

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

National Academic Youth Corps (NAYC), the parent organization for the Sojourner Truth African Heritage Museum (SOJO Art Museum), was incorporated in 1996. The Board of Directors comprises five public, private, and non-profit individuals. These Board Members are charged with shaping the organization's path and guiding it as it expands its operations.

Chairman/President: William Mc Daniel's, a California State Correctional Officer for 30 years, has helped rehabilitate inmates and was recently voted Officer of the Year. Retired State of California Correctional Officer 2023 is the Andre Morris Foundation Executive Director, a nonprofit formed with Community Correctional Officers of Color.

Newly appointed Board 2024:

Vice Chair, Dale F. Morris, PSP, Director, Trauner Consulting Services, Inc. Dale is an expert with over 30 years of experience in construction management, CPM scheduling, claims analysis, risk analysis, earned value analysis, and training.

Secretary: Marquis Marcilous, Night Market Series LLC Co-Founder, BA in Business Administration and Human Resource Management.

Treasurer: Bobbyie Waters is the Chairperson of African Americans for Balanced Health (AABH) and an Analyst at the U.S. Department of Transportation. I am honored to hold the position of Treasurer on the Board of Directors at Sojourner Truth African Heritage Museum (Sojo).

Board Committee Members:

- Attorney Dale McKinney—Probate, Unlawful Detainer, Contracts, Expungements, Civil Cases. We are a law firm created to specifically help poor people who would normally be intimidated by the cost of legal services.
- Attorney George H. Jones serves Sacramento County and surrounding areas, including Placer County, Yolo County, San Joaquin County, Solano County, and Los Angeles County; Mr. Jones spent 25 years as a senior paralegal and law office administrator for several large and mid-sized law firms.
- Constance Arnick- Senior Volunteer Coordinator, Studied Social and Behavioral Sciences at City College of San Francisco, El Centro Jr College, Evergreen College, San Jose State University.

 Nasara Keys- Youth Advisory Board Member, Graduate of Kennedy King High School 2023, Freshman Sacramento City College, Nursing Program. Docent and intern for SOJO for three years. (1920)

Honorary and Advisory Board

Vice-President: Mr. Booker Cook is an African American Ethnic Studies professor at California State University of Sacramento and a community activist—ten years, 2014 to 2023.

Treasurer:

Sharifa Walker, Infinite Hope, LLC CEO, Licensed Financial Professional Senior Marketing Director in a Financial Firm responsible for mentoring, training, and leading a team of financial professionals in leadership and business development. 11/29/2017 to 12/31/2023.

Secretary- Andrea Smith, Behavioral Therapist. Ms. Smith works with ACES as a behavioral therapist. She works one-on-one with children of all ages, helping them develop the life skills necessary to succeed in school, community, and home.

Carl Jackson—Home Depot Manager Mr. Jackson is the Store Manager of the Florin Road Home Depot Store. He believes in creating opportunities to impact the community through Home Depot Beatification projects and sponsorship.

Ron King is the Executive Director of The Gardens, a nonprofit that provides support services for families and individuals through counseling and case management.

Founding Director: Shonna Mc Daniels – Executive Director