



**BWINAANA**  
**EXECUTIVE COUNCIL METTING SUMMARY REPORT**  
**HELD IN PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND JUNE 26<sup>TH</sup> -28<sup>TH</sup> 2009**

The June 26, 2009 BWINAANA Executive Council Meeting was called to order at 4:10 P.M. by the National President Mr. Tony Selli.

1. Reading of the Agenda and a motion to adopt the Agenda

The agenda was read by the National President and motion to accept the agenda was made by Mr. Emmett Fiawoo and seconded by Mr. Eric Harris.

2. An inspiring prayer was given by the National Chaplain Ms. Romel Whyte.
3. Roll Call by Mr. Sebastian Teclar (Substitute Sec.)

The National Secretary position being vacant, Mr. Tony Selli the National President, asked Mr. Teclar from the Washington, DC Chapter to fill in as substitute secretary for the 2009 convention.

**The following chapters were present:**

1. California
2. Carolinas
3. Delaware Valley
4. Great Lakes
5. Massachusetts
6. Minnesota
7. New York
8. Rhode Island
9. South West and
10. Washington DC.

**The following chapters were absent at the time of the roll called:**

1. Connecticut
2. Georgia
3. Maryland and
4. New Jersey.

**The following National Officers and Board of Advisors members were present:**

1. Anthony N. Selli,
2. Henry Charyoe,
3. Momo Vezele
4. Romel Whyte

**Board of Advisors members present**

1. John Hammond
2. Harrington Hugo Evans
3. Alfred Cooper
4. Margaret Toweh
5. Foudiya Henri
6. Anthony Selli
7. Emmett Fiawoo.

4. **Minutes from 2008 EC Meeting**

Mr. Emmitt Fiawoo made a motion to open the 2008 minutes for discussion and the motion was seconded by Margaret Toweh. A vote was taken and the majority voted not to open the minutes for discussion. A motion to accept the minutes with all necessary corrections was made by Mr. Eric Harris and seconded by Ms. Romel Whyte. The motion carried.

**5. Committees Reports**

**R. Vanjah Richards Trust Funds Committee**

Mr. David Ballah reported that following;

Beginning balance----- \$36,048.94

Interest earned-----\$ 168.42

Total Principle-----\$ 36,217.42

Amount Transferred to Operating Account----\$ 6,000.00

Ending Balance as of May 31,2009

A motion was made By Mr. David Sirleaf of the Southwest Chapter and seconded by Mr. Ralph Henri that the report be received and open for discussion and comments.

Mr. Amos Gray suggested that the committee include the date of the beginning balance and the CD maturity date. Mr. Ralph Henri stated that any funds borrowed from the RV Richards funds should be approved by the National Leadership and the EC. The National President Mr. Tony Selli stated that his administration took over an

organization that was practically broke. That's while the National had to get a loan from the RV Richards fund to fund the convention.

After the lengthy discussion, it was moved that the minutes be accepted with all necessary corrections before it can become part of our archive. Mr. Ballah agreed to make all necessary corrections and present the report to the business session of the convention on June 27, 2009.

### **The Constitution Committee**

Mr. David Deranomie the chairman of the committee stated that the document was sent out to the chapters for review. He said the committee has done its work on the constitution and a final copy will be presented to the national leadership. The National President, Mr. Selli, stated that since the information was sent out to the chapters for their review the document should be accepted. After a lengthy discussion a correction was made that the constitution be referred to as a rewritten document. Mr. Deranomie stated that his committee separated the document to reflect By-Laws and Constitution. A motion was made by Mr. Emmett Fiawoo of the Washington DC chapter and seconded by Mr. Brownell from the Southwest Chapter, that the Constitution on hard copy be accepted as an amendment and a cover letter be added to the document. The motion was accepted by a vote of 18 to 4.

### **Financial Reports**

Copies of the financial report were distributed by Mr. Momo Vezele, National Financial Secretary. It was agreed by the body that the report be opened for discussion at the convention business session June 27, 2009.

### **Board of Advisors Report**

The Board of Advisors report was presented by Mr. John Hammond, Chairman. Mr. Hammond stated the purpose of the board and its membership. The board has 11 members and 4 non voting members.

Mr. Hammond gave a comprehensive over view of the board's activities, Mission Statement and work in progress. Hard copies were presented to the chapters.

### **National President's Report**

The National President, Mr. Anthony N. Selli, give his report from a slide presentation in which he thanked the body for electing him and his core of officers about a year ago. He spoke on the Goals, Vision, Teamwork and the key to success for BWINAANA. The president's full message was presented to the EC members.

## **Old Business**

Mr. Henry F. Charyoe, National Vice President, updated the EC on the Regional Reorganization. He stated that he did not get a good response from the chapter presidents during the year under review. He promised to make a report at the convention business session on June 27, 2009.

Mr. Grisby from the New York chapter suggested that chapter members be allowed to attend some of the EC teleconferences during the year since some chapter presidents do not update their membership on some EC matters.

## **Status of New York Chapter Convention 2008 Hotel Pennsylvania Financial Settlement:**

Mr. David Deranamie & Mr. Emmanuel Lawrence presented an update in which they stated that the committee met with the negotiating team of the hotel and they are still awaiting the response from the hotel. Mr. Deranamie stated that most likely our association will have to pay about fifty percent (50%) of the outstanding amount. He promised to present a hard copy report to the convention.

Mr. Momo Vezele informed the committee that he and his Financial Committee will inquire whether our association had incurred any negative credit information because of the outstanding amount owed the hotel.

## **New Business**

Mr. Eric Harris informed the body that the association still owes book payments to Alumnus Kenneth Best.

## **BWI School Ode**

The BWI School Ode was sung by the EC Members

## **Closing Prayer & Adjournment**

The closing prayer was given by The National Chaplain Ms. Romel Whyte. A motion for adjournment was made by Mr. Eric Harris and seconded by Mr. Emmett Fiawoo. The meeting adjourned at 6:35PM.

Respectfully submitted by:

Mr. Sebastian G. Teclar  
BWINAANA DC Chapter Secretary  
Substitute Secretary EC Meeting