

## Hofstra University School of Law - Black Law Student's Association

### Second General Body Meeting - Fall 2004

Monday, September 13, 2004

Meeting called to order at 5:15p.m. in Room 243 by Ayana Wellington, President

#### 1st Item on the Agenda

##### Updates:

Ayana Wellington reported the success of the Voters' Registration Drive on Thurs, Sept. 9th, 2004  
BLSA members successfully registered **215** Hofstra students in the undergrad student center

##### Introductions:

New BLSA first year and transfer students introduced themselves to the general body

#### 2nd Item on the Agenda

##### Treasurer's Report:

Tiesh "Ty" Reaves presented the Treasurer's Report to the general body:  
The current balance for the Hofstra BLSA bank account is \$669  
Ty is awaiting financial approval from the Hofstra Student Body Association and will update BLSA at next meeting  
Ty thanked members for paying dues and reminded general body of deadline to pay dues, which is **Oct. 4th, 2004**

#### 3rd Item on the Agenda

##### Hofstra BLSA T.W.E.N. Site:

Dimilene "Dee Dee" LaCroix, Secretary, reported the status of available outlines & books in BLSA Library:  
Dee Dee stressed importance of paying dues because it is upon payment, members receive access to T.W.E.N. site  
Many outlines are scanned & downloadable. Others are "Hard-Copy Only"/to request these email [blsa@hofstra.edu](mailto:blsa@hofstra.edu)  
To borrow books/study aids, download Borrower form. Place form in **Dimilene LaCroix's** folder in student lounge.  
Please allow Dee Dee, the Secretary, a 7-day window to fulfill your requests for hard-copy outlines and study aids.  
There is an abundance of available books/study aids. Please take advantage of this privilege as a BLSA member.

#### 4th Item on the Agenda

##### 1L Announcements

##### 1L Representative Elections:

Jeanise Frazier, 1L Coordinator, reported upcoming 1L events:  
Please consider running for the Three 1L Representative Positions: Reps for Sections A & B, and Night Program  
To be eligible to run for any BLSA Board Position, Candidates must meet following criteria:  
(1) have 4 hrs of community svc, (2) be in good standing w/law school and (3) pay BLSA dues: **\$36**  
Jeanise will advise 1Ls of confirmed election date at next general body meeting **Mon, Oct. 11th at 12:10 pm**

##### Outlining Session:

A survey was taken to assess how many 1Ls would be interested in attending an outlining session  
Most 1L students agreed; The Outlining Lecture is tentatively scheduled for weekend of **Oct 9th, 2004**

#### 5th Item on the Agenda

##### Events for General Body

##### Alumni Reception:

Esere Onadowan, Events Coordinator, reported to the general body the need for the following volunteers:  
(1) A runner, (2) Volunteers to set-up, and (3) more members on the Alumni Reception committee  
The Alumni Reception will take place on **Thurs, Sept. 23rd, 2004 at 7pm in the Law School Atrium**  
Alumni Reception is free of charge; Members who wish to volunteer please email [blsa@hofstra.edu](mailto:blsa@hofstra.edu)

##### Academic Retreat:

Tania Redman, Academic Retreat Coordinator, reported this event to the general body:  
Program of this academic retreat is: "Career Building, Outlining, and Finding a Summer Job"  
Academic Retreat has free admission and lunch will be served  
This event is scheduled on **Saturday, Oct 16th at St. John's Law School**  
Members who wish to attend this retreat, please email [blsa@hofstra.edu](mailto:blsa@hofstra.edu)

#### 6th Item on the Agenda

**NBLSA Competitions:**

Talia Paul, Moot Court Coordinator, presented general body with info regarding both NBLSA competitions:

Questions for both Competitions will be posted on [nblsa.org](http://nblsa.org) - **Wed, Sept. 15th, 2004**

Members who wish to participate in either competition must meet the following criteria:

(1) have 4 hrs of community svc, (2) be in good standing w/law school and (3) pay BLSA dues: **\$36**

There is a **\$25 deposit** to ensure members' participation; **the \$25 will be refunded** after team members compete

There is a MANDATORY informational meeting for both competitions: **Mon, Sept. 27th** in **Rm 206** at **12:10 pm**

**Moot Court**

1) **Frederick Douglass Moot Court Competition** - for 1Ls and upperclassmen

Moot Court competitors are graded on their Submitted Brief, Writing, Research, and Oral Advocacy Skills

The Moot Court brief is due **Monday, Nov. 15th, 2004**

**Mock Trial**

2) **Thurgood Marshall Mock Trial Competition** - for upperclassmen only

Mock Trial competitors are graded on Oral Advocacy, Witness Interviewing, Analytical, Strategies & Teamwork Skills

**7th Item on the Agenda**

**Community Service:**

Community Service is mandatory if members are interested in Moot Court, Mock Trial, and board positions

**Star Program:**

Nicole McFarlane, Community Svc Coordinator, reported the Star Program to the general body:

The Star Program will be held at Hempstead High School at the Institute for Student Achievement

Star Program consists of a series of five workshops, which start at **8:45am** - each workshop is 45 min long

Volunteers are needed to create a team(s) which will comprise of 2 to 5 BLSA members;

The team(s) will plan the concept (i.e. College Preparation and Finding Scholarships)

Teams meet every other Friday; First Workshop date is **October 1st** -

Members who wish to join a team, please contact **Nicole McFarlane** or email [blsa@hofstra.edu](mailto:blsa@hofstra.edu)

**Tutoring Elementary Students:**

Claryse Flores, Community Svc Coordinator, reported the Tutoring Program to the general body:

Tutoring at California Elementary School (next door to law school) starts in September, regularly at 7 am

Check "Announcements" on BLSA site for official starting date of Tutoring Program at California Ave Elementary

Members who wish to participate as tutors, please contact **Claryse Flores** or email [blsa@hofstra.edu](mailto:blsa@hofstra.edu)

**Breast Cancer Walk:**

Breast Cancer Walk on **October 17th** at **Jones Beach @ 9pm** (co-sponsored by Hofstra Law Women)

This is an opportunity to raise money and members can donate and sign up for the Walk online.

**8th Item on the Agenda**

**Fundraising:**

Ayana Wellington, presented a fundraising report on behalf of Zerinah Ballard, Fundraiser Coordinator:

Zerinah has created "Winging Wednesdays" as BLSA's 1st fundraiser

BLSA will sell Buffalo chicken wings with blue cheese and celery/carrot sticks at various sizes and prices

"Winging Wednesdays" will take place during common hour and BLSA needs volunteers to operate table

Members who wish to volunteer at the table, please contact **Zerinah Ballard** or email [blsa@hofstra.edu](mailto:blsa@hofstra.edu)

**9th Item on the Agenda**

**BLSA Bulletin Board:**

Tanyka Wilson, BLSA Historian, reported to the general body her need for volunteers to decorate the BLSA Board

Members who help Tanyka decorate the BLSA Board will have this time count towards their community service hours

Supplies and materials will be provided; Tanyka needs volunteers to donate fabric and cloth to decorate

Members who wish to volunteer, please contact **Tanyka Wilson** or email [blsa@hofstra.edu](mailto:blsa@hofstra.edu)

**Meeting Adjourned at 5:50 pm by Ayana Wellington, President**