Candidate for WABJ President

Name: Philip Lewis
Profession: Deputy Editor, HuffPost
Years of Experience: 11



Relevant Skills and Expertise:
I am running for reelection as president of the Washington Association of Black Journalists, and I want to build on the organization's rapid growth during the 2025-2026 term.

Motivation Statement:
I am seeking to serve on the Executive Board of the Washington Association of Black Journalists because there's more work to do. We've accomplished so much in my first term, and I'm seeking a second term so I can use what I've learned to take the chapter even further. As the Black Press celebrates 200 years in 2027, I hope to lead WABJ and create programming based around this historic anniversary.

Board Experience:

I am the president of the Washington Association of Black Journalists, and under my leadership, we have tripled our membership to over 600—making WABJ the largest chapter of the National Association of Black Journalists. We've also expanded our programming, hosted a profitable regional conference, advocated for our members, and helped them land both full-time and freelance roles.

I am also a board member of DMV Does Good, a nonprofit that supports the unhoused and food-insecure in the DC, MD, and VA area. In addition to volunteering directly, I've secured media placements for the organization in the Washington Post, NBC4 Washington, and more.

Other Volunteer Experience:

Before becoming WABJ president, I served as co-coordinator of the Urban Journalism Workshop. In that role, I managed UJW's scheduling, programming, scholarship distribution, and student support.

I have also tutored adult Spanish speakers who were learning to read and write in English at The Family Place in Columbia Heights.