



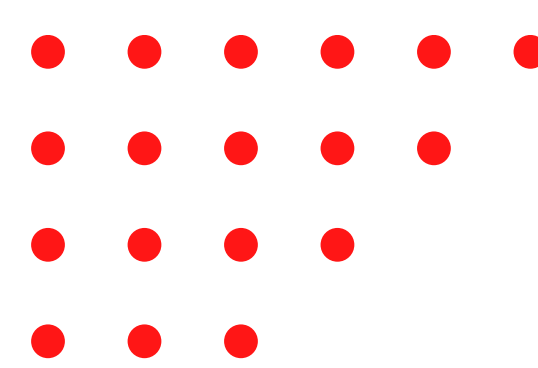
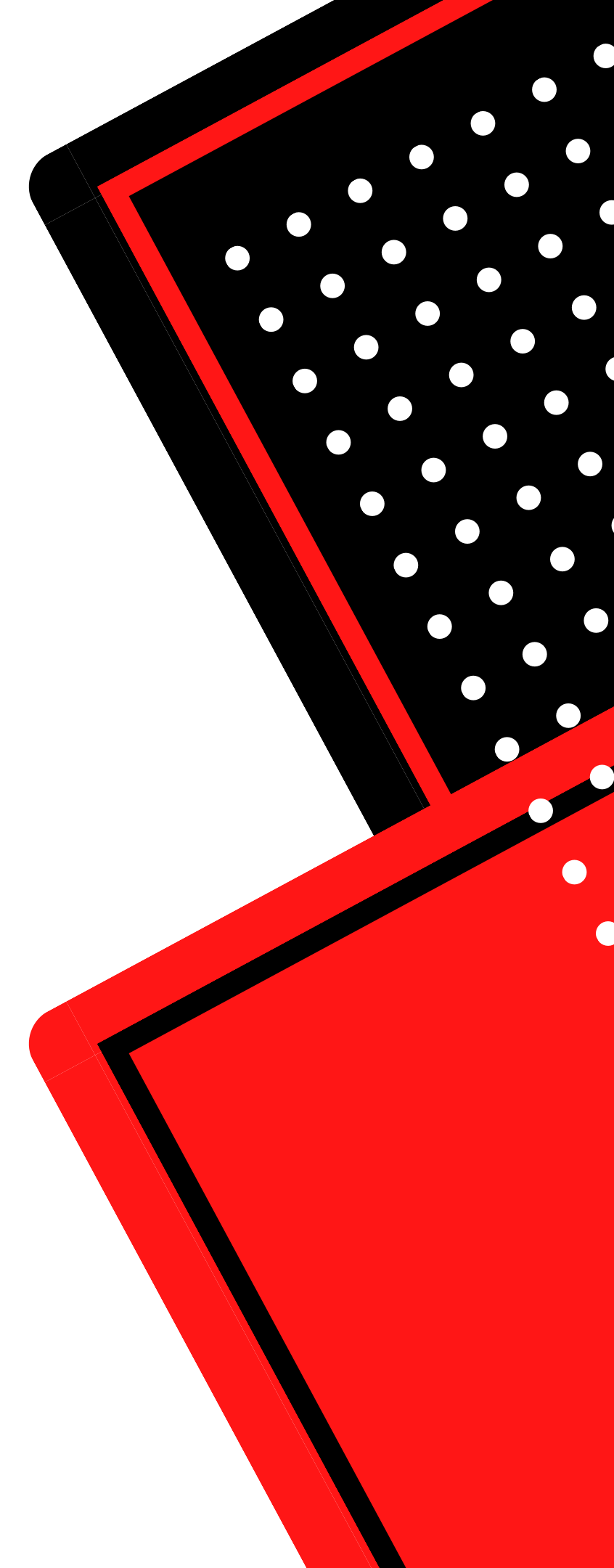
Welcome!

HABSE

Houston Area Alliance of Black School Educators

Interested in being a member?

We know you are excited about being a part of this trailblazing organization and can not wait to begin the work of empowering yourself, other educators, students and your community. There are a wealth of opportunities to get involved and serve, but you must know where to start. The purpose of this guide is to serve as your road map to all things HAABSE. On behalf of the Membership Committee, we hope this helps you learn more about our organization and if we can be of any service to you, please contact us at **houston_membership@tabse.net**.



From the desk of HAABSE president, Dr. Rhonda Mason

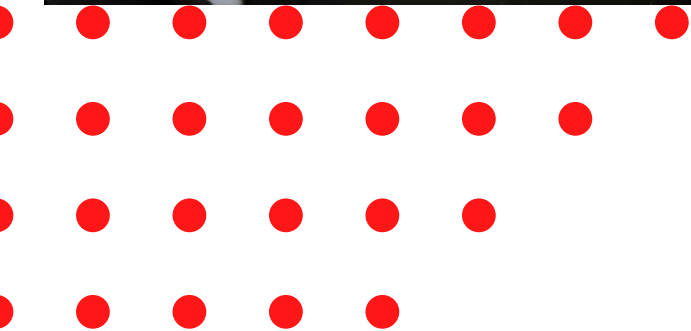
Dear Members, Sponsors, and Partners,

I am honored to be your 2023-2025 HAABSE President. The past two years as President-Elect have been a beautiful partnership with Dr. Julia Andrews and together, with the leadership team, we were able to accomplish great things. I am as excited about the impact that Dr. Dearmon, President-Elect, and I will have on the organization and students we all serve.

Our work in HAABSE has never been more relevant. There are not only attacks on public education but on our very ability to educate our children about themselves and their history. When a man does not know himself or where he comes from, he can never truly have an appreciation for himself. For our children to see strength, beauty, and pride in themselves, they must learn of all that has been overcome and accomplished by our ancestors before us. Those whom we share the same DNA and traits. They must know that they come from good people.

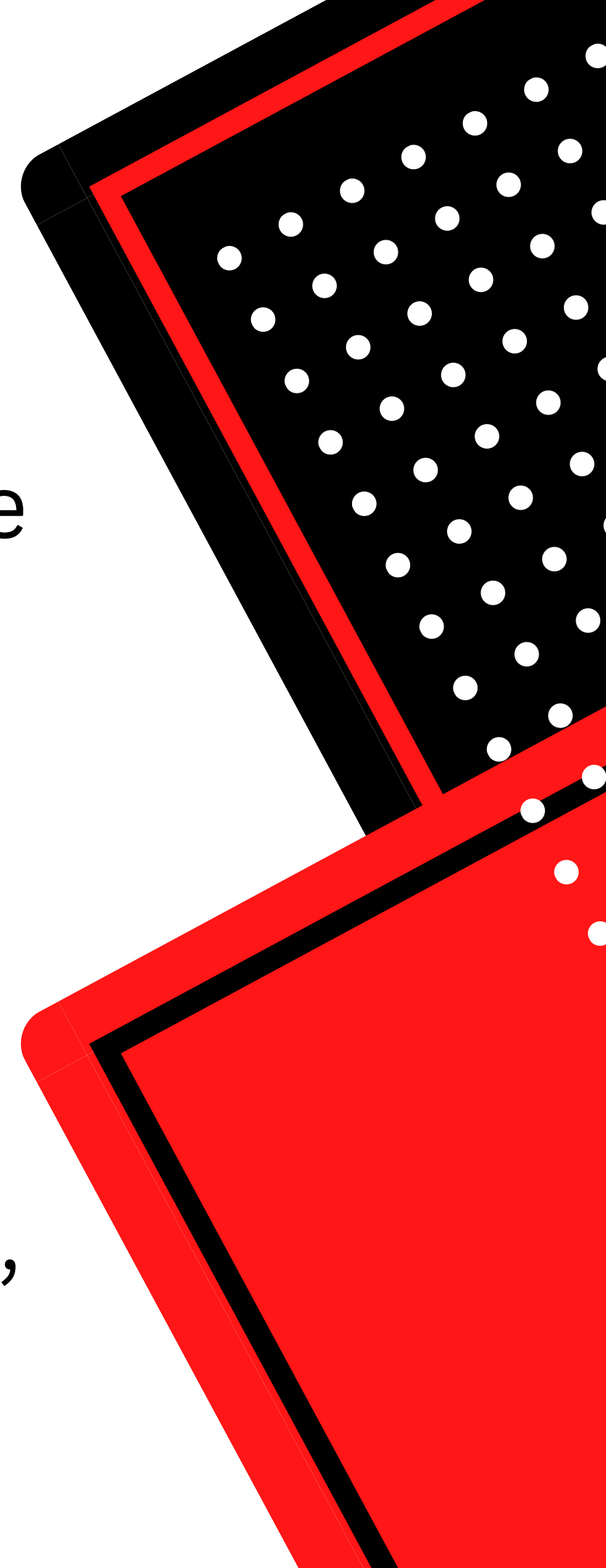
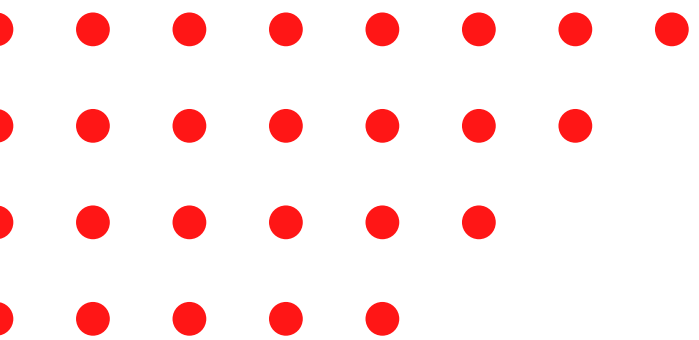
The Houston Area Alliance of Black School Educators affirms the inherent worth, dignity and educability of people of African descent. HAABSE challenges forces which obstruct the achievement, development and educational opportunities of youth and adults. Children of African descent throughout the United States encounter problems that are directly related to their minority group status. It is the mission of HAABSE to enhance and to facilitate their education and to support and develop educators who aim to do the same.

I'm proud of our affiliate's successes over the last decade, particularly in providing more opportunities for meaningful engagement of our members and sponsors, introducing innovative networking formats, and providing professional development and youth development opportunities. In the year ahead, we will continue these initiatives, as well as adding programming designed for increasing member engagement in the development of our youth, our member engagement in the legislative process, and always increasing processes and procedures to quickly support new and existing members with engaging in the organization. HAABSE continues to be the premier organization for quality and relevant professional development and learning opportunities in the Houston Area. No other organization provides as much free professional development, mentoring, and connection as HAABSE and as the former Professional Development Chair this will continue under my leadership.



HAABSE Mission

HAABSE's primary mission is to enhance the education of all students and to exercise leadership in providing valuable professional services and strategies to institutions, agencies, and communities engaged in creating an environment in which students, particularly Black students, can achieve academic excellence



HAABSE's BIG 3 Focus

1. Membership Awareness

2. Membership Benefits and Priorities

- Engagement
- To increase legislative sensitivity of Black educational issues
- Professional Growth
- To solicit funds and sponsorships for educational staff development
- To provide support to professional educators for career planning and development
- Building Internal Leadership Capacity
- To improve the ability of Black educators to promote problem resolution
- To present a recognition program for educators

3. Youth Involvement Support

- Promoting and Continuing to Support Our Students beyond high school
 - To focus on students, i.e., literacy, academics, and mentorships
 - To provide student scholarships
 - To create a meaningful and effective network of strength, talent, and professional support for students' education



TOP 10 REASONS TO

JOIN HAABSE

High quality PD

Leadership opportunities

Resourceful membership
engagement platform

Social and professional networking

Free access to social events

Mentoring opportunities

Membership discounts

Youth involvement & outreach

Career opportunities

Community service

JOIN TODAY @

[HTTPS://HAABSE.REGFOX.COM/MEMBERSHIP](https://haabse.regfox.com/membership)

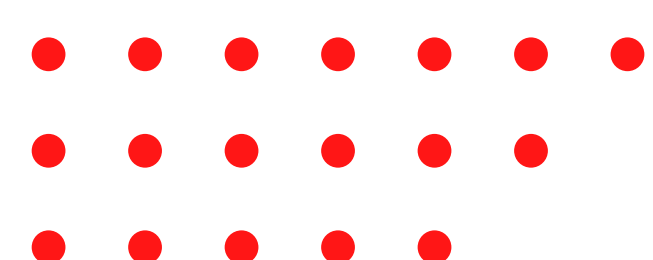
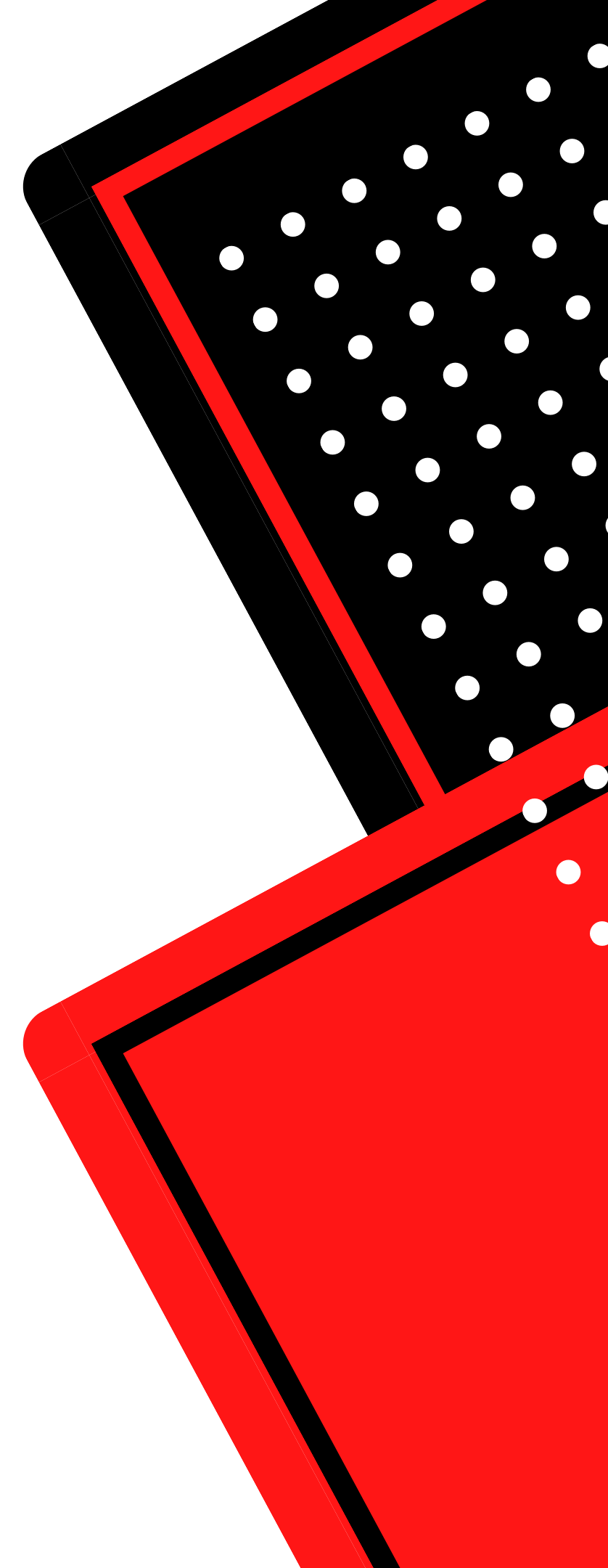
STEPS

Pay membership dues at:
<https://haabse.regfox.com/membership>

Download GroupMe app &
Join HAABSE Membership GroupMe

Join a HAABSE committee group

Attend general events, committee meetings,
actively participate in initiatives & encourage
potential members to join



Scan GroupMe QR code to
join!

Once you join, you will receive the QR code and link to scan and join at the TOP of your **CONFIRMATION EMAIL!** After requesting to join the GroupMe, via the link- your financial membership status is verified, you will be added to the GroupMe.

GroupMe membership platform

GroupMe is HAABSE's membership engagement platform.

In the GroupMe, please:

- **Share out celebrations of our HAABSE members**
- **Share out events and resources that will benefit the educational community.**

"We are more powerful when we empower each other."

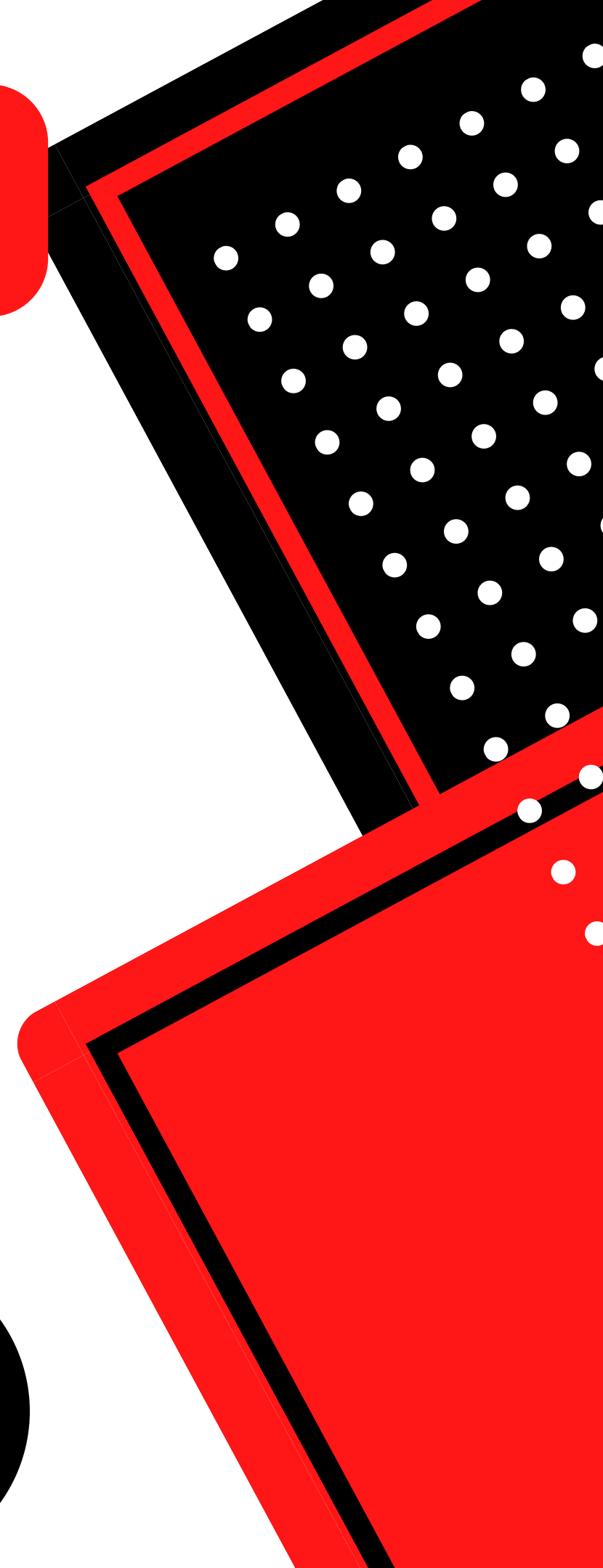
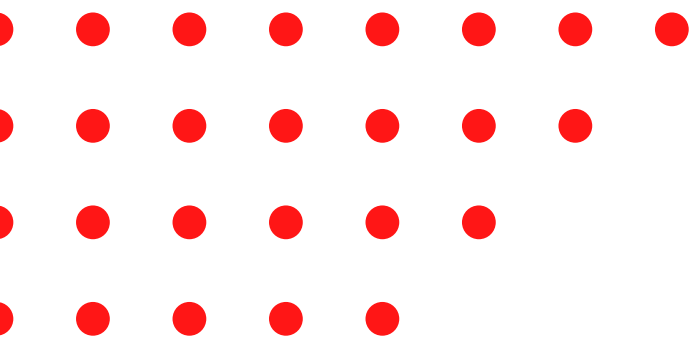
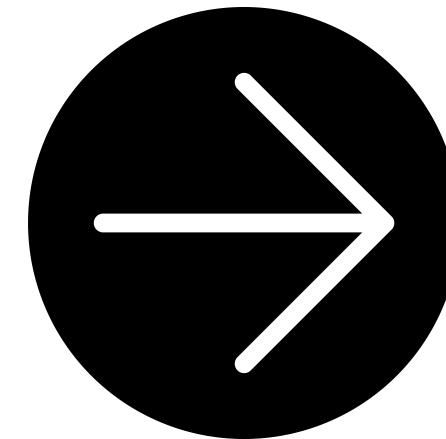
What is an active member?

- An **active** member is:
 - current, financial member
 - member that attends meetings/events, participates and engages within their committee & HAABSE as a whole
 - member that advocates on behalf of HAABSE & the communities that it serves

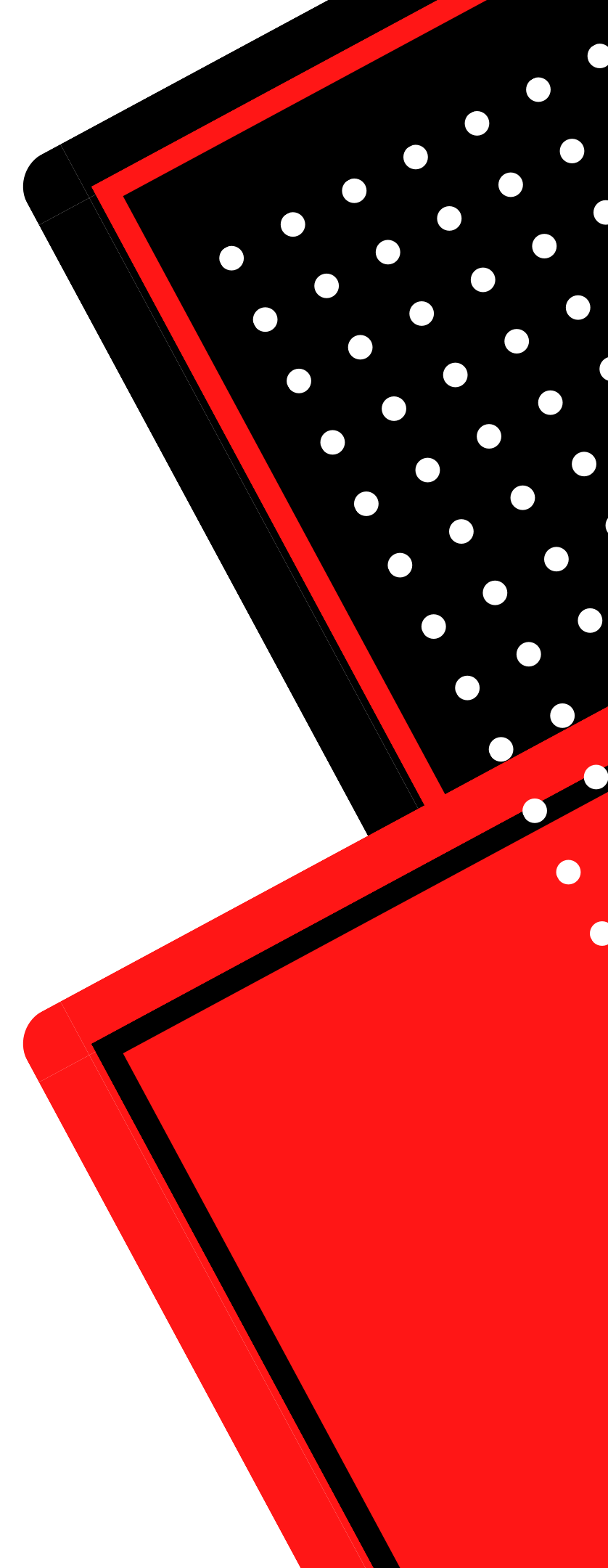
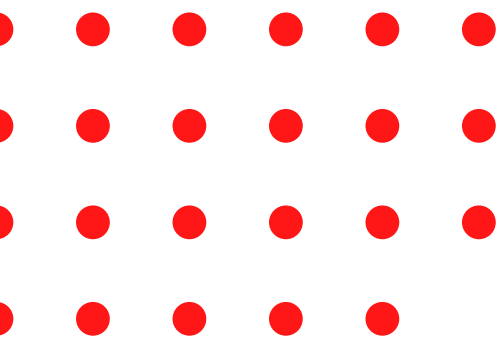


Next steps to get acquainted with HAABSE

We encourage all members to become an **active member** in HAABSE. We have several committees that you can choose to be apart of to be an active part of HAABSE.

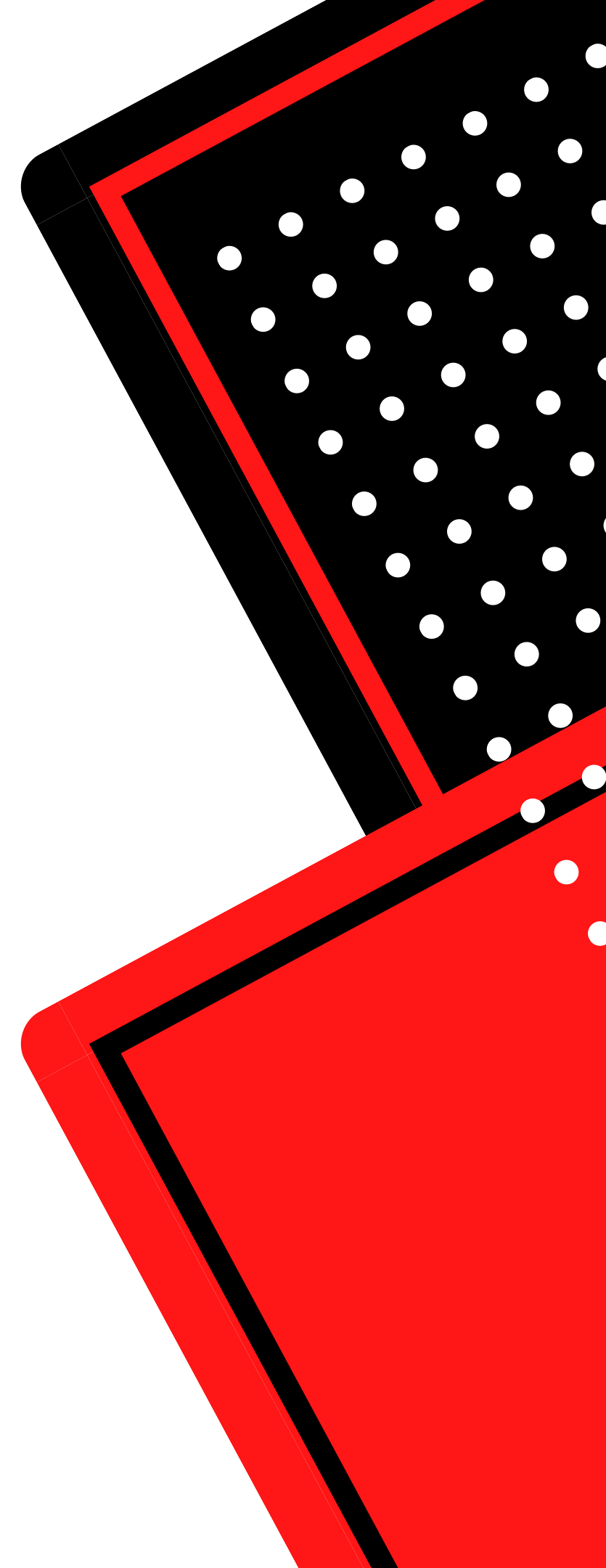


Committee chairs

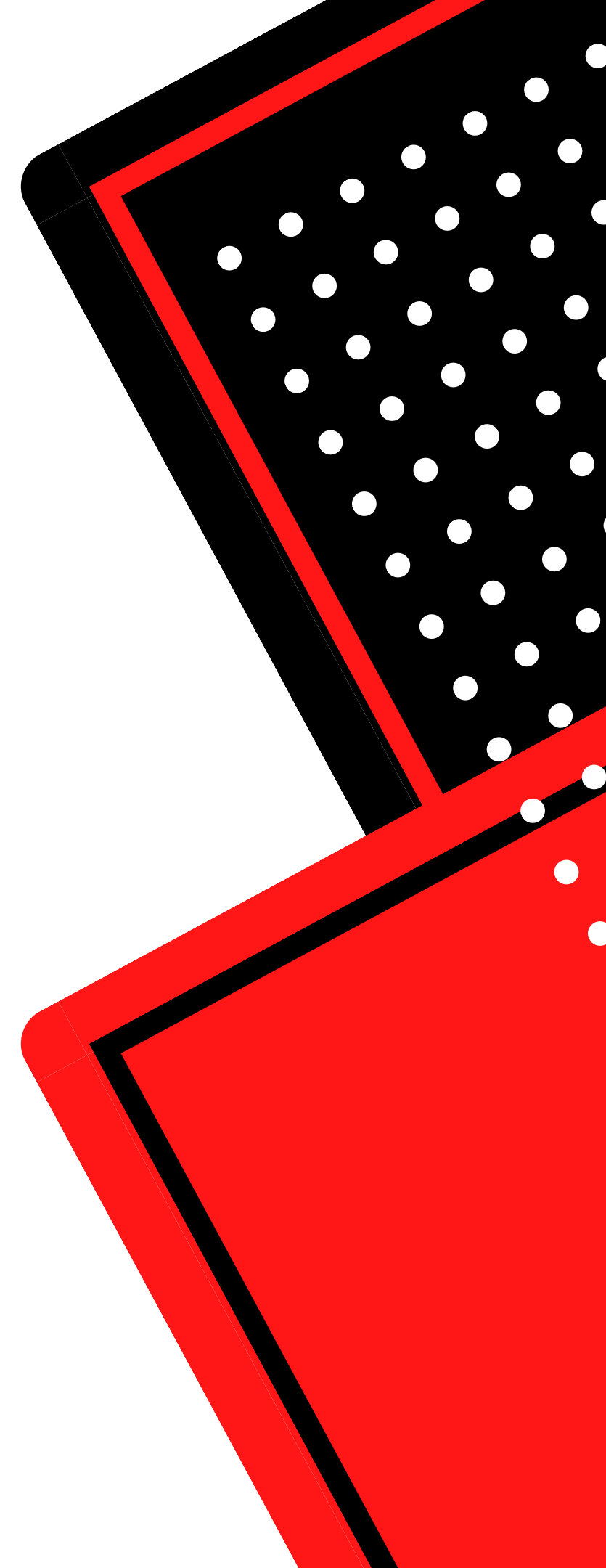
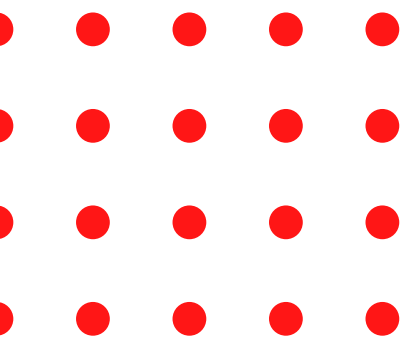


HAABSE committees

- **Membership committee-** Ciara Marks, chair
- **Teacher Awards and Recognition Ceremony (TARC) committee-** Dr. Rhonda Mason, chair
- **Social activities committee,** Dr. Erin Bradley
- **Youth Involvement Committee,** She'Nee Young & Sherita Harmon, co-chairs
- **Promotions and Marketing committee,** William Ealy- chair
- **District Communication committee-** Dr. Cedric Stewart, chair
- **Professional development committee-** Lisa Langston, chair
- **Community service committee-** Linda Burks, chair
- **Scholarship committee-** Sheree Walker, chair
- **Sponsorship committee-** William Ealy, chair



Leadership team

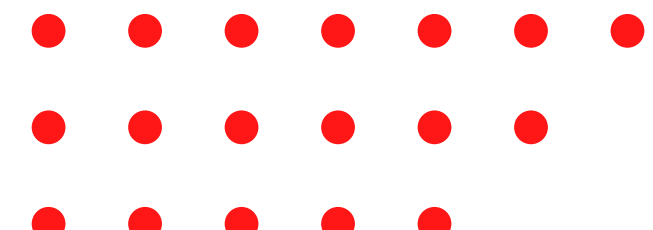


Networking events

There will be several events throughout the year for you to participate in. Some of the traditional HAABSE events are:

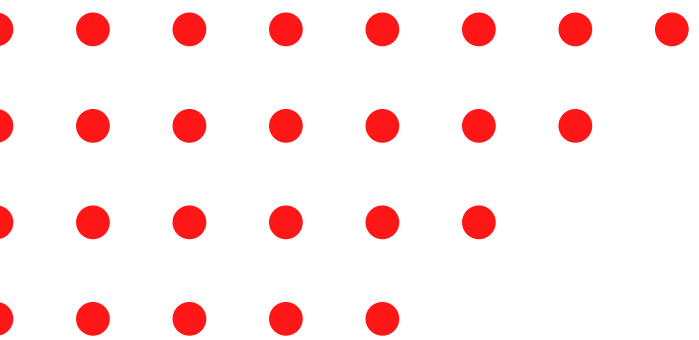
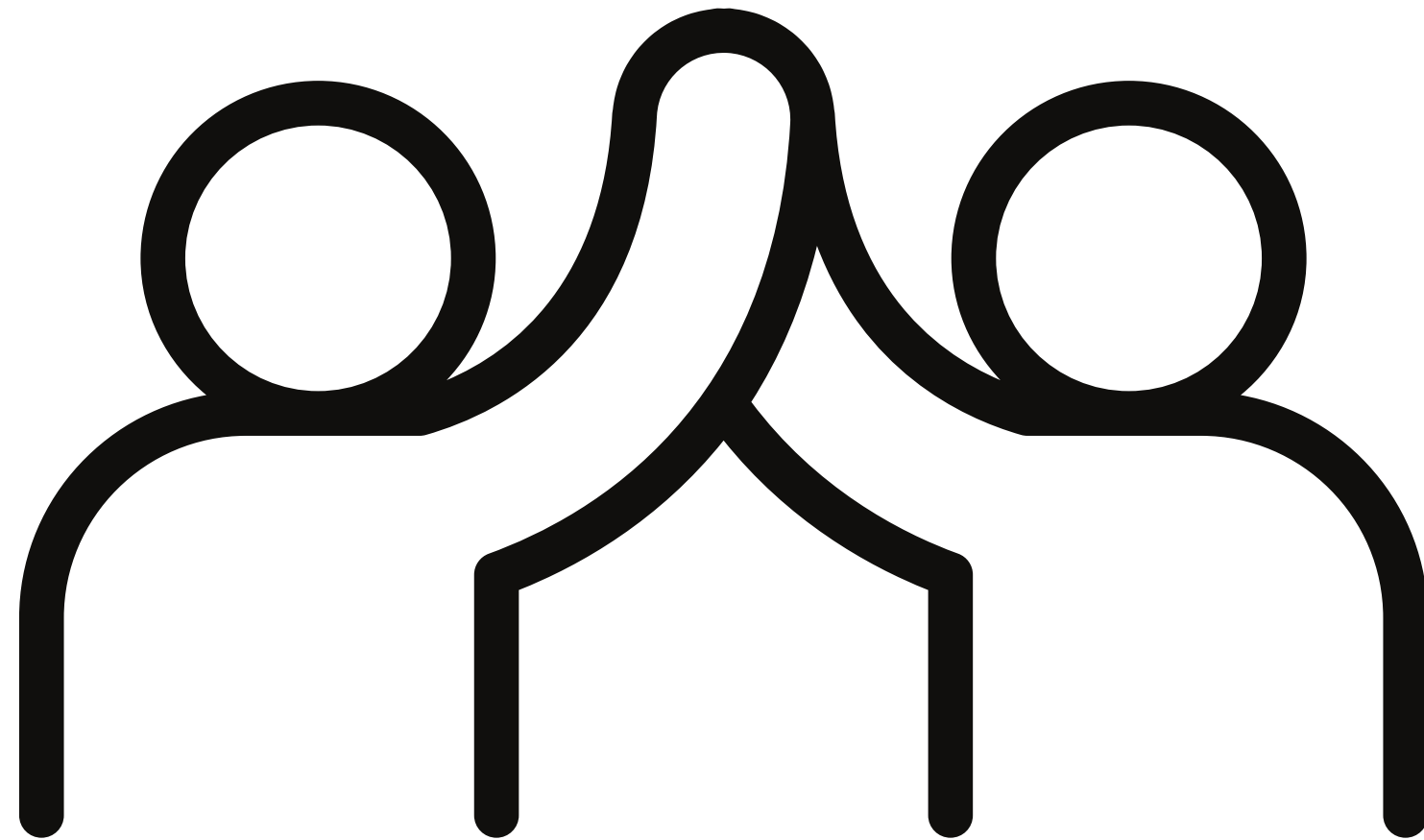
- **TARC awards (in February)**
- **Spring Break event (in March)**
- **Back to school event (in August or September)**
- **TOY drive (in December)**

*****All events are subject to change**



HAABSE + TABSE

- When you join HAABSE, you also have the option of joining TABSE (Texas Alliance of Black School Educators) & NABSE (National Alliance of Black School Educators)
- TABSE has an annual state conference in February each year



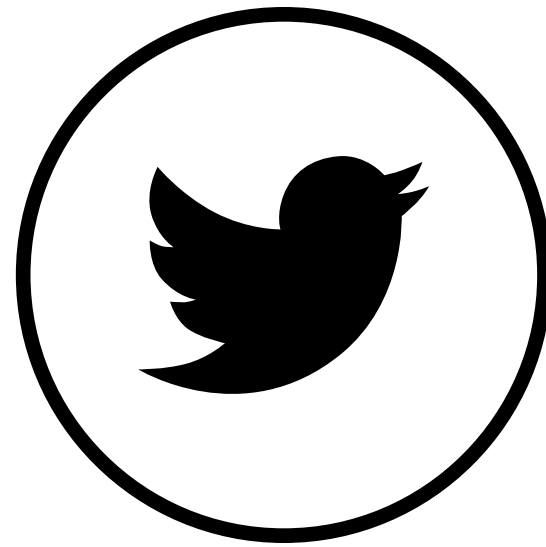
Stay connected!

- Website: <https://www.haabse.org/>
- Email: houston_membership@tabse.net

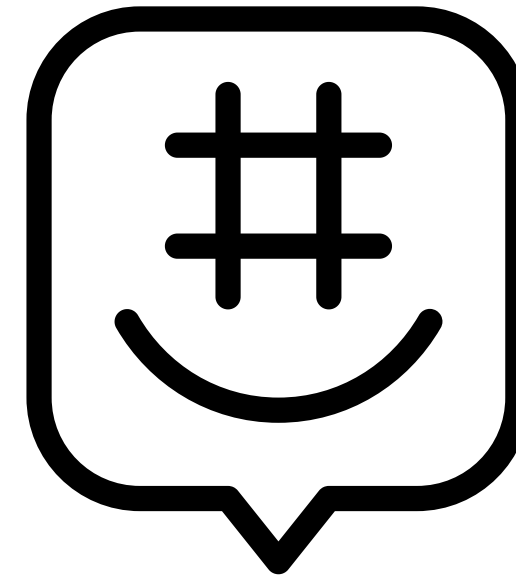


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**Check
GroupMe for
updates**





Things to Remember

- Once you join, you will get a **LINK** to an exclusive members only guide in your confirmation email that contains:
- **LINK** to join our HAABSE GroupMe
- **LINK** to directly join interested committee GroupMe's

PLEASE DO NOT DELETE EMAIL





Email questions to:
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