



College of West Africa Global Alumni Association

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Minutes of General Meeting December 6, 2020 1:00pm

The meeting began at approximately 1:10 p.m. with Welcome Remarks by Chairman, James Milton Weeks, Jr.

Laverne Williams was then asked to offer Opening Prayers.

The minutes from the October 25, 2020 General Meeting were adopted.

The Proposed Timeline for the First Convention was reviewed:

*February 15, 2021 (deadline)

*February 26, 27, 28, 2021- First Virtual Convention (permanent officers to be elected)

Adoption of the By-Laws, Articles of Incorporation and Conflict of Interest Policy

Constitution Committee Spokesperson, Aurelia Curtis reviewed documents presented (By-Laws, Articles of Incorporation and Conflict Resolution Policy). She spoke about the professionalism and devoted time spent by members of the committee. She talked about Membership Levels-Increased levels (Wall of Fame to be Mounted at the school). She indicated that the documents serve as guided posts. The topic was then open for any questions. There were no questions so the rules for voting were given by James Weeks, Jr.

The vote was conducted in the following order:

a) Abstentions, b) No votes and c) Yes.

James Weeks then entertained a motion for the adoption of the three documents. Christine Edith Weeks moved that the documents be adopted. The motion was seconded by Charlene Cooper Langley. The floor was then open for consideration of the motion. The outcome of the vote was:

Abstentions 2/69 Michael Padmore and Wynslow Reeves

No Votes 0/69

Yes Votes 67/69.



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The Transition Team will begin the process of obtaining 501c3 status in the USA and Non-Profit status in Liberia. The Constitution Committee will continue to work until elections are held.

The next agenda item was the Appointment of the Elections Committee. The Transition Team decided that there should be at least 7 members appointed to serve on the Elections Committee.

Alumni appointed to the Elections Committee were:

Samuel Cole '94; Alnita Kemoh '93; Lynette Henri Mendscote '83; Wiyata Richards Mensah '71; Michael Padmore '93; and Lillian Boayue Russell '74. Aurelius Weeks '70 and Henri Wilson '77 volunteered to serve on the Elections Committee during the meeting since the requirement is at least 7 members. The Transition Team will serve as the Board of Directors until the elections. The Transition Team will convene the first meeting of the Elections Committee by December 14, 2020.

The Convention Committee will be chaired by Massa Morgan '82. Massa prefers that the Co-Chair resides in Liberia. Members who volunteered to serve on this committee are: Teagbae Davies; Angelique Cooper; Phebe Koha; Barbara Darby; Linda Weeks; Jurudoe Harris Martin; and Lauretta Reffell Beard.

Other Business:

Mildred Cooper Reeves, Acting Chair of Board of Directors of CWA during a meeting with Bishop Quire and a small group of alumni discussed the removal of the United Methodist University (UMU) from the premises of CWA. This will be an agenda item in February during the Liberia Annual Conference of the UMC. The Board is aware that no organization would be motivated to make any contribution to the school as long as the University is housed on the premises of CWA. CWA is funded/operated solely by tuition. The Cummings Foundation provided teacher salary supplement of approximately \$3,000 USD monthly for 13 months. This supplement ended in July, 2020.

Johnette FitzJohn asked about any financial involvement of the UMC Global Ministry. It was reiterated that there is no funding to the school aside from the tuition. She agreed to chair a future committee to explore this matter after the Global Association is fully established.

The Income Expense Statement was posted for viewing and transparency. There were four additional contributions made during this time: Archie Stewart '83 (\$100); Ngawa Bright White '76 (\$150); Byron Moore '86 (\$100); and Mottie Innis '85 (\$100). The operating expense donations should be sent to Barbara Darby '79 at cwaglobalaa@gmail.com.



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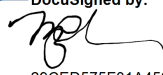
Barbara Darby '79 continues building the CWAGAA website. She indicated a disclaimer as the website is not yet published and therefore not live. The group, however, got a sneak peek at her exceptional work thus far.

Annual membership dues- \$60 (result of survey to the entire body).
Payments may be made via Zelle, PayPal or CashApp.

Next Steps: Convening of Elections Committee; Transition Team to continue work until General Elections; Members registered will be updated in the Telegram Chat Room.

The meeting concluded with the recital of the Mizpah.

Respectfully Submitted By:

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Secretary

1/14/2021