



ASSOCIATION OF FIRESTONE RESIDENTS IN THE AMERICAS (AFIRA)

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SUN PRAIRIE, WI 53590

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Resolution of the 7th Annual National Convention (ANR 07-30-2022)

Columbia, Maryland

July 29-31, 2022

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 2nd week-end of July each year;

AND WHEREAS, arising from the business session of the 6th Annual National Convention and Reunion in Brooklyn Park, Minnesota, that the members agreed and resolved that the venue of the 7th National Convention and Reunion be the City of Columbia in the state of Maryland;

AND WHEREAS, the Executive Committee was mandated by the members to implement the hosting of the 7th Annual National Convention with the constitution and appointment of the Annual Convention Committee;

AND WHEREAS, Region I (Host Region) appealed to the General Membership via the Executive Committee to extend the 2022 AFIRA Convention to the weekend of July 29-31, 2022, instead of the prescribed time of the 2nd Weekend in July in the Bylaws and Rules;

AND WHEREAS, the Executive Committee with the advice and consent of the Advisory Board presented this change of time to the General Membership and the decision was made by the General Membership overwhelmingly to grant Region I the request to host the 2022 Annual National Convention and Reunion of the Association of Firestone Residents in the Americas (AFIRA) between July 29-31, 2022;

NOW THEREFORE, we the members of AFIRA sitting in the business session of the 7th Annual National Convention in the city of *Columbia in the state of Maryland*, HEREBY RESOLVED AND AGREED to the following:

1. In fulfilment of ARTICLE XI – AUDITS, of the AFIRA Bylaws and Rules which stipulates that ‘an audit of the Association’s finances shall be conducted once every two years prior to the elections of officers. The audits will be performed by an audit committee constituted by the Advisory Board and comprised of qualified accountants. The audit reports shall be presented to the Board for subsequent presentation to the General Assembly during the business session of an election year.’ Though, this year’s convention did not fall in an election year, the current administration is working in consultation with the previous one to fulfill this constitutional obligation which was not completed before the last elections. In this regard, therefore, the General Assembly has given the current administration 90-days (July 30 – October 30, 2022) for the audit to be completed by Dr. Will Jallah or hire an audit team to complete the audit.
2. That reports presented at the convention business session be posted on the association’s website (afirausa.org) for those who missed the 2022 convention as



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well as for informational purposes of all members to familiarize themselves with all reports/statements that were presented during the business meeting and the dinner and ball. Any question(s) regarding those reports should be posted to whom it may concern (author or presenter of said report) outside of AFIRA general meeting. Reports have been thoroughly discussed and adapted during the convention's business session to form part of the Association's Archives and will not be discussed during our monthly meeting. Questions/concerns/clarifications will be addressed by specific report presenter/author.

3. That the Executive Committee with the advice and consent of the Advisory Board modify and revisit the 'terms of reference' of the two (2) Ad-Hoc Committees that were constituted by the EC (Bylaws and Rules Review and Continuous Improvement) to set a new timeframe for these committees to complete their work. The request for extension from the Ad-Hoc Committee on Continuous Improvement was granted and the General Assembly has instructed the EC to determine a new reporting timeframe in the context of paragraph 1 above.
4. That the next Annual Reunion and Convention be hosted by Region III: North and South Carolinas, Tennessee, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, Arkansas, Kentucky, and Oklahoma.
5. Region III has requested a 90-Day consultative period (July 30 – October 30, 2022) to report back to the membership on which state in Region III, the 2023 convention will be held.

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AFIRA Secretary

Rapporteur: Sam N Garwo, General Secretary



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Business Session Attendance

First Name	Last Name
Sam	Garwo
Samuel	Kieh
Fatima	Garwo
James	Garwo
Rufus	Quaye
Ester	Garwo
Emmanuel	Jackson
Comfort	Kieh
Cecelia	Wilson-Kokuloku
Liz	Garwo
Barnelia	Kunmeh-Goll
Enoh	Nah
Comfort	Samuel
Vera	Sinue
Maybelline	Sinue
Cecelia	Brown-Badio
Rev. George	Warner
Daniel	Kieh
J Aloysius	Davis
Dominic	Flomo
Tomalin	George
Dr. Beyan	Sana
Mawah	Brayant
Charles	Derdeh
Diana	Sinue- Flemister
Helen	Flowo-Lewis
David	Konneh