

**SEACOAST NAACP #2070
1 NEW HAMPSHIRE AVENUE, PEASE INTERNATIONAL TRADEPORT
PORTSMOUTH NH 03801
MEMBERSHIP MEETING, February 5, 2018**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. with a welcome by President Rogers Johnson and an invocation by Chaplain Irving Heughan.

Secretary's Report

The minutes of the January 8 meeting were read and accepted with a modification.

President's Report

President Rogers Johnson gave a speech on race to several upper classes at Portsmouth High School on January 12.

With the approval of the Executive Committee, Rogers has appointed Will Arvelo as Chairman of Economic Development for the Seacoast NAACP. Arvelo served for eleven years as President of the Great Bay Community College, and in October 2017 was selected by Governor Sununu to head NH's Department of Business and Economic Affairs.

The first meeting of the Governor's Advisory Council on Diversity and Inclusion will be held on Thursday, February 8 in Concord. This will be an organizational meeting.

The University of New Hampshire has been informed that mandatory diversity instruction will take place for all administrative staff, and that there is now a Civil Rights Division of the NH Attorney General's office. Any student who issues what could be interpreted as a threatening statement on any aspect of social media can and will be judged by this unit if appropriate. If it is found that the student did in fact abridge the civil rights of another, the Attorney General's office will hold that student accountable based upon that fact. If the University took no action in this case, the University administration will be held accountable for failure to uphold the Student Code of Conduct.

On February 5, the podcast entity of the *Portsmouth Herald* recorded Rogers' discussion of the GAC (Governor's Advisory Council). Rogers is also scheduled to discuss the GAC on NHPR's "Morning Edition."

Old Business

Jon Ring and Jody Hoffer Gittell spoke of the success of the MLK Jr. events hosted by the Branch on January 15.

New Business

NEAC's next quarterly meeting will be hosted by the Manchester Branch on March 3. The meeting is open to all members who wish to attend. Rogers stated his hope that the Seacoast Branch will make a good showing to support the Manchester Branch.

The NEAC Hall of Fame Dinner will be held on Saturday, April 14 at the Boston Newton Marriott Hotel. The Branch will pay for a table for ten, providing ten members the opportunity to attend the dinner free of charge. Members interested in attending should notify Rogers Johnson.

Nur Shoop has been in contact with the Poor People's Campaign for NH, a branch of the Reverend William Barber II's national movement, the Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival, which aims to unite thousands of people across the country to challenge the evils of systemic racism, poverty, the war economy, ecological devastation, and the nation's distorted

morality. The campaign plans to conduct 40 Days of Moral Action, beginning on Mother's Day 2018, and hopes to connect with other organizations that will join them in this effort.

During the round table, Sean McGhee shared information about programs featured in UNH's 2018 MLK Jr. Tribute.

Following the round table, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Secretary
Frances Elsemore