



**ASSOCIATION OF FIRESTONE RESIDENTS IN THE AMERICAS (AFIRA)**

**P.O. BOX 486**

**SUN PRAIRIE, WI 53590**

***THE HANDS AND HEARTS OF FEW CAN CHANGE THE LIVES OF MANY.***

Resolution of the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual National Convention (ANR 07-14-2021)

Brooklyn Park, Minnesota

July 09-11, 2021

*IN CONSONANCE WITH the By-Laws and Rules of the Association of Firestone Residents in the Americas (AFIRA) to hold an Annual National Convention and Reunion during the 2<sup>nd</sup> week-end of July each year;*

*AND WHEREAS, arising from the business session of the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual National Convention and Reunion in Houston, that the members agreed and resolved that the venue of the 6<sup>th</sup> National Convention and Reunion be the City of Minneapolis in the state of Minnesota;*

*AND WHEREAS, the Executive Committee was mandated by the members to implement the hosting of the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual National Convention with the constitution and appointment of the Annual Convention Committee;*

*AND WHEREAS, the 6<sup>th</sup> National Convention and Reunion could not be held in July of 2020 as constitutionally mandated and agreed upon due to the raging COVID 19 Pandemic;*

*AND WHEREAS, the Executive Committee maintained Minneapolis as the venue for the 2021 Convention and Reunion and kept in place the Minnesota 2020 Convention Committee to plan and execute the 2021 Annual National Convention and Reunion;*

*AND WHEREAS, due to the ongoing COVID 19 Pandemic, the Executive Committee with the mandate of the General Membership, allowed for the 2021 Annual Convention and Reunion to be held in a hybrid format – in-person and remotely, via zoom;*

**NOW THEREFORE, we the members of AFIRA sitting in the business session** of the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual National Convention in city of Brooklyn Park in the state of Minnesota, HEREBY RESOLVED AND AGREED to the following:

1. In fulfilment of ARTICLE IX, Section 1 of the AFIRA Bylaws and Rules which stipulates that Elections shall be held once every two (2) years for all elected officers (Executive Committee and Advisory Board) during the Business meeting of the Annual National Convention and conducted by the Ad-Hoc Elections Committee. The following individuals were elected to the Executive Committee on July 10, 2021:
  - I. Samuel S. S. Kieh ----- President
  - II. Cecelia Brown-Badio --- Vice President
  - III. Sam N. Garwo --- General Secretary
  - IV. James M. Garwo --- Treasurer\*\*\*
  - V. Maybelline Sinue – Financial Secretary
  - VI. Mother Sally Lappia – Chaplain\*\*\*\*\*\* Kept in place from the previous administration

Those elected to the Advisory Board include:

- I. Reverend George M. Warner
- II. Mrs. Diana Sinue-Flemister



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- III. Cecelia Wilson- Kokuloku
- IV. Ms. Marie Scott
- V. Mr. Emmanuel Ujay Porte

2. Also, in fulfilment of ARTICLE IX, SECTION 4 of the AFIRA Bylaws and Rules, Installation of all elected officers was held on the night of Saturday, July 10, 2021.
3. That ARTICLE IV, SECTION 4(i) of the AFIRA Bylaws and Rules be relaxed to allow two (2) officials (i.e., James M. Garwo and Mother Sally Lappia) to continue in their respective roles from the past administration until at such time that candidates who meet the eligibility criteria to run for those offices can express interest.
4. That the next Annual Reunion and Convention be hosted by Region I: Washington D.C, Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and New York.
5. Region I has requested a 30-Day consultative period (July 10 – August 10, 2021) to report back to the membership on their ability or inability to host the next Reunion. In the case of an inability to host, a request has also been made by Reverend Dr. Francis O. S. Tabla, Founder and senior Pastor of Ebenezer Community Church that Minnesota be considered as a second choice.

Resolution Prepared By:  
AFIRA Secretariat

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Rapporteurs: Sam N Garwo, General Secretary, Diana Sinue-Flemaster, Out-going Secretary



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<b>First Name</b>	<b>Last Name</b>
Emmanuel	Porte
Sam	Garwo
Samuel	Kieh
Kaye	Richards
James	Garwo
Rufus	Quaye
Maybel	Lappia-Massaquoi
Emmanuel	Jackson
Mother Sally	Lappia
Cecelia	Wilson-Kokuloku
Liz	Garwo
Barnelia	Kunmeh-Goll
Enoh	Nah
Marie	Scott
Vera	Sinue
Maybelline	Sinue
Cecelia	Brown-Badio
Fatima	Garwo
Daniel	Kieh
Arthur	Welwean
Esther	Garwo
Richard	Foley
Dr. Beyan	Sana
Bendu	Davis
Charles	Derdeh
Diana	Sinue- Flemister
Angie	Garwo
Patricia	Garwo-Yond