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## **NAAIA Launches Largest Cohort of Chapters in Its History**

**Washington, DC** – Within the first quarter of 2025, the National African American Insurance Association (NAAIA) continues its remarkable growth by chartering eight new chapters and renaming one, the largest cohort of new chapters in the association’s 28-year history.

NAAIA welcomes the following chapters:

- Cincinnati, President: Janelle Winford, Great American Insurance Group
- Nashville Development, President: Andreall Moore-Allen, The General Insurance
- North Florida Development, President: Jenita Jimoh, Citizens Property Insurance Corporation
- Orlando Development, President: Michael Lane, 4 Lane Insurance Services
- Portland Development, President: Catherine Brown, Marsh
- Raleigh Durham Development, President: Tiah Boler, Builders Mutual
- Seattle Development, President: Letwon Canton, Symetra
- South Florida [formerly “Florida”], President: Sharlee Hobbs Edwards, NCCI
- Tampa Bay Development, President: Cherdonna Epps-Gardner, Aon

As a result of this growth, NAAIA grows to 32 chapters nationwide, significant movement toward its goal of growing to 50 professional chapters and 7,500 members by the year 2030. NAAIA’s membership is open to all, and is focused on professional development within the insurance industry. In addition to



membership-based events, NAAIA works with industry partners on regional and local events, offering NAAIA members additional opportunities for learning and mobility.

"The addition of these chapters underscores NAAIA's commitment to reaching and developing insurance professionals across the country," says Ricky C. Jones, NAAIA National Board Chair. "We look forward to witnessing the growth and success of these new chapters, reflecting our ongoing commitment to bring NAAIA to more places."

Sherita Hardy, NAAIA National Board Member and Chapter Development Chair, states, "The enthusiasm for expanding into new cities highlights the ongoing value NAAIA provides to its members. Our growing presence will create even more professional development opportunities in these markets."

Omari Aarons-Martin, NAAIA's Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer, reflects on NAAIA's evolution, "In today's environment it is important to double-down on the call for inclusion and representation. NAAIA's expansion is a result of demand within the industry for personal and professional growth, connection and a seat at the table."

The new chapters will be chartered at NAAIA's National Conference in Philadelphia from September 23-26, 2025.

NAAIA invites professionals to become members of these new chapters and join a dynamic community dedicated to advancing their careers and making a positive impact on the insurance landscape. To join, visit [www.naaia.org](http://www.naaia.org) and select the chapter in your area to start your membership application.



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### **ABOUT NAAIA**

The National African American Insurance Association (NAAIA) was organized to create a network among people of color and others employed in or affiliated with the insurance industry. The association currently has 3,100 members and 32 chapters, with others in development, throughout the nation and its members represent every sector of the industry. NAAIA's focus is the professional development and personal empowerment of its members, and to serve as a gateway to diverse talent at every level of the industry. Visit [www.naaia.org](http://www.naaia.org) to learn more.