

National President's Remarks on Status of EHS-EES ALUMNI Affairs 2021

Good morning and welcome everyone; it is always great to see so many familiar faces, old friends and classmates at our annual gatherings. Even though this is our 2nd Zoom meeting, we look forward to resuming in person meeting post CoVID-19. To me our annual conventions are important because they allow us to inform our membership of failures and successes in the prior business year. Please accept my sincere thanks and appreciation to you hard core members, guests and the convention committee, who continue to participate and live up to your commitment to be with us no matter what the prevailing global issues of society, especially in Liberia and the USA.

We find our association today in a period of progressive transformational leadership, continued building on the foundation laid by previous administration to auger a change that will take us from where we are today to where we have never been. It is not an easy task, but if you work with us sincerely and committedly, we will succeed. It is our desire to transform our association to reflect change that will be visible to all of us. As leaders, the Executive team requests that you work with us so that we can take this association from where we are today to where we have never been before.

We do not want to be an organization with no information or ill information to our members but rather a transparent and trustworthy group who have total access to all transactions of the association through its membership and officers. Up front be warned, that while the use of the internet is easy and fun to many of you, it can also be temptious and dangerous. Therefore, it requires trust and sincerity. So, as we attempt to pass information throughout the organization by way of social media, it is imperative that we use Agility, robustness and total flexibility. Let this be our sincere request to you.

As will be reflected in our financial standing later by the treasurer and our completed and ongoing projects by the Project Chairman, we are doing well with the support you continue to give but we kindly request that you do more in the future. The financial strength of the association is promising with gradual growth and needs uplifting. Our projects are many both short- and long-term one. To name a few approved and in line or earmarked for implementation we have:

- 1. The teacher's Salary**
- 2. The strategic solar streetlights on ST. John's campus**
- 3. The Merilyn & Bolling Robertson scholarship**
- 4. The pickup truck for school logistics and transportation**

5. **Endowment fund \$500K by 2029**
6. **High School roof and, or complete renovation of the edifice (Memorial Wall)**
7. **Visitors from Christ Church**
8. **Kobolia Farmland**

Low hanging fruits or easy to complete are Teachers Salary (see **finance committee report**), The Marilyn & E. Bolling scholarship, Pickup truck and strategic solar streetlights. We are recommending that completion of these must be achieved by Convention 2022, and we solicit your genuine support and sincere consideration.

We need to give every member the power, authority and opportunity to be a transformational partner in his/her own right/ rank. We want to be able to utilize the talent and intelligence of our members to work with us to make the transition from where we are today to achieve future targets in our development and growth process. Tell our story as it is, by using any lawful means to solicit and promote our goals and aspirations of the EESEHS (and St. John's Tech Academy) Alumni Association. General D Eisenhower once said, and I quote" I'd rather have one person working with me than hundred working for me". And I promise you we are all working for the association and with me and the executives, not for me but for the good of the association. A team is stronger than any individual member.

If you discard all the ill information about our association and the leadership before and now; factionalized membership and their related support or none support; and you think; and perhaps most importantly work with us to develop and foster a culture of receptiveness to change, good ethics, honesty and integrity, we can be instruments of great success in rebuilding the broken institutions back home for our brother and sister and our country Liberia.

Officers, members; guests; honorable Ladies and gentlemen, we wish you fruitful deliberations today and a joyous and wonderful 2021 Zoom 23rd convention (Gathering)

Thank you, thank you.... and let us proceed to have an enjoyable and fun Zoom Convention!