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NAACP Portland Chapter 1120B Elects 2015 Leadership Team

Following a membership vote on Saturday, November 15, 2014, and subsequent certification by the Elections Supervisory Committee, Portland's NAACP Chapter 1120B will have new leadership. Jo Ann Hardesty was elected President. James Posey will serve as 1st Vice President. Their two-year terms begin in January.

"I am humbled by the faith the Chapter has placed in me, to lead our efforts during this historic time. This year marks the 100th anniversary of the NAACP Portland Chapter, and the need for this civil rights organization is as pressing today as it was a century ago." says Hardesty.

A long-time civil rights leader, Hardesty is a former three-term Oregon Representative, and former Executive Director of Oregon Action. Currently, she leads the above training and organizational development [consultancy](#), produces *Voices from the Edge* on KBOO-FM, and is a Board Member serving two nonprofits: the [Avel Gordly Center for Healing](#) and [Human Solutions](#).

"I am pleased and proud to be on a slate of newly elected NAACP officers, lead by JoAnn Hardesty. On behalf of Portland and our nation, I look forward to nothing but success as we fulfill the great mission and purpose of this esteemed organization," says Posey.

Posey is co-founder of the local chapter of the National Association of Minority Contractors and Metropolitan Contractor Improvement Partnership, past President of the Portland Coalition of Black Men, and the organizer of the affiliated Oregon chapter of the National Black Chamber of Commerce. He is a member of local chapter of the Conference of Minority Transportation Officials, the Urban League of Portland, and the Portland Black Leadership Forum.

The NAACP Portland chapter will install its new leaders on Saturday, January 24, 2015, from noon-2:00pm at the Portland Red Cross offices at 3131 N Vancouver Ave. The NAACP Portland Chapter welcomes everyone in the city to join and participate! General meetings are held the 4th Saturday of every month. Prospective members are welcome; [membership forms](#) are always available.

"Our mission is to improve the political, educational, social, and economic status of African Americans and other racial and ethnic minorities; to eliminate racial prejudice; to keep the public aware of the adverse effects of discrimination and to take lawful action to secure the elimination of racial discrimination; to seek legislation and policies at the local level, or at other levels, if requested by the state/state area conference or national office." - NAACP Bylaws

For a history of the local chapter, click [here](#). NOTE: Current contact information at this site is out of date.

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