

## A Message from the President and CEO

A. Shuanise Washington

### Save The Date: NAMIC's 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, Oct. 6-7

On behalf of everyone at NAMIC, I hope this message finds you and your loved ones safe and well.

As you may have seen from my recent [note](#), planning is underway for our 34<sup>th</sup> annual conference, where we look forward to celebrating NAMIC's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary. This year's conference will be especially meaningful as we honor our colleagues in the industry who work tirelessly every day to educate, advocate, and empower our diverse communities. As we have seen, the content and services they provide have been especially vital during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Currently, we hope to move forward with the conference as scheduled at the Marriott Marquis in New York City on **October 6-7**. We selected this year's theme, **"Building a Legacy: The Future is Now,"** to celebrate the many contributions of the men and women in the cable and communications industry. Perhaps most importantly, this theme demonstrates our commitment to continuing to advance our society and create a lasting legacy for future generations.

However, like all organizations, we are closely monitoring the World Health Organization, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and state and local authorities, including New York Gov. Cuomo and Mayor de Blasio, for updated guidance on the pandemic, which may call for a change in plans. In preparation, we also are exploring additional options, including holding a virtual conference. In the end, the health and well-being of our staff, our members, and our communities are paramount, and we want to ensure we are responsible and do our part to keep everyone safe.

We appreciate your support as we all continue to navigate these uncharted waters. We are all in this together, and we will all get through this together. In the meantime, please click this [link](#) to receive updates regarding our 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, or contact Sandra Girado at [Sandra.girado@namic.com](mailto:Sandra.girado@namic.com). You may also check our website at <http://namic.com/>

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.