

CWAGAA 2023 NOMINEES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Verlyn Porte '90 – Board Chairman



Verlyn Chesson Porte, Class of 1990, is a proud Fox, who remains thankful for her education and lifelong friendships created at the College of West Africa (CWA). As an advocate for education, Verlyn is Lead Counsel for the North Carolina Association of Educators (NCAE), where she serves as a manager and corporate counsel. In this role, Verlyn practices education, employment, labor, and non-profit law, and is required to train and advise board members. As a manager, she sits on the policy and strategic planning teams and oversees the Advocacy Center. Prior to joining NCAE, she served as the Division Attorney/ Enforcement Supervisor for the North Carolina Department of the Secretary of State, Charitable Solicitation and Licensing Division. In that role, she was responsible for enforcing North Carolina's Charitable Solicitation Act, ensuring non-profits/ fundraisers' compliance. As a person who enjoys serving others, Verlyn was an attorney for Legal Aid of North Carolina, where she provided legal services to low-income individuals. She served CWA Alumni Associations as First Vice President and a Transition Team member. Verlyn's Christian beliefs place

service to humanity as a hallmark of a life well-lived. She is married to Wulwyn Q. Porte I, and they have two children.

Jurudoe Martin '79 – Board Vice Chair



Jurudoe-Ann Harris Martin is a proud graduate of the College of West Africa's class of 1979, the great Alanke! Jurudoe is the current Secretary of the Board of Directors CWAGAA. Jurudoe holds an MBA from The Pennsylvania State University's Smeal Graduate School of Business. She also holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Finance from Providence College. Jurudoe is committed to her faith in God through Christ Jesus. It is this faith that has propelled her to her to dedicate her gifts, time, resources, energies, and prayers for the betterment of women and children in her homeland, Liberia. She is an avid Information Technology professional with standout achievements in project management, test management, system implementation, process improvements and consulting in the IT arena. She is currently a Director of Quality Assurance at Capgemini. Jurudoe is a mentor to several IT professionals and seeks to encourage young women to pursue their professional dreams. Jurudoe is a member of several professional organizations, including Association of Information Technology Project Managers, Association of Quality Assurance Managers and Association of Professional Business Analysts. Jurudoe

was a member of the Board of Directors of the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation in New York and a member of the Big Sisters Organization of Southern New Jersey. She is a founding member the Sisters of Substance of New Jersey, an organization focused on the enrichment of the lives of women and girls. She is currently CFO of Clevimartin Ministries, an organization focused on the betterment of lives in Liberia.

Audrey Perry '81 – Board Secretary



Audrey Perry has been a member of the College of West Africa Global Alumni Association (CWAGAA) since its founding. She serves currently as Convention Committee Chair of the 2023 CWAGAA Convention Committee. Audrey's educational foundation is rooted in The College of West Africa (CWA), and she is grateful for the opportunity to give back. She is a member of the class of 1981. Audrey has served on several boards to include the Homeowner's Association in her local community, the Procurement Organization Board, as well as multiple church leadership positions. Audrey is a result driven professional with Information Technology, Procurement, and Legal background.

Henri Wilson '77 – Chief Financial Officer



My name is Henri Wilson, and I am writing to express my interest in the CFO Board position. I am a proud member of Mwetana, the Class of 1977 and very excited about the amazing work that the current leadership Team is doing to secure the future of CWA and her students. Like any organization, CWA's sustainability is highly dependent on its financial health, and I would love to serve CWA in supporting this goal. I have worked with a number of non-profit organizations in both membership and Leadership roles. I currently serve as the Financial Secretary of the University of Liberia Alumni Chorus and a Board Member of the Mary and Eliza Freeman Center for History and Community in Bridgeport Connecticut, two organizations with missions I am passionate about: singing and black history. It would be my pleasure to serve.

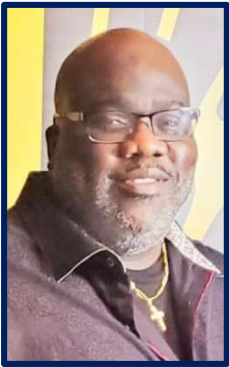
Elijah Wreh '00 – Member



Elijah Wreh is an accomplished regulatory affairs leader with a proven track record of success in the medical device industry. He is a part-time lecturer at Northeastern University College of Professional Studies and a guest lecturer at Cleveland State University. Mr. Wreh's lecture on regulatory aspects of the medical device product commercialization lifecycle from the United States (US), international perspectives, and provisions of the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) risk-based medical device classification scheme. He is also a Senior Manager of Regulatory Affairs at Boston Scientific, Industry Representative, FDA Advisory Committee Neurological Devices Panel, and Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors of CommStar Credit Union. He is the pastor of Anointed Church of Jesus Christ, a growing non-denominational church in Elyria, OH. He holds a Master of Arts in Christian Ministry from Liberty University, a Master of Science in Regulatory Science from the University of St. Thomas, and a Bachelor of Science in Human Biology from Minnesota State University, Mankato. He also holds a certificate in Healthcare Compliance from Seton Hall Law School and a Risk Analysis certificate from Harvard T.H. Chan

School of Public Health. He is pursuing his Doctor of Ministry in Expository Preaching and Teaching at Liberty University Rawlings School of Divinity.

Michael Padmore '93 – Member



I am vying for the position of Board Member because I believe as alumnus of this great institution, we need to give back in any way we can. I have noticed there is a lack of participation from younger members in positions of decision making and directional influence of the alumni association and it is high time that we step up to the role. I was educated at a great institution and have been able to have a very successful career and I believe those experiences have prepared me adequately for the position. I served on the elections committee during the last elections but chose to excuse myself this year because I wanted to run for office and maintain the sanctity of the elections committee. With this said, please consider voting for me for Member on the Board of Directors.

Albertine N. Kemoh '94 – Member



Albertine N. Kemoh is a graduate of the College of West Africa, Class of 1994 (Race of Wisdom). She also holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration with a concentration in Finance. Albertine currently serves as a Senior Operations Manager for a Fortune 500 company, currently ranked in the top 100 best companies to work for. In addition to her career, she enjoys giving back to her community and often does so by volunteering at a local food pantry and donating her time and resources to other charitable organizations. As the current Director of Communications of the Race of Wisdom organization, Albertine collaborated with her peers and has been instrumental in successfully implementing several initiatives, including the ROW Scholarship Program. As a second generation "Fox", she is passionate about our alma mater and the success of the next generation, and she intends to continue to use her expertise to ensure that students at CWA receive quality education.

Kparteh Jackson '75 – Member



Kparteh Jackson is from the class of 1975, married for 41 years with three children and one grandson. He currently resides in Humble/Houston, Texas. He is retired and has a broad range of prior corporate experience in various disciplines. Kparteh is a graduate of West Chester University of Pennsylvania with a degree in chemistry.

Wante Clarke '93 – Member



Born and raised in Liberia, Wante Clarke has a master's in health administration and over 20 years of experience in community organizing. She has served on numerous community non-profit boards and is currently serving in the following capacities: Board member Liberia Organization of the Piedmont, Chair Fundraising committee for the International Gala in Winston Salem, VP for customer experience Clarke Publishing and community organizing for the Carolina Federation. Wante is an excellent team player with proven leadership and collaborative abilities. Wante's love and interest in education has led to the sponsorship of many young children.

MANAGING OFFICERS

James A. Weeks '74 – President



I am elated to have been nominated for a second term as President of CWAGAA. Given that I am unopposed indicates that the first two years of leadership have inspired confidence in the members of our organization. We have all worked together to begin the process of putting our alma mater on good footing, recovering the “years of the locust” that the institution has been robbed off. It is our intent to, (i) complete the necessary infrastructure improvement, (ii) provide access to technology for students at CWA, (iii) increase the number of full-time teachers, and (iv) provide a foundation for financial stability at the school. With all alumni working together, this is possible. Thank you for the trust you have shown me.

Cerue Barbara Darby '79 – Vice President



Cerue “Barbara” Darby is a 1979 graduate of the College of West and has dedicated the last two years to serving as the Vice President and is submitting her name for re-election. This involves bringing graduates together from all over the world for a common cause – to give back. Barbara is also the Media guru for the organization and is responsible for updating all social media content and the CWAGAA Website to make sure we have the most current and transparent information about our organization.

Barbara graduated from Texas Southern University with a bachelor’s degree in Elementary Education and a Master’s in Instruction Technology from the University of Houston. She has lived in the Washington DC Metro area for over 20 years and works as an IT professional for an AmLaw 100 firm in DC. Her work and love for travel have taken her all over the world. Although her job keeps her busy, she still makes time for serving others. In her spare time, she volunteers with her local church and serves on the board of several charitable

organizations in the DC Metro Area. She also serves the community by volunteering with the several nonprofit organizations. Barbara is a mother of two and in her spare time, she spends time running and hiking outdoors, reading, improving her photography skills, and mentoring young adults. She for the position of Vice President.

Sayngee Weeks '85 – Secretary



My name is Sayngee Weeks, Managing Officer of the College of West Africa Global Alumni Association. I have served the organization as the Secretary for the last two years and am submitting my bid for reelection in the 2023 elections. I am a Supply Chain Logistics professional with twenty-five years of project management experience. As a Sr. Business Systems Analyst, I am responsible for blueprinting and system design solutions to achieve the organization’s and its trading partner’s strategic business objectives. I am the Board Chair of the Weeks Educational and Social Advocacy Project whose mission is to increase access to better education opportunities, expand social development, improve health care in needy communities, and safeguard human dignity. In addition to serving my community, I enjoy travel and have visited six out of seven continents. In March of 2023, I spent four days exploring the vast and very scenic Masai Mara National Reserve in southwest Kenya. The highest concentration of wild animals may be found in the Mara.

Lord Tuan Seyon '78 – Treasurer



My name is Lord Tuan Sayon, and I am an Instructional Media Specialist, employed in the Grand Prairie Independent School District, Grand Prairie TX. I assist educators to integrate technology into their instructional plans and help them to effectively execute these plans in the hybrid education environment that we now find ourselves living in, as a result of the COVID pandemic. I previously worked as a Master Teacher in the same district; and I was a classroom Mathematics teacher for several years before that. I have been an educator for 20+ years and it is a passion I am sincerely endeared to. Prior to my career in education, I served in the United States Army for 15 years. I am a veteran of Operation Desert Shield/Storm. Which brings me to the foundation that started it all: College of West Africa, Class of 1978, ATANG. I am blessed to have grown up, and be nurtured, in an environment that taught me everything that I needed to know to be successful in life. The friendships, relationships, camaraderie, and associations that were founded at CWA have continued to serve me in every situation that I have found myself in. And this is why I feel it is important to provide the same nurturing to our students. My background in education puts

me in a favorable position to understand and help solve some of the unique challenges that our school faces. I seek your support and vote for the position of Treasurer of the CWAGAA.

Penny Koffa Clark '85 – Parliamentarian



Penny Koffa Clarke is a member of CWA Class of 1985. She is a highly skilled Civil Litigator with over 20 years in private practice in AmLaw 100 Firms. She currently serves as full-time Counsel in public service, where she handles complex legal issues and investigations (a/k/a “Olivia Pope.”) She is also an entrepreneur – the Owner of Millie’s International Creations, an African jewelry, accessories, clothing, and home fashion Brand based in Maryland. She recently launched the travel arm to the business: Millie’s travel Tribe, to take clients on Tours to Africa and beyond. Penny promotes education as a key to combat poverty. She believes in doing all things with excellence and professionalism. She serves as Church Council Chair for North Bethesda UMC, in Bethesda, Maryland and as an Advisor on the Board of a few charitable organizations. She uses her oratory talent as Mistress of Ceremonies at charity events, weddings, and other speaking engagements. She is the younger sibling to two CWA Alums, a wife, and the mother of two adult children. She enjoys a life of service to others. If elected, she looks forward to serving the

Organization beyond the Parliamentarian role, wherever she is needed.

Sara Johnette Fitzjohn '85 – Chaplain



I am Rev. S. Johnette Fitzjohn: a mother, grandmother, social worker and humanitarian. It has been an honor and a blessing to have served as chaplain for the College of West Africa Global Alumni Association for the past 2 years. I have experience working across lines of racial, ethnic, religious, gender, and sexuality differences. My work history includes over 20 years of ordained pastoral ministry with the United Methodist Church, 8 years of Women’s work with ecumenical movements such as the World Student Christian Federation-Africa Region & the National Student Christian Council of Liberia, and the last 12 years of social work in various capacities within the following organizations in Washington D.C., New York City, and Little Rock, AR: Associate Director-The Greater Washington Urban League, Program Director-Project Hospitality, Executive Director-Lucie’s Place, Clinical Supervisor-Project Hospitality, Assistant Director-Project Hospitality. Again, please know that it is an honor and great privilege to serve CWA-Global Alumni Association.