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## Maryland State Conference

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### **Annapolis, MD – Maryland State Conference President Gerald Stansbury Wins Reelection**

The 69<sup>th</sup> Annual Maryland State Convention concluded on Saturday, October 10, 2009 with the reelection of Mr. Gerald Stansbury as the Maryland State Conference President for the 2010-2012 term.

The Howard County NAACP served as the “Host Branch” for the convention and held a “*Toast to the Centennial Anniversary*” reception on Thursday, October 8, 2009. The well attended reception featured State and National NAACP leaders. In addition, Ms. Patrice Harris, from Fox 45 Baltimore’s Morning News Program served as Mistress of Ceremonies. The attendees included U.S. Congressman John Sarbanes, Howard County Executive Ken Ulman, NAACP Vice Chair Ms. Roslyn Brock as well as NAACP National Board Member Mr. Donald Cash.

Friday saw record attendance at the Columbia Sheraton as the day featured a wide array of meetings, workshops, and great food. The speakers included Howard County Executive Mr. Ken Ulman, University of Maryland Baltimore County President Dr. Freeman Hrabowski, Maryland State Superintendent of Schools Dr. Nancy Grasmick, U.S. Census Bureau Representative Lynne Newman, and culminated with a rousing speech by NAACP President and CEO, Mr. Benjamin Todd Jealous.

The final day of the convention was Saturday and featured a timely and spirited Town Hall Meeting on Health Care. The discussion was facilitated by Maryland State Conference Health Chair, Isazetta Spikes. Dr. Rose Blackburne from the National NAACP Health Committee and Dr. Edwin Chapman, Prince George’s NAACP Health Chair were informative and responsive speakers. An Economic Development workshop was lead by Maryland State Conference Economic Development Chair, Mr. Edsel Brown. Last but not least Mr. Carl Snowden, State of Maryland Office of Civil Rights Director, lead a Panel discussion which included U.S. Attorney, Rod J. Rosenstein.

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Election results were announced late Saturday afternoon and revealed Mr. Gerald Stansbury prevailed with a resounding 2-to-1 margin of victory. The elected slate of Maryland State Conference Officers for the 2010-2012 term is as follow:

- Gerald Stansbury, President
- Marjorie Green, 1st Vice President
- Guy Djoken, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President
- Betty Johnson, Secretary
- Zilpha P. Smith, Treasurer
- Neva Stansbury, Assistant Secretary
- Ida Plummer, Assistant Treasurer.

For more information about the Maryland State Convention, please visit: [www.naacp-md.org](http://www.naacp-md.org)

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