



# NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BENCH AND BAR SPOUSES, INC.

NABBS 72nd Annual Convention | July 29 – August 4, 2023 | Minneapolis, MN

## Registration Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

NABBS Chapter  At-Large

Spouse \_\_\_\_\_

### Registration Fee

In-Person (Register using NBA link below) ..... \$150.00

Virtual Platform (Zoom) ..... \$20.00

Annual Dues ..... \$50.00

Lifetime Membership (\$125.00 per quarter) ..... \$500.00

TOTAL ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS JULY 17, 2022**

### Method of Payment: Virtual Registration and Annual Due ONLY

- (1) Make **check** payable to NABBS, Inc. and Mail to: Roberta Bell, 245 Farragut Street, NW, Washington, DC 20011  
Fax: 202-842-0320 Cell: 202-291-4946 E-mail: [nabbsincchapter@gmail.com](mailto:nabbsincchapter@gmail.com)
- (2) QuickPay via **Zelle** – Login to your personal bank account; Go to Pay or Transfer Option; Click on Pay or QuickPay with Zelle; Select a contact, which for NABBS, Inc. is [nabbsincchapter@gmail.com](mailto:nabbsincchapter@gmail.com); In memo section – write NABBS National Dues
- (3) PayPal or **Credit Card** can be process via our website. Click on web address - <https://nabbsinc.org/>

Credit Card No. \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

Security Code \_\_\_\_\_ Total Amount to Charge \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_ Authorized Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

### IN-PERSON REGISTRATION

- Register directly on the NBA website - <https://nationalbar.org/events/> - (1) Go to "Click to register today" (2) Sign In to your NBA account or Create an account (if you attended the Memphis convention, login using your email address and hit forgot password) (3) Select Registration Option – NABBS at \$150.00 (4) Proceed to Check Out.
- In-Person Registration includes NBA convention badge and souvenirs, access to NBA exhibit hall, NABBS seminars, NABBS breakfasts and NABBS President's Award Luncheon.

### NOTES:

- Virtual Registration is to support the Community Service Project Donation.
- NABBS Minneapolis Tour (Tickets for purchase onsite at convention).



Ja'nice Sparks, President  
NABBS, Incorporated



Nancy Butler, President  
NABBS Foundation

**NABBS 72<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL CONVENTION**  
**SCHEDULE AT-A GLANCE**

Minneapolis, Minnesota | Minneapolis Convention Center | July 29 – August 4, 2023

**“ADVOCATING FOR JUSTICE”**

**SUNDAY, July 30, 2023**

7:00 pm – 10:00 pm \* **NBA Welcome Reception**

**MONDAY, July 31, 2023 – Royal Sonesta Hotel – Copenhagen Board Room**

9:00 am – 9:30 am Saving Black Limbs and Saving Black Lives  
9:00 am – 9:30 am NABBS Registration/Recruitment with Coffee and Conversation  
10:00 am – 10:30 am NABBS Candlelight Remembrance Service (**Wear White**)  
10:30 am – 11:30 am NABBS, Inc. Executive Board/General Business Meeting  
Chapter Sharing/Nominating Committee Report  
11:30 am – 12:30 pm NABBS Foundation Executive Board/Annual Meeting

**TUESDAY, August 1, 2023 – Royal Sonesta Hotel – Copenhagen Board Room**

9:00 am – 9:30 am Saving Black Limbs and Saving Black Lives  
9:00 am – 9:30 am NABBS Registration/Recruitment with Coffee and Conversation  
9:30 am – 10:30 am NABBS Foundation – Dr. Annie Lawrence Brown Health Initiatives  
11:00 am – 12:00 pm NABBS Foundation – Bonnie P. Wheatley/Grace L. Wheatley Breast Cancer Health Forum  
\* Attendees and guests can accessorize with pink and red  
7:00 pm – 10:00 pm \* **NBA President’s Reception**

**WEDNESDAY, August 2, 2023 – Royal Sonesta Hotel – Copenhagen Board Room**

9:00 am – 9:30 am Saving Black Limbs and Saving Black Lives  
10:00 am – 10:30 am NABBS Inc. Nominating Committee/Election  
10:30 am – 11:00 am NABBS Foundation Nominating Committee/Election  
11:30 am – 12:00 pm Swearing-In Ceremony/Passing of the Gavel  
12:00 pm – 1:30 pm NABBS Presidents’ Luncheon  
After Lunch **OFFSITE Community Service Project**  
AABCA – African American Breast Cancer Alliance – Breast Health & Wellness Fair  
Sabathani Community Center, 310 E. 38<sup>th</sup> Street, Minneapolis, MN 55409

**THURSDAY, August 3, 2023**

10:00 am – 1:00 pm \* Prince the Tour / Minneapolis \*  
**Pick Up at the Royal Sonesta Hotel – Meet in Lobby at 9:30 am**  
\* Attendees can accessorize with “Prince” purple

7:00 pm – 10:00 pm \* **NBA 98<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention Awards Banquet & Afterglow**

\* Indicates a ticket is required.



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## National Association of Bench and Bar Spouses, Incorporated

July 29, 2023

Greetings from the President

It is with great excitement that I, on behalf of the National Association of Bench and Bar Spouses (NABBS), Inc. extend greetings and the warmest welcome to each of you. Our board is thrilled for you to attend our 72<sup>nd</sup> NABBS Annual Convention and the NBA 98<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention and Exhibits, which guarantee to be a success and it is our hope that you have a fabulous time!

Founded in 1951 in St. Louis, Missouri, NABBS, Inc. is a not-for-profit organization comprised of the spouses and surviving spouses of members of the NBA, and members of other Bars within the United States of America and its territories. Our goal at NABBS is to be supportive of the NBA, advocate for justice and support efforts to better educate our communities. Membership is open to all spouses of attorneys and judges.

I invite you to attend and participate in our business meetings, educational health workshops, and other activities over the next several days. We will once again address health disparities in our community and will sponsor free testing for peripheral vascular which can serve as an early indicator for those at risk for stroke, heart attack and limb loss. NABBS' "Saving Black Limbs and Saving Black Lives" is open to all convention attendees each morning from 9:00 am to 9:30 am on Monday, July 31<sup>st</sup> through Wednesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>.

I would also like to extend a special thanks to the NBA and NBI. Your efforts to support our mission do not go unnoticed. Remember, we build stronger communities when we work, serve, empower, and enlighten each other. As quoted by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., "*Life's most persistent and urgent question is, what are you doing for others?*"

Again, welcome to Minneapolis!

***Ja'nice Sparks***

National President, NABBS, Inc.

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Nancy C. Butler, President  
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NABBS, Inc., President

Greetings:

We welcome you to the Twin Cities. We plan to tour the diverse ethnic communities and view the many unique artistic sculptures around Minneapolis. We will celebrate their native son, Prince. As well as honoring George Floyd whose tragic demise has altered our judicial system.

We invite you to join us in person or virtually as we celebrate twenty-nine years of philanthropic support of N.A.B.B.S., Incorporation. This year the Presidents' Endowment Fund was established to assure lasting underwriting of the Dorothy Atkinson Legal Scholarship, the annual Health Forums and other programs. Please consider donating to this endowment as a tax-exempt contribution. We promote healthy lifestyles as we strengthen friendships while developing "Advocates for Justice".

We look forward to you joining us.

Respectfully,

*Nancy C. Butler*

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