

Chapter elects three new board members

At the National MS Society, Minnesota Chapter's Annual Convention, held Nov. 16 to 18 in Minneapolis, the chapter elected three new members to its board of trustees. The chapter welcomes the following new members:

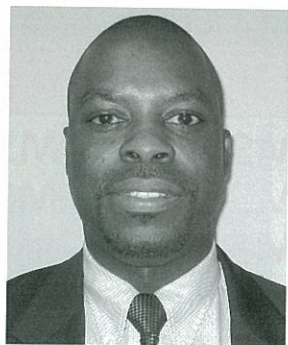


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David Chaikin, of Eden Prairie, Minn., is a former Marine who has completed two marathons. He was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis in 1992. His recent retirement, after 25 years in the high tech

electronics industry, has allowed him to become more involved with the chapter in a variety of ways. Chaikin serves on the chapter's long term housing committee and the scholarship review committee. He also participates in the Mentor Program and Champions Against MS. Chaikin is a member of the chapter's speakers bureau and represents the chapter as a Community Health Charities Campaign Ambassador.



Devon Washington

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Since moving to Minneapolis in 2006, Devon Washington has been an active volunteer with the Minnesota Chapter. Washington's mother was diagnosed with multiple

sclerosis when he was a teenager. He provides leadership as the chapter's Teen Council Mentor and serves on the chapter's strategic planning task force, programs committee and the scholarship task force and review team, which helped to fund scholarships for 25 students affected by MS in 2007, totaling \$55,000.



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In addition to joining the Minnesota Chapter board, William C. Gillispie, Jr. of Minneapolis, joined the National MS Society board at this year's National Conference in Dallas.

Gillispie is corporate vice president of grocery, frozen, dairy, specialty and ethnic with SUPERVALU, Inc. Prior to joining the Minnesota Chapter board, Gillispie was a member of the Greater Illinois Chapter board, but continued to volunteer at local events and sponsor local event participants. Gillispie's recruitment and creativity has led his Walk MS Team Gillispie to grow to more than 100 walkers from eight different states in 2007. In just eight years, Team Gillispie has raised more than \$500,000.

2008 Minnesota Chapter Board of Trustees officer appointments:

Karen Larson of Little Canada, Minn., elected chair;

Michael Schrock of Orono, Minn., elected vice chair;

Larry Schmid of Chaska, Minn., elected treasurer;

Susan Hagstrum, Ph.D., of Minneapolis, elected secretary.