

Acknowledgements

National Black Chamber of Commerce

African American Chamber of Commerce of New Jersey

New York Black Chamber of Commerce

Ohio Black Chamber of Commerce

Missouri Black Chamber of Commerce

ILBCC Convention Staff



Janis Ivory



Kenyatta Fisher



Chama St. Louis



Michael Williams



Armosha Sturdivant



Jamara Bell



Illinois State Black Chamber of Commerce

August 23-24, 2016



11th Annual Convention
Par-A-dice Hotel & Casino
East Peoria, IL

*Preparing for Success in the
New Millennium*

A Message from Our President

As the President/CEO of the Illinois State Black Chamber of Commerce, I want to welcome you to our 11th Annual Convention. Over the years, the Chamber has strived to increase our outreach in the communities in Illinois, helping to build and support the thousands of Black—owned businesses throughout the state. As a membership organization, we ultimately strive to serve our members. Since our inception, we have seen steady growth and have worked with businesses and government agencies alike to help craft solutions in areas that help to reduce economic disparities for our constituents. We have restructured many of our committees to focus on the needs of our members. We will continue to work with legislators, corporations, and government agencies to make our members' concerns heard.



Mr. Larry D. Ivory
President/CEO

A Message from Our Chair

As you may know, I've been a part of the Illinois business landscape for over 40 years. These four decades have included some really good years and some challenging years. The reason my company, RJ Dale Advertising and Public Relations was successful, is because the people I relied upon, the Black community, cared about me and the success of my business. I had the support I needed when things didn't go well. Therefore, I'm here to make sure that the Illinois State Black Chamber of Commerce

continues to fulfill that role which was so vital to me during my years in business. We have worked hard to provide you with the very best experience. Whether you are a mature business, new business or considering starting a business, there is something here of value for you. Membership has its advantages, if you are not currently a member please join today. Let us work together to strengthen your business as we continue our mission.

2016 Events & Meetings

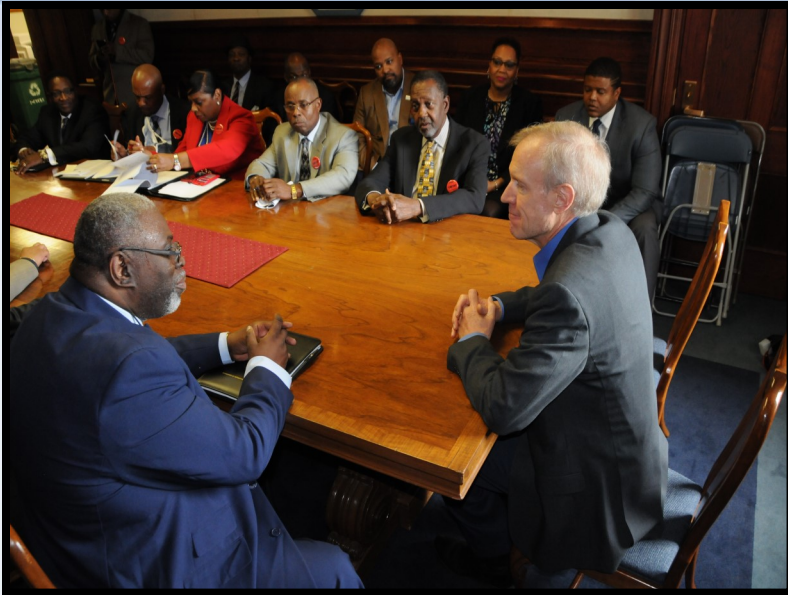


Lobby Day attendees at the Lincoln Statue outside of the Capitol
Building in Springfield, IL

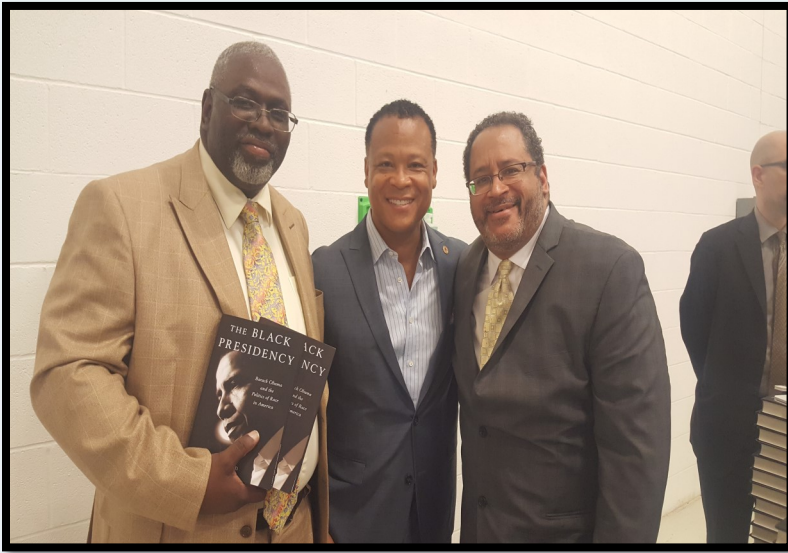


L to R: Sen. James Clayborne, President Ivory, Mr. Richard Mark
(Ameren) Chairman Bob Dale, Sen. Dave Koehler, Mr. John Harmon
(NJ African American Chamber) Sen. Napoleon Harris

2016 Events & Meetings



Gov. Rauner meeting with President Ivory and members of the ILBCC during Lobby Day.



President Ivory, State Rep. Ken Dunkin, Mr. Michael Eric Dyson

ILBCC Board Members



Mr. Larry D. Ivory
President/CEO
ILBCC



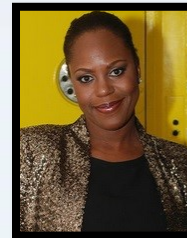
Mr. Bob Dale
Chairman
ILBCC



Ms. Tanya Adams
Assistant V.P.
Parson Brinckerhoff



Mr. Arthur Gass
President
BCC of Lake County



Ms. Keymanna Paulas
CEO
Keymanna
Management



Dr. Amir Al-khafaji
Chair of Strategic
Planning
ILBCC



Mr. George Williams
CEO
PMI Energy
Solution, Inc



Mr. Steve Davis
President/CEO
The Will Group



Mr. John Griffin, Jr.
President
AGB Investigative
Services



Ms. Charisse Witherspoon
President/CEO
Witherspoon Marketing



Mr. Michael Sutton
President/CEO
Infrastructure
Engineering



Mr. Thomas Crosby
President/CEO
The Insurance
Exchange, LTD



Mr. Andre Fair, CPA
President
Omar Medical Supplies,
Inc.



Mr. Malcolm Green
Winepreneur
Laricmal Wine



Mr. Ayton Taylor
CEO
A.L. Taylor &
Associates



Mr. Lester Blair
CEO
Blair Capital Management

ILBCC Board Members



Mr. William Owens
President
Owens Group, Inc.



Ms. Diana Hennington
President
Grand Events, Inc.



Mr. Lance Johnstone
Partner
Timeless Herbal Care



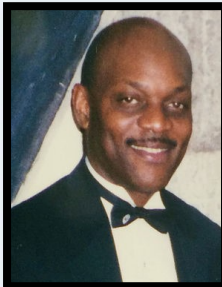
Ms. Tina Wilkins
President
Oliver Consulting



Mr. Wilbur Milhouse
President
Milhouse Engineering



Dr. Francis Ihejirika
President
Pass Program



Mr. Vincent Gilbert
Northern Regional, VP



Ms. Linda Clarke
President
Greater Halsted Chamber



Mr. Lee Coleman
Southern Regional, VP



Ms. Crystal Young
President
Quincy BCC



Mr. William Kyle
Councilman/President
Champaign BCC



Ms. Tricia Teague
President
Danville Black Chamber



Mr. Gabe Jaja
President
Human Capital
Development

2016 Convention Sponsors

Silver Level:

KNIGHT

Engineers & Architects

KOMATSU



ILLINOIS

AMERICAN WATER



A.L. TAYLOR & ASSOCIATES, P.C.



CULLINAN
PROPERTIES, LTD.

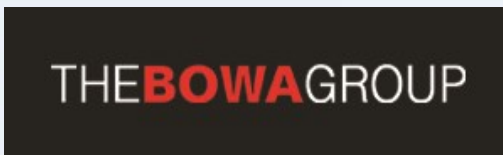
Bronze Level:



BlueCross BlueShield
of Illinois

2016 Convention Sponsors

Gold Level:



VIP Guest And Speakers



Ed Lover
Host of syndicated Radio Show



Marcus Johnson
Owner
Flo Wine



J. Alexander Martin
Co-Founder/ Fubu
Founder/ AFashionMind



Harry Alford & Kay Debow
Founder/Co-Founder
National Black Chamber of Commerce



Bryce Wilson
Producer/Entrepreneur/Actor



Hon. Dorothy Brown
Cook County Clerk of the
Circuit Court

2016 ILBCC Convention Schedule

August 23, 2016

1:00 PM – 3:00 PM	Exhibitor Booth Setup
1:00 PM—6:00 PM	Convention Registration
3:30 PM – 6:00 PM	Procurement Opportunity Fair
6:00 PM – 9:00 PM	Welcome Reception, Networking, and Entertainment Includes the "Understanding How the Political Process Works and How to Make It Work for You" Panel"
	The Outstanding Corporate Leadership Award Nicor Gas

The Outstanding Corporate Partner Award
ComEd

August 24, 2016

7:30 AM	Convention Registration
7:30 AM – 8:30 PM	Breakfast/VIP Breakfast
8:30 AM – 9:15 AM	Opening Ceremony w/Gov. Rauner & Other Dignitaries
9:15 AM – 10:30 AM	IT, Marketing, PR and Black Media (General Session)
10:30 AM – 11:45 AM	Energy Panel (General Session)
11:30 AM – 1:30 PM	Construction Panel (Komatsu, Breakout Session)
11:45 AM – 12:00 PM	BREAK
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM	Lunch—Healthcare Panel
1:00 PM – 1:45 PM	Banking, Finance and Capital Access (General Session)
1:45 PM – 2:30 PM	Mayoral Round Table (General Session)
2:30 PM – 3:45 PM	Government Procurement (General Session)
3:30 PM – 4:30 PM	Information Technology (Breakout Session)
3:30 PM – 4:30 PM	International Trade (Breakout Session)
6:30 PM—9:00 PM	Gala & Awards Ceremony

2016 Convention Sponsors

Premier Level:



Platinum Level:



2016 Award Recipients

New Business of the Year Award

This award is given to a business who has been in existence for less than three years, has demonstrated their unique place in the market and excelled in their ability to expand their market share.

The logo for NUTRAMILK, featuring the word "NUTRAMILK" in a blue, sans-serif font. The "MILK" part is in a lighter blue color.

Outstanding Corporate Partner Award

This award is for outstanding institutions who have demonstrated their willingness to be inclusive of contracts and opportunities for African Americans.

The logo for ComEd, featuring the word "ComEd" in red with a stylized starburst graphic. Below it, the text "An Exelon Company" is written in a smaller, black font.

Outstanding Corporate Leadership Award

This award is given to an individual or an organization that is a champion for creating and maintaining diversity within their company. This award recipient also displays a high level of commitment to the needs of the Black business community and possess a high level of integrity by leading through example

The logo for Nicor Gas, featuring a stylized triangle made of three colored segments (red, blue, and green) to the left of the text "Nicor Gas" in a grey, sans-serif font.

State Agency of the Year

This award is given to the agency who has demonstrated commitment to diversity and improving African American procurement participation throughout the state

The logo for the Illinois Tollway, featuring a stylized green graphic of a road or highway leading into the text "Illinois Tollway" in a black, serif font.

2016 ILBCC Gala & Awards Ceremony

Gala Reception

6:30 PM

Dinner and Introduction of Special Guests

7:00 PM

Keynote

Courtney Betty, BA, J.D.
President of Timeless Herbal Care (THC)

7:30 PM

New Business of the Year Award

Mr. Tim White/Mr. Steve Davis
Vitamin Milk

7:50 PM

The Outstanding Business Awards

Cullinan Properties
Bowa Group, Inc
Adams Signs
Anchor Staffing

State Agency of the Year Award

Illinois Tollway

The John W. Rogers, Jr. Lifetime Achievement Award

Mr. Ronald Damper, President & CEO
DAMRON Corporation

The Parren J. Mitchell Outstanding Service Award

Illinois State Representative Ken Dunkin

The Arthur A. Fletcher Outstanding Leadership Award

Ms. Sharla Roberts
University of Illinois

Concluding Remarks

Larry D. Ivory, President/CEO
Illinois State Black Chamber of Commerce

Adjourn

Gala & Awards Ceremony Special Guest



KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Mr. Courtney Betty, BA, J.D.
CEO
Timeless Herbal Care



MISTRESS OF CEREMONY

Michelle Releford
Reporter/Anchor
NBC Chicago

2016 Award Recipients

Outstanding Corporate Leadership Award

This award is given to an individual or an organization that is a champion for creating and maintaining diversity within their company. This award recipient also displays a high level of commitment to the needs of the Black business community and possess a high level of integrity by leading through example.



Mr. Melvin Williams
President
Nicor Gas

John W. Rogers, Jr. Lifetime Achievement Award

This award is given to an individual who has displayed outstanding leadership in business and in the community and who has had a positive impact upon others.



Mr. Ronald E Damper
President/CEO
DAMRON Corporation

2016 Award Recipients

The Arthur Fletcher Outstanding Leadership Award

This award is given to an individual or an organization that has had a dramatic impact on the lives of African Americans and has been a real champion in bringing about economic empowerment of the African American Community.



Ms. Sharla Roberts
Director of Procurement
Diversity
University of Illinois

The Parren J. Mitchell Outstanding Service Award

This award is given to an individual or an organization that has had a dramatic impact on the lives of African Americans and has been a real champion in bringing about economic empowerment of the African American Community.



State Rep. Ken Dunkin
State of Illinois

VIP Guest And Speakers



Sen. James Clayborne
Senate Majority Leader

Dr. Jeffery Sterling
President/CEO
Sterling Initiatives

Mayor Vernard Alsberry
Hazel Crest, IL

Mayor James W. Ford
Country Club Hills, IL



Mayor Riley H. Rogers
Dolton, IL

Mr. Jerry Fulmer
VP Supplier Diversity
WEC Energy Group

Mr. Melvin Williams
President
Nicor Gas

Mr. John Harmon, Sr.
President/CEO
African American
Chamber of New
Jersey



Ms. Gladys C. Taylor
Acting Assistant Director
Illinois Department of
Corrections

Mayor Deborah
Frank Feinen
Champaign, IL

Rep. Jehan Gordon-
Booth
State of Illinois

Senator Mattie Hunter
State of Illinois

VIP Guest And Speakers



Honorable
Governor Bruce Rauner



Mr. Jim Schultz
CEO
Intersect Illinois



Mr. Randy Blakenhorn
Secretary
Illinois Department of Transportation



Mr. Greg Bedalov
Director
Illinois Tollway



Mr. Michael M. Hoffman
Acting Director
Central Management Services



Ms. Jodi Golden
Director
Capital Development Board

2016 Award Recipients

OUTSTANDING BUSINESS OF THE YEAR

This award is given to individuals and/or organizations that have demonstrated outstanding leadership, business growth and development, and who exemplify a high level of business excellence and professionalism.



Ms. Diane Cullinan Oberhelman
Founding Partner, Cullinan Properties



Mr. Nosa Ehimwenman
President, The Bowa Group

THE **BOWA** GROUP



Ms. Joyce Johnson
President/CEO, Anchor Staffing, Inc.



Mr. Darryl Martin
President/CEO, Adams Signs



ADAMS ELECTRIC SIGNS
MASSILLON, OHIO