

**Booker Washington Institute National Alumni Association of North America
2005 National Convention
Military Armory
1035 York Road
Towson, Maryland
July 1-4, 2005
Host: Maryland Chapter

2005 Business Summary**

2005 Theme: “Working Together For a Better BWI”

Business Session I (9:00 AM – 12:00 Noon)

Adoption of Agenda

Great Lakes Chapter moved that the 2005 National Convention agenda be adopted.

Invocation

Ms. Romel L. Whyte, National Chaplain, gave the invocation.

Song: *Pass me not o gentle savior*

Welcome

Mr. John Buckett, Maryland Chapter President welcomed everyone to the 2005 National Convention.

Mr. Ralph Henri, National President welcomed everyone to the 2005 National Convention.

Roll Call:

California – Paid

Carolinas – Paid

Connecticut – Paid

Delaware Valley – Paid

Georgia – Paid

Great Lakes – Paid

Massachusetts – Paid

Maryland – Paid

Minnesota – Paid

New Jersey – Not paid

New York – Paid

Rhode Island – Paid

Southwest – Paid

Washington, D.C. - Paid

2004 Convention Minutes

The 2004 Convention Minutes were read collectively and adopted, pending corrections.

Financial Report & R.V. Richards Financial Team

Mr. Amos Gray, National Financial Secretary provided copies of the financial report to all chapter Presidents and National Officers for their review and comments. The following areas reviewed were: roll call, all chapters were paid in full; Mr. Gray encouraged the chapters to pay their convention sitting fees during the Executive Council Meeting; convention payments disbursed; checking account balance; expenses.

The balance on hand in the RVR Fund is \$51,293.50.

Local Chapter Reports: Local Chapter Presidents provided a written and oral report to the National Convention detailing their activities, accomplishments and goals. The following chapters provided reports:

California – Report
Carolinas – Report
Connecticut – Report
Delaware Valley – Report
Georgia – Report
Great Lakes – Report
Massachusetts – Report

“5 Steps to a successful home renovation” – Presentation Session Presented by Dr. Joseph T. Isaac:

A hardcopy of the power point presentation was given to everyone.

Dr. Isaac’s presentation covered 3 reasons why most people renovate their home; a list of possible consultants; building code information and requirements; evaluating your home and lifestyle; and how to get organized to begin your renovation. A list of web site references was also included.

Convention Speaker

Bishop Bennie D. Warner, former Vice President of Liberia and member of the Southwest Chapter provided remarks of encouragement that roared the convention

“Ladies & Gentleman what’s wrong with BWI?”

BWI Principal's Report – State of BWI: Mr. Mulbah Jackollie provided kind words of gratitude and appreciation for the work of BWIAANA. The educational environment on BWI is improving and students are back on campus. There is much work to be done, however coordination and support is reaching the campus and students; Mr. Jackollie provided an update on activities and achievements on the BWI campus; He shared with the convention that the BWI Board of Directors is not functioning. Some of the issues he shared with the convention were:

1. Think about the name of the college
2. The acronym
3. The careers
4. BWIAANA Endowment fund

He requested recommendations from BWIAANA stating “we are all stakeholders” He reported that the Chinese government is showing interest in the Agricultural college of BWI and lending support to current activities on the campus. The European Union (EU) contributions to the BWI Campus were \$42,000.

BWI Film / Workshop Sessions Workshop Session –

The local chapters worked in small groups to brainstorm on project proposals and develop recommendations from the convention on the issues presented by Mr. Jackollie.

Washington D.C., Maryland and Carolinas = the group accepted the “College of BWI” with the following stipulation. Keep the high school, make the college a Junior college, recommended support with \$25,000 plus 25 scholarships, and fund the purchase of a generator from the RVR fund.

New Jersey, Delaware Valley, California = the group accepted “Booker Washington Institute of Technology” pattern after MIT, CALTEC and NJIT. Would like to see the high school phased out; support the water system/manual pumps and generators.

Great Lakes, New York = the group accepted “Booker Washington Technical College” and support the water system @ \$14,000 and Tractor/mowers @ \$20,000 to be funded from the operating budget. Each chapter should be asked to contribute \$2,500 over a two-year period to cover the cost of the items.

Rhode Island, Minnesota = the group accepted that BWI remain a high school. Justification provided was: BWI is under staff; less than 100 students; less train and qualified staff” and instructional materials. Recommended that the items be prioritized and the most important item be undertaken. The items should be divided into regional areas, fundraising letters be sent out from the National and create an investment package.

Connecticut, Massachusetts, Southwest = the group accepted that BWI high school standard be improved before proceeding to a college level. Support the purchase of the items, tractor, water pumps, however needed more information on transportation needs.

Business Session II (1:00 PM – 3:00 PM)

Local Chapter Reports – Local Chapter Presidents provided a written and oral report to the National Convention detailing their activities, accomplishments and goals. The following chapters provided reports:

Maryland – Report
Minnesota – Report
New Jersey – Report
New York – Report
Rhode Island – Report
Southwest – Report
Washington, D.C. - Report

State of BWINAANA

The National President thanked the Maryland Chapter for hosting the 14th National Convention.

The National President congratulated and thanked the convention members for “Working together for a better BWI” The association is doing very well. He shared that this was the first convention the National was funding @ 100 percent. This shows growth of the association and how far we have come in 14 years. He asked that we renew our commitment, pool our efforts and focus on one goal, the rebuilding of BWI.

Q&A Session- members were

Business Session III (3:00 PM – 5:00 PM)

Old Business – Massachusetts’s chapter will host the 15th Anniversary National Convention, Minnesota chapter will host the November 2005 EC meeting.

New Business – the New York Chapter will host November 2006 EC meeting and Minnesota chapter will host the 2007 national convention.

Announcements = host chapter encouraged everyone to participate in the afternoon sports activities and return for the evening ball.

Benediction – Pronounced by Ms. Romel L. Whyte, National Chaplain

BWI School Ode sung by 2005 National Convention members