

## **Greetings**

The BWI Alumni Association of North America Advisory Board is proud to share with you highlights of our work throughout the past year in our first ever annual report.

Since our alumni association's nineteen years existence, we continue to assist BWI with staff development, scholarship, equipment, books, and money to ensure that everything we do is directed towards enhancing the quality and value to the students, and community.

### **Mission Statement**

The Advisory Board mission statement is to render advice to the association and its national officers; provide leadership and direction to the association; solicit funding on behalf of the national association for BWI; work on special projects like: writing grants, conducting research, establishing relationships with foundations, universities, governmental agencies and non-governmental agencies, solicit materials, books, equipment, and technical assistance for BWI. Serve as a watch team over the operation of the association and its financial activities.

### **Board Activities**

The Board established the following goals in view of its mission:

- Assist the scholarship committee with the raising of funds to sponsor at least 30 students; fifteen females and fifteen males.
- Develop guidelines and strategies to ensure accountability of donated items by BWINAANA to BWI.
- Develop strategies to make BWINAANA a viable partner in BWI future development. Assist with the preparation of a 10 year plan for BWI.
- Establish dialogue with Principal Jackollie, Ambassador Barnes, the Minister of Education, and President of Liberia, Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf regarding the future of BWI.
- Reconsider purchasing a headquarter building for BWINAANA.

### **Work in Progress**

- The Board made contact with Liberia Ambassador to the United States to assist in finding sources of assistance for the Institute.
- Contact was made with President Sirleaf to request her support for BWI.
- The Board is currently working with Principal Mulbah Jackollie in developing a Strategic Plan for BWI.
- The Board is currently working with the scholarship committee.

## **Board Membership**

The Board consists of eleven (11) standing members and four non voting members. We met four times during the year.

**Chairman of the Board**

John Hammond

**Co-Chairman of the Board**

Joe Flomo Matthew

**Board Secretary**

Leslie Norman Cole

**Board Chaplain**

Margaret Toweh

**Board Members**

Harrington Evans

Zach White

Emmett Fiawoo

Foudiya Henri

Alfred Cooper

Quentin Steward

Anthony N. Selli

**BWI Board of Governors**

Arthur K. Watson, Non-Voting Members

**BWINAANA Historian**

Emmanuel Lawrence, Non-Voting Members

**Former Historian**

Joe Isaac, Non- Voting Members

**President, DC Chapter**

Eric Harris, Non-Voting Member

**Respectfully Submitted**

**John Hammond on behalf of the Board of Advisors**

