

The Great Lakes Chapter BWIAANA

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Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, Western
Pennsylvania, & Wisconsin



2009 Report

BWI National Alumni Association of North America
Great Lakes Chapter
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The state of affairs in our chapter is strong, solid, and stable. During the year in review, the Great Lakes Chapter solidified its current membership and encouraged more new members to become active. As a chapter we strive to create an atmosphere of community by relating to the social and economic concerns of our members. We also are actively involved in leadership and cooperation with other community associations in our cities of residence. This report includes our accomplishments and goals as a chapter, accomplishments by individual chapter members, unfortunate events, and recommendations.

Accomplishments:

- Our chapter decided to postpone our annual western night event for this year until after convention 2009.
- Our former Chapter President Asu Pelima had to step down after 2 terms. Alfred Cooper is serving as acting president until elections are held.
- Our Chapter will continue to sponsor 2 (two) boarding students for the 2009/2010 academic year.
- Our honorable chapter member, Mr. Mohamed Toure, was elected president of the Liberian Community Association of Illinois.

Future Goals:

- We shall strive to increase the number of students who will benefit from the Great Lakes Chapter BWI Registrar Scholarship incrementally.
- We shall develop strategies to implement projects that will enhance our ability to generate funds to support our financial objectives.
- We shall continue to encourage and to enrich our membership by constructively engaging them and addressing their social needs.
- We would like this convention to give us the opportunity to host the Executive Council meeting in 2010 and subsequently the National Convention in 2011.

The Great Lakes Chapter will continue to be a strong and productive chapter of the BWI National Alumni Association of North America. We will continue to make our leadership and professional resources available to the national leadership. We will also continue to champion the cause of challenging our National Leadership to practice and promote accountability, Transparency and good leadership.

Although our member attendants in the 2009 convention is lower than our usual attendant level, we promise to be fully represented in future conventions. The current challenging economic conditions has cause a serious financial hardship on most of our members including job losses and relocations.

We pray for a successful convention 2009.
May the spirit of BWI live on.

Go Tiger!

Thank you,
GLC.