ABFE’s 2014 Annual Conference examines the intersections of people, systems, programs and movements to increase responsive and transformative investments in Black communities. Come join a diverse array of colleagues from the philanthropic, non-profit, finance, academic, sports and entertainment and media sectors to learn about promising national and Washington DC-based efforts that are investing in Black communities. As a key feature, we will delve into the tenets of ABFE’s Responsive Philanthropy in Black Communities (RPBC) framework that explores the challenges and opportunities by way of intersections and identities (race, gender, age, disability, etc.) that impact investments in Black communities.
ABFE Annual Membership Meeting

ABFE’s annual meeting provides our members, supporters and friends with an update on the organization’s current vision, activities and overall health. During this meeting, ABFE members will vote in new board members and recognize those that are departing the body. New, five year, and 10 year members will be recognized.

Location: Grand North Ballroom

Responsive Philanthropy in Black Communities Salons

Together – Let’s Mobilize the Village to Make a Difference

Before and since the first community foundation was created nearly 100 years ago, many organizations and institutions were founded with benevolence as the core function of their mission. Today, civic organizations and churches continue to provide direct services that governments can’t or won’t address. These entities simply take matters into their own hands and find ways to meet the needs of communities in small and large ways—even serving other parts of the world. Although Black populations often look to organizations first for charity, traditional philanthropy tends to overlook them when imagining the full landscape of giving. How can these organizations continue to serve as viable and critical community partners within the larger scope of philanthropy?

Location: Mount Vernon A

Philanthropy Across the African Diaspora: Why Culture Matters

This workshop will help participants distinguish the different cultural nuances within the African Diaspora (African American, West Indian, etc…) to generate more effective and responsive investment.

Location: Meeting Room 12/13

Presenters:
Sylvie Bello, Cameroon American Council
Rob Buchanan, CAF America
Veneka Chagwedera, Nouri Foods
Dorothy Davis, Sirleaf Market Women’s Fund (Moderator)

Smart Investing: How Engaging Minority Money Managers Advances A Fiduciary and Equity Agenda (For Trustees only)

Endowment management is a multi-billion dollar industry, yet minority asset managers are barely a fraction of one percent of those hired by foundations. Minority firms are equally competitive and often outperform their larger counterparts across all asset classes, yet their access to the foundation marketplace has been virtually nonexistent. ABFE’s Smart Investing initiative is designed to illuminate undiscovered talent for better performance and address the previously overlooked area of foundation endowment management as one ripe for more inclusive and equitable practices. Trustees not only have a fiduciary responsibility for foundation assets, but also a fiduciary responsibility to cast a wide net to discover and leverage all talent to ensure equality of opportunity to enhance portfolio returns. Thus trustees can play a crucial role in advocating for equity and opportunity as a governance concern.

Strengthen your knowledge base through a case study presented by Thurman White, CEO of Progress Investment Management Company and a director of the Silicon Valley Community Foundation. He will share the best practice experiences and success
of the W.K. Kellogg Foundation’s approach to engaging minority managers in its endowment management.

Participants will learn more about: the data on minority manager performance; the principles and practices of sound endowment management; models for accessing these managers; and the multiplier effect that investing with minority firms has on building the market for more investment talent and our capacity to increase philanthropy to Black communities.

During the session, ABFE will also release the first edition of the ABFE Directory of Minority- and Women-Owned Investment Management Firms! Be among the first to review this groundbreaking resource.

Location: Meeting Room 5

Confirmed Speakers:
Thurman White, Progress Investment Management Company, LLC
Jason Lamin, Lenox Park, LLC
Bryan Lewis, North Carolina, Department of State Treasurer

Bridging the Disconnect: Youth Leadership Addressing Issues of Racial Equity for this Generation and Beyond
Using the power of perception in media and communications, this workshop will explore creative forms of youth engagement to address issues affecting the next generation, including: education, workforce, violence, etc.

Location: Mount Vernon B

Presenters:
City at Peace
Ed N. Davies, DC Children and Youth Investment Trust Corporation

1:00 PM | Black Donor Salon Luncheon
The Donor Salon proves to be an exciting opportunity for intriguing conversation and full audience participation within an intimate setting. This space is designed for discussions about innovative strategies for collective investing and a “peeling back of the layers” of Black giving to understand the traditions and motivations driving our philanthropy. We will hear from representatives of Black philanthropic funds about effective ways in which community foundations can partner with individual donors for increased impact.

Location: Grand North Ballroom

Presenters:
Whitney G. Briggs, The Dayton Foundation
Thurman V. White, Jr., Progress Investment Management, LLC
Erika Seth Davies, ABFE (Moderator)

2014 Donor Salon “TRAILBLAZER AWARD”
Tracey R. Webb, Founder, BLACKGIVESBACK.COM and The Black Benefactors

3:00 PM | Professional Development Institutes

Advancing Equitable Outcomes for Black LGBTQ Communities
This workshop will help participants understand the priority issues facing Black LGBTQ populations; especially, our youth. We will examine the intersections within various systems, such as child welfare, criminal justice, health and education.

Location: Mount Vernon A

Presenters:
Reverend Cedric Harmon, ManyVoice.org
John Jackson, Schott Foundation for Public Education
Sharon Lettman-Hicks, National Black Justice Coalition
Aisha Moodie-Mills, Center for American Progress
Kenneth Pettigrew, Wanda Alston Foundation
Roz Lee, Arcus Foundation (Moderator)

Salon Talk: CEOs and Trustees –A Candid Conversation
ABFE has drawn upon its network to bring together Black foundation CEOs and Black foundation Trustees for a candid conversation about governance, policy making and change. Through a moderated conversation, we will explore the veritable explosion of Black leadership in philanthropy and what it means for the field. With the backdrop of shifting data trends, including 7 of the country’s top 20 foundations by asset size being run by Black leaders, the session will explore such questions as:

· Is there still a need for an equity agenda in the field?
· Have we made it? Or is this simply long overdue recognition of Black leadership?
· How do Black leaders (at the staff and board levels) leverage these opportunities to advance an agenda that is responsive to Black communities?
· What advice can peers offer colleagues who are struggling to advance an agenda responsive to Black communities in their institutions? What are the risks?

Location: Meeting Room 5

A Game Changer in Philanthropy: Applying a Race Equity Frame to Your Work. Co-hosted by ABFE and EPIP
Philanthropic leadership plays an important role in strengthening communities, nurturing leadership and supporting vulnerable populations around the globe. As a result of the nation’s changing demographics, economic uncertainty and social challenges (record unemployment, health disparities, etc.), our work in this sector may be more important than ever before. This is especially the case when race, gender and class are involved! As foundations have experienced losses in their endowments and grantmakers are finding ways to do more with less, now may be the time to be more intentional about how we invest philanthropic resources (fiances, influence, expertise) to enhance and increase our collective impact.
Affinity partners are invited to participate in a leadership development experience intended to equip leaders to improve conditions for everyone, while closing gaps between the most thriving and the most marginalized populations among us. ABFE’s team will train participants in the RPBC Framework and accompanying tools, which are resources that help grantmakers strategize about how to make their work more impactful for Black communities, and all communities in general. Additionally, summit attendees will develop a leadership coaching blueprint – a set of key practices, principles and strategies – for creating productive and dynamic personal work styles.

**Location**: Mount Vernon B

**Sports and Entertainment Philanthropy**
This invitation-only event is designed to facilitate knowledge sharing and engage Black philanthropists from the sports and entertainment industries. In this session, we will discuss strategy on long-term professional development, organizational resiliency and effective grantmaking in Black communities.

**Location**: Meeting Room 12/13

5:00 PM | Connecting Leaders Fellows Program Inter-cohort Graduation
A fellowship networking event and graduation ceremony.

**Location**: Meeting Room 15

9:00 PM | ABFE Networking Event (off-site)
**Location**: Darnell’s Bar Fashionable Lounge, 944 Florida Avenue NW

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**Saturday**
**June 7, 2014**

8:00 AM – 5:30 PM | Joint Affinity Groups (JAG) Unity Summit
ABFE will host its Annual Conference in conjunction with the JAG Unity Summit on June 6-8, 2014 in Washington, DC. We will gather with our affinity partners in one space to examine strategies for advancing equity across diverse communities. In the spirit of unity, members will experience a mix of ABFE-focused programming and networking activities, along with a series of forums convened with members from other affinity groups.

6:30 PM – 11:00 PM | James A. Joseph Lecture and Awards Reception
This is ABFE’s signature event that highlights philanthropic leadership in support of Black communities. ABFE will present the “Emerging Leader in Philanthropy” and “Institutional Leader in Philanthropy” awards, and you will hear from our 2014 lecturer. JAG partners will also present an award to one of their members. A reception for ABFE friends, supporters, guests and JAG partners immediately follows the lecture and awards ceremony.

**Location**: Grand Ballroom

2014 James A. Joseph Lecturer (JJL) on Philanthropy-William C. Bell, Ph.D.
*President and Chief Executive Officer, Casey Family Programs*

2014 Institutional Award for Philanthropic Leadership-The California Endowment

2014 Emerging Leader in Philanthropy-Karris M. Jackson
*Vice President of Programs, Poise Foundation*

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**Important Registration Information:**
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