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## 2020 MEETING SCHEDULE

September 9, 2019  
Meeting

October 1, 2019  
ABCPSR Fall Luncheon  
The Forum Caterers  
4210 Primrose Avenue

November 11, 2019  
Meeting

December 9, 2019  
Meeting

January 2020  
NO MEETING

February 10, 2020  
Meeting

March 9, 2020  
Meeting

April 13, 2020  
Meeting

May, 2020  
ABCPSR Spring Luncheon, TBA

May, 2020  
MRSPA Annual Meeting, TBA

June, 2020  
ABCPSR Executive/Advisory  
Committee Closing Activity, TBA

June, 2020  
New Members Meeting, TBA

All meetings will be held on the 2nd  
Monday of the month, Baltimore  
Polytechnic Institute, Room 111.

Meetings begin at 10:00 a.m.

If there are any changes, you will be  
notified. Anyone unable to attend a  
meeting is asked to notify the President  
at 410-900-6781.

## President's Message

Greetings,



Being re-elected as President of ABCPSR is indeed a reward in itself to be trusted to head up our organization again. We listened to your concerns and led the way to getting back your prescription benefits through 2020. We have met with the BCPSS and had a request for some people to come back and mentor or volunteer, with a stipend. Future information will be provided as we are informed.

Committees continue to serve you. A bus trip to The National Museum of African American History and Culture in D.C. was held on June 19, 2019. Our Annual Fund Raiser Crab Feast at Columbus Gardens, was held on July 13, 2019. A bus trip planned for New York to see "Ain't Too Proud: The Life and Times of the Temptations" has been sold out. But, only Board/Committee members usually are buying and selling these tickets. This is not fair. Is it? We need YOUR help and support. Step up for a few hours a month starting in September, second Monday of the month at Poly, Room 111, please. Two luncheon meetings are planned per year in the months of May and October. Our Fall Luncheon is planned for Tuesday, October 1, 2019. Please note that the location has changed to the Forum Caterers, 4210 Primrose Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland 21215. Plan ahead there are 864 members and about 20-25 active Board/Committee members. Let us count on you, too.

Choose a committee, help sponsor an affair (luncheon meeting), volunteer a few hours for tutoring/mentoring or at Lamplight Inn, Nursing Home. Some of you already do; let us know. Whatever you can offer will be appreciated. We have members doing double duty also serving on state committees to monitor your benefits and concerns. Where are our retired teachers??? and other school personnel???

We are striving to keep the Association viable and successful. Please feel free to contact me and your representatives as we go forward as a team. We are experimenting with Facebook as a new medium for staying in touch with you and bringing information to you quickly. As we get better, you will be able to see other organizations like MRSPA through our site as well. So, check our Facebook Page as the "Association of Baltimore City Public School Retirees" or the Website, [www.ABCPSR.org](http://www.ABCPSR.org) at least once or twice a month. (Give us time to get better ☺ or HELP!!!)

Hope to see you soon,

*Patricia E. Pickett*

### Save the Date!

**ABCPSR FALL LUNCHEON – October 1, 2019**  
The Forum Caterers  
4210 Primrose Avenue  
Baltimore, Maryland 21215

#### LUNCHEON CO-CHAIRS

DOROTHY GLASCO-JONES JOYCE WILSON

#### NEWSLETTER CO-EDITORS

ANNA BOSTON CAROLYN BOSTON JOYCE WILSON

#### CHANGE OF ADDRESS NOTICE

(Please Print)

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Previous Address \_\_\_\_\_

New Address \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: Angela Hill, 3320 W. Rogers Ave., Baltimore, MD 21215

### MRSPA

The only organization that works to preserve the pensions of Baltimore City Public School Retirees. Sixty dollars (\$60.00) covers your membership in MRSPA and ABCPSR.

You may join through dues deduction.

MRSPA: 8379 Piney Orchard Parkway, Odenton, MD 21113

410-551-1517

Current ABCPSR President's contact number: 410-900-6781



## RSVP – An Invitation to Serve

### Lead With Experience

The Corporation for National and Community Service provides grants to qualified agencies and organizations, including RSVP, for the dual purpose of engaging persons 55 and older in volunteer service to meet critical community needs; and to provide a high quality experience that will enrich the lives of volunteers.

#### Who Is Eligible for RSVP?

Individuals that are 55 and older, want to serve in Baltimore City and want to make a difference.

#### RSVP Volunteer Opportunities

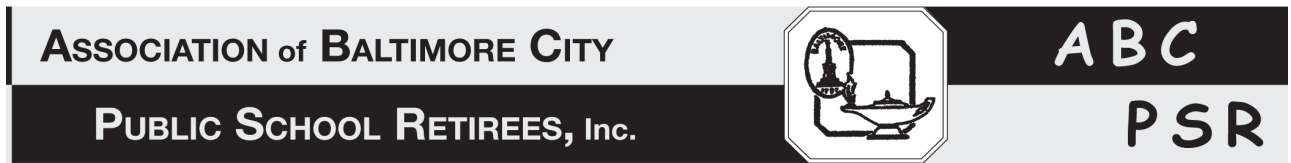
Companionship and Outreach, Mentoring, Health and Other Education, Helping Seniors Living Independently, Senior Center Programs, Community Revitalization and Improvement, Disaster Preparedness, Serving Meals to Seniors, Delivery of Health Care Services, Food Collection and Distribution, and Marketing and Recruitment.

#### Benefits of Volunteering

Free volunteer placement, use your experience skills, gain new and marketable skills, supplemental accident and liability insurance, opportunity to meet new people, training opportunities, reimbursement for transportation, recognition and incentives, and the satisfaction of knowing you are making a difference.

**For More Information, Call RSVP 410-361-9400  
or Stephanie Ross 410-361-9401**





**ABCPSR Celebrating 70 Years, 1949 - 2019**  
 2019 Fall Luncheon  
 Tuesday, October 1, 2019

**THE FORUM CATERERS**  
**4210 PRIMROSE AVENUE, BALTIMORE, MARYLAND 21215**

11:00 CHAT & CHEW    11:30 PROGRAM    12:00 NOON LUNCH

**Menu**

Appetizer: Baby Spinach Salad w/ Egg & Red Onion; Entrée: Fried Chicken Quarters, Creamy Whipped Potatoes w/Gravy, Seasoned Collard Greens; Dessert: Yellow Cake w/Vanilla Icing; Fresh Baked Rolls and Butter; Hot and Cold Beverages

**COST: \$35.00pp / \$30.00 for New Members and Choir Members**  
**ALL PAYMENTS ARE DUE BY SEPTEMBER 20, 2019. NO EXCEPTIONS!**

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: ASSOCIATION OF BALTIMORE CITY PUBLIC SCHOOL RETIREES, INC. or (ABCPSR). NO CASH OR CHECKS WILL BE ACCEPTED AT THE DOOR WITHOUT PRIOR PERMISSION FROM MS. GLASCO-JONES, LUNCHEON COMMITTEE CO-CHAIR.**

**Send Check(s) with Reservation Form to: Dorothy Glasco-Jones, 202 Oak Leaf Way, Baltimore, MD 21227 (410) 536-5715.**

**NOTE: TO BE SEATED TOGETHER CHECKS MUST BE SENT TOGETHER BY TABLE ORGANIZER.**

TABLE ORGANIZER \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

**Indicate your choice for entrée in box by your name: (B) Baked Chicken; (F) Fried Chicken; (V) Vegan. If no selection is made you will receive Fried Chicken.**

Name(s)		Name(s)	
1.		5.	
2.		6.	
3.		7.	
4.		8.	

**6<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER CRAB FEAST**

The Association of Baltimore City Public School Retirees (ABCPSR) held its 6th Annual Scholarship Fundraiser Crab Feast on Saturday, July 13th. It may have been a very hot day outside, but inside Columbus Gardens the crowd was cool and having lots of fun! More than one hundred guests enjoyed the buffet, and lots of tasty steamed crabs...not to mention all the beer and soda they wanted to drink. The proceeds from the crab feast are used to support ABCPSR's scholarship program. If you missed this fundraiser, we do hope you will join us for future events.

Submitted by Marsha Taylor, Chair, Trips & Activities





## ABCPSR SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT FOR 2018-2019



My name is Tyler Cook and I am a senior at Baltimore City College High School. My goal is to pursue a major in Family and Consumer Sciences, and minor in Psychology. I want to become a teacher in the Baltimore City Public Schools. I know the positive impact teachers can have on a student's life. I have had several teachers that have meant a lot to me. My mother is a teacher in the city as well. However, few of my teachers were males. Based on my experiences, there are not enough African American male teachers. I believe that young people, especially young black males need to have strong role models.

Teachers have significant lifelong impact on their students. The teaching of particular academic skills and fostering students' self-esteem are the most important aim for all devoted teachers.

I am reaching out to you to show my gratitude and to ask that you help me obtain my goal of becoming a teacher. I promise to succeed not only for myself and my family but, also for the future of the students that I will be helping. I'll always look back and remember how ABCPSR (Association of Baltimore City Public School Retirees) helped me in a time of need and that you believed in me. Thank you again for everything. Have a blessed day.

Tyler



*Greetings Choristers,*

From the opening patriotic song, "America the Beautiful", to the prayer song, "This Day", to the lovely melody from Carousel, "You'll Never Walk Alone", to the traditional spiritual, "Hush! Somebody's Callin' My Name", you told a beautiful story through music. I was very proud of you. I received many compliments about you as a group of retirees who enjoy music. Thank you so much for your commitment to this volunteer activity.

To Mr. Carey, a big "Thank You" for sharing your beautiful talent and making us sound good.

To Gloria, a big "Thank You" for the delicious cookies. Yummy!!

Enjoy your summer vacation. I look forward to seeing you in September. If you have a friend who enjoys music and can sing, invite her/him to join us.

Musically yours,

*Flora Gilchrist Johnson*

## MARYLAND RETIRED SCHOOL PERSONNEL ASSOCIATION

### Dues Deduction Error

The usual July 31 Maryland Retired School Personnel Association dues deduction occurred on June 28, 2019. This was an error due to an internal office procedure at MRSPA. Your 2019-2020 MRSPA dues are now paid.

Because of the June 28 deduction, there was NO DEDUCTION on JULY 31, 2019. Your next dues deduction for MRSPA dues will be from the July 2020 pension check/deposit for your 2020-2021 dues.

MRSPA apologizes for this error and sincerely hopes that none of our members were inconvenienced or overburdened. If you still have questions please contact MRSPA at 410-551-1517 or at [mrspa@mrspa.org](mailto:mrspa@mrspa.org).

## ABCPSR MEMBERSHIP

The ABCPSR Membership Committee met on February 22, 2019 to discuss ways to recruit, retain, and regain members. Those in attendance included Dorothy Glasco-Jones, Janet Williams, Catherine Moore-DeFord, Marsha Taylor, and Angela Hill. We found that our organization's publications needed revision and updating to appeal to a desired audience. We need to advertise our group to become recognized. It was suggested that we have more social events and activities to attract and retain members. We plan to personally reach out to our members and implement the discussed changes.

Submitted by Angela Hill, ABCPSR Membership

## BYLAWS COMMITTEE



The ABCPSR Bylaws Committee met with Senator Jill Carter on July 8, 2019, at the Radisson Hotel at Cross Keys. The Proposed Bylaw Amendments for 2019 are enclosed.

Standing left to right: Clifford B. Rosenberg, Senator Jill Carter, Sara Jerkins, and Patricia Pickett, ABCPSR President. Seated left to right: Janet Williams, Catherine Moore-DeFord.

**Association of Baltimore City Public School Retirees, Inc.**

**2019 – Proposed Amendment # 1**

Submitted by: **Bylaws Committee**  
 Sub-Section: **Page/s #: 1-15**

Article: **Section: \* Entire Bylaws document**

TYPE OF AMENDMENT: **Revision**

CURRENT WORDING	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	Rationale
Executive Committee	Executive Board	To be consistent within organizations documents.

**2019 – Proposed Amendment #2**

Submitted by: **Bylaws Committee**

Article: **VII Section: 6 Sub-Section: line 2 Page/s #: 7**

TYPE OF AMENDMENT: **Revision**

CURRENT WORDING	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	Rationale
... more than one year, in the position. Other Officers ...	...more than one term, in the position. All Officers ...	To keep terms balanced.

**2019 – Proposed Amendment # 3**

Submitted by: **Bylaws Committee**

Article: **IX Section: 1-5 Sub-Section: Page/s #: 8**

TYPE OF AMENDMENT: **Deletion**

CURRENT WORDING	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	Rationale
Article IX ADVISORY COUNCIL	ARTICLE IX PAST PRESIDENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE	Combine Executive Committee and Advisory Council. <b>***Requires renumbering</b>

**KUDOS AT THE MAY MRSPA ANNUAL MEETING**

ABCPSR, Inc. was awarded \$100.00 for "Local Association Project Award - Large Group Award" - for our "Scholarship Project".



The Scholarship Project of the Association of Baltimore City Public School Retirees (ABCPSR) has several prongs. Annual funding through the ongoing endowment at the Baltimore Community Foundation (BCF) grant making dollars allows ABCPSR to give a \$1000 "one-time" scholarship through the College Bound Foundation (CBF) selection process. Criteria submitted by our scholarship committee is used to select applicants to be reviewed by our internal committee and award is to be based on the recommendation of the committee. The awardee is recognized at an annual dinner held by CBF in May. The President and Scholarship Chairperson are also invited to attend.

In addition, ABCPSR's Executive Board and Advisory Committee has instructed the scholarship committee to continue prong two which allows for selection of another student awardee who seeks to endeavor to pursue a degree in education from the Baltimore City Public Schools System (BCPSS) of a scholarship or book award as designated by that body. The third prong allows the Scholarship and Awards Recognition committees to introduce the Baltimore City Public School Systems "Teacher of the Year" at our Annual Business Luncheon held in May. The person is usually presented to the membership and or serves as the guest speaker. ABCPSR, Inc. has an annual scholarship crab feast to sustain the project with a fifty/fifty raffle held on the same day. Scholarship donations received by the association find themselves assured a place in this project for students to continue to seek further learning and recognizing teachers who give the best of themselves. Area schools have been chosen to receive grants as the fourth prong from ABCPSR, Inc. to continue or support in school projects for purchasing books, uniforms, robotics equipment, and/ or debate team needs.

**FOR YOUR SAFETY – COOKING FIRES**

According to the American Red Cross, cooking is the number one cause of home fires and home fire injuries. Home fires kill approximately seven people in the United States every single day, over 20,000 people yearly. Not having a working smoke alarm can end in tragedy.

Protect yourself from a home fire. Having a working smoke alarm can reduce chances of dying in a fire by nearly half. Install a smoke alarm near your kitchen, on each level of your home, near sleeping areas, and inside and outside bedrooms if you sleep with doors closed. Use the test button to check it each month. Replace all batteries at least once a year. For more information on how to prevent cooking fires visit [www.redcross.org/homefires](http://www.redcross.org/homefires).



## TRIP TO THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY AND CULTURE



On June 19, 2019, ABCPSR took a bus load of members and friends to the National Museum of African American History and Culture. The museum provides “people from all walks of life” the opportunity of “gaining a better understanding of the African American experience and how African Americans throughout history have contributed to and shaped our country.”

### IN MEMORIAM (BALTIMORE CITY)

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|--------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| FRANCES AUSBY      | CARDRIENNE P. GRIFFIN | JAMES A. OWINGS      |
| MARY JANE F. BARON | ANDREW D. HARVEY      | ELSIE D. PARROTT     |
| GEORGE B. BARRICK  | STANLEY HENDRICKS     | CHARLOTTE A. PERRY   |
| MARGARET T. BIVINS | HAZEL E. HYMAN        | COVA S. REXROAD      |
| DANIEL BREWINGTON  | NANCY L. ILIFF        | ISABELL L. RICHMOND  |
| LORAIN BROWN       | QUEEN E. JEFFRIES     | HARRIET RIVKIN       |
| LILLIE MAE CAMPHOR | ETHEL L. LINEBERGER   | MARIAN M. ROBB       |
| CHARLES CHAMBERS   | YETTY LOCKETT-GOODIN  | JOYCE MARIE ROSE     |
| MARGARET CONWAY    | DANIEL R. MARKOWITZ   | EVELYN J. SCOTT      |
| ARDENA DIXON       | MILDRED S. MILLER     | MURIEL C. SCOTT      |
| MARYLEE J. FELTON  | WILLIAM J. MILNER     | HELEN K. SZYMKOWIAK  |
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| VERA B. FRY        | LILLIE N. MYERS       | PAUL H. TRASK        |
| JUANITA H. GATES   | HELEN A. NITKOSKI     | JACQUELYN L. VINCENT |
| VIVIAN C. GILES    | AUDREY NOELLERT       | FRANCES E. WILSON    |



### Association of Baltimore City Public School Retirees, Inc.

#### 2019 – Proposed Amendment # 4

Submitted by: **Bylaws Committee**

Article: XII Section: 1

Sub-Section: h

Page/s #: 9

TYPE OF AMENDMENT: Deletion

CURRENT WORDING	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	Rationale
Appoint one (1) person to serve as the President's liaison to ...	(renumbering indicated) i become h.	Positions eliminated because not used in years.

#### 2019 – Proposed Amendment # 5

Submitted by: **Bylaws Committee**

Article: XII Section: 6

Sub-Section:

Page/s #: 10

TYPE OF AMENDMENT: Deletion

CURRENT WORDING	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	Rationale
Liaison Responsibilities. Each person serving as a liaison ... group of committees.	(renumbering)	Positions eliminated

#### 2019 – Proposed Amendment # 6

Submitted by: **Bylaws Committee**

Article: XII Section: 7

Sub-Section: line 2

Page/s #: 10

TYPE OF AMENDMENT: Revision

CURRENT WORDING	PROPOSED AMENDMENT	Rationale
...and shall serve as liaison to activities committee	The Immediate Past President shall act in an advisory capacity to the President and the	Position eliminated.

**Association of Baltimore City Public School Retirees, Inc.**

Executive Board.		Submitted by: <b>Bylaws Committee</b>	
<b>2019 – Proposed Amendment # 7</b>		<b>Page/s #: 10</b>	
<b>Article: XII</b>	<b>Section: 8</b>	<b>Sub-Section:</b>	
<b>TYPE OF AMENDMENT: Revision</b>			
<b>CURRENT WORDING</b>	<b>PROPOSED AMENDMENT</b>	<b>Rationale</b>	
...and on matters under discussion they shall seek to determine ...appraisal.	Members-at-Large shall serve on the Executive Board ...and on matters under discussion.	To maintain protocol.	

**2019 – Proposed Amendment #8**

Submitted by: **Bylaws Committee**

**Article: XIII Section: 2 Primary Committee Groups**

**Sub-Section: line-4 Page/s #: 10**

**TYPE OF AMENDMENT: Deletion**

<b>CURRENT WORDING</b>	<b>PROPOSED AMENDMENT</b>	<b>Rationale</b>
... in conjunction with its designated liaison representative....	(Remove language)	No liaison

\*\*\*\*Renumber and grammatical corrections where indicated

Chairperson: Sara Jerkins

**LIAISON TO BCPSS**

Members of ABCPSR met with Dr. Jeremy Grant Skinner, representative of the CEO of Baltimore City Public Schools on April 10, 2019. This meeting held at the Headquarters of BCPS on North Avenue was highly fruitful and productive.

Issues discussed with Dr. Skinner centered around the Mission of ABCPSR, Membership Benefits, Teacher Scholarships, School Grants, Distribution of ABCPSR Materials to Schools, Request for Current Retirees Information, Participating in and Planning Retirement Seminars and Strategies for Future Involvement in School Activities and Meetings.

We thank Dr. Skinner for his interest in the association, providing us with answers to our questions and giving us the opportunity to meet and discuss relevant concerns with him.

Members in attendance at this meeting were: Patricia Pickett, Angela Hill, Dorothy Glasco-Jones, Kathleen Cain, Donnell Lockhart, Janet Williams, and Catherine Moore-DeFord.

Submitted by: Catherine Moore-DeFord, Liaison to ABCPSR

**COMMUNITY OUTREACH – LAMPLIGHT INN**

We have come to the end of another good year of activities at the Lamplight Inn of Baltimore. At this time, the Director of their facility is no longer with us. The residents look forward to our arrival on the second Thursday of each month from September – June.

We would like to encourage our overall membership to consider joining us at the Lamplight Inn on the second Thursday from 1:30 pm – 3:00 p.m. at 3855 Greenspring Avenue if you are available at the scheduled time.

Whenever special activities are held for Valentine’s Day or any of the various holidays, we have enjoyed participating with the residents as requested. In the coming year, we hope to have residents share with each other points of interest on trips taken, locations visited, as well as other items of interest.

As members of ABCPSR, you can always participate with us by purchasing items from the following list that would be used as prizes for our Bingo games: large boxes of facial tissues, soap, lotion, cologne, body wash, paper towels, wallets, puzzle books, powder, socks for men, ladies knee highs and NO MOUTHWASH!

Ms. Mary Hughee will chair our committee; other members are Catherine Moore-DeFord, Mary Gaskins, and Beverly Reid.

Submitted by Beverly Reid