

Kevin Transcript:

Hi everyone! I'm really excited to announce that the board of 2022 appointed me on April 23rd to be the next president of NAOBI-DC. I along with Vice President, Kevin Dyels and Secretary Shaun Flow Odom, are making significant headway! In preparation for this announcement, we have:

- Sorted our archival papers/belongings and placed them in a storage facility rather than in different corners of our basement
- Chosen Wild Apricot as our website platform. Good news, it's up and running! This website isn't going anywhere. Check it out at Naobidc.org!
- An in-house parliamentarian, Carolyn Boykins, was appointed and is now enrolled in training
- Deaf Blind accessibility training for the board members is scheduled for _____
- I have taken a six hour course on Parliamentary Procedure/Robert's Rules of Order
- Secretary ShaunFlow has enrolled in a Minutes course to record NAOBI-DC Minutes.
- We have reached out to PCRID, GWADA, Mano a Mano, and DCABDA to revive our relationships and collaborations with them. We met on May 22. We introduced ourselves since there has been leadership change in organizations and we discussed a shared summer event. In the coming weeks, more details will come regarding the summer event.
- Lastly, we came up with a hashtag #Recre8... *expound on meaning in separate video

This is what we've accomplished this month. Imagine what we can do with member engagement rising. This organization needs you to join in leadership/committees. We can not continue running without a full board and no committees. In order to prevent burnout, I am committing to leading NAOBI-DC through the end of 2022 to the new year. Our goal this year is to ignite your motivation again because without member participation, this organization can dissolve. We can not let that happen. We have to cherish our history, the Black and Brown interpreters who gave their all to set up this beloved organization. We can look forward to a bright future that caters to the current needs of our current community. Speaking of Cherishing those who came before us, I want to take a moment to thank Past-President Sequoia Taylor-El.

Here is a brief message from former President Sequoia.

Sequoia Transcript: Hello NAOBI-DC Fam!! I want to take this moment to thank you all for your love and support during a tumultuous, uneasy, uncertain, and tough time! I'm excited to know that NAOBI-DC will have a wonderful board and leadership to bring this organization back to full operational status; doing things for this community. Again, I want to thank you for your love and support. Love ya back!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4-mZKstNLDk>

Kaylee Transcript:

Sequoia, thank you for your dedicated leadership leading us through uncharted waters. You have served this organization for many years and have left an incredible legacy. We honor all that you have done and invested in our community members. Thank you.