



Elections of District Executive Board Held

There were no signs or posters, no campaign ads or news alerts. There were no voter day hawkers pressing literature into the hands of voters and there was no mudslinging or pundits prognosticating about whom the projected winners might be. This was as civil an election as you will ever see. On June 3 beginning at 7 p.m. candidates greeted each other, held conversations and had dinner in Morgan State University's Student Center. The Election Chairperson and the Nomination Committee Chair announced candidates and outlined the election process, after which candidates presented their platforms and votes casted and counted.

Incumbent Governor Benjamin DuBose ran unopposed. Antoinette DuBose, 2nd Lieutenant Governor, Tracie Estep, Secretary, and Eric Brown, Treasurer also ran unopposed. McCarroll Nole, the incumbent 3rd Lieutenant Governor vacated his seat to run against incumbent 1st Lieutenant Governor Larry Monroe while Sports Director for Volleyball Sandy Hale and Lacrosse Sports Director Maurice Ward vied the for 3rd Lieutenant Governor's seat. Basketball Commissioner Beverly Vincent ran unopposed for Registrar. Incumbent Registrar Rosetta Holloway stepped down after serving in the position for four years. The Executive Board for the next four years is Benjamin DuBose, Governor, McCarroll Nole, 1st Lieutenant Governor, Antoinette DuBose, 2nd Lieutenant Governor, Maurice Ward, 3rd Lieutenant Governor, Eric Brown, Treasurer, Tracie Estep, Secretary, and Beverly Vincent, Registrar. Developing partnerships, growth in sports programs, and increased memberships are preliminary goals for this administration as expressed by Benjamin DuBose.

Tri-County Town Hall Meeting in Southern Maryland



Sports organization representatives, coaches, parents, and supporters from Charles, Calvert and St. Mary's counties met with Governor DuBose, his Executive Staff, Commissioners and Sports Directors to discuss ways the AAU could help bring greater opportunities for kids living in these counties to participate in league and tournament play, and gain regional and national exposure. The meeting, organized by the Team Fire organization of Charles County, was held at the Calvary Gospel Church in Waldorf, Maryland, and was a follow-up to a meeting held in March of 2013.

Many attendees expressed their frustrations of not having access to public schools for practices or to hold competitions. They also reported that available venues are too costly to use with any consistency or prohibitive by the high cost of insurance to hold competitions. Governor DuBose suggested significantly less expensive AAU insurance options for AAU licensed events.

"Conversations must be had with your local officials regarding your issues so that the citizens of your counties can gain access to a greater variety of sports offerings and the use of public facilities," DuBose added. While private schools are more amenable to opening up their facilities to the community, many of them are an hour or more away. Churches with a sports facility have been accommodating in opening up their facilities for usage at \$60.00 per hour.

"The AAU can afford to pay for facility usage," was a response by an official to a request to use a facility for a tournament.

"When you host a tournament, you apply for a license through AAU. All monies from the tournament come to your organization, not to AAU," DuBose responded. "You receive the admission fee, concession and entry fees. Out of those monies, you pay your expenses, including the cost of the facility. The cost of the facility, however, should be reasonable because of the economic impact a tournament can have on your jurisdiction. This includes hotel stays for teams coming from other Maryland counties and states, the food purchased at area restaurants, gas purchased at service stations, etc." In closing, Governor DuBose offered Maryland District AAU's full support to the organizations of these three counties, along with his personal commitment to assist in any way he can.