

**Minutes of the 2019 Annual Reunion Convention  
of the Episcopal Elementary and High School & St. John's  
Academic and Technical High School Alumni and Former Students Association  
Delaware State University, Dover, Delaware, USA  
Saturday, August 31, 2019**

The National convention convened on the campus of Delaware State University on Saturday, August 31, 2019. The meeting was presided over by President Samuel Abdullai and commenced at 11:30 am.

President Abdullai gave his introductory remarks welcoming all alumni and former students to the 2019 convention. In his remarks, President Abdullai recommended a 5-year plan to raise funds to support our school after the Episcopal Church, USA, withdraws support from the Episcopal Church in Liberia.

Fr. James Yarsiah made a motion and it was seconded that the Minutes of the 2018 convention be opened for discussions; however, President Abdullai announced that the minutes would be summarized later in the course of the convention before it would be opened for discussions.

**Financial Report**

Treasurer Bill Paasewe made the Financial Report of 2019. He distributed copies of the report to those present. He also indicated that the report will be posted on the alumni website: [www.ehsees.org](http://www.ehsees.org).

Treasurer Paasewe also notified alumni that he has set up CashApp and Zelle accounts where alumni and former students could pay their annual dues. He stated that all financial information will also be placed on the association's website.

Dr. Yedeh Dennis contacted Treasurer Paasewe to inform him of her and her husband, Dr. Emmett Dennis's inability to be present at the convention this year because they were stranded in Europe. They contributed \$1,000.00 each towards projects for the school.

Dr. Robert Sherman inquired what the alumni association in Liberia was doing to assist with payment of teachers' salaries? President Abdullai explained that the MOU agreed for the 60/40 {60% USA and 40% Liberia} payment sharing of the teacher's salary was not fulfilled from the Liberian side and the USA was forced to suspend payment pending investigation. However, the school remained opened and operational.

In June 2019, Treasurer Paasewe travelled to Liberia and while he was there, he held a meeting with the Liberian alumni association and Bishop Johnathan Hart. At the conclusion of the discussions, both the Liberian alumni and Bishop Hart disclosed that they were unable to assist the school financially.

The Financial Report was opened for discussions:

Alumni Rev. Abeoseh Flemister suggested that now that surfing has become renowned in Robertsport, perhaps it could be a resource to raise funds for the school. There being no further suggestions, corrections and comments, Dr. David McLaughlin made a motion, which was seconded and approved that the Financial Report be closed.

**Endowment Fund**

Upon the announcement by President Abdullai about the establishment of the Endowment Fund, Fr. Yarsiah made a motion and it was seconded that the Endowment Fund be launched at the convention. Since the Endowment Fund was now launched, President Abdullai reported that a committee for the Endowment would be organized to explore the possibility of raising funds; the goal is to raise \$500,000.00 within five years, to rebuild the two campuses, the House of Bethany and Lanford Hall (boys dorm) on

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St. John's. President Abdullai appointed Hawa King-Weeks to write down the names of individuals present who made pledges to the Endowment Fund.

**Membership**

Membership Chairman, Dr. Robert Sherman, reported that he had designed a job description for the position of Regional Vice-President, and will provide each Regional Vice-President the job description after they have been selected and organized in each state.

**Benevolent Committee**

Fr. James Yarsiah reported on the Benevolent Committee. He disclosed that cards were mailed out and telephone calls were made to alumni and former students who experience joy or celebrated life event and those who suffered grief, loss and other stressful events.

President Abdullai designated Rev. Abeoseh Flemister to congratulate Fr. Yarsiah and Dr. Robert Sherman for the great jobs done, which she did. Feweh Sherman motioned, which was seconded, and approved, that the reports be opened for discussion and after, be accepted to become a part of our archives. There were no discussions, comments, and questions regarding the Membership and Benevolent Committee reports.

**Projects**

Chairman of Projects Feweh Sherman, prior to making his report, introduced Fr. Trevor Babb, the rector of his church, Christ Episcopal Church, New Brighton, Staten Island, New York, the webmaster of our alumni website, Susan and her spouse, David, and Mr. Konneh, an alumnus of Bolahun Episcopal Mission in Lofa County, Liberia and a fellow church member of Feweh Sherman's.

The convention was informed that Fr. Babb will head the delegation traveling to Liberia on a fact-finding mission to our schools in 2021. The Episcopal Church and Bishop's Office and the alumni association in Liberia are making the arrangements.

Feweh made a PowerPoint report: he showed renovation of our multi-purpose auditorium, Brunot Hall, the technology center, and the new water tower, presented photographs of the high school building and the cost to replace the roof; the water system, and the electrification of the elementary and high school buildings, future refurbishing of Lancford Hall, the House of Bethany, and the renovation of the elementary school.

Fr. Yarsiah inquired whether the Project Report would be posted on the website, and he was informed that it would. Rev. Flemister recommended that the assistance made by the former priest of her church, Christ Episcopal Church, Columbus, Ohio, be also posted on the website. Christ Episcopal Church renovated the elementary school, including replacement of the roof of the elementary school. This will also be posted on the website.

Dr. Cyril Broderick made a motion that was seconded and approved that the Project Report be accepted and become a part of our archives.

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**Overview of Minutes of the 2018 Convention held in Atlanta, Georgia**

President Abdullai provided a brief summary of the Minutes of 2018 and stated that the minutes are posted on the website. Hawa King-Weeks made a motion, which was seconded and approved that the minutes of 2018 be accepted and become part of the association's archives.

**Other Business**

Clyde Broderick, the son of Dr. Cyril Broderick, suggested that the alumni association create a Go Fund Me page to raise funds for the school; his suggestion was accepted by all. The details will be worked out with President Abdullai and those appointed by him.

**Elections**

Chairman of the Election Commission, Fr. Yarsiah, presided over the elections. However, before the start of the elections, Chairman Yarsiah announced that the constitution had been amended to create the new position of Financial Secretary in addition to the other positions.

Patience Williams-Neblett was nominated for the position of Chaplain, and she declined. Alice Kromah was then nominated, who, because there were no other nominees, was elected Chaplain by acclamation.

Sadatu Kemokai Clarke nominated Sando Jones for the position of National Secretary. The nomination was closed on the one name, and she was elected to the position by unanimous consent of the convention.

Vesta Viddy nominated Bill Paasewe for the position of National Treasurer, which nomination was closed on his name. He was elected to the position by unanimous consent of the convention.

For the position of Financial Secretary, Katherine Dunn was nominated; she declined the nomination. Jank Sambola was nominated for the position, which nomination was closed on his name. He was elected to the position by unanimous consent of the convention.

Jank Sambola nominated Sylvanus Golakai for the position of National Vice-President and was elected by acclamation to the position.

Hawa King Weeks made the motion, which was seconded and approved that President Samuel Abdullai be re-elected to the position of National President by acclamation.

Chairman Yarsiah expressed his thanks and appreciation to all for entrusting his committee with organizing the election.

Membership Chairman Dr. Robert Sherman was designated by President Abdullai to extend the association's appreciation to Dr. Cyril Broderick and Vesta Viddy for their successful hosting of the 2019 convention: Dr. Sherman wholeheartedly thanked and congratulated them.

Treasurer Bill Paasewe was asked to express appreciation to Mr. Clyde Broderick and his significant other for their assistance to the success of the convention, and he did them the honor.

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With no further business, President Abdullai called for a motion for the adjournment of the 2019 convention. Feweh Sherman made the motion, which was seconded and approved that the convention be adjourned; the convention adjourned at 3:46 pm.

The Maryland Metro Chapter was selected by consensus to host the 2020 Convention in Maryland.

Respectfully Submitted:  
Sando J. Jones  
Acting Secretary, substituting for  
Bendu Fahnbulleh, Secretary

August 20, 2020