

**SEACOAST NAACP #2070
1 NEW HAMPSHIRE AVENUE, PEASE INTERNATIONAL TRADEPORT
PORTSMOUTH NH 03801
MEMBERSHIP MEETING, December 3, 2018**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. with a welcome by President Rogers Johnson, an invocation by Chaplain Irving Heughan, and round table introductions of those in attendance.

Secretary's Report

The minutes of the November 5 meeting were read and accepted.

President's Report

The Governor's Advisory Council on Diversity and Inclusion will release recommendations to the Governor on items they believe should be addressed in this budget cycle, after the meeting on December 5. The Council has suggested that funds be allocated for diversity training.

The Council is working to encourage SAUs (School Administrative Units) to improve diversity training in their curricula, and will urge the New Hampshire State Board of Education to make changes in the Social Studies curriculum to include more diversity.

In addition, the Council will encourage the selection of a person of color to be appointed to the New Hampshire State Board of Education next year.

Details for the MLK Jr. Breakfast will be finalized at the December 4 meeting. Letters to police departments in the area have been sent.

President Johnson and others will attend the NEAC Quarterly meeting on December 8 in New Bedford, MA.

NEAC has asked each NEAC Branch to make a concerted effort to restart our Youth Council. There was some discussion of the challenges involved in sustaining a Youth Council.

President Johnson expressed confidence in the positive progress and developments at the University of New Hampshire under its new President, James W. Dean, Jr.

Ongoing Business

Jon Ring shared copies of a response from Meg Lane of the Office of Creative Services regarding concerns that the NAACP was not represented in the time capsule created in honor of the opening of the new Sarah Mildred Long Bridge. Ms Lane explained that the capsule was intended to include specifically SML Bridge related documents and artifacts, rather than to be a "full and complete historical representation," and therefore was not open to schools, civic groups, non-profits, cultural organizations, etc.

New Business

Members voted unanimously to vote for NEAC President Juan Cofield as a member of the NAACP Board of Directors and for Scot Esdaile to the Connecticut State Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary

**Frances Elsemore
Secretary**