



**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 8<sup>th</sup> Annual National Convention (ANR 07-08-2023)

Louisville, Kentucky

July 7-9, 2023

***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 7<sup>th</sup> Annual National Convention and Reunion in Columbia, Maryland, that the members agreed and resolved that the venue of the 8<sup>th</sup> National Convention and Reunion be the City of Louisville in the state of Kentucky;

***AND WHEREAS,*** the Executive Committee was mandated by the members to implement the hosting of the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual National Convention with the constitution and appointment of the Annual Convention Committee;

**NOW THEREFORE, we the members of AFIRA sitting in the business session** of the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual National Convention in the city of *Louisville in the state of Kentucky*, **HEREBY RESOLVED AND AGREED to the following:**

1. In fulfilment of ***ARTICLE IX – ELECTIONS*** of the AFIRA Bylaws and Rules which stipulates that Elections shall be held once every two years for all elected officers at the National Annual Reunion and conducted by the Elections Committee. Candidates running for elected offices must be qualified by the Elections Committee in strict adherence to the provisions of the AFIRA Bylaws and Rules as follow:
  - a) Must be a duly registered member of the Association.
  - b) Must be an active member.
  - c) Must be in good financial standing, meaning, that member is current in paying annual dues.
2. Having qualified all candidates per the provisions of the Bylaws and Rules, the Elections Committee (Enoch K. Nah, Sr., Elizabeth Garwo, and Bleh Hare- Warner) conducted the elections of officers of the Executive Committee and Advisory Board of AFIRA during the Business Section of the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual National Convention and Reunion.
3. The following members were elected to serve a two-year term as prescribed by the Bylaws and Rules:

**Executive Committee**

- i. Samuel S.S. Kieh ----- President
- ii. Cecelia Brown-Badio ----- Vice President
- iii. Sam Garwo ----- Secretary General
- iv. Maybelline Sinue ----- Financial Secretary
- v. Cecelia Wilson Kokuloku ----- Treasurer
- vi. Mother Sally Lappia ----- Chaplain



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### **Advisory Board**

- vii. Reverend George M. Warner
  - viii. Diana Sinue Flemister
  - ix. Emmanuel Wilmot Jackson
  - x. Marie Kolliego- Tarpeh
  - xi. Charles Derdeh
4. Also, in fulfilment of **ARTICLE IX, SECTION 4** of the AFIRA Bylaws and Rules that 'Installation of officers shall be held on the Saturday of the weekend of the National Annual Reunion,' Installation of all elected officers was held on the night of Saturday, July 8, 2022.
  5. That the Secretary General and Administrator of the AFIRA Chatroom perform a clean-up of the site by reaching out to members who have not been active for a protracted period as observed from their non-payment of membership dues and non-attendance of meetings and other AFIRA functions. Find out from such members if they are still interested in being part of the Association and give them a grace period of 30 days to become active through payments of dues and/or attendance of the next General Meeting.
  6. That all bills of the Association (salaries for Library employees, Purchases/Procurements for smooth operations of the library such as gasoline to run the generator) that had been paid by a few members since the opening of the Library on April 15, 2023 be turned over to the Association. The monthly wage bill for the operations of the library is \$400.00 and is due at the end of every month. Breakdown of the monthly wage bill must be submitted to the Financial Team.
  7. That the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed between the President of AFIRA – Mr. Samuel S.S. Kieh and the County Educational Officer of Lower Margibi County – Mr. Stephen H. Toe be revisited and amended. Amendment is required specifically for the clause that provides for the 'turning over of the full scope of operations of the library to the Office of the County Educational Officer, Margibi County, Republic of Liberia' on April 16, 2026. Amendment must stipulate that 'turning over of full scope of operations ... will be determined at such time that the Association deems it feasible.'
  8. That reports presented at the convention business session be posted on the association website [afirausa.org](http://afirausa.org) for those that missed the 2023 convention. Any question (s) regarding those reports should be posted to committee chairperson (s), outside of AFIRA general meeting. Reports will not be discussed during our monthly meeting.
  9. That, though AFIRA does not have a chapter in Liberia, but will work with the Firestone Descendants Association (FIDA) as a sister organization when the need arises to collaborate on agreed upon projects and/or activities. That this partnership



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will be mutually beneficial and will allow us to better serve the Harbel, Firestone and surrounding communities.

10. That the next Annual Reunion and Convention be hosted by Region II: Indiana, Illinois, North Dakota, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Ohio, and Missouri. The great state of ***Wisconsin*** has been selected as the venue for the 2024 Annual Reunion and Convention.

Resolution Prepared By:  
AFIRA Secretary

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Rapporteur: Sam N Garwo, General Secretary



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**Business Session Attendance**

First name	Last name
Cecelia	Brown-Baddio
J Aloysius	Davids
Charles	Deddeh
Raymond	Flomo
Angie	Garwo
Ester	Garwo
Helen	Garwo
Liz	Garwo
Sam	Garwo
Patricia	Garwo-Yond
Tomalin	George
Bleh	Hare-Warner
E. Wilmot	Jackson
Daniel	Kallon
David	Karngba
Comfort	Kieh-Kafai
Daniel	Kieh
Samuel	Kieh
Marie	Kolliego-Tarpeh
Barnelia	Kumah-Goll
Sarah	Momo-Lawrence
Helen	Flomo-Lewis
Alvin	Logon
Augustine	Morlue
Elsie	Morlue
Enoch	Nah
Emmanuel	Porte



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First name	Last name
Selestin	Salifu
Kumbah	Saah
Beyan	Sana
Marie	Scott
Maybeline	Sinue
Vera	Sinue
Diana	Sinue-Filmister
Bintou	Suakollie
Nathaniel	Sumo
Rev. George	Warner
Siaffa	Watson
Fata	Watson-Kieh
Rufus	Waye
Cecelia	Wilson-Kukuloku
Agnes	Woods
Rebecca C	Zergbo