

National President's Remarks on Status of EHS-EES ALUMNI Affairs 2013

Fellow Alumni, former students, missionaries, teachers, friends and well wishers

With sincere and best wishes, the Board and executive committee of the EES/EHS Alumni Association USA & Liberia greet and welcome you to our 15th Annual Convention in this great city of Atlanta, GA. We want to sincerely thank the Regional VP & the planning committee of the Southeastern Region and especially the Atlanta chapter our host, for their work in organizing and staging this event today.

Fellow Alumni, we come to annual convention every year, when and where we are given the opportunity to come together to review and grade our failures and successes of the previous year and plan for the challenges ahead for the ensuing year. We develop strategies and plan tactics that we will employ to "Give Back" to our Alma Mata in a meaningful way in conformity with our mission and goals as enshrined in our By-laws and constitution.

Ladies and gentlemen it is our august responsibility as Alumni to do all within our power and reach to rebuild these institutions EES & EHS the bulwarks and knowledge providers that prepared all of us for who we are and what we have achieved today in society. We must resolve to "Give Back", each according to his/her ability; to restore, rebuild, improve, sustain

and maintain EES & EHS for the adequate use of the next generation of Liberians and Liberian professional.

We find our association today in a period of critical and borderline financial situation that needs attention and serious consideration and support from everybody here today and also those who were not able to make it for various reasons. For our visitors and friends we ask that you join us in this encounter to continue to keep us afloat; to becoming a vibrant entity to accomplish our goals that will be presented to you today in our project display and documentation. They are impressive and achievable with all of us participating and utilizing our energies of commitment, trust, love, willingness to give back and rebuild the institutions of learning that have made indelible marks in our lives. In short, we will like to inform you that our financial situation is alarming and not very good. It is our hope that together during this convention we will endeavor to provide genuine solutions to better our financial standing for the ensuing business year and take us from where we are today to a position where we have never been and better.. It is not an easy task, but if you work with the officers sincerely and committedly we will succeed.

Our standing committees have done and continue to do a great job as you will hear in the reports from the various chairs later. Our regional VP's are great and hardworking members that have brought a great change in information dissipation to our members in several Regions & States. Later we will be introducing these great alumni and there jurisdictions to you. We already have displays on our website for these members and their involvement.

Two years ago, we promised to make this organization; one with clarity, transparency and good information to our members; we have done just that as you will see on our newly designed website and that will be supplemented by reports you will be given today. We urge you to frequent our website for updates and posting that will continuously convey the status of affair of the EHSEES Alumni Association.

So as we employ methods in our relationships(members & associate members, donors, supporters and officers), it is imperative that we use Agility...robustness...nimbleness, patience and total flexibility; this is our request to you in dealing with the elected officer you choose to run this association.

Transformational as our officers will always be, we are concluding our 2nd annual term. Transformational as we attempted to promote change in everything we have done

together to take us to a point in our existent where we have never been it is our prayer and hope that you will elect officers to continue building on the foundations we have built together.

The financial strength of the association is reflecting weak and needs uplifting. Our projects are many both short and long term. Those we have implemented this year have left a strain on our financial standing. For this; we urge you to pay special attention to the Treasurer and Project Chairman reports.

However, if we all work together to do things straight and right now, we will be positioned for good and better outcome in the future. We are doing fairly well with the support you have given but we kindly request that you commit and resolve to timely do more in meeting your annual financial dues and contributions. We beg that you do not wait for convention time to meet these obligations.

We admonish you to think; remember and give for Liberia and not for any political sub division or tribe; and perhaps most importantly work with and support the elected officers to develop and foster a culture of receptiveness to change, good ethics, honesty and integrity; we can be instruments of genuine and great success in rebuilding the broken institutions back home for our brothers and sisters and our country Liberia.

Officers, members; guests; honorable Ladies and gentlemen,
we wish you fruitful deliberations today and a joyous and
wonderful 2013 convention in Atlanta.

*Thank You....Thank you.... and we wish you all Well and an
enjoyable stay in Atlanta.*