The elected and appointed officials on the National Executive Board (NEB) are the top policy makers and administrators of the National Society of Black Engineers. These college students and young professionals, headed by the national executive officers, or NEO, are empowered by the Society’s tens of thousands of members to use their talent, creativity and energy toward fulfillment of NSBE’s mission.

**National Chair**
Calvin Phelps, 23, is a master’s degree student in mechanical engineering at Cornell University. A member of NSBE since high school, he is now serving his second consecutive term as the Society’s top-ranking officer. Phelps has melded his service with an outstanding academic record. Among his many academic achievements, he is a former Gates Millennium Scholar and NSBE Golden Torch Award Scholarship Recipient, and was the GEM Fellow of the Year for 2010. He graduated from North Carolina State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in aerospace engineering in May 2009 with a 3.63 GPA. “My goal is for NSBE to be the organization young, black students join to ensure their success in engineering,” Phelps says.

**National Vice Chair**
Kari L. Jordan, 28, received her bachelor’s and master’s degrees in mechanical engineering at Michigan Technological University and is now a doctoral student in engineering education at The Ohio State University. She is a former GEM Doctoral Fellow, King-Chavez-Parks Future Faculty Fellow and recipient of a doctoral scholarship grant from the National Science Foundation. Ms. Jordan previously served on NSBE’s National Executive Board as 2009–10 national secretary and 2010–11 national academic excellence chair. She is sustained in her work by this passage from Scripture: “I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.”

**National Secretary**
Brenda A. Nathan, 22, is a senior majoring in mechanical engineering at California State Polytechnic University, Pomona. She has been a member of NSBE since 2006 and has held leadership positions in the Society each year — senator, external treasurer, chapter president and Region VI secretary — and is now serving a second consecutive term as NSBE’s national secretary. She is responsible for the implementation of the new eNews processes and virtual chapter visits, and has great plans to use all communication outlets to make NSBE a household name around the world. “It is through effective communication that we can fully achieve the mission of NSBE,” she says.

**National Treasurer**
Sade Ruffin, 26, is a Ph.D. candidate in the Department of Chemical Engineering at Polytechnic Institute of New York University. In her current position with NSBE, she is responsible for the development and financial maintenance of the $8-million international operating budget, oversight of investments, chairing of the Convention Planning Committee Taskforce, service on the Administrative and Personnel Committee and other duties critical to the organization. Ruffin says she has learned an important truth during her six years of service as a NSBE leader: “When you do the right things for the right reasons, success is inevitable.”

**National Programs Chair**
Matthew E. McFarland, 22, is a master’s degree student in systems engineering at the University of Virginia. He comes from a family of engineers and enjoyed participating in several math and science summer camps as a child. These experiences increased his interest in engineering and math, leading him to pursue a major in mechanical engineering at North Carolina State University. As a freshman, he immediately took on NSBE leadership as chapter programs chair and later served as chapter president, Region II programs chair and Region II chair. He believes that nothing is impossible and that “those who say it can’t be done should get out of the way of those doing it.”
National Finance Chair
RONALD E. STUBBLEFIELD
Physics and Mathematics Major
Morehouse College

National Assistant Treasurer – Financial Control
ONTÉ M. MCCLENDOН
Senior Engineer
Merck & Co., Inc.

National Convention Planning Committee Chair
TAYLOR MITCHAM
Electrical Engineering Major
Penn State University

National Leadership Institute Chair
NIJEMA J. FRAZIER, PH.D.
Acting Director, International Programs Management Division
National Nuclear Security Administration

National Business Diversity Chair
AYANNA BERRY
Industrial Engineering and Management Science Major
Northwestern University

National Academic Excellence Chair
JASMINE I. KEENE
Materials Science Engineering Major
University of Virginia

National Membership Chair
SOLEAH KIAI HOLLOWAY
Electrical Engineering Technology/Biochemistry Major
Old Dominion University

International Committee Chair
RICHELLE THOMAS
Chemical Engineering Major
University of Texas at Austin

Region I Chair
PAUL RUSSELL
Electrical and Computer Engineering Major
Clarkson University

Region II Chair
SOSENA WOOD
Bioengineering Major
University of Pittsburgh

Region III Chair
ISAIAH A. BROWN
Applied Physics Major
Morehouse College

Region IV Chair
SABRE M. EVANS
Engineering Management Major
Rose–Hulman Institute of Technology

Region V Chair
DARRON LAMKIN
Industrial Engineering Major
Oklahoma State University

Region VI Chair
BABATUNDE ONADELE JR.
Civil Engineering Major
San Jose State University

Not Pictured:
National Pre-College Initiative Chair
ELISHA CLAYTON
Mechanical Engineering and Engineering & Public Policy Major
Carnegie Mellon University

www.nebe.org