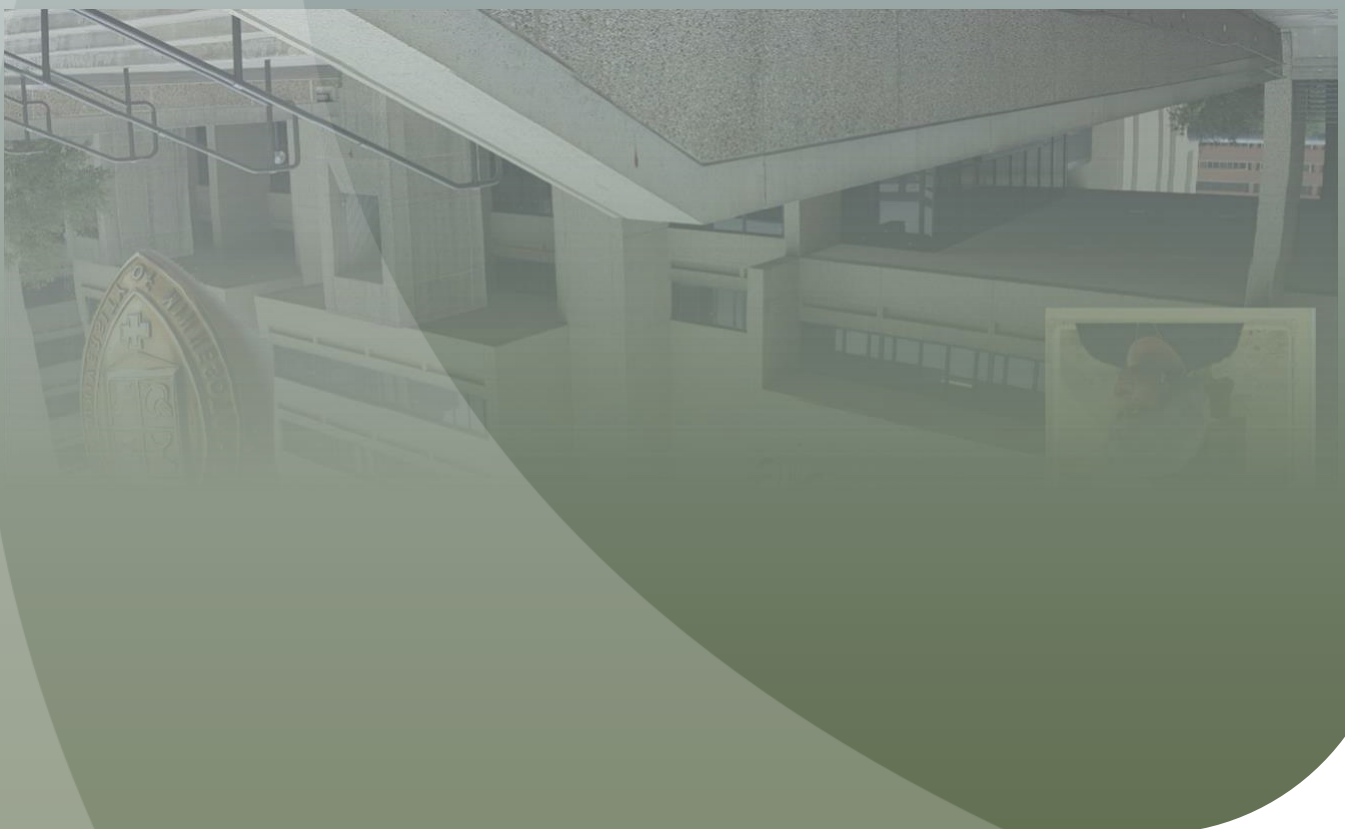




# ANNUAL REPORT, 2023 -2024



# 2024 THOUGHTS FROM OUR FOUNDER AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**Collaboration:** The year 2024 began with using our outreach coordinator's capacity-building money goal of more stability. We hired the first chief operations officer (COO) for the African American Registry. Darius Gillard from the Minnesota Opera worked for us for 6 months without much success and was let go. We've renewed and built relationships with the Coalition of Teachers of Color, We Win Institute, In Black Ink, 825 Arts, South Carolina State University, and others.

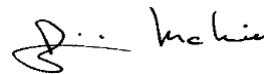


*Discussion Group Facilitator, Hallie Q. Brown  
Ctr., St. Paul, MN.*

**The Teacher's Forum:** Our application for a 500 K grant to the Minnesota Humanities Center for a teacher's forum 'to preserve Minnesota culture and heritage' was denied. MHC does not fund classroom education. Currently, Concordia University of St. Paul, the University of St. Thomas St. Mary's University, and South Carolina State University teacher education deans signed letters of participation. Our intent is to serve outstate Minnesota and our first HBCU program. With Ethnic Studies licking in in 2026/27, we are in backroom conversations with Bobbie Burnham, of MDE as a supplement to current standards. Budget/money is the last vestige for Burnham, and Dr. Staten of SCSU.

**Board Development:** In 2024, we reshaped our esteemed board, letting Joe Selvaggio go and bringing on L. Burke Murphy and Nehita Onwubuya. Both women bring Millennial and Feminist career workforce experience backgrounds.

**Succession:** Our strategic plan timeline, which includes a 1.5-year secession plan, remains. This plan will consist of ventures in a podcast with Jonathan Marcus to start in 2025 in his next phase of steering the future of African American Registry®. In 2025, the Executive Director and webmaster are completing a state (MNHS) historical society's permanent, ongoing AAR collection. Publicizing this collection would make an attractive subscription service for a state library system (Minitex) RFP.  
Benjamin Mchie

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Benjamin Mchie".

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## STREET TEAM INT., GLOBAL VIEWS WITH ALL GENERATIONS



In August, I traveled to Dublin, Cork, and Glengarriff Ireland, for Street Team International (STI). There, I gathered quite a bit of content. The STI theme was *Irish Asylum Seekers, and Immigrants from Africa*. I researched through video interviews with a high school student, a university professor, an immigrant counselor and community activist. I made more lifelong relationships, and the emphasis on Africana (the diaspora) philosophy was instilled in the mantra of the African American Registry while there.



*Dr. Philomena Mullen, professor of Black Studies, Trinity College, Dublin, and Benjamin Mchie*



*Labor Administration building, Cork, Ireland*

Our website published Street Team International Ireland in December. The third of our yearly global study abroad connections instruct culture and history with interactive media. STI is a three-part PowerPoint video classroom exercise with a virtual study abroad concept.

The program will combine historical facts that spotlight places where African heritage thrives in countries outside the continent. Our second partnership included Int. Community Dynamics, Trinity College (Dublin), Black & Irish, and The Skibbereen Museum. In the future, STI will plan to visit Brazil, Cuba, and Israel.

# BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

*Active, and Advisory*



Nehiita Onwubuya,  
Registered Nurse,  
San Diego, CA



Alexander Hines, Dir.  
University of Minnesota  
Emerging Scholars and  
MLK Program



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Development



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Consultant (retired)

# Scholarship, Teaching Support & Giving Youth a Voice



## Last Year

### White Paper:

Board members Dr. Yvonne Banks and Julie Landsman administered our sixth Whitepaper, which had the theme "BIPOC Educators and Their Journey of Impact." The [Journal of The Registry](#) is cultivating relationships with urban, academic departments, and statewide organizations for contributors. This innovative idea is a Bi-Annual scholarly research publication.

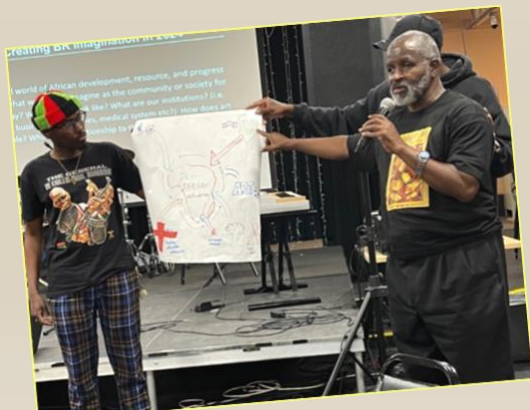
### Frances McHie Nursing Scholarship:

In July 2024, the University of Minnesota School of Nursing Office reported that the Frances McHie Nursing Scholarship had reached endowed status. This will permanently establish her legacy in the healthcare field. I thank Dean Connie Delaney, Andrew McIlree, Maria McLemore, and Nehita Onwubuya for their efforts; it would not have happened without you. Our current Frances McHie Nursing Scholar is Suleika Mohamed.

**Website:** Pacific Software Publishing (PSP) replaced Aviner as our webmaster in July on the advice of board member Marc Mauseth. With a keen eye for Millennial searching and mobile device use preferences, we have a much cleaner, versatile, and informative look. In the last four months of 2024, we've altered the homepage and teacher's forum page donation page, leading (hopefully) to a complete lesson library page over the hall in 2025.

### MNHS

The Minnesota Historical Society (MNHS) is slowly proceeding with the inclusion of the Registry as a permanent, ongoing African American Registry® collection in the state's archives. This includes submitting artifacts and manuscripts, both physical and digital, to this ongoing collection. It should be available to the public by the end of 2025. I'm pleased with this continuing examination and the lasting place for our work as a more than twenty-year-old organization.



Nu Skool presentation, St. Paul, Minnesota. This is a monthly lecture by educators, and community activist

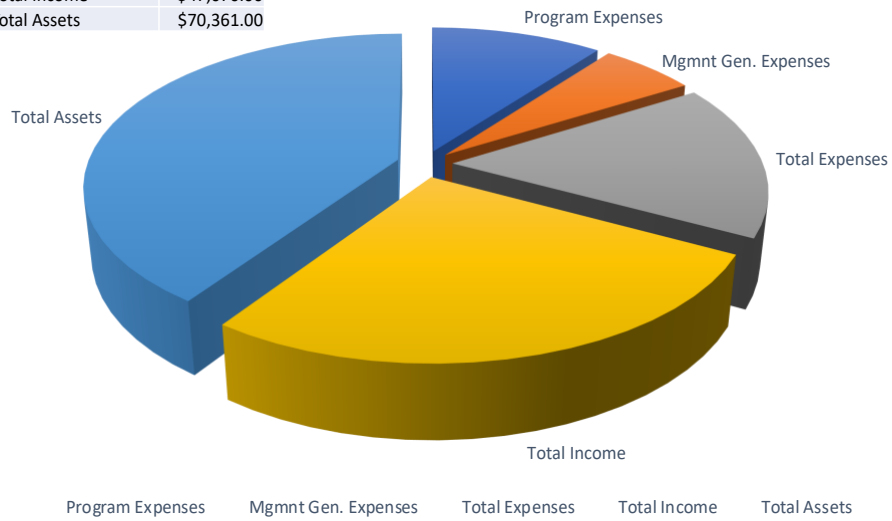


# FINANCIALS. 2023/24:



Program Expenses	\$18,310.00
Mgmt. Gen. Expenses	\$10,185.00
Total Expenses	\$28,495.00
Total Income	\$47,070.00
Total Assets	\$70,361.00

## Financials 2023





**DONORS. 2024:**

**Hazel Tanner**

**Benevity**

**Art Serotoff**

**Elena Izaksonas**

**Debra Pullen**

**Give2TheMax, Anonymous**

**Michele Fisher**

**Jesse Way**

**Anthony McHie & Family**

**Bonnie & Joe Beckel**

**David Preston**

**THANK YOU ALL**