

National President's Remarks on Status of EHS-EES ALUMNI Affairs 2015

Fellow Alumni, friends, supporters, well-wishers; ladies and gentlemen:
With sincere and best wishes, the Board and executive committee of the **EHSEES/St. John's Technical Academy Alumni Association USA-Liberia** greet and welcome you to our 17th Annual Convention in this great city of Brotherly Love -Philadelphia. We want to sincerely thank Mrs. Ciata Sirleaf and members in Philadelphia for their hard work in organizing and staging this event today. We say thank you for a job well done and we are grateful and wish you great success in this endeavor.

Fellow Alumni, we come to our annual convention every year, when and where we are given the opportunity to come together to review and make note of 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 implement to "Give Back" to our Alma Mater in a meaningful way as well as in conformity to 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 EES & EHS the bulwarks and knowledge providers that prepared all of us for who we are and what we have achieved today in society. Each of us must resolve to "Give Back", according to his/her ability and remain steadfast to genuinely participate in rebuilding the institutions in Robertsport, Liberia.

Our association is in a period of gradual growth and financial stability that needs critical attention, serious consideration and support from everybody here today. The Treasurer's annual report will reflect this later. For our visitors and friends we ask that you join us in this endeavor that will continue to keep us afloat to becoming a vibrant entity and accomplish our goals. On this journey we kindly solicit your earnest and sincere commitment and trust. In short, it is our hope that together during this convention we will attempt to advance genuine recommendations that can lead to solutions that will better our overall objectives and aspiration for the **EHSEES/St. John's Technical Academy Alumni Association USA-Liberia** and take us from where we are today to a better future. It is not an easy task, but if you work with the elected officers sincerely and committedly; we will succeed. Our standing committees have done and continue to do a good job as you will hear in the reports from the various chairs later. Our regional VP's are a great and hardworking team that has brought great change when it comes to information sharing to our members in several states. Our website visibility lists these individuals 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 web and Facebook sites. We urge you to visit the sites regularly and give constructive reviews for improvement or change. On the site, you will observe updates and posting that will continuously convey the status of affair of the *EHSEES/St. John's Technical Academy Alumni Association USA-Liberia*.

Transformational as our officers will always be, another term is ending this year. 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 this great foundation.

The financial strength of the association is reflecting a need for uplifting. Our projects are many both short and long term. We are pleased to inform you that we were able to complete some projects you approved during the last convention. Exceptions or delays we have experienced are: the assessment visit to Liberia, purchase of a utility vehicle for the school; the postponement of the visit was due to the Ebola epidemic and travel restriction and the vehicle or pickup truck type is still being investigated. Please pay special attention to the Treasurer and Project Chairman report later. However, if we all work together to do things straight; right now and always, we will be positioned for good results in the future. We are doing fairly well with the support you continue to give. The requested recommendation is that you kindly commit in a timely manner and not delay to meet your financial obligations at annual convention. We admonish you to think; remember; and give for these institutions. Most importantly work with and support the elected officers to develop, 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 brother and sister and our country.

Officers, members; guests; honorable Ladies and gentlemen, we wish you fruitful deliberations today and a joyous and wonderful 2015 convention in Philadelphia.

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