

U.S. Department of Commerce Awards NBL For Outstanding Minority Business Advocacy

WASHINGTON—As a result of its eighty-six year history in the field of minority business development, the National Business League was recently announced as the recipient of U.S. Department of Commerce -- Minority Business Development Agency's, Trade Association of the Year Award.

The award, which was presented during Minority Enterprise Development Week '86, is given to the minority trade association that has displayed an outstanding commitment to advocacy for minority business enterprise.

"It is hard for me to express how overjoyed we are to receive this very prestigious award. However, we have no difficulty expressing how sincerely committed we are to the development of minority business in America and abroad. As Minority Trade Association of the Year, we must now work even harder to carry out the historical mission of the National Business League," said Arthur E. Teele, Jr., President and CEO.

According to Dr. C.J. Patterson, Chairman of the NBL Board of Directors, as the nation's oldest business organization, NBL's activities have had a positive impact on minority business development, minority entrepreneurship and community economic development.

Some of those activities have been:

- Spearheaded and developed program initiative which led to the creation of SBA and the Equal Opportunity Loan Program for minorities.

- Influenced the President's Task Force on Minority Business Enterprise which resulted in the Executive Order that established the Office of Minority Business Enterprise, now the Minority Business Development Agency of the U.S. Department of Commerce.

- Sponsored the first national minority business trade fair in the early 1900's.

In its historical role as an advocate for minority business, the NBL has chosen as its convention theme, "Turning Point: Networking/Leveraging the \$200 Billion Black Consumer Market." This year's convention will take place November 12-15, at the Stouffer's Inn on the Square Hotel in Cleveland, Ohio. According to President Teele, the objective of this year's convention is to formulate and implement plans to leverage the Black consumer market.

The NBL was founded in 1900 by Booker T. Washington and is a national federation of individuals, firms and associations engaged in business enterprise. With a growing membership found in 37 states, the District of Columbia, and abroad, the NBL's national network includes 127 chartered local chapters.

Conyers-Savage Amendment Creates Funds for Black Colleges and Universities and Minority Business

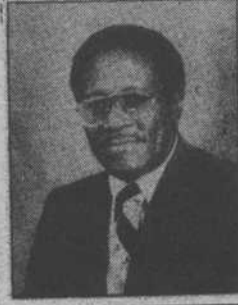
Thanks to the efforts of a dedicated corps of advocates and concerned congressional leaders, the Conyers-Savage Amendment to the defense authorization bill was approved by both houses of the congress on Wednesday, October 15, 1986. The amendment creates a 5% set-aside for historically black colleges and universities and minority businesses. This set-aside creates access to approximately 1.8 billion dollars.

College presidents and business leaders have already begun developing strategies to take advantage of the opportunities which will be provided by this legislation once it is signed by the president.

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--NAACP Begins Branch Office Election Process--

The Las Vegas branch NAACP met Sunday, October 19 in the branch office located at 940 West Owens at 4:00 p.m. and elected a nominating committee to select members of the executive committee and officers for the two year period of 1987-1989. This nominating committee will hold its first meeting Saturday, October 25 in the branch office at 1:00 p.m. Any member who holds a current membership card, or if you have received a letter of notice from the NAACP, you are eligible to vote in the upcoming election process. The following people were elected to serve as members of the nominating committee: Stanley Harvey, Lee White, Paula Johnson, Gwen White, Esau Hayes, Herbert Themes and David Bailey. If you want to run for an office in the branch, you must come in and sign a consent form in the branch office.

--NAACP Nominating Committee Reports November 23--

On Sunday, November 23 the Nominating Committee will make its report to the branch office at 4:00 p.m. The chair will then call for other nominations to come from the floor. This committee is bound by the constitution and by the laws of the NAACP to receive consent forms from all nominees who are in good standing with the branch (that is, whose memberships

are current). Additionally, all fully paid or current subscribing life members are also eligible to participate in this election process. If you are not a member of the

NAACP, You can join today and you will be eligible to vote in the December election.

--Nevada Voter's League Meeting Postponed--

The founding members of the Nevada's Voter League decided to postpone the reorganization meeting scheduled for the 18th of November. By common consent it was agreed that the election of the officers of the NAACP and Executive Committee members should

be completed first before the Nevada Voter's League meets.

--NAACP Calls A Special Membership Meeting--

A press release has been sent to all the media stating that there will be a call meeting of the branch Saturday, October 25 in the branch office at 1:00 p.m. Business must be transacted concerning the NAACP Annual Election day in December. All members who are in good standing are invited to attend.

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