

National President's Remarks on Status of EHS-EES ALUMNI Affairs 2014

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 16th Annual Convention in this great city of Laurel, MD. We want to sincerely thank the Regional VP & the planning committee of the Eastern Region and especially the Maryland chapter our host, for their work in organizing and staging this event today.

Fellow Alumni, we come to convention this year with mixed feelings and suspense with the Ebola situation in Liberia and continue to wish our country well and God's guidance for a quick recovery and resumption of normal Liberian behavior and life. If we are to grade ourselves (both Executives and members) for the past business year, that would be a grade C(C+). The 15th convention authorized 5 distinct projects: (1)Salary Payment; (2)Elementary & (3)High school roof repair(restoration); (4)Pickup Truck acquisition and a (5)committee of executives to Visit Liberia on a fact finding Mission. The salary and Trip were the priority and must do. We upheld the Salary but unfortunately the trip fell short due to the Ebola epidemic in Liberia and committee members were not willing to take the risk ignoring the international / local health alert and warnings for our own safety. The trip has been temporarily postponed to early next year. God willing, we are all hopeful that it will be executed.

Fellow Alumni; Ladies & Gentlemen ,We find our association today in a period of critical and dire financial situation that needs attention and

serious consideration and support from everybody here today and those who were not able to make it for various reasons. For our visitors and friends we ask that you join us in our endeavor to continue to "**GIVE BACK**" and assist in rebuilding the broken institutions in Liberia. Our obligation should be attended to with zeal, enthusiasm and commitment to accept nothing less than successful implementation, no matter the odds and length of time it takes for our Projects. We have come a long way and while in this process we can imitate similar organization like ours but we must not forget that the path to success for everybody may not be the same. However, with commitment and resolve to reach the goal line and be successful is why we are all in this together. I urge you to let us tolerate, appreciate & respect one another; communicate loud and clear in all we do on behalf and for our association; employing our individual talents to contribute meaningful towards the goals of the EHSEES Alumni association.

At the appropriate time during our deliberation, the various area chairpersons will be presenting details to you for your digestion and considerations and to use as guidance for your continued and sustained contribution to the goals and aspirations of EHSEES Alumni Association LIB & USA.

It is not an easy task, but if you work with us 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 VPs team is a great hardworking group that has brought much needed changes in information sharing to our members in several states. We remain committed as promised, when we took

office, to make this organization; one with clarity, transparency and good information to our members; We have doing just that; Our website is up and functioning despite a little glitch we had this year when we went off line for a short while but thanks to our administrator Susan Fowler who worked tirelessly to timely restore services, for this we say a big thank you to her and at an appropriate time in the future we will be recognizing her for her services. I am pleased to announce that we now have a functioning Facebook site too.

We urge you to pay special attention to the Treasurer and Project Chairman reports. We are doing fairly well with the support and financial contributions you have given, we beg that you do not wait for convention to meet these obligations.

We admonish you to most importantly work with and support the Executive officers & Board members to develop and foster a culture of respect, good ethics, honesty, integrity and clarity in communication to become a strong and resolute organization that can be successful in "**GIVING BACK**" to rebuilding the broken institutions back home for our brother and sister and Liberia.

Officers, members; guests; honorable Ladies and gentlemen, we wish you fruitful deliberations today and a joyous and wonderful 2014 convention in This great city of Laurel, Maryland..

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