

Meeting minutes for the 18th Annual Convention of the EHSEES/St. John's Technical Academy Alumni Association USA/LIB

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EHSEES Alumni 17 th Annual Convention meeting		
05.09 2016	11:45AM – 2:35PM	Royal Palace Event Center 3740 Lafayette Rd. Indianapolis, IN 46222
Meeting called by	National President; Samuel A. Abdulla Sr.	
Type of meeting	EHSEES 18 th Annual Convention & Reunion	
Facilitator	Samuel A. Abdullai Sr.	
Note taker	Bendu- Fahnbulleh Giddings	
Timekeeper	None	
Attendees	See Registration & Attendee list submitted by Indianapolis Chapter	
1. Singing of school ode and opening prayer		
By	Alice Kromah- National Chaplain	
Action	Opening was led by Chaplain Kromah	
2. Meeting call to order and opening of convention.		
By	Samuel A. Abdullai Sr.	
Action	Welcome Remarks by Dr. H. Momolu Fahnbulleh and turning over of the gavel to national President Sam Abdullai	
3. Roll Call and registration		
[Time allotted]	Ms. Bendu Fahnbulleh Giddings	
Action	Registration, meeting called to order and adaption of convention Agenda for 2016	
4- President's Annual report and update on affairs of the Alumni Association		
By	Sam Abdullai	
Action	<p><u>*Since time was far spent Chairman Abdullai suggested the convention wave the Lunch break and the meeting take place and lunch be deferred to end of the business section. The suggestion was accepted by the convention and the meeting conducted in that manner.</u></p> <p>Mr. Abdullai commented on the affairs of the Association and issues from 2015 convention that were not resolved and/or completed.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The trip to Liberia by a committee of 3-4 members from USA-<i>August 9th thru 16th 2016 -completed</i> 2. Membership drive campaign- <i>very slow & Poor</i> 3. Limited/none committed to project fee by Regions (\$1000.00) - <i>arrangements and execution not done due to misunderstanding of the orders by</i> 	
5. Financial Report		
By	Mr. William Paasewe	

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Action	<p>Starting the Finance Boss made the following Recognitions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs. Merlyn Robertson-donates \$1000.00 to the Organization • Mr. James King \$1600.00 • Dr. David McLaughlin the cost of his Ticket and lodging for the Monrovia trip • Rev. Flemister the roofing of the Elementary School and donation of the \$4000.00 due from the Class of 1979(their outstanding commitment for the project since 2014) <p>Mr. Paasewe gave an extended report on the financial status of the Association and handed out several copies to members attend the meeting. High lights were: Cash receipts, expenses (especially teacher's Salary payment to the Institutions in Robertsport), the recent MOU prepared and approved by the joint LIB & US Alumni delegates at the just ended Monrovia visit of a high power delegation (Feweh Sherman, Dr. David McLaughlin and Chairman Sam Abdullai), the request by the LIB group for the US to again fund the 60% of the 60/40 teachers salary payment; donation to other entities and ongoing projects undertaken by the association. After brief questionnaire and discussion by the convention the report was accepted by the general meeting and made part of archives.</p>
1. Membership /Outreach	
By	Dr. Robert G. Sherman(Chairman-Membership/Outreach)
Action	<p>Mr. Sherman did not attend the Convention but notes of activities initiated by his committee were briefly communicated to the convention by..... The convention attempted to contact Mr. Sherman for a telephone engagement but was not successful.</p> <p>Father Yarsiah give a brief report on the strategy to be employed in the future for the Welfare & Concern Committee after consultation with chairman Sherman</p>
2. Youth	
By	Ms. Harriet King-Davis(Chairlady on Youth)
Action	The Chairlady was absent; the report was deferred to a later time or publication on the website or Facebook page (Similar to the same action taken at 2015 Convention). The Secretary will communicate this to Ms. H.King-Davis.
3. Project Report	
By	Mr. Feweh Sherman (Chairman for Projects)
Action	Mr. Sherman presented a project report by priority and completion from the Association's approved Long and Short Term project platform with Emphasis on the status of the Memorial Wall, Pick-Up Truck, Elementary School Roof repair, the Technology Center. Bowen Cottage and the approved Fact Finding trip to Liberia. He lamented his delay in returning to the US due to unexpected illness during the fact finding mission trip to Liberia but his usual Power Point presentation will be posted on the Website and Facebook. The Report was voted: accepted –passed and made part of the Archives.
4. Regional Vice Presidents Report	
By	Regional VPs

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Action	<p>Midwestern Region –Expect better participation from the Region as there seems to be a mix-up of requirement for annual dues(\$100) by Members and donations(\$100.00) for Reconstruction Project from ea. Region</p> <p>Eastern Region- Same As Mid-Western Region</p> <p>South Western Region- Same</p> <p>North Eastern Region- Same</p> <p>Southern Region-Same</p> <p>All Regional VPs present lamented that the orders/resolution adapted at the 2015, were not executed as agreed but promise to work diligently for better future performance.</p>
10. Convention Venue 2016	
By	Convention with advise from Chairman
Action	Mr. Abdullai, suggested that the Minnesota Chapter will consider the hosting of Convention 2017 and it was unanimously agreed upon by the Convention of members.
11. Other & New Business	
By	Project Chairman Feweh Sherman & Members
	<p>Projects consecrated by Bishop Hart during the Liberia visit were:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 The technology center (St. John's campus) 2 The Science Lab in the High School Building 3 The Bowen Cottage <p>Projects prioritize by the LIB-USA meeting in Monrovia were as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Replace/repair of the EHS building 2 Reconstruct/Repair the Boys Dorm St. John's Campus 3 Investigate and provide temporary dormitory/logging for girls on St, John's Campus 4 Electrification of the St. John's Campus
12. Vote-Summary of Resolution and Recommendations	
By	Sam Abdullai Sr. (Chairman) -leading
	<p>The following Resolutions were passed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Accept and honor the MOU issued jointly by LIB & US Alumni form the Liberia trip. 2) That the request by LIB for the 60/40 payment of teacher's salary be switched and The USA group pay 60% and the LIB group 40% of the quarterly disbursement subject to renegotiated yearly at the annual convention. 3) That a group email be established and used as a means of fast and regulation dissipation of communications to EHSEES Alumni members both in the USA & Liberia (Assigned to the Convention Committee and the Resource &Membership Mobilization committee). 4) That the Regional financial commitment \$1000.00/Region for the Reconstruction Project fund be retained and trial for another year.
13. Vote of Thanks	
By	Dr. H.Momolu Fahnbulleh
	Mid- Western Region VP and Convention 2016 host Chairman Dr. Henry Momolu Fahnbulleh rendered the vote of thanks prior to the convention meeting adjournment

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14. Adjournment

By National Chairman Sam Abdullai

The Chairman through Standard closing procedure solicited a motion for adjournment, it was stated and passed. After the Singing of the Liberian National Anthem and Benediction given by National Chaplain Ms. Alice Kromah, The convention 2015 was closed at 2:35PM