

URMIA Election Candidate 2023

Individual Profile			
Name:	Mellany Patrong	Position:	Board of Director
Title:	Director - Enterprise Risk Management	Institution:	Texas Southern University
Designations:		Higher Ed RM Start Year:	2011
Gender:	Woman	Race:	African American
Institution Profile			
Membership category:	Tier 4	Student FTE of institution:	7,524
Type of institution	Public	Two-year institution:	No



How would you encourage the membership to become more active in URMLA?

Given an expanded opportunity, I will broaden my efforts to promote active membership in URMIA by being the change I want to see. For far too long, I have been behind the scenes serving as a willing worker, but only when asked. It's time to lead the charge and be the person extending the invitation!

If elected, the membership can count on my audience engaging, thought provoking and magnetic personality to bring strategies for attracting new members and retaining current ones.

My mantra for service on a Board of Directors is "GET, GIVE, OR GET OFF!" I have served on several and I am firmly committed to the idea that a Board Member generates resources. These resources can be human, physical, financial, operational, or otherwise. I also believe "tone at the top" is the rising tide that floats all boats! When leaders enthusiastically employ duty of care, duty of loyalty and unwavering integrity, they command respect and draw others in.

Share how you would add value or new ideas to URMLA's strategic plan?

The current strategic plan is well written. I offer my hands and my heart to the furtherance of these goals, as I am convinced that new energy is what we need. My commitment will be to engaging the underrepresented population of HBCUs and connecting them to the valued resources and tools that URMIA offers.