



**The African American Association of Rappahannock County (AAARC)
was established on July 29, 2025.**

Mission: To honor and preserve the rich history and stories of African Americans in Rappahannock County, Virginia, and to promote opportunities for all to appreciate African Americans' vital role throughout history.

Vision: The AAARC will foster greater understanding and appreciation of African American contributions to our community while supporting diversity and promoting cultural inclusivity, where everyone is empowered to engage in their history and culture.

Values: The AAARC is dedicated to the belief that sharing the true history of our Rappahannock community enlightens and enriches us all.

We believe that understanding this important history, reflecting both adversity and achievement, can serve to inspire, unite, and strengthen our community ties.

We strive to foster a deeper understanding of the African American experience through education, research, and community engagement.

Who Shall Be Members. The members of the AAARC shall consist of all individuals who, having demonstrated a commitment to the mission and values of the AAARC by application, service, or payment of dues, may be elected to membership from time to time by the other then-acting members, either by majority vote at any meeting of the members, or by unanimous written consent, in accordance with Sections 2.02 and 2.03 of the Bylaws.

Term of Membership. Unless a shorter term or additional conditions (such as payment of dues) shall be specified by the other members at the time of this election, the term of office of any member shall be life. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any member may resign at any time by mailing or delivering written notice to the Secretary, and any member may be removed at any time, with or without cause, by majority vote of the other members.

Annual Meeting. A meeting of the members shall be held annually for the election of new or renewing members, elections of directors, and the transaction of other business as may properly come before the members on a date and at a location as determined by the Board of Directors.