



Jacqueline Herriott, *NABSE Lifetime Member*
Candidate For: Recording Secretary, NABSE

I am a teacher who specialized in elementary and junior high education and French language. I was born in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada given up for adoption at two-months-old and ordered in the care of the *Children's Aid Society of Nova Scotia (CAS)*. I spent the next 21 years placed in the care of foster parents. After being emancipated from Nova Scotia's child welfare system at age 18 fought for an extension of my ward ship to pursue higher education and at 21, left Nova Scotia's foster care system. In 1995, I attended my first national conference of the Alliance in Detroit, Michigan. Since then, I have attended every year.

I studied at *Nova Scotia Teachers College* (the only institution of its time which specialized solely in teacher training in Canada) and *Mount Saint Vincent University (MSVU)* earning degrees with a focus in classical languages. As well, I earned a diploma in Business Applications with Computer; have worked as a secretary with Scotiabank and in a non-profit educational organization. I have presented across Nova Scotia, Canada advocating for Black children in Nova Scotia in foster care; been a long-standing (25 years) member of the *Black Educators Association (BEA)*; am presently the organization's *Director of Programs*; am a founding member and President in the establishment of the *Nova Scotia Alliance of Black School Educators (NSABSE)* - a coalition of Nova Scotian Black educators living throughout North America which brings forward an educational agenda with strong ties to African Americans and the *National Alliance of Black School Educators (NABSE)*. From 2009 to 2012, I served as the *International Regional Representative for NABSE*; have attended every National Conference since 1995 and would love to now serve the national organization as its RECORDING SECRETARY!

In closing, NABSE's mission is "*to enhance and facilitate the education of students of African descent throughout the nation and world*" and I thoroughly understand that NABSE must exemplify its mission in every aspect beginning with its membership reflecting the organization's global mission and if elected will strive to ensure the mission becomes widely known by its membership.