

## Candidate for Office

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**Candidate For The Office Of:** Central Area Director

**Area:** Central Area

**Chapter:** Windy City (IL)

**First Name:** Monica

**Middle Name:** Boone

**Last Name:** Allen

**Maiden Name:**

**Name as it should appear on  
Candidate for Nomination  
Profile:**

Monica Boone Allen

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**Induction Date:** 1985

**Age Category:** 56-65

**Attendance at National Assemblies:**

Indianapolis, IN 2018  
Las Vegas, NV 2016  
Washington, DC 2014  
Orlando, Fl. 2012  
Detroit, Mi. 2010  
Seattle, Wa. 2008  
Philadelphia, Pa. 2006  
Atlanta Ga. 2004  
Chicago, Il. 2002

**National Level Leadership Positions in The Links, Incorporated:**

Member, National Membership Committee 2015-current  
Member, National Ethics and Standards Committee 2015-current  
Member, National Mentoring/new Member Development Committee 2015-current  
Member, National Program Committee 2013-2015  
Member, Governance Committee 2011-current  
Member, National Trends and Services Committee 2011-2013  
Workshop Moderator, Anti-Bullying -Trash talking, 'It's No Joke' Orlando National Assembly 2012

**Attendance at Area Conferences:**

Central Area  
Minneapolis, MN 2017  
Cincinnati, OH 2015  
Little Rock, AR 2013  
St. Louis, MO 2011  
Kansas City, MO 2007  
  
Eastern Area  
Arlington, VA 2007  
Norfolk, VA 2005

**Area Level Leadership Positions in The Links, Incorporated:**

Area Vice Director 2015-current  
Member, Executive Board 2011-current  
Executive Comm 2015-current  
Member, Area Ethics and Standards Committee 2015-current  
Member, Area Planning committee, Summit 2016 and Area Conference 2015,17,19  
Program Coordinator 2014-2015  
Program Co-Coordinator 2013-2014

**Area Level Leadership Positions in The Links, Incorporated:**

Chair, National Trends and Services 2011-2013  
Member, Time and Place Committee 2009-current  
Program Peer Reviewer 2004-2013  
Coordinator, Floor Couriers 2011 Area Conference, St. Louis

**Eastern Area**

Workshop Presenter, "Chapter Burn Out', Balancing Work, Family Life, and Links -Eastern Area Conference 2005  
Workshop Presenter, "Succession Planning', Preparing Chapters for Growth and Future Success - Eastern Area Conference 2007

**Chapter Level Leadership Positions in The Links, Incorporated:**

Windy City (IL)  
Co-Chair Fundraising 2010  
Executive Board 2003-2009  
Chapter President 2007-2009  
Chapter Vice-President 2005-2007  
Membership Chair 2005-2007  
Member, Membership Committee 2001-2007, 2017-current  
Member, Budget and Finance Committee 2003-2007, 2017-current  
Program Director 2003-2005

Harbor City (Md) Charter Member 1985  
Chair, National Trends and Services -1989-1992  
Corresponding Secretary- 1987-1989

**Leadership Positions in other organizations:**

Board of Directors - Trinity United Church of Christ (TUCC) 2006-current  
Chair, Pastoral Relations Committee, TUCC 2006-current  
Member, Budget and Finance Committee, TUCC 2010-current  
Member, Scholarship and Education Committee, TUCC 2007-current  
Steering Committee, 50th Anniversary Fundraiser, Chair Ticket Sales 2010-2011  
Member, Community Development Corporation Board, TUCC 2002-2005  
Member, Leadership Council, TUCC 1997-2001  
Chair, Career Development Ministry, (CDM) TUCC 1998-2001  
Vice Chair, CDM, TUCC - 1997  
Treasurer, CDM, TUCC - 2002  
Secretary, CDM, TUCC -1996  
Member, Women's Advisory Board, Shore Bank 2000-2003  
Vice-President, Sno-Gopher's Ski Club 1997-1999  
Business Manager, Sno-Gopher's Ski Club 1995-1997

**Employment History:**

Principal, Jesse's Farm (Health and Wellness Consulting and Advocacy)  
Chicago, Illinois  
2007-Present

Owner-CEO /Xerox Sales Agency - Copiers 4 Business  
Chicago, Illinois  
1998-2006

Managed Care Sales Manager -Manor Care Health Services  
Chicago, Illinois  
1995-1997

Territory Sales Manager - Health Infusion  
Columbia, Maryland  
1990-1993

Territory Sales Representative - Pfizer Pharmaceuticals  
Central New Jersey  
1987-1989

**Honors, awards, Literary/Aesthetic works:**

Sno-Gophers President's Award 1997 and 1998

**Special Skills and Abilities:**

Entrepreneur  
Strategist  
Trainer/Facilitator  
General Accounting, Payroll, budgeting, forecasting  
Program Development, Implementation, and Evaluation  
Contract negotiation  
Event Planning  
Community Health Advocate

**Interests and Hobbies:**

Reading  
International Travel  
Gardening  
Pilates

**Interests and Hobbies:**

Board games  
Gourmet Cooking

**Have you ever been convicted of a felony:**

No

**Candidate's Statement:**

My Dear Sister Links,

It is with a grateful heart and a spirit of humility that I ask for your VOTE of confidence and the opportunity to serve as your 20th Central Area Director of the Links, Incorporated.

Over the past seven and one-half years, serving at the Area level as your Vice Director, Program Coordinator, Co-Program Coordinator and Chair, National Trends and Services has been a remarkable journey with many opportunities to meet and interact with you, both individually and collectively. Those experiences were insightful and invigorating for they affirmed my passion and commitment to our beloved organization.

My thirty three years of active membership, an Heir-o-Link, Charter Member, Harbor City (MD) Chapter and current member, Windy City (IL) Chapter have provided a platform for leadership and contributions to Programming, Membership and Ethics and Standards efforts at the Area and National levels.

We have accomplished much together as I have sought to provide a "Meaningful Membership Experience" advocating a results oriented approach to Membership engagement.

Provided Purposeful Leadership; dedicated monthly support to educate and train on Membership matters, provided tools for conducting annual Chapter Membership assessments as you managed growth and prepared for succession, strengthened Chapter relations as you expanded your chains of friendship.

Advocated for and celebrated Friendship; supported the chartering of our 2 newest Chapters, inducted new members, facilitated at your retreats, participated in your chapter milestones, honored and recognized our 25yr. and 40 yr. Members, championed intergenerational awareness and support, always guiding with respect, fairness and compassion.

Delivered Consistent and Timely responses to administrative requests and special projects; edits to Manuals, MOP's, draft language for Membership related Bylaw changes, articles for newsletters

Supplied Reliable and Responsive Communication to phone calls, emails and text messages,

Instituted Program PEARLS, monthly calls designed to provide resources and discussions that impact transformational programming, co-authored the NTS Anti-Bullying toolkit,

Supported Area and National workshops as a facilitator, panelist and moderator

WHEW, what an awesome ride! Thanks for your unwavering support and confidence as we built stronger bonds

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of friendship.

I now turn my attention to ask you to share in my optimism and enthusiasm to lead and serve as your Central Area Director.

My Vision of Excellence is built upon the cooperative spirit of current and past Area Directors who have held this torch, resting on their shoulders of strength and wisdom to continue the legacy and traditions in the "Heart of Linkdom"

My Vision of Excellence will support and align with our National priorities, acknowledging that the whole is always greater than the sum of its parts.

My Vision of Excellence will respect and celebrate your gifts of service as we chart this course together, recognizing that "it takes a village" to build strategic capacity to provide unparalleled service in our deserving communities that will support transformational outcomes and impact.

My Vision of Excellence will provide and encourage unlimited opportunities for friendship while connecting with Link Sisters locally, nationally and globally.

Again, I humbly ask for your confirmation and VOTE to serve as your 20th Central Area Director. Together we will work to expand our rich legacy of Sisterhood and Service.

Gratefully yours,

Link Monica B. Allen