

BWIANNA EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING
June 28, 2002, Dallas, Texas

MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT ABOUT 3:20 P.M.

I. OPENING STATEMENT:

The President, Mr. Joe Flomo Matthews expressed his thanks and appreciation to everyone who had taken time off the busy schedule to attend the Convention. He expressed his admiration to the Dallas Chapter for the great accommodations and warm reception they prepared for us stating that the Convention was well planned.

II. OPENING PRAYER:

The National Chaplain, Mr. Bill Harris led us in a word of prayer. He thanked the Almighty God for granting us traveling mercies and prayed that we would return home safely. He also prayed that our deliberations at the convention would be meaningful and fruitful so that together we might work together for the common good of our alma mater. He cautioned everyone to be considerate and polite to one another because we are all one.

III. WELCOME OF DELEGATES:

Mr. Henry Harmon, President of the Dallas Chapter, welcomed that delegates to the great city of Dallas and promised that their stay would be an unforgettable one.

IV. REPORTS:

a. PRESENTATION OF MINUTES: (See Attachment A for details)

The minutes of the EC Meeting held November 10, 2001 in New Jersey was read by the

Social Secretary who again served as acting secretary in Mr. Logan's absence. A motion was

made and seconded, to adopt the minutes for discussion.

b. National Pledge & Individual Contributions - Emmanuel Lawrence - No report

c. Fund Raiding Activities – Winter/Sprint Festivals: (See Attachment B for details)

During her administration, the Social Secretary launched a fund raising drive and raised \$1,350.00. Mr. **Sele** (the correct spelling of my last name is Selli, and not Sele) of the Massachusetts chapter suggested that future fund raiser should be done at the regional level.

d. Financial Report: (See Attachment C for details)

The Financial Secretary, Mr. Edgar Railey, circulated the financial report. He said that he had asked all chapters to send in the dues prior to the convention so that their dues would be reflected in the report as paid. Unfortunately those Chapters who did not do so names were listed as unpaid and the amount would have to be written in as they pay their dues.

i) **Chapter Dues:** The report was read and opened for discussion. Chapter dues (sitting

fees) were collected.

Mr. Yeke, President of Georgia Chapter asked that they be granted immunity and allowed to participate in the discussion. He sated that they could not meet their obligations because the Georgia Chapter had been dormant for long time and had just been revived prior to the Convention. He promised that they be given three months to pay their dues. The request was granted by the President, Mr. Matthew.

ii) **Budget:** It was agreed that the budget be approved as a working document to be updated at the EC Meeting in November 2002 by the new administration.

iii) **Emergency Fund:** It was also noted that the emergency fund was under estimated and should be increased, however, it would stand as is to be augment at the next EC meeting.

V. State of BWI:

Mr. Matthew expressed grave concern over the state of affairs at BWI. He said that the Principal, Mr. Jackollie could not be with us because his presence was needed on. In a telephone conversation with Mr. Jackollie, he mentioned that Kakata was in a state of havoc and that attempts had been made on two occasions to raid BWI. Because of this he felt it expedient to be present on BWI to protect the campus and its property.

VI. Project 2001 – 2002 - Materials/Equipment Committee (See Attachment for details)

Materials and equipment committee was charged with the responsibility of coordinating the logistics for storage, transportation and shipment of donations to BWI, Liberia.

On the disbursement of equipment and supplies to BWI, the Committee recommends that the Principle of BWI report directly to the President of BWIAANA instead of the Material Committee. The committee mentioned that supplies donated to BWI were in excess of the storage capacity they had. It was therefore suggested that the committee explore relationships with other associations (schools) to acquire supplies that BWI could not use

VII. Faculty/Staff Assistance & BWIAANA House (See Attachment for details)

The Building Committee was mandated to do a feasibility study of acquiring a multi-purpose building. They found two properties in Rhodes Island and New Jersey. They are in the process or negotiating the sale price. Mr. Grisby of New York suggested that we acquire an apartment /rental property.

Gentlemen from Massachusetts suggested that we locate property in other areas beside the eastern states, that might be cheaper. Mrs. Lavala suggested that we consider transportation geared towards regions and states. On the distribution of rice to staff, Mr. Watson suggested that the distribution of rice must not be open ended or left solely to the Principal, but that the committee must clearly stated how the distribution should be made.

VIII. Constitution Committee (See Attachment for details)

The constitution was read in its entirety. It was moved and seconded that the constitution be adopted as the official by-laws of the association. The motion was carried 24 to 2.

IX. CHAPTERS REPORTS

A) NEW YORK (See Attachment for details)

B) MASSACHUSETTS (See Attachment for details)

C) MINNESOTA (See Attachment for details)

D) DELAWARE VALLEY (See Attachment for details)

E) MARYLAND: (No report)

F) NEW JERSEY: (No report)

- G) RHODES ISLAND:** (no report)
- H) WASHINGTON DC:** (No report)
- I) GEORGIA (No report)**
- J) CALIFORNIA:** (No report)
- K) CAROLINAS** (No report)
- L) DALLAS** (No report)
- M) GREAT LAKES** (No report)
- N) HUSTON (No report)**
- O) CONNECTICUT** (No report)

X. Board of Advisors - (No report)
 Correction. The Board was addressed at Board of Directors. Mr. Lavalla corrected that it was not board of directors but board of advisors.

XI. Sports Committee – Mr. James F. Williams (no report)

XII. Election 2002 Announcements – Mr. Zac White (no report)

XIII. Old Business:
 The final draft of the Convention Manual was presented for approval. A motion was made and seconded and the manual was unanimously adopted as the official convention handbook. As of the Dallas convention, income from the convention will be shared 90% for the National body and 10% for host chapter

XIV. New Business – ABSENCES:

National Secretary: Mr. Matthew expressed deep regrets and dismay again about Mr. Logan’s absence without excuse, his inability to perform his duties as National Secretary and his abandonment of his office as an elected officer. At the last EC Meeting in New Jersey, Mr. Emmanuel Lawrence was asked to contact Mr. Logan to ascertain reasons for abandoning his post. Mr. Lawrence reported that all attempts to contact Mr. Logan proved futile. Since Mr. Logan did not send any excuse for his absence at the 2002 Convention,

the President recommended Mr. Logan's impeachment. He noted that even though a new administration would be taking office he wanted Mr. Logan's impeachment reflected in the records to serve as precedent for future candidates. A motion was made and seconded and Mr. Nathaniel Logan was impeached as National Secretary of BWIAANA.

Non-Profit Status:

Mr. Lavala suggested that the National body think seriously about our non-profit status. He stated that organizations that declare non-profit status are required by law to submit a financial report annually to the IRS and include all chapters' financial reports. It is incumbent upon us to look into this matter and be prepared should the association be audited for this purpose.

Dean Kahn - Attempts to bring Dean Kahn to attend the convention 2002 in Dallas proved futile due to delay in getting his visa and monetary constraints for his tickets. It was agreed that after the convention a fifteen minutes fund raiser would be held to raise money to facilitate his travel to the United States at a later date.

Building Committee - Requested an allotment for a budget to operate. The President would make an administrative decision on the matter and approve money from his operation budget if need be.

XVIII. Announcements:

Announcements concerning the convention events were made by the host President,
Mr. E Henry Harmon of Dallas.

XVI. Closing:

BWI School Ode and the National Anthem of Liberia were sung.

XVII. Benediction:

The Rev. William B. Harris also National Chaplain of BWI performed the benediction.

MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT APPROXIMATELY 7:15 P.M.

*NOTE:

Ladies and Gentlemen: Please review the minutes, make the necessary corrections and send it back to me for update. Put your corrections in red, blue or just underline it for easy reference. You only have till Monday, as you know the EC meeting is two weeks away and I have to distribute the minutes before then. Yea, yea, I know it is late, but don't bite the hand that feeds you. I am only doing a favor since your duely elected Secretary general defected his post, so don't complain. I have my own work to do you know. Ok don't get me started, just make your corrections and email me back ASAP, P E E L E A S S S E !

If your chapter name has **(no report)** against it, that means you did not present a written report. Verbal reports will not be considered as we need to keep records for the achieves. It is also not fair to those chapters who take the time to prepare their written reports. You have a whole year to do a one page report and to come to a Convention un-prepared is disrespectful to the National Body.