Candidates for WABJ Member-at-Large
(2 seats available)

Candidate #1

Name: Terrell Mizell
Profession: Senior Recruiting Consultant, Newsroom, The Washington Post
Director of Events, Washingtonian
Years of Experience: 11



Relevant Skills and Expertise:
Newsroom operations and organizational planning; programming and event management; talent acquisition and career development; diversity, equity and inclusion initiatives; member and employee engagement; project management; strategic communications; partnership and stakeholder management; internship and early-career talent development; and organizational strategy and process improvement.

I bring more than eight years of experience working across journalism, recruiting, operations and DEI, including developing programs and processes that support journalists at different stages of their careers. I also have experience building and leading employee communities, planning professional and social programming, collaborating with senior newsroom leaders, and managing cross-functional initiatives.

Motivation Statement:

I have been an active WABJ member since 2023, and the connections, professional development and sense of community I have gained through the organization have been incredibly valuable to me. Over the past year, I had the opportunity to give back by participating in two WABJ career development panels, while also attending networking events that have helped me build relationships across the DMV's journalism community and been valuable in my work recruiting for The Washington Post. In my role at The Post, I have also helped facilitate the organization's sponsorship of WABJ's annual scholarship and awards gala on multiple occasions. I am now interested in taking the next step in my involvement by contributing to WABJ in a more consistent and hands-on way.

I am particularly passionate about WABJ's role in career development. My professional background has given me the opportunity to help journalists navigate different stages of their careers, and I would be excited to bring that experience to initiatives such as the Urban Journalism Workshop, résumé and cover letter reviews, career programming and other efforts that help both professional and student members prepare for their next opportunity. At a time when journalists are navigating layoffs, rapid changes in technology and AI and broader uncertainty across the media industry, I believe organizations like WABJ are especially important in connecting journalists, creators and communications professionals across organizations and areas of expertise.

I would also be excited to help WABJ deepen its relationships with news organizations throughout the region. Over time, I would love to see WABJ become an even more visible and consistent partner to DMV newsrooms — not only for programming and community engagement, but as a resource for organizations seeking to connect with and ultimately hire Black journalists. Building recurring relationships with local news organizations could create more opportunities for WABJ members while strengthening the broader ecosystem of Black media professionals in the region.

Serving as a member-at-large would also represent an important stretch opportunity for me. I am at a point in my career where I want to continue building my own leadership capacity by taking on new responsibilities, learning from other leaders and contributing to an organization outside of my day-to-day work. The flexibility of the member-at-large role particularly appeals to me because I would have the opportunity to contribute where my experience is useful while also stretching into areas that are new to me.

Ultimately, I see board service as an opportunity to both give back to an organization that has already given me a great deal and help strengthen what it can offer others. I

would be proud to bring my time, experience and energy to WABJ and help ensure that Black journalists and media professionals throughout the DMV have a strong community, meaningful opportunities to grow and connections that can help them navigate the next stages of their careers.

WABJ Board Experience
None

Other Volunteer Experience
Theta Chi Fraternity Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Council (2020-current)
Alfred Street Baptist Church Career Development Service

Candidate #2

Name: Danesha Price
Profession: Director of Events, Washingtonian
Years of Experience: 10



Relevant Skills and Expertise:
I bring media, experiential, and marketing experience.

Skills include: Event strategy & lifecycle management, executive & high-profile events, on-site operations, cross-functional leadership, sponsor/partner relationships, budget & vendor management, creative direction, forecasting, contract & sponsorship negotiation, ROI reporting, audience insights & analytics, team leadership.

Motivation Statement:
I want to serve on the Executive Board because I believe in WABJ's mission. I want to help the organization grow and give members the opportunities and connections they need to thrive in their work.

Board Experience:
None

Other Volunteer Experience:
I volunteer my time and serve as the marketing and communications associate for a nonprofit social services agency, and often volunteer to help with planning and executing various events around the DC area.

Candidate #3

Name: Janae Washington
Profession: Senior Director of Communications, Information Technology Industry Council (ITI)
Years of Experience: 9



Relevant Skills and Expertise:
Communications, Media Relations, Stakeholder Engagement, Operations, Fundraising

Motivation Statement:
Being a WABJ member has been so valuable to bolstering my professional development, expanding my network with other like-minded Black media professionals, strengthening relationships with reporters, and refining media outreach strategies that lead to compelling storytelling. The media landscape continues to shift - risking increased diminishment of Black voices and organizations like WABJ are committed to sounding the alarm on this concerning trend. Serving on the board would allow me to continue to contribute meaningfully to the work that WABJ is doing spotlight Black journalism at a time when it has never been more important.

Board Experience:
Board of Directors, Washington Women in Public Relations
Public Relations Chair, National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Washington, DC Chapter

Other Volunteer Experience:
Membership Chair, Washington Association of Black Journalists
Membership Chair, Media-Related Task Force, National Association of Black Journalists