

**Tacoma WA Chapter of the Links Inc.
Membership Report
May 2019**

- Thank you for your sisterly support demonstrated during the May 4th Induction Ceremony for Tracy, Barbara, and Donella; it was a very special event!
- We will hold a second Induction ceremony on Saturday, May 18th just prior to our business meeting at the LaQuinta for candidate Christina Abby. Christina's family experienced the tragic loss of her mother and was not able to join us on May 4th. However, she is very motivated and excited about joining the Links this new Program year and we are eager to bring her on board. Thank you in advance for wearing all white again as outlined in our rituals manual for this special ceremony. Below is some additional details about Christina. Thanks again to Link Sharon for recommending and sponsoring Christina's candidacy.

Christina Abby

Qualifications:

Christina Abby possesses many qualities that are beneficial to The Links, Incorporated. She has high moral standards and never waivers between making the moral and just decision. She is hard working. I have witnessed her going above and beyond of what is expected in her professional and personal life. She'll never compromise to get the job done. She is inquisitive and creative. Christina can be counted on to complete tasks. Her word is her bond. If she says she'll take care of a matter, one can rest assured that she will do what is expected.

She also believes in uplifting those less fortunate than she or those in need. She gives her time and her money to support a worthy cause or shore up a friendship. Christina is very intelligent, well-read, and well-spoken. She is also someone who doesn't brag about her accomplishments. She sees that any part she plays towards the good of all is enough. She does whatever is necessary to make improvements without seeking personal recognition.

Interpersonal Qualities:

Christina Abby possesses the qualities for potential friendship. She is a caring person, one who makes a call to a sick friend or sends a birthday greeting. She has a wonderful sense of humor and a warm smile. She has both compassion and empathy. She loves jazz, going to the theater, travelling both nationally and internationally, she is a great entertainer/hostess, and a terrific cook. Christina is also an active listener. She pays attention to what one says as well as one's body language. If your body language doesn't match what you are saying, she'll probe further to get at the heart of the matter. Above all, Christina is a loyal friend.

Documented Record of Community Service:

Christina has been involved with supporting Big Brothers/Big Sisters for over fifteen years supporting their matriculation at several HBCU's. She currently has three little sisters that rely on her for financial, spiritual, and emotional support. She also volunteers at CHI Franciscan assigned to visit geriatric patients at rehabilitation facilities in which she converses and reads the Bible to the patients when requested. She also supports the Tacoma Urban League and its activities.

Honors and Awards:

Christina won an annual leadership award while working at the Tacoma Pierce County Health Department. She was nominated five times in 2016 and 6 times in 2017. She was recognized for the work she did at the Methadone Clinic to turn it from an unprofitable to a very profitable department her first year at the health department. She was asked to share her expertise at a national conference on drug dependency and treatment.

Community and Civic Involvement:

Christina is a member of the Tacoma NAACP and Black Collective.

Hobbies and Interests:

Christina loves to travel, collect black art, attend jazz concerts, visit museums, and write poetry. Christina is a published poetess. One of her books has been translated into several languages. She has performed spoken word at venues including but not limited to churches, fairs, and the Atlanta jazz festival. She is currently working on her 4th book.

Additional Information:

Christina is also a member of Delta Theta Sigma Sorority, Incorporated. She has a Masters in Social Science as well as a Masters of Arts in Teaching. She is also a Mental Health Professional. She has presented at in-state and out-of-state conferences on topics varying from women's health, the opioid epidemic and its impact on communities, and co-occurring disorders. She is locally and nationally recognized for her insight regarding sustainable quality assurance and process improvement strategies.

- Membership Intake: We will vote as a Chapter in September whether to hold Membership Intake the 2019/2020 Program year. However, it's not too early to begin sharing information about the Links with friends and community leaders as you're involved in various summer festivities. As a reminder, below are the categories of information that will need to be addressed within National's system should you bring a candidate forward for consideration this fall; assuming we vote to hold intake. Also for awareness, I've included a recap of the New Member Fees for this past Program year. Please note it does not include the \$600 building fund assessment that can be paid over a three year period.

New Member Application Categories:

- Qualifications:
- Interpersonal Qualities:
- Documented Record of Community Service:
- Honors and Awards:
- Community and Civic Involvement:
- Hobbies and Interests:

- o Additional Information:

New Member Assessments/Fees:



March 12, 2019

Hello Links Candidates,

Please look at the information below to find your expected financial commitment to The Links. In addition to what is listed from National there is a \$600.00 Building Fee. The Building Fee does not have to be paid when you pay your normal dues and assessments. New Links have three years to pay from the time they are inducted into a chapter. Each Link member is responsible for directly paying the Building Fee through The Links financial link. Links are given access to the website after induction.

DUES AND FEES FOR NEW MEMBERS: THE LINKS, INCORPORATED Dues and Fees

Dues and Fees	
Induction Fee	\$200.00
History Book	\$ 75.00
Dues for The Links, Incorporated	\$195.00
Insurance	\$ 5.00
Technology Fee	\$ 50.00
Official Links Pin	\$ 59.00
Total Dues and Fees per Active Member	\$584.00

Dues and Fees for Members: The Links Foundation, Incorporated

Dues and Fees	
Capital Endowment	\$100.00
Program Endowment	\$ 60.00

Grant-In-Aid	\$ 40.00
Dues for The Links Foundation, Incorporated	\$ 45.00
Total Dues and Fees per Active Member	\$245.00

Total to remit per new member via online dues submission system: \$829.00
Chapter Dues and Fees for Current Active Members (including members on leave):
The Links

Incorporated

Dues and Fees	
Dues for the Links, Incorporated	\$195.00
Insurance	\$ 5.00
Total Dues and Fees per Active Member for The Links, Incorporated	\$200.00

Total Due: \$1,504.00