

Dear NAMIC Members:

It is with deep sadness that we share the news of the passing of Nathan W. Garner, one of NAMIC's founding members.

Nate, as he was more commonly known, was a true Black pioneer in the cable industry. He was a mentor to countless executives from diverse backgrounds. He was tireless in his efforts to ensure access and equality in the media and entertainment industry. Early in Nate's career, he was a fierce advocate for Black ownership of cable systems. As a founding member of NAMIC, he used its organizational strength to raise awareness about pathways to cable system ownership by leveraging the Federal Communications Commission Minority Tax Certificate Program before Congress eliminated it in 1995. In NAMIC's early days, Nate served on its board of directors in several capacities, including board chair. Nate was among those honored by NAMIC with the Stanley B. Thomas Jr. Lifetime Achievement Award.

Nate began his career in cable with Time Inc.'s American Telecommunications and Cable. He then went on to executive roles within Time Warner Cable's largest system at the time, Manhattan Cable. Immediately following, he was named president of Paragon Cable in northern Manhattan, making him the first Black president of a subscription television service in New York. In later years, he served as senior vice president of USA Network's eastern region affiliate sales, playing a key role in the launch of the SYFY channel.

Nate never lost sight of his goal to increase Black business ownership in support of creating sustainable and generational growth for his community. In pursuit of that dream, he launched several start-up companies, including a free-to-air broadcast venture in Johannesburg, South Africa.

He is survived by his five adult children: Mark Garner, Erica Watkins, Vincent Garner, Warren Garner and Theresa Carter.

Please join NAMIC in celebrating the life and achievements of Nathan W. Garner.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "A. Shuanise Washington". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

A. Shuanise Washington
President and CEO