

**Finding Aid to the National Association of Black and White Men Together
(NABWMT) Records,
1980-2011
(2001-21)**

Please note this is a preliminary finding aid. Description and collection contents are subject to change.

Extent:

9 cartons, 1 oversize folder (8.1 linear feet)

Acquisition:

Gift of Douglas Noble, on behalf of National Association of Black and White Men Together in June 2001. Accretions received from the organization in 2001, 2003, 2006, 2009, 2011, 2016, 2024; they may continue to accrue.

Access:

The collection is open for research, with the exception of mailing lists, which will be restricted for 20 years.

Preferred Citation

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National Association of Black and White Men Together

Organizational History

The National Association of Black and White Men Together (NABWMT) is a gay multiracial, multicultural, political and social organization founded in 1980. The first chapter was formed in San Francisco by Mike Smith as a consciousness-raising and support group for gay men involved in or interested in multiracial relationships. Groups were soon established across the United States. Early chapters included Boston, Chicago, Kansas City and New York. The first national convention was held in 1981 in San Francisco. The organization is a collective nationwide network of affiliated and developing chapters across the United States that identify themselves as Black and White Men Together (BWMT), Men of All Colors Together (MACT), or People of All Colors Together (PACT) in keeping with the cultural dynamics of their respective areas. As of 2011, there were over 30 local chapters. The organization is committed to fostering respect, honesty, and communication among people of different races and cultural backgrounds and welcomes people of all racial, ethnic and cultural backgrounds. NABWMT promotes supportive environments wherein racial and cultural barriers can be overcome and the goal of human equality realized. To these ends they engage in educational, political, cultural and social

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activities as a means of dealing with the racism, sexism, homophobia, HIV/AIDS discrimination and other inequities in their communities and in their lives. NABWMT holds social functions, discussion groups, and an annual conference. (from <http://nabwmt.org/aboutus.html>, accessed in January 2012)

Scope and Content of Collection

This collection documents the history and political, social and cultural work of the National Association of Black and White Men Together (NABWMT). Original order and folder titles were maintained and reflect NABWMT's internal file arrangement. The collection includes organizational records; Board materials; internal and external correspondence and memos; financial records; writings, including studies, reports and speeches; materials related to newsletters and other publications; convention programs and planning materials; a wide variety of representative documents from local and regional chapters; subject files; audio and videotapes from conventions; oral history project interviews; photographs; and artifacts.

Highlights include important formative documents; meeting minutes; materials related to anti-racism work; audiotapes of speeches by Audre Lorde, Manning Marable and Perry Watkins; interview with Bayard Rustin, and papers documenting the separation of NABWMT and the National Task Force on AIDS Prevention (NTFAP). NTFAP originated as a program of NABWMT and was preceded by the AIDS education and support work carried out by local chapters across the country.

Significant numbers of national, regional and chapter newsletters have been transferred to the GLBT Historical Society Periodical Collection. Researchers should also consult the Black and Men Together San Francisco Bay Area records (1991-04), Men of All Colors Together San Francisco Bay Area records (2000-64) and National Task Force on AIDS records (2000-59). There is a great deal of overlap in all these collections.

Container List

Carton 1:

- 1-1 (a): Important Formative Documents, including Articles of Incorporation, 501(c)(3)
- 1-1 (b): By Laws and Standing Rules, including Reorganization/Restructuring Reports, 1983-2011 (2 folders)
- 1-1 (c): Board Policies, 1989-1991
- 1-2 (a)(b): Board of Directors Meetings, Agendas and Minutes, 1985-2010 (8 folders)
- 1-2 (c): Board/Co-Chair Memos, 1982-1985, 1995
- 1-3 (a)(b): House of Delegates/General Membership Meetings, Agendas and Minutes, 1985-2010 (2 folders)
- 1-3 : Elections, 1983-2015
- 1-5: Budgets, circa 1983-2000
- 1-6: Financial Statements, including Michael Smith Trust, Annual Reports, 1982-2011 (4 folders)

1-7: Fundraising, including 1989 Major Donor Campaign, 1983-2007 (2 folders)

1-8: Forms, undated

1-9: Long Range Planning, including Strategic Plans, Retreats, 1988-2008

Carton 2:

1-10: Chapter Development Materials/Manuals, 1985-2003 (2 folders)

1-11 (a): Anti-Racism, Anti-Oppression, General File, 1984-1992

1-11 (b): Anti-Racism, Anti-Oppression, Resisting Racism Manuals, Multi-Racial, Multi-Cultural Institute Workshop and Development. 1981-2005 (3 folders)

1-11 (c): Anti-Racism, Anti-Oppression, Discrimination Response System (DRS), 1982-1995 (2 folders)

1-12: Awards, 1984-2008 (2 folders)

1-13: Contributions—NA, NA-Member or NA-Sponsored Studies, Tracts or Writings, 1981-2011 (6 folders). For a complete inventory, please see pages 2-3 and 10 of the donor's list, which is available from the Managing Archivist as a PDF.

2-1: Internal Correspondence, includes Early Reports of Board Members, 1980-2009 (4 folders)

2-1 (a): Annual Reports (Board to Membership), 1982-1983, 1998-2006

2-2: External Correspondence, including Press Releases, Position Papers, 1983-2005 (2 folders)

2-3: News and Notes (NABWMT Office, Couples Newsletter, Positives News, 1994-1996

Carton 3:

2-4: NABWMT National Newsletter/Quarterly materials, "PACT International," 1980-1985, 2005 (2 folders)

2-5 to 2-8: Chapter newsletters can be found in the GLBT Historical Society Periodical Collection

2-9: External Articles on NABWMT, 1985-2007 (2 folders)

3-1 (a): NABWMT and Chapter Brochures

3-1 (b): Regional Meetings (Northeast, Southeast, Midland, Pacific Coast), 1982-2009 (4 folders)

3-1 (c): Chapter Miscellaneous, BWMT Atlanta to Grupo Gay da Bahia, 1982-2005 (7 folders)

Carton 4:

3-1 (d): Obituaries, 1985-2011 (2 folders)

3-2: Convention Programs and Materials, 1981-2011 (10 folders)

3-3: NABWMT Journals—"Reflections, 1980-1985," Correspondence—Journals and other NABWMT periodicals can be found in the GLBT Historical Society Periodical Collection

3-4: Convention Planning Files, 1984-2010 (4 folders)

Carton 5:

- 3-5: National Task Force on AIDS Prevention, includes NABWMT-NTFAP Separation and pre-Task Force AIDS Work (unsorted) , 1985-1995 (3 folders)
- 3-5: National Task Force on AIDS Prevention, includes NABWMT-NTFAP Separation and pre-Task Force AIDS Work (unsorted) , 1985-1995 (8 folders)
- 3-6: Bayard Rustin
- 3-7: James Baldwin (2 folders—one is legal size)
- 3-8 (a): History
- 3-8 (b): Archives

Carton 6:

Audio and videotapes, including History Project interviews; Convention keynotes, speeches, workshops, performances, panels, banquets and memorial Services, 1982-2006. Featured speakers include Perry Watkins and Manning Marable.

For a list of contents, please see pages 5-8 of the donor's list, which is available from the Managing Archivist as a PDF.

Additional audiotapes include:

Tom Horan Memorial Service, 1992
 Songs for Memorial Service, Convention 1989
 Mike Smith interviews (2 tapes)
 Audre Lord, February 18, 1985
 John Bush, "BWMT Man," Estes Park, Colorado, September 24 and 26, 1982

Carton 7:

Photographs, [1980]-2011
 Slides of BWMT LA parties, 1984 (2 boxes)
 DVDs of Conventions 2010-2011 and assorted photos from Paul Cloutier (Board Treasurer) and Douglas Noble (Executive Director), 2010-2011.
 MACT Los Angeles photo album, circa early 1990s
 John Bush/MACT Boston photo album, early 1980s-2000
 CD Historic BWMT convention photos
 NABWMT 40 Years Commemorative Legacy Book 1980-2000 and other material related to the 40th anniversary
 The Right Season: A Memoir by John E. Bush
 Various convention materials, 2016-2024
 Challenger: The Newsletter of People of All Colors Together Philadelphia, 2019-2024
Black and White: Styles in Conflict by Thomas Kochman, University of Chicago Press

For a description of each packet of photographs, please see pages 9-10 of the donor's list, which is available from the Managing Archivist as a PDF.

Carton 8:

T-Shirts and Hats

Artifacts, including buttons, fans, LOVE souvenir pencil sharpener, business cards, 25th Anniversary Plate

Carton 9:

CD and DVD conversions of materials from AV materials from carton 6

“Respect Yourself” 45” vinyl record

OSF 1:

Laminated placemat from NABWMT 22nd National Convention, 2002

Digital Content: WAV audio file and PDF transcript of an interview of Bayard Rustin conducted during the 5th annual NABMWT convention, July 21, 1985, by Peter McKinnon.