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ASALH Issues Call to Action and Participation for the 95th Annual Convention *The Local Arrangement Committee Seeks Active Support*

Raleigh, NC – (July 7, 2010) The Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH) will host its Local Arrangements Committee (LAC) meeting on July 22, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. at the Prezell Robinson Library on the campus of Saint Augustine's College. The meeting will be held to discuss outstanding goals and objectives toward completion of the **95th Annual Convention** that will be held in Raleigh, North Carolina Wednesday, September 29th – Sunday, October 1st at the Raleigh Convention Center. This year's theme, "*The History of Black Economic Empowerment*" is well timed in light of the economic times of our present day and celebrates the centennial of the National Urban League.

Considered the premier gatekeeper of African American history, ASALH was started in 1915 by Dr. Carter G. Woodson, the "Father of Black History."

ASALH is extending an open invitation to local leaders, organizations and volunteers for participation and support of Committees that are currently working tirelessly to ensure that the Convention will produce an exemplary experience from beginning to completion.

Marvin Pittman is the Chairman of the Local Arrangements Committee. He stated, "We are excited about the 95th Annual Conference coming to the City of Raleigh. The LAC represents a great collective of talented minds and hearts all geared toward hosting a superior event that will educate and empower everyone in attendance."

Sylvia Cyrus, Executive Director stated, "We are asking local clergy, civic leaders and the Raleigh community to partner with us for the 95th Annual Convention. Our committees need active participation and voluntary support to help us meet our goals and facilitate a great Convention. We are well underway but there is much work to be done and we value your pledged time, commitment and assistance in this call to community support and participation."

More than 1000 members of ASALH will convene in Raleigh to engage in scholarly dialogue and debate, plenary sessions, and numerous exciting events held during the Convention. The community is welcome and strongly encouraged to attend.