

The 'View' from the top: Star Jones named president of National Association of Professional Women

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TV host and attorney [Star Jones](#) has been appointed to the newly created role of president of the National Association of Professional Women, the country's largest professional women's networking organization.

Jones, previously a co-host of ABC's "The View," has been the organization's national spokeswoman for the past three years and was named its chief development officer last year.

[NAPW](#)'s founder and chief executive, [Matthew Proman](#), will continue to direct all operations, while Jones will oversee all programs, products and services for NAPW's members, which include more than 300 local chapters.

In her new role, Star will be responsible for the overall expansion, integration and implementation of NAPW's development and programming strategy and is tasked with conveying the message, brand and image of NAPW worldwide, the organization said.

In the past year year, Jones has helped boost the professional women's membership by 50 percent, from 400,000 members to more than 600,000. She also boosted local chapter involvement while touring the country advocating for professional networking and career and personal development for women.

"This promotion is a clear acknowledgement of Ms. Jones' contribution to the advancement of women and the growth of NAPW," Proman said in an emailed statement.

Jones said she was “proud and honored” to be named president of NAPW.

“In the short term, we expect to continue to increase our membership by adding additional products, services and programs that speak to the needs of women,” she said in an email. “Additionally we’ll be adding more networking events and creating professional regional networking summits for women who are dedicated and focused on the collective success of other women, while increasing our community profile through philanthropic efforts and increasing our national profile through gender and diversity advocacy.”

During her time at NAPW, Jones hosted the 2014 NAPW National Networking Conference and created the NAPW Foundation, a philanthropic initiative that benefits several nonprofit organizations, including Dress For Success, the Breast Cancer Research Foundation, Girls Inc. and the American Heart Association.

“NAPW is growing by leaps and bounds,” Jones said. “We are dedicated to diversity, opportunity and advancement. It is time to open doors, break ceilings and move to the next level. This is our year of action, and I’m pleased to help lead it.”

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