



ANNUAL REPORT, 2019 -2020



"All over (America), Negro boys and girls are growing into stunted maturity, trying desperately to find a place to stand, and the wonder is not that so many are ruined--but that so many survive!" -James Baldwin 1955

THOUGHTS FROM OUR FOUNDER AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

We started 2020 by hiring a GOFF Public lobbying firm to strengthen our state funding bill for the Teacher's Forum. The bill is for our Readability Learning System (RLS). This is a hybrid software to improve literacy from K-12. RLS is part Artificial Intelligence (AI) and part human managed through our Teacher's Forum. It clearly changes the rigor and care of classroom progress. The Covid-19 pandemic caused much challenge, virtually none of it beneficial to legislate our bill.

The Pandemic reshuffled the card deck in all education classrooms. We saw our stakeholder classroom agreements expire, UST, Metro State and ISD742. The soft agreements with Concordia and MN. State Mankato lapsed as well. We are reintroducing our RLS bill and with its success we are renewing these collaboratives for the coming fall term. Their budget interest hinges on state support for the service by at least 50%. Patience and persistence remain a virtue for the Teacher's Forum in 2021.

Our office is 4 blocks north of where George Floyd was murdered. This episode created a number of token viral diversity training initiatives for us. Hennepin Health Care, the University of Minnesota's IDE Committee, a few medium size businesses and Target Corporation. We are hopeful that Target's open door will lead to meaningful rapport.

Content: I was forced to work from home a lot though the AAREG office is in a church (essential building) per covid-19 restrictions. My research flourished and as of the first of the new year 1,034 new articles were added and all of them hold live internal URL links. Clicking the link redirects the user to another web page or a document or image in our portal. This plus social media tags should expand our audience reach.



The "New" Normal for classrooms and meetings

My 2020 invitations to present in Toronto at the NEH Educators Conference, the IB Education Planers Conference in Raleigh, N.C. and recording NGO oral histories in Mali, West Africa in 2020 were canceled due to Covid-19. IB has rescheduled virally for mid-July and I look forward to other invitations renewed in 2021.

Our Exe. Board invested energies in establishing a state subscription service for our content. We were turned down. Also because of Covid-19, our strategic plan timeline to include a two-year secession plan remains at two. This will bring even more youth (page 2, 4) into the next phase of African American Registry.

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STREET TEAM INNW PREVAILED THRU COVID-19 AND GEORGE FLOYD MURDER



Street Team 2020 Directors Adele Parks and Juliana Ramos with AAREG Exe. Dir. And attendees (pictured)

YOUTH PROGRAMS EYE THE LEVERAGE OF GLOBAL INTERACTION WITH CIVICS AND INNW EXPANSION

Our Youth and Elder Programs were supported by St. Paul's Cultural Star Program. Minnesota's capital city endorsed our [Street Team INNW](#) to engage our interracial and inter-generational creation. Through Zoom, we put together another grand program that engaged youth and elders from the Washington Magnet Middle School and two branches of the St. Paul YMCA



To focus on youth & social media more we developed Street Team Civics. This is a 1-minute video response to civic, public policy or societal questions on our [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#) pages. These were done by our past contractors who live outstate and abroad. Above is Ruby, a Millennial interviewee from Cork, Ireland.

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Last Year

Our dedicated and progressive adjunct professors (support coaches) built a collection of lesson plans for the Teacher's Forums diverse content and methods. From Pre-K and Elementary, to Special Education, Middle and High School, they combine video and work page resources.

Our attempt to take the Teacher's Forum to outstate Minnesota in preparation for 2020 legislative session wasn't successful. We did begin classroom relationships discussions in 2020 with MaCalaster College.

Our ability to fill positions to fortify our Street Team youth programs and Teacher's Forum were crucial to our successes. Our youth program will expand for spring 2021. We are hopeful to build Street Team International with zoom classes later in 2021.



Street Team programmer Felicia Johnson, Uppsala, Sweden



2020 UMN School of Nursing Richard Olding Beard Award to Benjamin Mchie

This Year

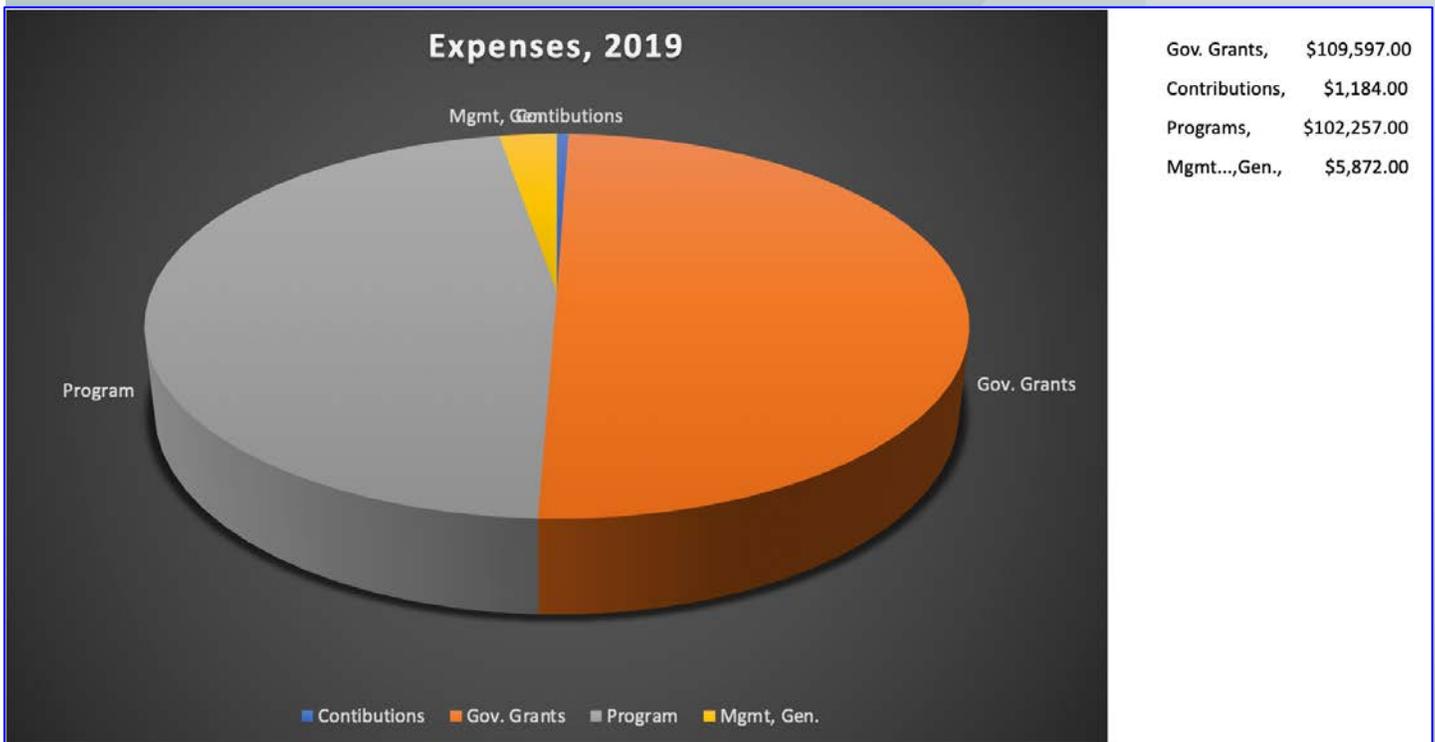
California: Board member and emerging director Jonathan Marcus, administered the expansion of our Street Team in Long Beach, CA. I'm impressed but not surprised. The community collaboratives he is creating through state university, the Vice mayor and with Long beach's Success In Challenges (SIC) community partner will start in April 2021.

White Paper: Over the summer, board member Dr. Yvonne Banks administered the first White-Paper published by AAREG. This innovative idea will be a Bi-Annual scholarly research publication.

The [Journal of The Registry](#) is a written space to challenge communities and to propel those in positions of power to make the real, substantive changes necessary in order to bring about true equity through Black America.



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