

## Gulf Coast Association of Black Journalists Inc. Committee Descriptions

### Membership

The Membership Committee shall be responsible for planning and implementing activities pertaining to recruitment and retention of GCABJ members. The committee will focus on outreach to journalists and other media professionals throughout the Gulf Coast area as well as encouraging current members to be involved with chapter activities.

### Promotions and Publicity

The Promotions and Publicity committee shall be responsible for promoting and securing media attention throughout the Gulf Coast region (print, radio, television and new media) for all GCABJ events including community service activities and fundraising events.

### Community Action

The Community Action Committee shall identify issues that impact the local community. These issues will be addressed by holding community forums/ discussions that are objective and informational. (For example, Health Disparities Forums, Community Violence Forums and Financial Literacy Forums etc.)

### Social Activities

The Social Activities Committee shall be responsible for planning social events for the members of the chapter.

### Awards

The Awards Committee shall be responsible for recognizing GCABJ members for their efforts throughout the year. This committee shall also be responsible for submitting entries for national and regional awards given by NABJ.

### Youth Services

The Youth Service Committee shall be responsible for coordinating activities and events that target youth and address issues that affect them. The committee shall also foster youth interest in journalism and communications by coordinating events that introduce youth to media related professions.

### Health and Wellness

The Health and Wellness Committee shall promote awareness of health related issues that affect individuals in the Gulf Coast Region. The committee will especially focus on conditions that affect minorities (diabetes, hypertension, stroke, etc.), and will collaborate with other entities to help reduce health disparities along the region.

### Scholarship

The Scholarship Committee shall be responsible for recognizing high school and college students with an interest in journalism and communications related fields by providing GCABJ scholarships to two students annually. Duties include implementing a scholarship application, providing the application to area high schools and colleges, reviewing completed applications, selection of scholarship recipients, and coordinating presentation of scholarships to recipients.

### Finance

The Finance Committee shall be responsible for maintenance of the chapter's financial data. The committee shall review financial documents periodically, track income and expenditures, and submit a budget before the beginning of each calendar year.

### New Media and Archives

The Multi Media and Archives Committee shall be responsible for maintaining the GCABJ website and promoting activities through social networking sites such as Facebook, MySpace, Twitter etc. The committee shall also be responsible for compiling a history of chapter activities by gathering photographs of events and newspaper articles into a scrapbook etc.