




2009 Blacks In Government National Training Conference Statement

Members of Blacks In Government (BIG), an unfortunate turn of events occurred this morning that has greatly disappointed me. Many of you may have received the email below from one of the Union's at the Sheraton Hotel in Baltimore who we have contacted rooms with. The National Board of Blacks In Government made the decision to not pull out of the contract primarily for financial reasons.

As a member of the National Board, I support that decision wholeheartedly. In an effort to try to persuade BIG members not to utilize the hotel, they sent out false information to BIG members under an unidentified email listing.

I am uncertain how they got email listings of BIG members, but as you know it would not be difficult to do so with all of the email traffic that BIG generates. At any rate, below was my immediate response to them.


Please ensure all persons you may be in communication with who bring this up that this is a scare tactic of the Union and I or the Board do not endorse the statements made by the union.


J. David Reeves
National President
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Micah Ehler, I strongly advise that you retract this statement. First of all, the quote that you have provided, I never made. That will be grounds for libel. Further, you have received no authorization to send anything to any member of BIG and should you do so your fight will not only be with the Sheraton hotel but with the National Organization of Blacks In Government.

You need to understand that I am a team player and once the Board has spoken, we speak as one, including me. We are a team and I intend to remain that way. Whatever tactics the Union chooses to use internally is your choice, but once you begin to affect my organization and our membership, it becomes my business.

I will not tolerate such behavior from you, your organization or its members. Take this as an official notification of my disappointment in your disingenuous behavior and my lack of confidence in you and your organization, and such scare tactics will not be tolerated. -


J. David Reeves
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