

BLACKS IN GOVERNMENT

REGION IV EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

REGION IV STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

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RESPONSIBILITIES

Region IV Strategic Planning Committee is responsible for the development and maintenance of Region IV Strategic Plan. The Committee shall be responsible for providing and collecting input data to support the implementation.

The Regional Strategic Plan *shall* become the blueprint for Region IV Chapters leadership to support. The Regional Strategic Plan is a five-year reoccurring plan. The components of the plan include BIG MISSION/VISION

- Focus Areas (Communication Flow, Financial Accountability, Advocacy, and Membership), adopted by Region IV in October 2021.
- Region IV Strategic Plan posted to Region IV website.
- Region IV Chapters are encouraged to develop Strategic Plans (Actions ongoing)

ACTIVITIES

- Attending National/Region/Chapter meetings
- Review of National/Regional IV Strategic Plans for updates
- Recruiting New Members for the Region/Chapter
- Meeting with Chapter Presidents about the Region IV Strategic Plan
Completed Review with Region IV Chapters (20 plus Members)
Currently meeting with Chapter President (18 or fewer Members) - Action Ongoing
- Supporting the Chapter Membership Outreach effort
- Attended the National Face to Face meeting in Tampa, Florida
- Attended National Delegates Assembly and the National Training Institute
- Participated in the National FLAG Summit, with ASU returning with 6 Students
- Participated in the National BIG Grow Program, mentoring and shadowing
- Completed the FEDCHOICE National Scholarship, one winner from Region IV – Clinton Mississippi
- Supporting NOW Generation Co-Chairs as needed
- Assisting Chapters with the National Strategic Plan Metric Responses/Questionnaire – Ongoing (received September 2024)

INVITATIONS

- Aug 7 National Executive Meeting Tampa, Florida
- Aug 11 National Delegates Assembly, Tampa, Florida
- Aug 12 National Training Institute, Tampa, Florida
- Aug 13 State & Local Federal Forum, NTI, Tampa

- Sep 12 National FEDChoice Scholarship Meeting
- Sep 17 First Mississippi CHapter Meeting
- Sep 19 Project BIG Vote Virtual Program
- Sep 25 NEC Monthly Meeting
- Sep 30 Region IV Membership Roundtable
- Oct 1 National FedChoice Scholarship Meeting
- Oct 7 Region IV Executive Committee Meeting
- Oct 11 National Budget Estimates Due
- Oct 14 Federal Forum After Action Meeting
- Oct 15 National 2d/3d VP Meeting
- Oct 17 National First VP Meeting
- Oct 26 Region IV Fall Council Meeting, Atlanta, Georgia
- Oct 26 National FLAG Meeting