

**A Message from the President and CEO**  
**A. Shuanise Washington**

Since my last communication with many of you, news about the coronavirus pandemic continues to evolve on a daily basis. This is an unprecedented time for everyone, and my thoughts are with each of you.

Based on the latest reports from government and public health experts about what potentially lies ahead, NAMIC national and all of its chapters have decided to cancel all in-person programs and events until May 1, 2020. We will continue to monitor and assess the situation.

As an organization that takes great pride in providing quality educational programs and events, please know that our decision to temporarily halt these activities was not an easy one. But, ultimately, it was made in the interest of the health and wellbeing of everyone in the NAMIC family and the many individuals who touch us. We live in a global village, and as citizens of the world, we must do our part to minimize the spread of this pandemic.

In the meantime, your NAMIC staff is actively planning for the future and exploring how we might transition some of our programming online. I am confident that our programs and events will come back stronger than ever.

In continuing to look toward the future, I am delighted to announce our theme for the 2020 Annual Conference: ***“Building a Legacy: The Future is Now.”*** This theme not only celebrates the contributions of the dedicated men and women in the cable and communications industry, but it also reflects the current times in which we are living. Collectively, we are in the process of building our legacy for future generations, one that will go down in the history books as a model of strength, determination, and perseverance.

And on that note, I would like to ask each of you to set your sights on the future — our future — by marking your calendars for October 5 – 7, where we will gather in New York City for NAMIC’s annual conference and celebrate our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We appreciate your support and look forward to connecting with you soon.

Stay safe and be well,

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

**P.S. For the latest updates on programs and events, please visit our [website](#). For questions, contact us at [info@namic.com](mailto:info@namic.com) or (212) 594-5985.**