



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 10th Annual National Convention (ANR 07-12-2025)

Richmond, Virginia

July 11-13, 2025

PREAMBLE

IN CONSONANCE WITH the By-Laws and Rules of the Association of Firestone Residents in the Americas (AFIRA), which mandate the holding of an Annual National Convention and Reunion during the second weekend of July each year;

AND WHEREAS, arising from the business session of the 9th Annual National Convention and Reunion held in Brooklyn Park, Minnesota, the members agreed and resolved that the venue of the 10th National Convention and Reunion be the City of Richmond, Virginia;

AND WHEREAS, the Executive Committee was mandated by the members to implement the hosting of the 10th Annual National Convention through the constitution and appointment of the Annual Convention Committee;

AND WHEREAS, in fulfillment of this mandate, the Association of Firestone Residents in the Americas convened its 10th Annual National Convention on July 12, 2025, in Richmond, Virginia, under the leadership of Outgoing President Samuel S. Kieh;

CONVENTION BUSINESS

WHEREAS, the Convention opened with prayer, moments of reflection, and words of welcome, affirming AFIRA's commitment to unity, accountability, and service to the community;

WHEREAS, the Financial Secretary, Ms. Maybelline Sinue, presented the Annual Financial Report, which was reviewed, debated, and formally accepted by motion as part of the official record;

WHEREAS, the Project Committee, chaired by Mr. Daniel Kieh, reported significant progress, including:

- Ongoing construction of the Cotton Tree Public School annex
- Installation of Starlink for continuous 24-hour internet access
- Temporary reliance on LEC power during the rainy season
- Continued need for funding and collaboration to complete these projects



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WHEREAS, the Convention recognized the invaluable contributions of the Executive Committee, Advisory Board, and members whose dedication sustains AFIRA's mission;

WHEREAS, in fulfillment of ARTICLE IX, Section 1 of the AFIRA By-Laws and Rules, which mandates biennial elections for all officers and Advisory Board members during the Annual National Convention, the Elections Committee, chaired by Mr. Enoch Nah and Mr. David Karngba, conducted the 2025-2027 elections, resulting in the following outcomes:

Executive Committee:

- President: Mrs. Cecelia Brown-Badio
- Vice President: Mr. Sam Garwo
- General Secretary: Mr. Basemah Sando
- Financial Secretary: Mrs. Bernelia Kunmeh-Goll
- Treasurer: Mrs. Vera Sinue-Range
- Chaplain: Ma Sally Lappia

Advisory Board Members:

- Mrs. Diana Sinue Flemister
- Mr. Emmanuel Jackson
- Mrs. Bleh Hare Warner
- Mrs. Sarah Momo-Lawrence
- Mrs. Cecelia Wilson-Kokuloku

WHEREAS, in accordance with ARTICLE IX, Section 4 of the AFIRA By-Laws and Rules, the installation of all duly elected officers was held on the evening of Saturday, July 12, 2025, in Richmond, Virginia;

RESOLUTIONS

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Association of Firestone Residents in the Americas hereby:

- Accepts the 2025 Financial Report and Project Committee Report into the official archives of the Association
- Reaffirms its commitment to completing the Cotton Tree Public School annex and sustaining library operations
- Urges members to strengthen financial participation through dues, fundraising, and resource mobilization
- Commends the outgoing leadership for their dedicated service and pledges full support to the newly elected leadership



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• Extends gratitude to all members, both present and absent, for their sacrifices and contributions to AFIRA's growth

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the next Annual Reunion and Convention of AFIRA shall be hosted by Region III, with details to be determined and announced by the Executive Committee.

ATTESTATION

Resolution Prepared By:
AFIRA Secretariat

Rapporteurs:

- Basemah Sando, General Secretary
- Sam N. Garwo, Outgoing Secretary
- Diana Sinue Flemister, Advisory Board Chairlady

Signatures:

_____ Basemah Sando, General Secretary
_____ Sam Garwo, Outgoing Secretary
_____ Diana Sinue Flemister, Advisory Board Chairlady

Date: _____



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BANK RESOLUTION

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Rapporteurs:

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- Diana Sinue Flemister, Advisory Board Chairlady

Signatures:

_____ Samuel SS Kieh, Outgoing President
_____ Mrs. Cecelia Brown Badio, President
_____ Diana Sinue Flemister, Advisory Board Chairlady

Date: _____

Attested By (Seal/Notary): _____