

Biography of Sharon Smith-Terry, MBA, CDM

Sharon Smith-Terry is the executive director for the Neurocritical Care Society and the Neurocritical Care Foundation. Both are headquartered in Chicago, Illinois. She provides management oversight to a society of 2700 members, has P&L responsibility, and oversees board governance. She also manages the newly formed foundation, which seeks research and education funding to advance treatments and cures for patients with neurological disorders. Sharon's other duties include strategic planning, operations, business development, and clients relations. She is ultimately accountable for the overall success of both organizations. For the past 21 years, Sharon has been a member of the adjunct faculty at Columbia College of Missouri where she teaches a variety of junior and senior-level marketing and management courses.



Sharon has more than 28 years of marketing, operations, and business development experience, nine as an employee of Baxter International, where she gained a great deal of international exposure through her frequent travels abroad. Coupled with her experience at the American Hospital Association (AHA), which includes consulting on health equity and advising hospitals on diversity, equity, and inclusion best practices, Sharon has a passion for helping to improve the lives of patients from all backgrounds. During her seven years at Resolutions Inc., which she founded in 1999, Sharon helped her clients successfully launch more than 500 new products that generated over \$20 million in revenue.

Sharon is very passionate about her community. She is the Connection & Social Action Committee Chairman of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Lambda Nu Omega Graduate Chapter. She serves as Precinct Committeeman (#152), and is also a member of the American Society for Association Executives (ASAE), Association Forum, and the Chicago Chapter of the United Nations Association. She is a board member of the Black Chamber of

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Commerce of Lake County, the Round Lake Education Foundation, the secretary and co-founder of the Association of Minority Contractors of Lake County, and is the treasurer of Prairie Neighborhood Association.

Sharon is a Magna Cum Laude graduate of Jackson State University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Criminal Justice and holds a Master of Business Administration (MBA) from Roosevelt University. Sharon is a published author of two poetry books entitled, *Pleasure Poetry* and *Poetry and Prose*. She also has a blog focused on food, politics, and lifestyle. Sharon recently married the love of her life Keith Terry and they both have four grown children. Sharon's hobbies include studying politics, creative writing, community service, and exercising. She worships at S.T.U.D.Y.S. Ministries in Lindenhurst, Illinois.