



# NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BLACKS IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE

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Greetings All:

As you know the Ohio Chapter is the largest' chapter of the National Association of Blacks in Criminal Justice. This legacy was built on one of the association's founding Father's shoulder Dr. Bennett J. Cooper. Not only was Dr. Cooper a founder of the Association he was also a trailblazer in Criminal Justice and Corrections. He was the first Director of the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction as well as the first African-American Director of a Department of Corrections in the United States. Dr. Cooper instilled in Ohio members a strong heritage of diligence, perseverance and success. Dr. Cooper charged that Ohio is the best! With all of the great leadership examples provided by Dr. Cooper, in 1987 Reginald A. Wilkinson, Ed.D, then the director of the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction established the Ohio Chapter. Since the inception of the Ohio Chapter we have strived to be the best in NABCJ.

With a membership of slightly under 500, 15 Lifetime Members, and 7 new Lifetime Members who will be recognized at the 35<sup>th</sup> Annual National Conference we would like to continue to be the Trailblazer's that our founder's set out for us to be.

Ohio has established the Dr. Bennett J. Cooper Scholarship Fund and the new Reginald A. Wilkinson Second Chance Scholarship Fund. Ohio has awarded \$1000.00's of dollars to students through the diligent efforts of its membership. With that said we encourage all new members and existing members to pay their membership fees directly to the Ohio Chapter. By paying your membership fees to the Ohio Chapter you are already making a difference in someone's pursuit of academic excellence as \$5.00 goes directly to the scholarship fund. When memberships are processed by the National Office, Ohio is not entitled to any rebates.

Continue to be the best!

Committed to Service,

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Andrea L. Carson

***"Changing The Future Of Criminal Justice"***