip of interest to some of our 2024 NABWMT convention goers. In the months ahead, we’ll tell you about some of the historical and cultural options available in this unique city, as well as other possible side trips in New Mexico. We look forward to communicating with you from now until next July, when we will present our best possible convention experience, with the theme: ***“On the Shoulders of Our Ancestors, Forging Our Legacy for the Future.”***

## **Our Albuquerque Convention 2024 THEME**

by Tim Wilson

A couple of weeks after James Credle’s 79th birthday (Feb. 7), I had a dream about James and woke up with a start to the realization that I had forgotten to send him a birthday card, which I have tried to do in these, our elder years. Less than two months later, James died unexpectedly, on April 15. James was the only person who attended ALL 41 of our first 41 NABWMT conventions! I met James at the first convention in San Francisco in June 1981. Among many

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### Thank You, PACT Atlanta!

THANK YOU, **Tray Robinson** and **Nat Martin** (pictured above), for leading the 2023 Atlanta CPC! Thank You to their entire team and the PACT Atlanta members who created a memorable convention for all who were able to attend. We know how much work was involved—we want you to know that we really appreciate all of you.

### Field Trip in Atlanta

“Good Trouble, Good Friends,” theme of the Atlanta convention, pays some tribute to the incredible civil rights icon and Georgia congressman John Robert Lewis (Feb. 1940–July 2020). One of the highlights was a field trip to the National Center for Civil and Human Rights in downtown Atlanta. This impressive museum highlighted through interactive exhibits how the civil rights movement in the US and the ongoing international struggle for human rights were interconnected. The life and legacy of Atlanta native Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. perhaps embodied this interconnection better than any other.

Thanks to **Jerry Belew**, PACT-Philadelphia, for this recap and to **Paul Cloutier**, BWMT-SC, for pictures. Coming next month: more highlights and pictures of the Atlanta convention. Albuquerque will be memorable and enjoyable, too, so register now!

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other activities at that exciting first gathering, James and I were two of the four co-authors of our original Statement of Purpose. It was there in San Francisco that James Credle, John Bush, and Charles Stewart became my mentors.

A month after James passed, I was deep in thought when the idea for next year’s convention theme came to me: **“On the Shoulders of Our Ancestors, Forging Our Legacy for the Future.”** I just knew that we needed to start honoring all the great leaders that this organization has had over the last four decades, and to revere them as our “ancestors.” Our original CPC team members embraced and adopted this theme. We will begin an “ancestors series” in next month’s newsletter, beginning with **James Credle**.

### Early Bird Registration Deadline = Aug. 31st

LAST REMINDER: **Thursday, August 31st** is the last day to register for next year’s convention, July 1-7 in Albuquerque, at the early bird rate of **\$190**. Starting September 1st, the registration rate will increase to \$225. Don’t miss out ... REGISTER NOW at: <https://www.nabwmt.org/2024-convention-registration/> and take advantage of the discounted rate.

### Field Trip in Atlanta to NCCHR Museum

Below: NABWMT members at National Center for Civil and Human Rights.

