



**National Organization of Minority Architects  
Washington DC Chapter**

**Meeting Minutes**

**27 AUGUST 02**

**Attendees:**

Cheryl Amisial	Alphonso Fuelling
Sidnitra Bates	Virgil Green
Miles Battle	Carille Guthrie
Michelle Chin	George Morgan
Sheila Davis	Louis Sinclair
Kathy Dixon	Brian Walker

*Meeting commenced at 6:15pm*

**Topics of Discussion:**

**Old business**

- Need a letter on letterhead stating the objective of the organization in order to open bank account and post office box. Michelle will draft letter and forward to Virgil

**New business**

- Student activities and development of NOMAS chapters: Carille Guthrie, president and Brian Wilson, vice-president of Howard University AIAS (HUIAS) chapter, discussed the need to build a relationship between DC NOMA and local architecture students. The Howard University NOMAS chapter is currently inactive. Suggestions included office tours of member firms (Virgil will contact potential firm host), mentorship program and portfolio workshops. *DC NOMA will first plan a firm tour for students and then solicit student interest in a portfolio workshop.*

DC NOMA members are encouraged to mentor an architecture student.

HUIAS is having a picnic/barbeque Sunday, Sept 1, 2002 at Banneker Park 2500 Georgia Ave. NW. from 12pm to 4pm, all are invited.

DC NOMA will seek to develop relationships with each of the area architecture schools and involve students in upcoming events

- Volunteers were solicited to work on planning a Fall Event/Holiday Party. Volunteers include Lakeisha, Kathy, Sidnitra, and Carille
- National NOMA convention is October 15 – 17<sup>th</sup>, 2002 all members are encouraged to attend. September meeting will discuss convention in more detail. Tentatively no October meeting will be held due to convention.



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- Upcoming events:  
Nat'l Museum of the American Indian site tour Wed Sept 18<sup>th</sup> or 25<sup>th</sup>, email will be send out for anyone interested in attending.

"The Quest for Immortality: Treasures of Ancient Egypt" exhibit tour is Sept 14<sup>th</sup>. Email [vicepresident1@dcnoma.org](mailto:vicepresident1@dcnoma.org) if you are interested in attending.

September happy hour time and location to be sent out via email

**General Discussion**

- **Homes of Color** is a newly published magazine that explores residential projects by African-American designers and architects
- **"Architecture in the Schools"** program is seeking volunteers to teach elementary school children about the architecture profession. This program is in line with National NOMA objective to increase the number of licensed minority architects. Howard University AIAS is currently involved in this program. Contact Washington Architectural Foundation for further information <http://www.wafonline.org/programs/ais.html>

*Meeting adjourned at 7:20pm*

**Next meeting:**

Tuesday, September 24, 2002  
One Judiciary Square (Judiciary Square Metro Station – Red line)  
6:00 pm - Room 1030  
441 1 Judiciary Square  
Washington, DC