



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE

Racine Branch Standing Committees

Armed Services and Veterans' Affairs Committee - The Committee on Armed Services and Veterans' Affairs shall:

(1) study conditions pertaining to veterans in the community; (2) serve as a center of information on material issued affecting African American veterans; (3) serve as a source of information to veterans and their families seeking information on government agencies serving veterans and; (4) receive and act on all veterans' complaints relative to discrimination on account of race, color or creed, or denial of benefits in local areas because of discrimination.

Communication, Press & Publicity Committee - The Committee on Communication, Press & Publicity Committee shall:

(1) seek to promote media content consistent with fundamental NAACP goals that include the elimination of racial isolation and fear and the furtherance of multiracial and cultural understandings; (2) work to eliminate employment segregation and discrimination in those industries, comprising the communications arts and sciences (radio, telephone, television, motion pictures, newspapers, books, related computer communications, business, and cable television); (3) seek to insure Black minority ownership and control of print and electronic media – both hardware and software; (4) monitor local and national media, especially advertising performance; (5) provide the national office with research and data on those local business engaged in communications arts and sciences and; (6) seek to insure that all people have a meaningful right to choose from and have access to a variety of high quality telecommunications goods and services at reasonable costs.

Community Coordination Committee - The Committee on Community Coordination seeks to enlist the support of other community organizations on issues affecting the interests of African Americans and other communities of color.

Criminal Justice Committee - The Committee on Criminal Justice seeks to:

(1) eliminate harsh and unfair sentencing practices that are responsible for mass incarceration and racial disparities in the prison system, (2) support and seek to increase trust and public safety by advancing effective law enforcement practices, (3) fight for the restoration of the voting rights of formerly incarcerated people and the removal of barriers to employment, (4) elevate the voices of crime victims in order to identify and advance systemic breakdowns existing in the criminal justice system that perpetuate crime, (5) end the war on drugs for its disproportionate collateral consequences harm in communities of color, (6) the institution and availability of alternatives to incarceration, including education, employment, and mental health services, (7) eliminate zero tolerance policies implemented in our schools which are keeping children out of the classroom and putting them on a path from the schoolhouse to the jailhouse, (8) investigate programs implemented in local law enforcement agencies which derail them from their main purpose of safety and order, and (9) seek budget modifications in states where incarceration receives more funding than education.

Education Committee - The Committee on Education shall:

(1) seek to eliminate segregation and other discriminatory practices in public education; (2) study local educational conditions affecting minority groups; (3) investigate the public school system and school zoning; (4) familiarize itself with textbook material used in the school and seek to eliminate material there from which is racially derogatory; (5) seek to stimulate school attendance; (6) keep informed of school

conditions and strive to correct abuses where found and; (7) aim to be a center of popular education on the race question and on the work of the association.

Freedom Fund Committee -The Freedom Fund Committee shall:

(1) plan and conduct fundraising activities, including entertainments and other projects, for local and national purposes within the scope of the associations program; (2) work closely with finance committee; (3) plan fund raising affairs to raise your Freedom Fund assessment; (4) decide early in the year the type of affair(s) it will not schedule conflicting affairs. (See “fund – raising manual for NAACP branches).”

The Health Committee – The Health Committee shall:

(1) works to promote, protect and maintain the health of African Americans; (2) assesses the health needs of the community; (3) advocates for equal access to health education, care, treatment and research for all Americans; (4) sponsors health-related activities such as health forums, fairs and workshops, highlighting issues of importance to people of color, and (5) supports health initiatives of the NAACP.

Housing Committee -The Housing Committee shall:

(1) study housing conditions in the local community; (2) receive and seek to adjust complaints of discrimination; (3) oppose all restrictive practices whether public or private and; (4) disseminate information and render such other assistance, which may eliminate discrimination in housing.

Labor and Industry Committee-The Labor Industry Committee shall:

(1) seek ways to improve the economic status of minority groups by working to eliminate discriminatory employment practices in industry and government, wage differentials based on race, unequal opportunities for training and promotion, unfair dismissals; (2) encourage greater participation in the trade union movement; (3) work the enactment of state and federal fair employment practices legislation and; (4) work to improve opportunities in vocational and apprenticeship training; (5) provide competent vocational guidance and training on an integrated basis for young African American, e.g., to make it possible for competent, highly trained African Americans to compete on an equal basis for managerial, scientific, skilled, professional and other desirable jobs and to encourage qualified African American youths to seek admission to local apprenticeship training programs and; (6) work for the attainment of equality of opportunity in on-the-job training in upgrading and promotions in pay scales and in seniority.

Legal Redress Committee -The Legal Redress Committee shall:

(1) investigate all cases reported to it; (2) supervise all litigation in which the branch is interested and; (3) keep the national office and the branch informed on the progress of every case. It shall not give legal advice.

Membership Committee-The Membership Committee shall:

(1) work throughout the year to maintain and increase the membership of the Association; (2) be responsible for planning and organizing the annual membership campaign; and (3) be responsible on a continuous basis for soliciting new members and for securing renewals.

Political Action Committee-The Political Action Committee shall:

(1) seek to increase registration and voting; (2) work for the enactment of municipal, state and federal legislation designed to improve the educational, political and economic status of minority groups; (3) seek the repeal of racially discriminatory legislation; (4) work to secure equal enforcement of the law and; (5) keep the national office and the branch informed of all proposed legislation that affects minority groups. The committee shall be non-partisan and shall not endorse candidates for public office.

Economic Development - The Economic Development Committee shall implement local efforts and support national programs to preserve and expand economic empowerment among African Americans and other communities of color. The principal objective of the Economic Development Committee is to promote the growth of entrepreneurship among Africa Americans, and increase employment opportunities with private and public entities.

Women In NAACP (WIN) Committee - Women in the NAACP (WIN) is an official committee of the NAACP established to enhance the leadership role of women in the Association, to serve as an advocacy vehicle for issues affecting women and children, to advocate for the positive development of children, and to support the ongoing work of the NAACP and its units, especially civil and cultural activities to enhance membership.

Religious Affairs - The Religious Affairs Committee shall include ministerial and lay religious leaders who are members of the branch. It shall:

(1) promote an educational program designed to give a moral and ethical interpretation to the civil rights struggle; (2) interpret the work of the Association to organized religious groups of all faiths; (3) enlist the support of such organized religious groups for membership, fund raising and the struggle for equality and full civil rights; and (4) provide resource assistance for religious education and social action activities associated with the improvement of race relations.

Youth Work - Assist Youth Councils and College chapters in achievement of NAACP goals. The Youth council Advisor shall chair the committee.