

Leon D. Caldwell, Ph.D.

Candidate for President-Elect



Name: Leon D. Caldwell & 25 years

Position seeking: President – Elect

Work Title and Name of Employer: Managing Member and Strategic Learning Partners, LLC and Co- Founder, Maslow Development

Education: Ph.D. – Counseling Psychology – Penn State

Certification and Licensure Information: None

Recent Professional Experience:

Chair, Camp Farthest Out, Douglas Memorial Church, Baltimore, MD

Board of Directors, Prader-Willi Syndrome Association – USA, Sarasota, FL

Board of Directors, Lehigh University Alumni Association, Bethlehem, PA

Senior Research Director, DeBruce Foundation, Washington, DC

Senior Research Associate, Annie E. Casey Foundation, Baltimore, MD

Additional Experience:

Co-Chair, Public Policy Committee, General Assembly

Chair, Development Committee

Other related memberships:

American Evaluation Association

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, INC.

National Think Tank for African American Progress

Awards and Honors:

Leadership Fellowship, Association of Black Foundation Executives

Greater Baltimore Leadership Program Class of 2014

Community Based Participatory Research Award, Consortium for Health Education, Economic Empowerment, and Research, University of Tennessee Health Science Center

Publications and Presentation:

Generally, my publications and presentations are in the areas of Black males, fatherhood, public health, Black family strengths, evaluation in Black communities, and approaches to community engagement to create solutions to challenges.

McDaniels, M. & Caldwell, L.D. (in-progress). Beyond plight: Defining pathways to optimal development of Black Men and Boys across the lifespan.

Caldwell, L.D. (in progress) Healing Schools From Trauma: An Ecological Intervention.

Washington, G., Caldwell, L., Watson, J. and Lindsey, L. (2016). "African-American Rites of Passage Interventions: A Vehicle for Utilizing African-American Male Elders." *Journal of Human Behavior and the Social Environment*.

Dean-Coffey, J. Casey, J. & Caldwell, L.D. (2014). Raising the Bar in Philanthropy – Integrating Cultural Competence and Equity: Equitable Evaluation. *Foundation Review*.

Community Service

Habitat for Humanity

My Brother's Keeper Task Force – Baltimore

Statement

I am excited and humbled to be at a point in my career and life to seek election to formally serve the Association of Black Psychologist as the President-Elect. My membership started in 1992 when I attended my first convention in Philadelphia and was asked to help with registration. Since then volunteering on behalf of ABPsi has been a way of life, part of my professional development narrative and my contribution to continue the legacy of articulating the optimal development of the African spirit. Although ABPsi is a Federally recognized entity it is also a home, a respite, an inspiration and a family for many of us.

My primary purpose for seeking office in this moment is to contribute time, talents and treasures to making sure that ABPsi advances so that our children's children can enjoy its benefits. I envision an ABPsi that continues to be a vibrant and dynamic organization. I envision an ABPsi that perpetuates a progressive agenda to be relevant for providing solutions to those things that threaten wellbeing and future of people of African descent in the United States and in the Diaspora. We can continue to our climb by lifting and being lifted if we consider the following:

- Tighten up our accounting and business practices by creating and business plan that supports the strategic plan. This will require the Board of Directors and the General Assembly to seek innovative methods of generating revenue for the organization beyond the annual convention, subscriptions, and membership dues. We can create win-win scenarios where we leverage the talents and skills of members under the an ABPsi brand. We can create training products, assessment tools, and interventions that situate people of African descent as the population of reference not a sub-group for comparison.
- Manage and liberate the talent we have in graduate students and early career professionals. Our organization is only as successful as students and newly minted professionals of all degree levels. We can create, with the use of social media and internet platforms, virtual mentoring and professional development on relevant topics. As ABPsi appropriately ages, there must be a legacy plan for leadership and a pipeline for talent flourish. Imagine if we design the Leadership Development Institute in collaboration with a Non-profit management certification.
- We must advance ABPsi as an international brand of African centered psychology that reflects the diversity of the Diaspora and the discipline. This requires us to cultivate new partnerships and nurture old relationships. ABPsi's history is only one part of our brand. We must ask ourselves what do we want to be known for as we approach the 21st Century? What will be our work of this era? How will we do the work? And How will we know we have accomplished our goals?

I bring a career of innovation, initiation, and inspiration to the body for their vote to serve as the President-Elect. I will utilize my experiences as an entrepreneur/business owner, counseling

psychologists, Associate Professor, senior researcher in philanthropy and a transdisciplinary networker to support Dr. Lowman as the next President of ABPsi.

I also bring a 25-year passion for ABPsi that has afforded me the blessings to travel internationally, establish lifelong intergenerational relationships, laugh, financially support, protect, and be guided by this wonderful organization we call the Association of Black Psychologists. I ask for your support to undertake this awesome responsibility.