

CAPE PALMAS HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION – USA, INC.

25TH ANNUAL NATIONAL CONVENTION
ANOKA, MINNESOTA, USA

AUGUST 16 -18, 2024



ANNUAL REPORTS

THEME:

“CPHSAA-USA: Building Bridges For Students’ Advancement And Development Over 25 Years”

Dear Colleagues,

I bring you sincere greetings on behalf of the Executive Committee of Cape Palmas High School Alumni Association, United States of America, Incorporated (CPHSAA-USA, INC) and welcome to the 25th Annual National Convention in the beautiful city of Anoka, Minnesota, USA.

Every year, I remind myself of the commitment that the EC made and the responsibility we have to serve our members. It is an honor and privilege for me, and the Executive Team, to uphold the mission and objectives of our Association and take great care of you and our scarce resources. These responsibilities, I have taken seriously for the past six years. CPHSAA-USA is healthy and vibrant because of the collective commitment and support of our members who have placed their trust and confidence in our leadership year after year.

Our 2024 Annual Report to Members shares details of the work we have done to improve how we serve you, overcome challenges and plan for the future. My hope is that, in reading it, you will feel proud in being part of CPHSAA-USA, satisfied in the ways we have served you and confident and excited about the ways we have prepared the Association to deliver on our mission for years to come.

Article IV, Section 6 of the Constitution and Bylaws of the CPHSAA-USA, INC., requires **Annual Report from the President on the State of the Association**. This also includes all reports that present the health and growth of our Association. It is, therefore, my honor to present to this August body on this 25th Anniversary of CPHSAA-USA, reports on the State of our Association. Included in this document are the following reports:

1. 2024 Agenda
2. 2023 Convention Minutes
3. 2023 Convention Planning Committee Report
4. Treasurer's Annual Report
5. Financial Secretary's Annual Report
6. President's Annual Report and State of the Association.

These reports provide an in-depth view of the State of our Association from August 2023 up to August 2024. It is our fervent hope that you will receive, review, and analyze these documents and acknowledge that our Administration has taken all the necessary steps to safe guide the assets and other scarce resources of the Association with transparency and accountability.

As we celebrate our final term of office, we would like to be quick to remind you that this is election year and we will say farewell to the leadership of this great Association, based on the requirements of the Constitution and Bylaws of CPHSAA-USA, INC., Article VI, Section 2.

I want to thank the General Membership for the opportunity proffered us to serve you over the past six years. I further want to thank the Executive Committee for their support and cooperation during this period.

Again, thank you and may the Almighty God bless and keep you safe.

Best Regards,



Dr. A. Senyon Tatus
President
CPHSAA-USA, INC.

2024 CONVENTION AGENDA

AGENDA

1. Opening Prayer & Welcome
2. Minutes of the 2023 Convention Meeting
3. 2023 Convention Report
4. Financial Secretary's Report
5. Treasurer's Report
6. President's Report
7. Adoption of Projects (The New Administration will decide)
8. New Business
9. Venue for the 2025 Annual National Convention
10. General Elections
11. Closing Prayer & Benediction

CPHSAA-USA

2023 CONVENTION MEETING MINUTES

Columbia, Maryland

August 12, 2023

Opening Prayer & Welcome

The 2023 Annual Convention meeting was called to order by the President of CPHSAA-USA, Dr. A. Senyon Tatus. The President asked Mrs. Elizabeth Beyan to lead the members into prayer. Mrs. Beyan prayed for the success of the 2023 Convention, members and their families, and all those who were absent. Mrs. Beyan further called on God's blessing for the Association's leadership and prayed that our discussions must be fruitful and rewarding.

The President welcomed the members to the 2023 Annual Convention and thanked them for coming to the beautiful city of Columbia, MD. The President expressed his gratitude for those who made the trip and asked God to bless them and also bless those who were unable to come due to prior engagements or other circumstances beyond their control. Dr. Tatus extended his sincere thanks and appreciation to the entire membership of Cape Palmas High School Alumni Association-USA for giving him the opportunity to serve as President of Association. In addition, the President thanked Mrs. Susan Collin-Karto, Chair of the Convention Planning Committee and her Team for planning, organizing and implementing the 2023 Convention.

Agenda

The President, Dr. A. Senyon Tatus, presented the agenda to the members and asked for review, comments, and approval. The agenda was approved as follow:

1. Welcome & Opening Prayer
2. Minutes of the 2022 Convention Meeting
3. 2022 Convention Report
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Financial Secretary's Report

6. President's Report
7. Adoption of Projects
8. New Business
9. Next Venue for the 2024 Annual National Convention
10. Closing Prayer & Benediction

Participants:

There were 27 members who participated during the 2023 Annual National Convention Business Meeting. They included the following:

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| 1. Dr. A. Senyon Tatus | 16. Ms. Bledii Tottle |
| 2. Mrs. Ophelia Yarsiah | 17. Mr. David Hanson |
| 3. Mr. Jerome Wilson | 18. Ms. Faith Lawrence |
| 4. Ms. Barbara Freeman | 19. Mrs. Brighette Doh |
| 5. Mrs. Susan Collins-Karto | 20. Mr. Abrom Cooper |
| 6. Mrs. Helena Dennis | 21. Ms. Claudett Arkyeatty |
| 7. Mrs. Elizabeth Beyan | 22. Mr. Philip Seton |
| 8. Mr. Homa Allison | 23. Mrs. Lucia Cooper |
| 9. Mr. Tarley Nyema | 24. Ms. Pamela Thomas |
| 10. Dr. T. Edwin Freeman | 25. Mrs. Ruth George |
| 11. Mrs. Elfreida Gueh | 26. Ms. Emma Lawrence |
| 12. Dr. Blidi Stemm | 27. Mr. Jerry Tarway |
| 13. Ms. Gertrude Freeman | |
| 14. Ms. Jannie Bright | |
| 15. Mrs. Patricia Farley | |

Minutes

The President asked the Secretary, Mr. Homa Allison, to proceed with the reading of the minutes from the 2022 Convention, which was held in the Borough of East Lansdowne, Philadelphia. After reading the minutes and discussing its contents, it was moved by Ms. Faith Lawrence that

the minutes read be accepted and added to CPHSAA-USA Inc. archives after all necessary corrections. It was seconded by Mr. Abrom Cooper. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer, Ms. Jannie E. Bright, presented her Annual Report to the general body. After the presentation of the her report, followed by questions and clarifications, it was moved by Blidi Stemn and seconded by Ophelia Yarsiah that the Treasurer's Report be accepted and placed in CPHSAA-USA archives after all necessary corrections. Motion passed.

Financial Secretary's Report

The Financial Secretary, Mrs. Elfrieda Gueh, presented her Annual Report to the general body. Following the presentation, questions and clarifications, it was moved by Elizabeth Beyan and seconded by Mrs. Ophelia Yarsiah that the Financial Secretary's Report be accepted and placed in CPHSAA-USA archives after all necessary corrections. Motion passed.

President's Annual Report

The President, Dr. A. Senyon Tatus, presented the State of the Association's address. The President acknowledged the opportunity from the Executive Committee and the entire membership for the confidence reposed in him to steward the ship of the Association. The President informed the members that the Association has made tremendous achievements over the period under review.

The President further lamented on the financial standing of the Association and informed members that the Association's finances were in good hands and that the financial position of the Association was very strong. The President thanked members for their continuous financial support to the Association and pray that God will richly bless them.

In conclusion, the President informed the delegates that the Association has a bank balance of \$11,414.21 as of July 31, 2023.

In addition, the President informed members of the accomplishments made during the period under review. Dr. Tatus informed the members that during the period under review, the Association completed the following projects:

1. Website Upgraded
2. Established Online Payment – CPHSAA-USA CashApp
3. Global Conference
4. Professional Development.

The President also informed members that the Association will honor 10 outstanding members for their leadership, moral support and financial contributions to the Association. Those to be honored are:

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| A. Sophia Williams | I. Ruth George |
| B. Ceasar Gardiner | J. Bunchie Bright |
| C. Gertrude Freema | |
| D. Fred Wilson | |
| E. Ben Tarway | |
| F. Patricia Farley | |
| G. Saria Savage | |
| H. Claudette Aryeetey | |

The President expressed deepest condolences to the families and friends of the passing of the Association's first president, Mr. Jenkins Cooper. The President also extended condolences to the family of Cllr. Annie Wesley. The President informed members that a memorial candle will be lighted in their honor.

The President's report was well received, and members voted for the report to form part of CPHSAA-USA. Inc. archives after all necessary corrections. It was moved by Ms. Faith Lawrence and seconded by Ms. J. E. Bright. Motion Passed.

Adoption of Projects

The President presented to the members the projects and initiatives that were earmarked by the Executive Committee for review and approval by the general membership during the

Convention. However, members voted for only the Water System Project to be carried out in 2023/2024 in addition to planning, organizing, and implementing the Silver Jubilee Convention. It was moved by Mr. Abrom Cooper and seconded by Ms. Faith Lawrence. Motion passed.

New Business

Several discussions were held regarding the Association joining NAMCAL. However, it was later suggested that a special meeting be convened to address this issue separately so it wouldn't detract from the regular business meeting. The President informed the delegates that NAMCAL will be having its annual convention and that all those who have questions regarding CPHSAA-USA membership should attend and find answers to their questions.

Additionally, during the new business segment, it was proposed that past presidents be honored at the next conventions, and this suggestion was unanimously agreed upon.

Lastly, Mr. Cooper recommended increasing the convention fees from \$90 to \$125. Other suggestions included \$100 and \$150. After thorough deliberations and a vote, 17 members concurred that the convention fees should be raised to \$100. The motion passed.

Next Venue for the 24th Annual Convention

Ms. Gertrude Freeman from the State of Minnesota volunteered to host the 2024 Annual Convention. Participants unanimously agreed and thanked Ms. Freeman for her willingness to host the 2024 Annual National Convention. The President ceremoniously appointed Ms. Gertrude G. Freeman as the chairperson of the Convention Planning Committee in accordance with the Constitution and Bylaws of the Association. The President, Dr. A. Senyon Tatus, asked the participants to please join him once again to congratulate Ms. Freeman for her willingness to host Convention 2024 in Minnesota. It was noted that the date and time of Convention 2024 will be announced later by the Convention Planning Committee.

Closing Prayer & Adjournment

The Business Session of Convention 2023 was adjourned at 1:30 P.M. following a closing prayer by the Chaplain, Mrs. Elizabeth Beyan. The Chaplain thanked God for the successful closing of

the Business Meeting and prayed that the rest of the Annual National Convention will be successful and blessed.

Respectfully Submitted,



Homa Allison
General Secretary
CPHSAA-USA, INC.

Cape Palmas High School Alumni Association-USA, Inc.
24th Annual National Convention
Convention Planning Committee Report
Columbia, Maryland, USA

August 11-13, 2023

Overview

The 24th Annual National Convention Planning Committee of the Cape Palmas High School Alumni Association-USA (CPHSAA-USA) extends thanks and appreciation to the President, Dr. A. Senyon Tatus; the Chairman and members of the Board of Directors; and the entire membership of CPHSAA-USA, INC. for the opportunity offered us to plan, organize and implement this Anniversary Event. The Convention Planning Committee (CPC) is honored to present its **Final Report to the General Membership.**

The 24th Annual National Convention (ANC) was held from Friday, August 11 to Sunday, August 13, 2023, in the City of Columbia, Maryland. The events commenced on Friday with the Meet and Greet at Mrs. Susan Collins Karto's residence; the Saturday Business Meeting was held at the Harvester Baptist Church; the Benefits and Dinner Ball was held at the Amherst House; the Worship Service was held at the Harvester Baptist Church; and the Sunday Farwell

Cookout was held at Mrs. Susan Collins Karto's residence. The theme for the 24th Annual National Convention was: **“Bridging The Education Gap Between CPHS Students; No Child Left Behind”**.

Members of the Convention Planning Committee were:

Mrs. Susan Collins-Karto- Chair, Ms. Faith Lawrence, Mr. Abrom Cooper, Ms. Blidii Torttle, Ms. Jennie Bright, Mr. Sam Johns, Ms. Barbara Freeman, Mrs. Ophelia Gibson-Yarsiah – Advisor, and Dr. A. Senyon Tatus – Ex-Officio.

Meet & Greet – Friday, August 11, 2023

The Friday evening get together was given the normal warm hospitality at the beautiful home of Mrs. Susan Karto. The Meet and Greet interactions began at 7:00 pm, EST with food and drinks on sale for fundraising. Mrs. Karto, who served as the host of the 24th ANC, welcomed the gathering. Mrs. Elizabeth Beyan, our Chaplain, offered the opening prayer. Mrs. Ophelia Yarsiah, introduced the Executive Committee and the President of CPHSAA-USA, Inc., Dr. A. Senyon Tatus, offered a solemn remark.

The President expressed his personal appreciation and gratitude to all CPHSAA-USA members and thanked the Planning Team for planning, organizing, and implementing the Annual Convention. President Tatus also expressed thanks to Mrs. Karto for her kind hospitality and willingness to host the 2023 Convention. The President encouraged all convention participants to do their best to ensure that the 24th Annual Convention was successful. The Meet and Greet was officially opened by Mr. Youty Tarway. Fufu, Soup and Drinks were sold at the Meet and Greet. The sales generated a total of \$299.00.

Business Meeting – Saturday, August 12, 2023

The Business Meeting was held at the Harvester Baptist Church. The Business Meeting was preceded by registration with the following members in attendance:

President A. Senyon Tatus, Mr. Homa Allison, T. Edwin Freeman, Dr. Blidi Stemn, Mr. Abrom Cooper, Ms. Jennie E. Bright, Mr. B. Tarley Nyema, Mrs. Jackie Torttle, Mr. Fred Wilson, Mrs., Elizabeth Beyan, Ms. Faith Lawrence, Mrs. Elfrieda Gueh, Mrs. Susan Karto, Mrs. Ophelia

Yarsiah, Ms. Pamela Thomas, Ms. Barbara Freeman, Mrs. Helena Dennis, Mr. Philip Seton, Mr. David Henson, Mrs. Ruth Nyema, Mrs. Bridgett Doh and Mrs. Lucia Cooper.

The Business Meeting was opened and presided over by the President, Dr. A. Senyon Tatus. The President welcomed participants and thanked them for sacrificing their time and making efforts to be in attendance. Mrs. Elizabeth Beyan gave the opening prayer. The President presented the Convention Agenda for review, comments, and approval. Members approved the agenda as presented by the President.

The 2022 Convention Minutes were subsequently read by the Secretary, Mr. Homa Allison. The minutes were accepted and placed in the archives of the Association after all necessary corrections were made. Following the reading of the minutes, Mrs. Elfried Gueh presented the Financial Report, Ms. JE Bright, presented the Treasurer's Report, and Dr. A. Senyon Tatus presented the Annual Stewardship Report. The Constitution mandates the President to present his report on the State of the Association.

Below are Highlights of the President's Report.

1. Acknowledgement
2. Financial Health
3. Accomplishments
 - A. Teacher's Lounge Round Table and Water Dispenser
 - B. Large Freezer For The School
 - C. National Maryland County Association of Liberia Affiliation
 - D. Shipment of Book Bags To Harper
 - E. Oline Payment/Cashapp
 - F. Zoon Account
 - G. Water System Project
4. Appreciation
5. Bereavement
6. Conclusion

Details of the Financial Secretary's, Treasurer's and the President's Reports are presented in the Convention Meeting Minutes.

The President presented the below projects/initiatives for adoption.

Adoption of 2023/2024 Projects & Initiatives

1. Science Lab Equipment

2. Computers, Laptops
3. Teachers' Lounge Upgrade
4. Library Upgrade (Books)
5. Professional Development
6. Scholarships (Teachers & Students)
7. Global Connection Conference
8. Water System Project
9. Silver Jubilee/Souvenirs

After discussing the above, the members argued that these are too many projects to be carried on at the same time. Members, therefore, agreed that only two projects should be considered. The two projects/initiatives considered were the Water System Project and Silver Jubilee Initiative.

Convention 2024

Ms. Gertrude Freeman from the Great State of Minnesota volunteered to host the Association's Silver Jubilee Convention. The date and venue of the 2024 Annual Convention were approved by the ANC. **The 2024 Annual Convention will be held in Minnesota from August 16 – 18, 2024.** The President immediately appointed Ms. Gertrude Freeman as the Chair of the 24th ANC CPC. The President urged Ms. Freeman to select her committee's members and submit the names to the Executive Committee.

Benefits, Dinner Ball and Fundraising Events – Saturday, August 12, 2023

The Benefits, Dinner Ball and Fundraising events were held at Amherst House. The events began with an opening prayer, which was led by Mrs. Elizabeth Beyan, the Association's Chaplain. Mrs. Beyan invoked God's blessings on the participants and asked God to bless the food that were about to be served for the nourishment of our bodies. Mrs. Susan Collins-Karto, Host of the 24th Annual National Convention gave the welcome remarks. Mrs. Karto welcomed the participants and thanked them for sharing their time and families with CPHSAA-USA.

During the Benefits and Dinner Ball, CPHSAA-USA was blessed and honored with the presence of Mrs. Cecelia Cooper, wife of the Association's second President, the late Hon. Jenkins E. Cooper. Mrs. Cooper was in attendance with her son, Mr. Bloti Teh. On behalf of the Cooper family, Mrs. Cooper unveiled a scholarship program to be administered by the Association. **Mrs. Cooper informed the membership that the Cooper family will offer 10 scholarships to deserving students of CPHS.** She further informed the membership that as time goes on, the

number of scholarships will be increased. Dr. A. Senyon Tatus, President of CPHSAA-USA, on behalf of the entire membership thanked Mrs. Cooper and the Cooper family for the scholarships and prayed that God will bless them for their kind gesture.

Mrs. Ophelia Gibson Yarsiah, Vice President of CPHSAA-USA, INC., introduced the Honorable Guest Speaker, Mrs. Wala Blegay, who graciously accepted our invitation to serve as our 24th ANC Guest Speaker. Hon. Blegay, currently served as Vice Chair of the Prince George County Legislative Branch for District 6 in Largo, Maryland. She offered praises on the Association for all their undertakings and hard work in helping to meet the needs of the students of CPHS. She further asked members of the Association and other people of color to get involved in community programs and politics. She advised that “as community members, we should not be bystanders in community decision-making”. **Honorable Wala Blegay presented 12 Amazon Tablets and a large bag containing Backpacks for the students of CPHS.** President Tatus, on behalf of the Executive Committee and the entire membership of CPHS-USA, thanked Hon. Blegay for the donations and prayed for God’s blessings on her and her household.

Recognition Event

As a kind gesture of appreciation for their outstanding contributions and services to the growth and development of both Cape Palmas High School and the Alumni Association, 10 members of the Association were honored with a Meritorious Service Award. On behalf of the Association, President A. Senyon Tatus honored the below members with Mr. B. Tarley Nyema presenting the honors.

1. Ms. Sophia Williams
2. Mr. Benjamin Tarway
3. Ms. Claudette Aryeetey
4. Mrs. Patricia Farley
5. Mr. Caesar Gardiner
6. Mrs. Ruth George
7. Mrs. Sarai Savage
8. Mr. Fred Wilsn
9. Ms. Gertrude Freeman
10. Ms. Bunchie Bright

The Men verses Women/Fundraising

The Men vs. Women/fundraising events was led by Ms. Faith Lawrence. The even raised \$1,235.00. We are very grateful to the Chairlady, Ms. Faith Lawrence and her Committee

Members for the excellent job well done. Please see the detailed Financial Statement for other funds generated during the Benefits and Dinner Ball.

Closing Remarks

In his closing remarks, the President of CPHSAA-USA, INC., Dr. A. Senyon Tatus expressed his gratitude to Mrs. Susan Karto and the 2023 Convention Planning Committee for successfully planning, organizing and implementing the program. Dr. Tatus also thanked the Guest Speaker, Honorable Wala Blegay for her inspirational message and her services to the people of Prince George Town, Maryland and the United States of America. The President, on behalf of the Executive Committee and the membership of CPHSSAA-USA, INC., thanked Hon. Wala Blegay for gift to the students of CPHS. Further, President Tatus also thanked the President of NAMCAL, Ms. Nee Allison, for accepting and honoring CPHSAA-USA's invitation. President Tatus, further thanked Mrs. Cecelia Cooper, wife of the late Jenkins Cooper for offering scholarships to CPHS students.

In addition, Dr. Tatus thanked the community members and stakeholders who attended the Benefits and Dinner Ball in support of CPHSAA-USA programs and initiatives. Dr. Tatus further thanked the members of CPHSAA-USA for their turnout and participation in the 24th Annual National Convention. Additionally, Dr. Tatus thanked Mr. Jerry Youty Tarway, who served as the Master of Ceremony (MC); Mr. Momo Massaquoi, who served as the Disc Jockey (DJ); and Ms. Lauren Baldwin, who served as the Photographer.

Finally, President Tatus solicited the active involvement of all the Alumni to foster collaborative growth and development of CPHSAA-USA. President Tatus called on the Executive Committee and members of the Association and said **“let us always give our flowers now to our supporters and don't wait until they are dead”**.

The Dinner Ball, Benefit, and Fundraising Events were climaxed with a traditional Grebo dance led by Mr. Fred Jerome Wilson. Mr. Fred Wilson advised members to take the programs of the Association seriously because these programs benefit not only the students of CPHS but also the people of Maryland County.

During the Benefits and Dinner Ball, Mr. Jerry Youty Tarway served as the Master of Ceremony (MC); Mr. Momo Massaquiou served as the Disc Jockey (DJ); and Ms. Lauren Baldwin served as the Photographer. We would like to sincerely thank Mr. Tarway, Mr. Massaquio, and Ms. Baldwin for their extraordinary performances. They made the programs a great success. We are very grateful.

Farewell Cookout – Sunday, August 14, 2022

The Farewell Cookout was hosted by Mrs. Susan Collins-Karto. On behalf of the President, Executive Committee, and the Convention Planning Team, we would like to sincerely thank everyone for their support, contributions and cooperation during the 24th Annual National Convention. CPHSAA-USA will forever remain grateful.

24th Annual Convention Financial Statement

The total Net Income from the 24th Annual Convention was \$9, 324.38. The total Expenditure was \$4,815.00. The Net Proceed was \$4,509.38.

Below is the Financial Statement from the Convention operations. For questions and other details, please contact the Treasurer and the Financial Secretary.

The 24th Annual National Convention Financial Statement

CONVENTION 2023 - INCOME

Dues & Convention fees received before August 11, 2023	\$3,670.38
Contributions/Donations received	\$850.00
Morning Session (8/11/23) Intake	\$1,600.00
Fufu & Soup Sold	\$80.00
Drinks Sold	\$219.00
King & Queen Contest	\$1,235.00
Tickets Sold	\$1,425.00
Clothing Auction	\$40.00
T-SHIRT Sold	\$25.00
Outstanding Receipts (Tickets)	\$180.00
TOTAL CONVENTION INCOME	\$ 9,324.38

CONVENTION 2023 EXPENSES

Hall Rental	\$625.00
Food	\$2,000.00
Silverware, Plates & Napkins	\$200.00
Drinks	\$300.00
Program, Flyers & Tickets	\$400.00
Hall Decoration	\$150.00
Music & DJ	\$350.00
T-Shirts	\$590.00
Hall Insurance	\$75.00
Photography	<u>\$125.00</u>
Total Expenditure	<u>\$4,815.00</u>
TOTAL INCOME LESS EXPENSES (PROCEEDS)	<u>\$ 4,509.38</u>

Conclusion

The Convention Planning Committee would like, once again, to reiterate its gratitude to the President, Dr. A. Senyon Tatus, the Executive Committee, and the entire CPHSAA-USA membership for giving us the opportunity to serve the Association in this capacity. Special thanks to our Chairlady and Dynamic Host, Mrs. Susan Collins-Karto, for her kind hospitality and leadership during the 24th Annual Convention of CPHSAA-USA. We would be dismissed if we do not extend sincere gratitude to Mr. Abrom Pascal Cooper for his support, efforts, dedication, and commitment to the planning, organization, and implementation of the 24th ANC. We are very proud of you all. We did it.

We look forward to the 2024 CPHSAA-USA Annual National Convention in Minnesota.

Blessings to all.

Respectfully Submitted:



Mrs. Susan Collins-Karto
Chair, 2023 Convention Planning Committee
CPHSAA-USA, INC.

CPHSAA-USA, INC
Financial Secretary’s Annual Report
August 17, 2024

Dear Colleagues,

Thank you for the opportunity given me to serve you as your Financial Secretary for the past year. This Financial Report covers the period under review, 2023/2024. Over the past year, we did our best to keep transparent records of the Association’s financial activities. Our Administration has been transparent and accountable for all CPHSAA-USA funds during the period under review.

The Table below shows a complete report of our collective efforts, support, and contributions to the programs and projects of our Association, including all dues payments for the period under review.

CPHSAA-USA, INC.
MEMBERS DUES & CONTRIBUTIONS
August 2023 – 2024

#	Member’s Name	2023 Dues	2024 Dues
1	Dr. A. Senyon Tatus	\$150	\$160
2	Dr. T. Edwin Freeman	\$150	
3	Mrs. Harriet T - Dahn	\$200	\$200
4	Fr. Dr. James Wilson	\$150	
5	Ms. Barbara Freeman	\$150	\$160
6	Mr. Abrom Cooper	\$150	\$160
7	Ms. Faith Lawrence	\$150	\$160
8	Mrs. Susan Karto	\$150	\$160
9	Ms. Claudette Aryeatey	\$150	\$160
10	Mr. Caesar Gardiner	\$150	\$160
11	Ms. Sophia Williams	\$150	
12	Mr. David Hanson	\$150	
13	Mr. Benjamin Tarway	\$150	
14	Dr. Blidi Stemm	\$150	
15	Mrs. Ruth George	\$150	
16	Mr. Homa Allison	\$150	\$160
17	Ms. Jannie E Bright	\$150	\$160
18	Mrs. Sarai Scott Savage	\$150	\$165
19	Ms. Gertrude D. Freeman	\$150	\$160

20	Mr. Sam Johns	\$150	
21	Mr. Samuel Gardner		\$160
22	Rev. Henry Muhlenburg	\$65	
23	Rev. Edward Thompson	\$150	\$110
24	Mrs. Budude ZawuRoberts		\$160
25	Mr. Tarley B. Nyema	\$150	\$160
26	Mrs. Ophelia Yarsiah	\$150	\$160
27	Ms. Elfreda Gueh	\$150	\$160
28	Mr. David Hanson	\$150	
29	Ms. Mercy Freeman	\$100	\$160
30	Mr. E. Cholo Nyema	\$60	
31	Mr. Fred J. Wilson	\$150	
32	Mrs. Blidii Tuttle	\$150	
33	Ms. Cecelia Williams	\$60	
34	Mrs. Patricia Fairley	\$150	\$160
35	Mr. Benedict Doe	\$150	
36	Mrs. Helena Dennis	\$150	
37	Ms. Pamela Thomas	\$150	
38	Mrs. Briggette T. Doh	\$150	\$165
39	Mrs. Lucinda C-Thomas	\$150	
40	Mrs. Elizabeth Beyan	\$150	
41	Ms. Emma Lawrence	\$150	\$160
42	Mr. Jerry Tarway	\$150	
43	Mr. Philip Seton	\$150	\$160
44	Ms. Wede Dixon		\$160
	Total	\$5,935	\$3,685

Source: CPHSAA-USA, INC. Financial Records

Updated: 08/03/2024

Again, my gratitude to all our members for your support and contributions, and for the trust and confidence that you have entrusted in us.

May God richly bless you all.

Respectfully Submitted



Mrs. Elfeida Gueh
Financial Secretary
CPHSAA-USA, INC.

**CPHSAA-USA, INC
Treasurer's Annual Report**

August 17, 2024

Dear Colleagues,

It is my esteemed honor to present the attached Report to you of the overall financial position of the Association.

I wish to thank you for affording me the opportunity to serve as the Association's Treasurer for these many years. This administration has honored its fiduciary duty to safeguard the assets of the Association and has remained dedicated to transparency and accountability for all CPHSAA-USA scarce resources.

Again, thank you.

Respectfully submitted,



Ms. Jannie E. Bright
Treasurer
CPHSAA-USA, INC.

CAPE PALMAS HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, USA	
FINANCIAL REPORT: August 1, 2023 TO JULY 31, 2024	
Beginning Bank Balance Brought Forward:August1, 2023	\$ 11,537.21
DEPOSITS	
8/07/2023 - ACH DEPOSIT - CashApp (Sassboy \$90 Pat Farley \$150, E. Beyan)	\$ 390.00
8/08/2023 - ACH DEPOSIT -WIX	\$ 62.81
8/10/2023 - ACH DEPOSIT -	\$ 57.96
8/14/2023 - ACH DEPOSIT - CashApp (J.Tarway \$150; Faith \$150/Tkts;C. Williams \$60)	\$ 340.00
8/16/2023 - ACH Deposit - WIX	\$ 360.00
8/16/2023 - ACH Deposit - WIX	\$ 193.60
8/25/2023 - Convention 2023 Proceeds Deposit	\$ 2,354.00
8/25/2023 Deposit	\$ 225.00
8/28/2023 - Deposit	\$ 75.00
8/29/2023 - ACH Deposit CashApp (P. Farley; \$225; A.Cooper \$60/Tkts; B.Doe \$150; Tatuss \$100; M.Teasley \$80; T.E.Freemn \$80; D. Hanson \$25; P.Farley \$25; A.Cooper \$50; R. Collins \$25; A.Cooper \$500;E. Lawrence \$150; Homa A. \$25; T.E.Freeman \$150	\$ 1,645.00
9/08/2023 - Deposit money order (Ms. Sleweyon)	\$ 300.00
9/25/2023 - Deposit	\$ 180.00
October - No Deposit	\$ -
November - No Deposit	\$ -
December - No Transaction	\$ -
1/29/2024 - Deposit	\$ 275.00
February - No Transacton	\$ -
3/05/2024 - Deposit (Laura Brewer)	\$ 150.00
April - No Transaction	\$ -
May - No Transaction	\$ -
6/17/2024 - ACH Deposit CashApp (ea \$160 E. Gueh; P Farley; E Lawrence;Homa; Tatus; A Cooper; F Lawrence; G Freeman; S. Karto; S Gardiner \$10;	\$ 1,450.00
6/25/2024 - ACH Deposit (S.Savage; W.Gardiner-Dixon)	\$ 325.00
07/03/2024 - WIX Deposit	\$ 155.06
07/05/2024 - CashApp Deposit (Ophelia Yarsiah)	\$ 160.00
07/08/2024 - Deposit	\$ 160.00
07/09/2024 - Wix Deposit	\$ 155.06
07/09/2024 - CashApp Deposit (Harriet Tumban Dahn)	\$ 200.00
07/15/2024 -Deposit	\$ 160.00
07/15/2024 - CashApp Deposit (Caesar Gardiner)	\$ 160.00
7/26/2024 - CashApp Deposit (Budude ZawuRoberts) (PENDING DEPOSIT)	\$ 160.00
TOTAL DEPOSIT: AUGUST 1, 2023 TO July 31, 2024	\$ 21,230.70
PAYMENTS/WITHDRAWALS	
8/8&9/2023 - S. KARTO (2023 CONVENTION -\$200 Reimbursement; \$150 photographer)	\$ (350.00)
9/06/2023 - ACHWithdrawal / IRS Form !023EZ	\$ (275.00)
9/8/2023 - CPHS Well/water Project	\$ (2,280.00)
9/8/2023 - Wire transfer Fee	\$ (30.00)
10/10/2023 - ACH Withdrawal PayPal / WIX (CPHSAA website)	\$ (349.14)
10/20/2023 - CPHS Well/water Project - CK#109	\$ (3,500.00)
10/20/2023 - Wire Transfer fee	\$ (40.00)
11/02/2023 - Convention '24 Hall Deposit / Gertrude Freeman - CK#110	\$ (300.00)
11/03/2023 Reimbursement (Jannie Bright) CK#114	\$ (63.00)
11/09/2023 - Reimbursement (A. Tatus / business State registration renewal) CK#111	\$ (50.00)
03/29/2024 - Check #112 (Convention '24 Minesotta - Gertrude Freeman)	\$ (7,400)
7/18/2024 - Check #113 (Memorial plaque: Jenkins Cooper)/J.Bright	\$ (400.00)
7/18/2024 - Check #115-J,Bright (CPHSAA Zoom Account/ Homa Allison)	\$ (168.70)
TOTAL WITHDRAWALS/PAYMENTS:AUGUST 1, 2023 TO JULY 31, 2024	\$ (15,205.84)²⁰
BOOK BALANCE AS OF JULY 31 ,2024	\$ 6,024.86

CPHSAA-USA, INC
President's Annual Stewardship Report

August 17, 2024

Greetings

I bring you greetings in the name of the Grand Architect of the Universe, the Almighty God, for the opportunity He proffered us to gather here to celebrate CPHSAA-USA Silver Jubilee in this beautiful city of Anoka, Minnesota.

On behalf of the Executive Committee, I warmly welcome you to this Special Milestone Convention of our dearly beloved CPHSAA-USA. As we gather to graciously celebrate this special occasion and deliberate on issues relating to our Alma Mater and our Association, may we be focused to renew our dedication and commitment to our obligations to serve and support our people. I sincerely offer prayers that God will bless and strengthen us all with great wisdom, love, and unity. May our efforts be fruitful and rewarding for the benefit of the students, faculty, and the people of Maryland County. Further. As we look forward to the future, we must build on the legacies of our past presidents to deliver tangible memories for our Alma Mater and for our own legacy.

Acknowledgement

I take this time to extend gratitude to Ms. Gertrude D . Freeman for her hospitality and for warmly welcoming us to the beautiful State of Minnesota. I would further like to thank the people of Anoka for welcoming us to this wonderful city. Special thanks to the Honorable Hon. Jeffrey Lunde, Commissioner of District 1, Minneapolis, Minnesota for welcoming us to his neighborhood. My gratitude to the Silver Jubilee Convention Planning Committee for planning, organizing, and successfully implementing this milestone event.

To our honorable guests, we are grateful for your attendance and participation at this 25th Annual National Convention. I sincerely hope that you all will enjoy your affiliation with us and emerge from this gathering with a renewed sense of dedication and commitment to support our Association, Alma Mater, and County.

Stewardship Report

This report provides a brief account of my stewardship as your President during the past year. It also illustrates our accomplishments during 2023/2024 Administrative Year. Furthermore, this report pays tributes to our members for their continuous support, contributions and encouragement during our time of service to this Association. Additionally, we pay tribute to all

our fallen colleagues who have predeceased us, most recently, Honorable Othello Gongar. Please join me in a minute of silence. May their souls rest in perpetual peace.

Financial Health

Colleagues, our Association is in good hands; our finances are well protected; and the state of our Association is very strong and healthy. I am happy to report that as of this June 30, 2024, our current bank balance is **\$6,024.86**.

Permit me to provide you with a picture of our financial health for the period under review. The Tables in the Financial Secretary and Treasure's Reports, indicate the overall financial health of our Association. The Table in the Financial Secretary's report illustrates the total amount of funds generated from Dues Payments in 2023 and part of 2024. For detailed financial overview, including members who paid, please reference the Financial Secretary's Annual Report.

I want to thank both the Financial Secretary and the Treasurer for keeping excellent records of the Association's fiscal accounts, which echoed our Administration's pledge to be accountable and transparent to our membership. I also want to thank the General Secretary for making sure that funds received through our online payment option are properly accounted for.

Accomplishments

Colleagues, during the period under review, the leadership of this Administration was hand tied and limited to implement only two projects because of the mandate of our members. During our General Assembly last year, it was voted on by the members that we complete the Water System Project and ensure that we have a successful Silver Jubilee Convention. All other projects that we put before the Assembly were tabled or put on hold.

In light of the above, I am very pleased and humble to inform you that the Water System Project was successfully completed and the Silver Jubilee program, thus far, is progressing very successfully. The report for the Water System Project can be found on our website at cphasaa-usa.org. A complete report for the Silver Jubilee Convention will be made available immediately after the conclusion of the Convention.

I am grateful to the Principal of CPHS, Ms Annie T. Sleowon and our Project Coordinator, Mr. David H. Erskine for their commitment and dedication to the Water System Project and all other projects that they have managed on behalf of CPHSAA-USA, INC.

Our Appreciation

Colleagues, Ladies and Gentlemen. As we come to the end of our leadership and stewardship service to this August body, I want to express how grateful I am to the past and current Executive Committee members and the General Membership for the cooperation and support that we have enjoyed during the past six years.

Over the course of our stewardship, we were criticized for actions that we took by helping committee members to implement their work, sometimes labelled as greedy for power, micromanager, and even called President Tubman for wanting to stay in power. All these criticisms, though they hurt, especially when we are trying your utmost best to ensure that the foundation of the Association is solid, but made us a little stronger and prepared us for our next leadership role. We are very appreciative, grateful and humble.

Honoring Dedicated and Committed Members of CPHSAA-USA

This is my favorite part of our Annual National Convention. This activity brings joy to my heart. This is when we have the golden opportunity to thank and sincerely appreciate our members who have sacrificed their time, efforts and funds to support the Association. This is the time we give them their **FLOWERS** to say thank you very much. It is, therefore, my honor and pleasure to inform you that our Administration has utilized its Constitutional authority to honor the following individuals for their **contributions to the growth and development of Cape Palmas High School Alumni Association-USA**. These fine and hardworking individuals are:

1. Mrs. Elfrieda G. Gueh
2. Mrs. Helena C. Dennis
3. Ms. Radia K. Scott
4. Mrs. Elizabeth N. Beyan
5. Mr. Philp B. Seton, Jr.
6. Mr. Sam T. Johns

Please join me to honor and congratulate these members for their hard work, dedication, and passion for CPHSAA-USA and our Alma Mater. These individuals will be honored during the

Benefit Dinner, which is scheduled to be held tonight. In addition, we will recognize our past presidents and officials this evening for their commitment to the mission of our Association and Alma Mater.

Conclusion

Colleagues, Ladies and Gentlemen. I want to, again, thank the General Membership for the opportunity given to us to serve you for the period under review and for our entire six years of leadership to this body. I further want to thank the Executive Committee for their support, dedication, contributions, and cooperation during these periods.

As we turn over the leadership, we ask that your choice for replacement should be given the same cooperation and support that we enjoyed. Please don't just elect them and turn your back on them. I sincerely wish you all the best and have a blessed Silver Jubilee Convention.

Thank you and may God bless you all

Respectfully submitted,



Dr. A. Senyon Tatus
President
CPHSAA-USA, INC.

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