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***Dayton Unit NAACP Humbled By Results
At NAACP State Convention***

DAYTON, OHIO - SEPTEMBER 11, 2017 - On Saturday, at the Crowne Plaza Columbus North located in Columbus, Ohio, the Ohio Conference NAACP held its biennial election with terms commencing on September 9, 2017 and expiring on September 14, 2019. Derrick L. Foward, President of the Dayton Unit of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), was elected to serve as 2nd Vice President of the NAACP for the State of Ohio. Foward ran unopposed and received 85.25% of the votes. ***Tom Roberts, Former Ohio State Senator and current Dayton Unit NAACP 2nd Vice President, was elected to serve as President of the Ohio Conference NAACP. Roberts defeated Arlene Anderson, Secretary of the Cleveland Unit NAACP and received 68.85% of the votes.*** Ophelia Averitt, Former President of the Akron Unit NAACP and current NAACP National Board Member, was re-elected as 1st Vice President for the State of Ohio. Averitt defeated Ann Wilson Robinson of the Chillicothe Unit NAACP and received 63.93% of the votes. Denise Williams, President of the Springfield Unit NAACP, was elected to serve as 3rd Vice President for the State of Ohio. Williams ran unopposed and received 80.33% of the votes. Edna Borders, 1st Vice President of the Akron Unit NAACP, was elected to serve as 4th Vice President for the State of Ohio. Borders ran unopposed and received 80.33% of the votes. Sabrina Woodson of the Akron Unit NAACP was elected as Secretary for the State of Ohio. Woodson ran unopposed and received 81.97% of the votes. Rev. Dr. Michael D. Reeves, Jr., President of the Hamilton, West Chester, Fairfield Unit NAACP, was elected as Assistant Secretary for the State of Ohio. Reeves ran unopposed and received 80.33% of the Votes. Andre Washington of the Columbus Unit NAACP was re-elected as Treasurer for the State of Ohio. Washington ran unopposed and received 86.89% of the votes. WilliAnn Moore, Former President of the Toledo Unit NAACP and current Education Chair of the Ohio Conference NAACP, was elected as Assistant Treasurer for the State of Ohio. Moore ran unopposed and received 78.69% of the votes.



Derrick Scales, Sr., William Thomas Spear and David L. Montgomery, all members of the Dayton Unit NAACP Executive Committee, were elected to serve on the Election Supervisory Committee. Gloria Finner of the Akron Unit NAACP and Lois (LK) Williams of the Warren-Trumbull Unit NAACP were also elected to the committee. Presidential Candidate Roberts appointed Jean A. Foward, 1st Lady of the Dayton Unit NAACP, to the committee and Presidential Candidate Anderson appointed Karen Scott of the Cleveland Unit NAACP, to the committee. Collectively, they were responsible for ensuring the election ran smoothly and operated by the NAACP Constitution and Bylaws for Units.



The Ohio Conference NAACP Youth & College Division also held their election over the weekend. Quintin Jordan, Jr. President of the Move Foward Thurgood Marshall NAACP High School Chapter was elected to serve as 2nd Vice President for the State of Ohio. Dorian Buford, 1st Vice President of the Dayton NAACP Youth Council, was elected to serve as 3rd Vice President for the State of Ohio. Dinell Buford, Secretary of the Dayton NAACP Youth Council, was elected to serve as Secretary for the State of Ohio. Stariona Brown, Vice President of the Move Foward Thurgood Marshall NAACP High School Chapter, was elected to serve as Assistant Secretary for the State of Ohio. Shemaya Wingard, Treasurer of the Move Foward Thurgood Marshall NAACP High School Chapter, was elected to serve as Assistant Treasurer for the State of Ohio. LTC (R) Claudia L. Mason, Advisor of the Move Foward Thurgood Marshall NAACP High School Chapter, was elected to serve as State Advisor.

Members of the Dayton Unit NAACP exercised leadership while at the convention. Roberts moderated a Political Action Workshop. Dr. Anthony Whitmore, Dayton Unit NAACP Executive Committee Member and Ohio Conference NAACP Economic Development Committee Char, moderated an Economic Development Workshop.

President Foward presented Sybil Edwards-McNabb, outgoing President of the Ohio Conference NAACP, with a President's Award of Honor for her distinguished 16-year career as President.



Founded in 1915, the Dayton Unit of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) is the city's oldest and largest nonpartisan civil rights organization. Its members throughout the Dayton Region and Montgomery County are the premier advocates for civil rights in their communities. Their core goals are to **Inform**, **Educate** and **Empower** the Citizenry as they pursue justice and equality for all Americans.

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