

CAPE PALMAS HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION – USA, INC.

24TH ANNUAL NATIONAL CONVENTION  
COLUMBIA, MARYLAND, USA

AUGUST 11 -13, 2023



## ANNUAL REPORTS

THEME:

**“BRIDGING THE EDUCATION GAP BETWEEN CPHS STUDENTS; NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND”**

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 24th Annual National Convention in the beautiful city of Columbia, Maryland, USA.

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 24th Anniversary of CPHSAA-USA, reports on the State of our Association. Included in this document are the following reports:

1. 2023 Agenda
2. 2022 Convention Minutes
3. 2022 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 2022 up to August 2023. 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 resources of the Association.

As we celebrate our penultimate term of office, we would like to be quick to remind you that next year is elections 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. In addition, please be reminded that our Association will celebrate its 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – Silver Jubilee in August, 2024. While we are still at the helm of leadership, I want to thank the General Membership for the opportunity proffered us to serve you over the past year. 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**

**AGENDA**

1. Opening Prayer & Welcome
2. Minutes of the 2022 Convention Meeting
3. 2022 Convention Report
4. Financial Secretary's Report
5. Treasurer's Report
6. President's Report
7. Adoption of Projects
8. New Business
9. Silver Jubilee Venue for the 2024 Annual National Convention
10. Closing Prayer & Benediction

**CPHSAA-USA**  
**2022 CONVENTION MEETING MINUTES**  
**Borough of East Lansdowne, Philadelphia**

**August 13, 2022**

**Opening Prayer & Welcome**

The 2022 Annual Convention meeting was called to order by the President of CPHSAA-USA, Dr. A. Senyon Tatus. The President asked Fr. James Wilson to lead the members into prayer on behalf of Ms. Pody Williams, who could not be present due to other engagements. Father Wilson prayed for the success of the 2022 Convention, members and their families, and all those who were absent. Father Wilson further called on God's blessing for the Association's leadership and prayed that our discussions be fruitful and rewarding.

The President welcomed the members to the 2022 Annual Convention and thanked them for coming to the beautiful city of the Borough of East Lansdown, PA. The President expressed his gratitude for those who made the trip and asked God to bless those who were unable to come due to prior engagements or 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. Ophelia Yarsiah, Chair of the Convention Planning Committee and her Team for planning, organizing and implementing the 2022 Convention. Dr. Tatus further thanked Mrs. Ruth Nyema George and Mrs. Helena Collins-Dennis for hosting and co-hosting the Convention, respectively.

**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 2019 Convention Meeting
3. 2019 Convention Report
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Financial Secretary's Report
6. President's Report
7. Adoption of Projects
8. Elections of Officers

9. New Business
10. Next Venue for the 2023 Annual National Convention
11. Closing Prayer & Benediction

### **Participants:**

There were 25 members who participated during the 2022 Annual National Convention Business Meeting. They included the following:

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| 1. Dr. A. Senyon Tatus   | 13. Ms. Pamela Thomas             |
| 2. Ms. Laura Brewer      | 14. Ms. Jerome Wilson             |
| 3. Ms. Barbara Freema    | 15. Susan Collins Karto           |
| 4. Mrs. Helena Dennis    | 16. Mrs. Elizabeth Beyan          |
| 5. Mr. Homa Allison      | 17. Mr. Tarley Nyema              |
| 6. Dr. T. Edwin Freeman  | 18. Mr. Cholo Nyema               |
| 7. Dr. Blidi Stemn       | 19. Rev. Joseph Kpaine, II        |
| 8. Ms. Jannie Bright     | 20. Mr. Benedict Doe              |
| 9. Fr. James Wilson      | 21. Ms. Bledii Chea               |
| 10. Ms. Faith Lawrence   | 22. Ben Tarway                    |
| 11. Mrs. Ophelia Yarsiah | 23. Evelyn Brown Wilson (visitor) |
| 12. Mr. Abrom Cooper     | 24. Sylvia Nyema (visitor)        |
|                          | 25.. Mrs. Elfreida Gueh           |

### **Minutes**

The President asked the Secretary, Mr. Homa Allison to read the minutes from the 2022 Convention, which was held in the Borough of East Lansdowne, Philadelphia. After reading the minutes and discussing it contends, 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 the Treasurer's Annual Report to the general body. After the presentation of the Treasurer's report, followed by questions and clarifications, it was moved by Dr. Blidi Stemn and seconded by Ms. Faith Lawrence that the Treasurer Report be accepted and placed in CPHSAA-USA archives after all necessary corrections. Motion passed.

### **Financial Secretary's Report**

Due to the absence of the Financial Secretary, Mrs. Anna Barlee, the Financial Secretary's Annual Report was presented to the general body by the President, Dr. A. Senyon Tatus. Following the presentation, questions and clarifications, it was moved by Rev. Joseph Kpaine, II 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. The President further informed the delegates that a Global Connection Conference (GCC) was held on December 11, 2021, which was mainly focused on three essential areas. Pledges received from the GCC were:

- A. Science Lab Upgrade generated \$2,275.00;
- B. Library Upgrade generated \$1,300.00
- C. Teach Training generated \$2,050.00

In conclusion, the President informed the delegates that the Association has a bank balance of \$5,597.17 as of July 15, 2022.

In addition, the President informed members of the accomplishments made during the period under rereview. Dr. Tatus informed the members that during the period under review and throughout the COVID19 period, the Association accomplished several projects, including the following:

- A. Website upgrade
- B. Online payment
- C. Global Connection Conference
- D. Teacher's Professional Development Workshop
- E. Water System Project

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 were:

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|-------------------------|------------------------|
| A. Mr. Homa Allison     | F. Mr. David Erskine   |
| B. Dr. Blidi Stemn      | G. Ms. Anna Sleweon    |
| C. Ms. Faith Lawrence   | H. Mrs. Susan Karto    |
| D. Mrs. Ophelia Yarsiah | I. Mrs. Anna Barlee    |
| E. Fr. Dr. James Wilson | J. Ms. Barbara Freeman |

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

The President report was well received and members voted for the report to form part of our archives, after 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. The following projects were approved by the members to be implemented in 2023 and beyond:

- A. Science Lab Equipment
- B. Computers, Laptops
- C. Teachers' Lounge Upgrade
- D. Library Upgrade (Books)
- E. Professional Development
- F. Scholarships (Teachers & Students)
- G. Affiliate Membership in NAMCAL
- H. Stipend for the Principal
- I. Social Media (Zoom, Instagram, Twitter, etc.)

It was suggested by Mr. Abrom Cooper and unanimously agreed by the participants that the projects be adopted since they are ongoing projects. Without further questions, the projects were adopted for implementation by the Executive Committee.

## **Elections of Officers**

Elections of new officers for the Association were held in accordance with the Constitutions and Bylaws of CPHSAA-USA. The elections were conducted by Mr. B. Tarley Nyema - Chair, Mr. Abrom Cooper and Fr. Wilson. The process was monitored by Rev. Joseph Kpaine, II. After several appeals for nomination for the presidency, with no one willing to take the leadership role, the membership agreed unanimously to re-elect Dr. A. Senyon Tatus as President for an unprecedented 3<sup>rd</sup> term. Those elected along with Dr. Tatus for the 2023/2024 Administrative Years were:

Mrs. Ophelia Gibson Yarsiah	Vice President
Mr. Homa Allison	General Secretary
Ms. Jannie Bright	Treasurer
Mrs. Elfreida G. Gueh	Financial Secretary
Mrs. Elizabeth N. Beyan	Chaplain
Ms. Pamela Thomas	Parliamentarian

The members thank Dr. Tatus and those who volunteered, especially Ms. Jannie Bright and Mrs. Homa Allison, for their commitment and dedication to the programs and development of our Alma Mater and the Association.

## **New Business**

The members recognized the attendance and participation in the 2022 Annual National Convention of Mrs. Silvia Nyema, the wife of Rev. E. Cholo Nyema and Ms. Evelyn Brown-Wilson. Mrs. Nyema informed the delegates that she was very excited to be part of the 2022 Annual National Convention and was impressed with the leadership of the Association. She later pledged a sum of \$1,000.00 and informed the Association that her organization will provide a grant for the purchase of girls uniform through the pledge. The President elect, on behalf of the Executive Committee and members of the Association, thanked Mrs. Nyema for the pledge and pray that God richly bless her and her household.

## **Next Venue for the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Convention**

Mrs. Susan Collins Karto from the beautiful city of Columbia, Maryland volunteered and to host the 2023 Annual Convention. Participants unanimously agreed and thanked Mrs. Karto for her willingness to host the 2023 Annual National Convention. The President-elect ceremoniously



appointed Mrs. Susan Collins Karto as the chairperson of the Convention Planning Committee in accordance with the Constitution and Bylaws of the Association. The President-elect, Dr. A. Senyon Tatus, asked the participants to please join him once again to congratulate Mrs Karto for her willingness to host Convention 2023. It was noted that the date and time of Convention 2023 will be announced later by the Convention Planning Committee.

### **Closing Prayer & Adjournment**

The Business Session of Convention 2022 was adjourned at 1:00 P.M. following a closing prayer by the Fr. James N. Wilson.

Thank You.

Respectfully Submitted,



Homa Allison  
**General Secretary**  
**CPHSAA-USA, INC.**

## **Cape Palmas High School Alumni Association-USA, Inc. 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Convention Planning Committee Report East Lansdowne, Pennsylvania**

**August 12-14, 2022**

### **Overview**

The 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual National Convention Planning Committee of the Cape Palmas High School Alumni Association-USA (CPHSAA-USA) extends gratitude 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

milestone program. The Convention Planning Committee (CPC) is honored to present its Final Report to the Executive Committee to be forwarded to the General Membership.

The 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual National Convention (ANC) was held from Friday, August 12 to Sunday, August 14, 2022, in the beautiful City of East Lansdown, Pennsylvania. The events commenced on Friday with Meet and Greet at Mrs. Ruth Nyema George's residence; the Saturday Business Meeting, Benefit Ball and Worship Service events were held at the Faith Immanuel Lutheran Church; and the Sunday Farwell Cookout was also held at Mrs. Ruth Nyema George's residence. The theme for the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Convention was: "Reflecting on the Past, Focusing on the Future."

***Members of the Convention Planning Committee were:***

Mrs. Ophelia Gibson-Yarsiah - Chair  
Mrs. Ruth Nyema-George – Co-chair & Host  
Mrs. Helena Collins-Dennis – Co-Host  
Mrs. Elfreida Golegio-Gueh  
Mrs. Susan Collins-Karto  
Ms. Gertrude Freeman  
Mrs. Patricia Wallace-Farley  
Ms. Pamela Thomas  
Mrs. Rocardia Johns Taylor  
Ms. Faith Lawrence  
Mr. Benedict Doe  
Mr. Samuel Gardiner  
Mr. Musa Sounaro  
Mr. David Hanson  
Dr. A. Senyon Tatus – Ex-Officio

**Meet & Greet – Friday, August 12, 2022**

The Friday evening gathering was given the traditional Brotherly Love and Sisterly Affection warm hospitality at the beautiful home of Mrs. Ruth George. The gathering started at 6:00 pm and the Meet and Greet interactions began at 7:00 pm with food and drinks on sale for fundraising. Mrs. George, who was the host of the 23<sup>rd</sup> ANC, welcomed the gathering. Fr. James Wilson offered the opening prayer. The Chair of the Convention Planning Committee (CPC), 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. Ruth Nyema George for her kind hospitality and willingness to host the 2022 Convention. President Tatus further highlighted the importance of this year's convention because it was held in the City of Brotherly Love and Sisterly Affection. The President encouraged all convention participants to do their best to ensure that the 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Convention was successful. The Meet and Greet was officially opened by the Chair of the CPC, Mrs. Ophelia Yarsiah.

## **Business Meeting – Saturday, August 13, 2022**

The Business Meeting was held at Faith Immanuel Lutheran Church. The Business Meeting was preceded by registration with the following members in attendance:

President A. Senyon Tatus, Mr. Homa Allison, Dr. T. Edwin Freeman, Dr. Blidi Stemn, Mr. Abrom Cooper, Ms. Jennie E. Bright, Mr. E. Cholo Nyema, Mrs. Sylvia Nyema, Mrs. Rocadia Taylor, Mr. B. Tarley Nyema, Mrs. Jackie Chea Tuttle, Mr. Fred Wilson, Rev. Dr. James Wilson, Mrs. Laura Brewer, Rev. Joseph Kpanie, Mrs., Elizabeth Beyan, Ms. Faith Lawrence, Mrs. Elfrieda Gueh, Mrs. Susan Karto, Mrs. Ophelia Yarsiah, Mrs. Evelyn Brown-Wilson, Mr. Benjamin Tarway, Ms. Pamela Thomas, Mrs. Annie Jackson, Ms. Barbara Freeman, Mrs. Helena Dennis, and Mr. Benedict Doe.

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. Fr. James Wilson gave the opening prayer in the absence of the Chaplain, Ms. Pode Williams. The President presented the Convention Agenda for review, comments, and approval. Members approved the agenda as presented by the President.

The 2019 Convention minutes were subsequently read by the Secretary, Mr. Homa Allison. The minutes were accepted and placed in the archives of the Association. The President presented the Financial Report in the absent of the Financial Secretary, Mrs. Anna Barlee. Details of the Financial Report are in the Convention Meeting Minutes. Following the Financial Report was the Treasurer's Report. The Treasurer, Ms. JE Bright, presented her Annual Report. Details of the report are in the Convention Meeting Minutes. Following the Treasurer's Report was the President's Annual Stewardship Report. The Constitution mandates the President to present his report on the State of the Association. The President presented the State of the Association's Report. The President's report was well received and was given a five minutes rousing applause.

Highlights of the President's report are projects that were adopted and successfully completed during the period under review. The adopted projects for the Administrative Year 2019/2022 were:

1. Acknowledgement
2. Financial Standing
3. Accomplishments
  - A. Website Upgrade
  - B. Online Payment
  - C. Global Connection Conference
  - D. Teachers Professional Development Workshop
  - E. Water System Project
4. Appreciation
5. Bereavement

Details of the President's Report are presented in the Convention Meeting Minutes.

The President presented the below projects for adoption. However, the members argued that these are on-going projects and need not to be adopted. The President was advised to continue working on them. The President agreed to honor the mandate of the members.

### ***Adoption of 2022/2023 Projects***

1. Science Lab Equipment
2. Computers, Laptops
3. Teachers' Lounge Upgrade
4. Library Upgrade (Books)
5. Professional Development
6. Scholarships (Teachers & Students)
7. Affiliate Membership in NAMCAL
8. Stipend for the Principal
9. Social Media (Instagram, Twitter, Facebook)

Following the President's splendid report in which he highlighted the Association's achievements, Mrs. Sylvia Nyema, wife of Pastor E. Cholo Nyema, pledged \$1,000.00 to support the purchase of uniforms for students at CPHS. Mrs. Nyema said, "I am very impressed with the Association's accomplishments. I am equally impressed with the leadership, the transparency and accountability, and how funds collected have been used to support programs and projects at the school which have benefited the students and staff of CPHS". The President and the Chairlady of the Convention Planning Committee assured Mrs. Nyema that the pledged, when received, will be used for the intended purpose.

### ***Elections of New Officers***

The 2022 Convention ushered in New Leadership based on the mandate of the Association's Constitution. The elections were chaired by Mr. B. Tarley Nyema, assisted by Mr. Abrom Cooper, Rev. Joseph Kpanie, and Rev. Dr. James Wilson. Those elected were:

1. Augustine Tatus – President
2. Ophelia Yarsiah – Vice President
3. Homa Allison - General Secretary
4. Jannie Bright – Treasurer
5. Elfreida Gueh - Financial Secretary
6. Elizabeth Bayan – Chaplin
7. Pamela Thomas - Parliamentarian

### ***Convention 2023***

The date and venue of the 2023 Annual Convention were approved by the ANC. The 2023 Annual Convention will be held in Columbia, the State of Maryland from August 11 – 13, 2023. The President will consult with the Executive Committee before appointing the chairperson for the 2023 Convention Planning Committee, who will later select the Committee's members.

### ***Dinner Ball, Benefit, and Fundraising Events – Saturday, August 13, 2022***

The Dinner Ball, Benefit, and Fundraising events were held at Faith Immanuel Lutheran Church. The events began with an opening prayer led by Fr. James N. Wilson, II. Fr. Wilson 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. Dr. Blidi Stemn, Advisor to the President gave the welcome remarks. Dr. Stemn welcomed the participants and thanked them for sharing their time and families with CPHSAA-USA. The President's Advisor informed participants that this occasion

marked the 23rd Anniversary of the founding of our Association and that “let us reflect on the journey, time and efforts that have been invested in this body”. The President’s Advisor also informed members to enjoy the occasion and thank God for the blessings that He has bestowed on the Association over the years.

Following the welcome, Mr. Homa Allison, General Secretary of the Association, lighted a Memorial Candle in memories of all departed members of the Association. Mr. Allison, prayed for the departed souls to rest in eternal peace and may light perpetual shine upon them.

Mrs. Ophelia Gibson Yarsiah, Chairlady of the Convention Planning Committee of CPHSAA-USA, Inc., introduced the Honorable Guest Speaker, Mayor Majovie Joe Bland, Mayor of the beautiful City of the Borough of East Lansdown, Pennsylvania, who graciously accepted our invitation to serve as our Guest Speaker.

### ***Mayor Bland’s Message***

Mayor Bland, a renowned humanitarian, spoke on the Convention theme, “Reflecting On Our Past, Focusing On Our Future”. Honorable Bland praised the Association for what it has done for their Alma Mater, the students of Cape Palmas High School, and the people of Maryland County. In addition, Honorable Bland called on the leadership and participants to continue to assist and support vulnerable students whose parents cannot afford to provide for them necessary education materials for school and to inspire others through our dedication and services. Mayor Bland emphasized that CPHSAA-USA should be the beacon of hope for the vulnerable in the humanitarian sector.

Furthermore, the honorable Mayor admonished participants to search for “economically acceptable ways to encourage and motivate members involvement and participation in achieving the goals and objectives of the Association. Honorable Bland finally thanked the Association for actions taken to enhance its support of services to students, faculty staff, and the people of Maryland County. He also advised the Association to do more. Honorable Bland later presented 50 Backpacks to the Association to benefit students of CPHS. In addition, Mayor Bland honored Dr. A. Senyon Tatus, Mrs. Ophelia Yarsiah, and Mrs. Helena Dennis with the City of East Lansdowne Humanitarian Service Award for their leadership, services, commitment and dedication to the Association, students of Cape Palmas High School, and the people of Maryland County in Liberia.

On behalf of the Executive Committee and members of CPHSAA-USA, INC, the President, Dr. A. Senyon Tatus, thanked Mayor Bland for his kind gesture. The President assured Mayor Bland that the donated items will be sent to the school and that they will be used for the intended purpose.

### ***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, some members of the Association were honored with a Meritorious Service Award. Before the Awards were handed out, the CPC honored President Tatus on behalf of the Association with a Plaque. On

behalf of the Association, Senior Advisor, Mr. Abrom Cooper and President A. Senyon Tatus honored the following members:

1. Mr. Homa Allison
2. Dr. Blidi Stemn
3. Mrs. Ophelia Gibson-Yarsiah
4. Ms. Faith Lawrence
5. Fr. Dr. James N. Wilson
6. Mr. David Hne Erskine
7. Ms. Barbara Freeman
8. Mrs. Anna Barlee
9. Mrs. Susan Karto
10. Ms. Annie Sleweon

### ***The Silent Auction and Men verses Women/Fundraising***

The silent auction and Men Vs. Women/fundraising events were conducted by the Fundraising Committee, chaired by Ms. Faith Lawrence. These series of activities were the climax of the evening. They raised over \$2,725. The Silence Auction raised \$100.00 and the Men Vs. Women Rally raised \$2,100.00. In addition, we raised \$525 from donations from our stakeholders. We are very grateful to the Chairlady, Ms. Faith Lawrence and her Committee for the excellent job done. We also want to sincerely thank all participants who donated items for the Silent Auction. Members of the Fundraising Committee include:

Ms. Faith Lawrence – Chairlady  
Ms. Pamela Thomas – Co-chair  
Mrs. Laura Brewer  
Mrs. Jackie Chea Tuttle  
Mrs. Susan Collins Karto

### ***Closing Remarks***

In his closing remarks, the President of CPHSAA-USA, INC., Dr. A. Senyon Tatus expressed his gratitude to the 2022 Convention Planning Committee for successfully planning, organizing and implementing the program. Dr. Tatus also thanked the Guest Speaker, Honorable Majovie Bland for his inspirational speech and his services to the people of East Lansdowne, Pennsylvania and the United States of America. The President, on behalf of the Executive Committee and the membership of CPHSSAA-USA, INC., thanked Mayor Bland for giving 50 Backpacks to the students of CPHS. Further, President Tatus thanked the Rev. Dr. Moses and Mother Helena Dennis, as well as the congregation of the Faith Immanuel Lutheran Church for their warm hospitality. President Tatus also lavished praises on the Installation Officer, Ms. Nee Allison for accepting and honoring CPHSAA-USA invitation. He also thanked Ms. Allison for the Proclamation issued on behalf of NAMCAL.

In addition, Dr. Tatus thanked the community members and stakeholders who attended the 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 23rd Annual Convention. 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 give our flowers now to our pioneers and don’t wait until they are dead”.

The Dinner Ball, Benefit, and Fundraising Events were climaxed with a traditional Grebo dance led by Dr. Blidi Stemm. The dance featured “Dou See Dou Panaway, My Karlor Murning OO, Jerusama, etc.” Fr. James N. Wilson, II current Outreach Coordinator of the National Maryland County Association, USA, 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.

Dr. T. Edwin Freeman, former President of CPHSAA-USA, served as the Master of Ceremony (MC); Mr. Steven Allen Woods served as the Disc Jockey (DJ); and Mr. Diamond Hne served as the Photographer at the Dinner Ball, Benefit, and Fundraising Events. I would like to sincerely thank Dr. Freeman, Mr. Woods, and Mr. Hne 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. Ruth Nyema George. On behalf of the President, Executive Committee, and the Convention Planning Team, I would like to sincerely thank Mrs. Ruth Georget for her outstanding and kind hospitality during the 23rd Annual Convention. CPHSAA-USA shall forever remain grateful to her.

### **23rd Annual Convention Financial Statement**

The approved budget for the 23rd Annual Convention was originally \$3,500. The Planning Team later requested \$648 to increase the budget to purchase T-Shirts. It was justified that every member who paid their Convention and Registration Fees deserves a T-Shirts. Thus, \$4,148 was approved for the Convention by the Executive Committee. Below is the financial statement from the Convention operations. For breakdown and other details, please contact the Treasurer and the Financial Secretary.

My special thanks and appreciation to the CPC’s Financial Secretary, Mrs. Elfrieda Gueh, for her dedication, commitments, efforts, and cooperation in receiving funds, contacting members and preparing the Financial Statement. Her Accountability and Transparency have echoed the President’s call for good record keeping and leadership.

### **The 23rd Annual National Convention Financial Statement**

#### **Revenue**

Tickets & Convention Fees Membership Dues	\$5,200.00	
Men Vs. Women Rally	2,100.00	
Silent Auction/Fundraising	100.00	
Pepper Soup Sold	80.00	
Drinks Sold	100.00	
Donations	525.00	
<b>Total Revenue</b>		<b>\$8,105.00</b>

**Expenditure**

Hall Rental	\$350.00	
Food	1,400.00	
Silverware, Plates & Napkins	200.00	
Drinks	500.00	
Program, Flyers & Tickets	400.00	
Hall Decoration	150.00	
Music & DJ	350.00	
Church Gift	100.00	
T-Shirt	650.00	
Miscellaneous	541.00	
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b>\$4,548.00</b>

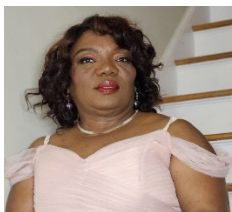
**Net Income****\$3,557.00****Conclusion**

The Convention Planning Committee would like to reiterates its gratitude to the President, Dr. A. Senyon Tatus, Executive Committee members, and the entire CPHSAA-USA membership for giving us the opportunity to serve the Association in this capacity. Special thanks to Mrs. Ruth Nyema George, Co-Chair and Host, and Mrs. Helena Collins-Dennis, Co-Host for their kind hospitality and leadership during the 23rd Annual Convention of CPHSAA-USA. I would be dismissed if I do not extend my sincere gratitude to the entire CPC members for their support, efforts, dedication, and commitment to the planning, organization, and implementation of the 23<sup>rd</sup> ANC. I am very proud of you all. We did it.

I look forward to seeing more Alumni in Columbia, Maryland for the 2023 CPHSAA-USA Annual National Convention.

Blessings to all.

Respectfully Submitted:



Mrs. Ophelia Gibson-Yarsiah  
**Chair, 2022 Convention Planning Committee**  
**CPHSAA-USA, INC.**



**CPHSAA-USA, INC**  
**Financial Secretary's Annual Report**

**August 12, 2023**

Dear Colleagues,

Thank you for the opportunity given me to serve you as your Financial Secretary for the past year. This is my first year serving as your Financial Secretary. Please forgive me if I was not able to meet your expectation during my first year of service to this body. Over the past year, we tried 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.

Table I below illustrates a comprehensive report of our collective efforts, support, and contributions to the programs and projects of our Association, including Dues, Projects, and initiatives. Please focus your attention only on 2022 and 2023, payments. Table II shows the cost of our Major Projects and Initiatives undertaken in this Administrative Year, 2022/2023. Table III provides details of our Online Direct Payments received through our website. Please note that almost all of our 2023 Dues came through Cashapp payment option.

**Table I**

**CPHSAA-USA, INC.**  
**MEMBERS DUES & CONTRIBUTIONS**  
**August 2018 – August 2023**

#	Member's Name	Chairs Pledged	Payment Made	Water System Project	2018 Dues	2019 Dues	2020 Dues	2021 Dues	2021 Global Conf Donations	2022 Dues	2023 Dues
1	Dr. A. Senyon Tatus	10 chairs	\$150	\$100	\$100	\$150	\$100	\$60	\$100	\$150	\$150
2	Dr. T. Edwin Freeman	10 chairs	\$150	\$100	\$100	\$150	\$100	\$60	\$1,000	\$150	
3	Mrs. Harriet T - Dahn	10 chairs	\$150	\$150		\$100	\$150	\$60		\$150	\$200
4	Fr. Dr. James Wilson	10 chairs	\$150		\$100	\$60	\$100	\$60		\$150	\$150
5	Light House	10 chairs	\$150								
6	Mr. Isaac Anderson	10 chairs	\$150								
7	Ms. Barbara Freeman	7 chairs	\$105	\$50	\$100	\$150	\$60	\$60		\$150	
8	Dr. Francis Tabla	7 chairs	\$105								
9	Mr. Abrom Cooper	6 chairs	\$100	\$200	\$100	\$150	\$100	\$60	\$1,000	\$150	\$150
10	Ms. Faith Lawrence	6 chairs	\$100			\$150		\$60		\$150	\$150
11	Mrs. Susan Karto	6 chairs	\$ 90	\$50	\$100	\$150				\$150	\$150
12	Ms. Claudette Aryeatey	6 chairs	\$100		\$100	\$150	\$100	\$60			\$150
13	Mr. William Langford	6 chairs.	\$100		\$100	\$150					
14	Mr. Henry Dennis	6 chairs	\$100								
15	Mr. Caesar Gardiner			\$100			\$50		\$250		\$150
16	Ms. Sophia Williams	5 chairs	\$ 75		\$100	\$100	\$60		\$150		\$150
17	Mr. David Henson	5 chairs	\$ 75							\$150	
18	Mr. Benjamin Tarway	5 chairs	\$ 75	\$100		\$150	\$100	\$120	\$150	\$150	\$150

19	Dr. Blidi Stemn	5 chairs	\$ 75	\$101	\$100	\$150	\$100	\$60		\$150	
20	Mrs. Ruth George	5 chairs	\$ 75	\$100			\$100	\$60		\$150	\$150
21	Ms. Bunchie Bright	5 chairs	\$ 75	\$50			\$100	\$60			
22	Mr. Homa Allison	3 chairs	\$45	\$35	\$100	\$150	\$100	\$60		\$150	\$150
23	Ms. Jannie E Bright	3 chairs	\$45	\$100	\$100	\$150	\$100	\$60	\$150	\$150	\$150
24	Mrs. Sarai Scott Savage	3 chairs	\$45	\$50		\$150	\$60	\$60			\$150
25	Mrs. Anna Barlee	3 chairs	\$45	\$60	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$60			
26	Ms. Janet Prowd	2 chairs	\$ 30								
27	Mr. Charles Bright	50 chairs	\$750								
28	Mrs. Josephine Nah	10 chairs	\$150		\$100						
29	Dr. Moses Geply	5 chairs	\$75								
30	Mr. Jaydee Slobert	4 chairs	\$60								
31	Mr. Jenkins Cooper					\$150					
32	Ms. Gertrude Freeman					\$70					\$150
33	Mrs. Pody Williams				\$100						
34	Mr. Sam Johns			\$45			\$60	\$60			\$150
35	Mrs. Maggie Dunbar			\$55							
36	Mr. Samuel Gardner						\$100			\$150	
37	Rev. Henry Muhlenburg				\$100	\$175	\$60	\$60	\$500	\$150	\$65
38	Rev. Edward Thompson	25 chairs	\$375	\$50			\$100	\$60			\$150
39	Mrs. Catherine Woods					\$50					
40	Mrs. Budude Z. Roberts					\$150					
41	Ms. Millie Brooks				\$100						
42	Tallahassee/Donor	5 chairs	\$75								
43	Mr. Tarley B. Nyema					\$60	\$60	\$60	\$500	\$150	\$150
44	Mrs. Ophelia Yarsiah							\$60		\$150	\$150
45	Ms. Elfreda Gueh							\$60		\$150	\$150
46	Mr. David Hanson							\$60		\$150	
47	Ms. Mercy Freeman							\$60	\$150		\$100
48	Mr. E. Cholo Nyema							\$60		\$150	\$60
49	Mr. Fred J. Wilson							\$60	\$200	\$150	\$150
50	Mrs. Blidii Tuttle								\$100	\$150	
51	Ms. Telma Collins								\$75		
52	Mr. Anthony Raymond								\$250		
53	Ms. Cecelia Williams										\$60
54	Mrs. Patricia Fairley									\$150	\$150
55	Mr. Benedict Doe									\$150	
56	Mrs. Helena Dennis									\$150	
57	Mrs. Rocardia Taylor									\$150	
58	Ms. Pamela Thomas									\$150	
59	Mr. Musa Sounaro									\$150	
60	Mrs. Briggdell Doh									\$60	\$150
61	Mrs. Lucinda C-Thomas										\$150
62	Mr. Eugene Nagbe										\$650
63	Mrs. Elizabeth Beyan									\$150	\$150
	<b>Total</b>	<b>279</b>	<b>\$3,845</b>	<b>\$1,496</b>	<b>\$1,700</b>	<b>\$2,965</b>	<b>\$1,960</b>	<b>\$1,620</b>	<b>\$4,575</b>	<b>\$4,560</b>	<b>\$4,585</b>

Source: CPHSAA-USA, INC. Financial Records  
Updated: 08/5/2023

**Table II.**

**CPHSAA-USA, INC.  
Disbursements on Major Projects & Initiatives  
August 2022 – August 2023**

<b>Project #</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Cost</b>
1	NAMCAL Membership Registration	09/25/2022	\$150.00
2	Zoom Account	11/28/2022	\$150.00
3	Book Bags Shipment	12/15/2022	\$200.00
4	Teacher's Lounge Round Table	05/20/2023	\$325.00
5	School Freezer	05/20/2023	\$460.00
6	Teacher's lounge Water Dispenser	05/20/2023	\$175.00
7	2023 Convention Payment	05/28/2023	\$4,915.00
8	CashApp Account	06/10/2023	\$0.00
9	NAMCAL Dues	<b>07/30/2023</b>	<b>\$150.00</b>
<b>Total Cost</b>			<b>\$6,165.00</b>

Source: CPHSAA-USA, INC. Financial Records  
Updated: 08/5/2023

**Table III**

**CPHSAA-USA, INC.  
Direct Deposit Payments  
August 2022 – August 2023**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Amount</b>
08/02/2022	Jannie Bright	\$150.00
08/08/2022	Henry Muhlenburg	\$150.00
08/09/2022	Jeremiah Nyema\$	\$75.00
08/14/2022	B. Tarley Nyema	\$200.00
06/17/2023	Nee Allison	\$50.00
06/28/2023	Briggdell Doh	\$150.00
08/05/2023	Henry Muhlenburg	\$65
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$840.00</b>

Source: CPHSAA-USA, INC. Financial Records  
Updated: 08/5/2023

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 12, 2023**

Dear Colleagues,

It is my esteemed honor to present to you the overall financial position of our Association. I truly thank you for the time you have given me to serve you as your Treasurer for the past Administrative Year. Over the past year, we tried our best to safe guide the assets of the Association. As the President reiterated many times, this Administration has been transparent and accountable for all CPHSAA-USA scarce resources. Below is the breakdown of our finances for the period under review.

I would like to thank our entire membership for the trust and confidence that have been entrusted in us. May God bless you all.

Respectfully Submitted



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

CAPE PALMAS HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, USA	
FINANCIAL REPORT: July 16, 2022 TO JULY 31, 2023	
Beginning Bank Balance Brought Forward: July 16, 2022	\$ 5,597.17
<b>DEPOSITS</b>	
8/10/2022 - ACH DEPOSIT -	\$ 173.88
8/15/2022 - Convention 2022 Proceeds Deposit	\$ 2,425.00
8/15/2022 - ACH Deposit -	\$ 217.87
8/18/2022 - ACH DEPOSIT	\$ 193.90
8/24/2022 - Convention 2022 Proceeds Deposit	\$ 5,250.00
9/15/2022 - Deposit	\$ 580.00
04/21/2023 - Deposit - C.Williams, Fr. E.Thompson, E.Gueh, M. Freeman @ \$60 each	\$ 240.00
04/27/2023 - CashApp Deposit (Abrom - to establish CPHSAA CashApp Account)	\$ 5.00
5/01/2023 - Change from withdrawal redeposited (should be \$25)	\$ 68.00
5/03/2023 - DEPOSIT (Briggdell Thompson)	\$ 60.00
5/19/2023 - CashApp (Harriet Dahn \$200, S. Williams \$60, C.Gardiner\$60, A. Tatus \$150; Abrom	\$ 473.00
5/26/2023 - CashApp (Abrom Cooper, Faith Lawrence, Ben Tarway)	\$ 450.00
6/06/2023 - CashApp Deposit ( Gertrude Freeman)	\$ 60.00
6/07/2023 - CashApp Deposit (Ruth George \$150; Faith Lawrence \$25 -Tkt)	\$ 175.00
6/12/2023 - CashApp Deposit (Faith Lawrence - Tkts sold)	\$ 75.00
6/15/2023 - Deposit (Claudette Ayeatey)	\$ 150.00
6/16/2023 - CashApp Deposit (E. Gueh \$90; Fr. E Thompson, \$90;Sarai Savage \$150)	\$ 330.00
6/22/2023 - ACH Transfer (Nee Allison \$50; Briggdell Thompson \$150; Less WIX fee: \$4.97)	\$ 195.03
6/24/2023 - Deposit (Jannie Bright)	\$ 150.00
6/26/2023 - Deposit (Fr. James Wilson)	\$ 150.00
6/27/2023 - CashApp Deposit (Homa Allison)	\$ 150.00
6/30/2023 - CashApp Deposit (C. Gardiner \$90; S. Williams \$90; F.Wilson; O. Yarsiah)	\$ 480.00
7/01/2023 - CashApp Deposit (Lucinda Cooper \$150; Eugen Nagbe \$500 Contrib & \$150 Conv fe	\$ 800.00
7/03/2023 - ACH Deposit (\$150 less WIX fee: \$4.65)	\$ 145.35
7/07/2023 - CashApp Deposit (Tarleh Nyema)	\$ 150.00
7/13/2023 - CashApp Deposit (Gertrude Freeman) Pending	\$ 90.00
<b>TOTAL DEPOSITS JULY 16, 2022 TO JULY 31, 2023</b>	<b>\$ 18,834.20</b>
<b>PAYMENTS/WITHDRAWALS</b>	
S. KARTO (2023 CONVENTION Hall Deposit	\$ (300.00)
Augustus Tatus (Convention 2022 - Reimbursement for Printing expenses)	\$ (400.00)
Funeral Wreath for the Late Mary Tyler /Cooper	\$ (253.00)
Homa Allison (Reimbursement for CPHSAA Zoom account	\$ (150.00)
Withdrawal/W. Union - CPHS freezer/table; D. Eskine \$520; Transmittal fee \$12;	\$ (600.00)
Convention 2023 Expenses paid to Chair-woman Susan Collins Karto	\$ (4,615.00)
Backpacks shipping cost to Harper; paid to Patricia Farley	\$ (200.00)
CPHSAA, USA registration with NAMCAL, USA	\$ (150.00)
Reimbursement - CPHSAA Website expense 2022 (Homa Allison)	\$ (264.00)
Withdrawal/reimbursement to A. Tatus - Christmas cards purchased	\$ (65.99)
Reimbursement - CPHSAA Website expense 2023 (Homa Allison)	\$ (264.00)
NAMCAL Annual Dues -2023 (check has not cleared bank)	\$ (150.00)
<b>TOTAL WITHDRAWALS/PAYMENTS: JULY 16, 2022 TO JULY 31, 2023</b>	<b>\$ (7,411.99)</b>
<b>BANK STATEMENT BALANCE AS OF JULY 31, 2023</b>	<b>\$ 11,537.21</b>
<b>Outstanding Deposit (Gertrude Freeman)</b>	<b>\$ 90.00</b>
Outstanding Check (NAMCAL)	\$ (150.00)
Due to J. Bright: \$63; (paid \$329.99, reimbsd self \$309.99; deposited \$68 change instead of \$2	\$ (63.00)
<b>ADJUSTED BANK BALANCE: July 31, 2023</b>	<b>\$ 11,414.21</b>

**CPHSAA-USA, INC**  
**President's Annual Stewardship Report**

**August 12, 2023**

**Greetings**

Madam Vice President, Members of the Executive Committee, and Colleagues:

With the power and grace of the Almighty God, the Great Architect of the Universe, I bring you greetings on behalf of the Executive Committee and the Membership of CPHSAA-USA, INC. It is an honor and privilege to appear before you and to bring you my **Stewardship Report on the State of our Association** for the current period under review.

**Acknowledgement**

Let me begin by praising and acknowledging the Great Architect of the Universe, through whose grace and mercy I am able to gather strength to appear before you today to tender in this brief account of my stewardship as the 8<sup>th</sup> President of Cape Palmas High School Alumni Association, USA, Inc. We have come a long way since the elections last August, and have endured our share of hard work, criticisms and praise. However, the overall support and cooperation that we received from the Executive Committee and the entire membership are extraordinary, and for this, I am grateful. I am, especially grateful to our General Secretary and Treasurer for putting up with me. Even though, they enjoyed me calling them 6:00 am in the morning for inquiries on the state of our Association. Thank you, JE and Homa.

This report provides a synopsis of my stewardship as your President during the past year. It also shows our accomplishments during 2022/2023 Administrative Year. Furthermore, this report pays tributes to our members for their support, contributions and encouragement during our time of service to this Association. Additionally, we pay tribute to our fallen colleagues who have predeceased us, most recently, Mr. Eli Tubman, who served this Association as our very First President. 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 as compared to last year when we presented the state of the Association on August 13, 2022. For example, at this time last August, we reported an

ending bank balance of **\$5,597.71**. I am happy to report that as of this August our current bank balance is **\$11,537.21**. This is an increase of **\$5,939.50**. Throughout the period under review, the Association was unable to implement any major project to generate revenue, like the Global Connection Conference, which brought in a huge revenue in 2021. However, we were able to disburse funds for a number of projects during the period under review, including funds for this year's Convention. The total amount of funds disbursed for this year was **\$6,165.00**. Please see Table II in the Financial Secretary's Report for complete breakdown.

Permit me to provide you with a picture of our financial health for the period under review. The Tables in the Financial Secretary's Report, illustrate the overall financial health of our Association. **Table I** illustrates the total amount of funds **\$8,895.00** generated from Dues Payments in 2022 and 2023. **Table II** indicates the total disbursements made in the amount of **\$6,165.00** for major projects, including funds disbursed for the 2023 Convention. **Table III** shows the amount of funds, **\$840.00** received from Direct Deposit through our website. Again, for detailed financial reports, please reference the Treasurer's and the Financial Secretary's Annual Reports.

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

### **Accomplishments**

Colleagues, during the period under review, the leadership of this Administration has implemented some projects and undertook some other initiatives for the benefit of the Association. It is not always an easy task to convince the Executive Committee to approve and implement projects that have already been adopted at the Annual National Convention. Sometimes, it is caused by the lack of attentiveness at these deliberations when important decisions are being made. These and other problems have significantly contributed to the lack of progress and have impacted the implementation of many projects that were earmarked and adopted at these conventions by the General Membership, which is the highest decision makers of the Association.

It is, therefore, my ardent hope that members, especially the EC, would pay keen attention to these deliberations and not overlook any agenda items that has been placed on the floor for discussion. However, I would like to thank the EC for their support and cooperation in assisting me to deliver these little but important accomplishments during the period under review.

*1. Teacher's Lounge Round Table And Water Dispenser*

The impact of the Liberian civil strife is still visible at CPHS in many forms and ways. However, the Association is doing its best to erase these horrific feelings and scenes. We continue to upgrade the **Rev. Amos Nyema Teacher's Lounge**. The latest projects in our efforts to upgrade and make this facility conducive and comfortable for the teachers of CPHS are the purchases made for a large round conference table and a large water dispenser, which we hope will encourage the teachers to continue to do their best in transferring knowledge to the students of CPHS. The total disbursement for both projects was **\$500**. Please see the Financial Secretary's Report for detailed breakdown.

*2. Large Freezer For The School*

Cape Palmas High School is one of the best schools of learning in Maryland County and, as such, is involved in many extra curriculum activities. With so many public programs, including National Holidays and the school's other activities, the need to promote health and, food safety and security are paramount to the health, safety, and well-being of our students, faculties, staff and other stakeholders who periodically visit the campus of the school. With this in mind, the EC of CPHSAA-USA deemed it important and necessary to purchase a large freezer for the school. The total funds disbursed for this project was **\$460.00**.

*3. National Maryland County Association Of Liberia Affiliation*

Cape Palmas High School Alumni Association-USA has made history. We are the very first school Alumni Association from Maryland County to become an Affiliate Chapter of NAMCAL. We have shown leadership for other Alumni Associations from the county to follow. Our membership took effect on **December 4, 2022**. In a discussion with the Chairman of the NRC, Hon AL Wisner, he congratulated the President of CPHSAA-USA, the EC and the entire membership of the Association for taking the lead in becoming an Associate Member of NAMCAL. Our membership enables us to be a decision maker on discussions and the ability to



vote on issues concerning the growth and development of NAMCAL and Maryland County. We paid **\$150.00** for our membership registration.

#### ***4. Shipment Of Book Bags To Harper***

During the 2022 Annual National Convention, which was held in the Borough of East Lansdowne, Pennsylvania, our Guest Speaker, the Honorable Majovie Bland gave us **50 Book Bags**. These book bags have now been shipped to the school. As I present this report to you, these items are in the possession of the school's administration. The EC has decided that these book bags be distributed on a merit-bases. My thanks and appreciation to Mrs. Patricia Wallace Farley for her assistance in shipping these items to Harper via her husband. The cost to ship these items was **\$200.00**.

#### ***5. Online Payment/Cashapp***

The Association has established several online payment mechanisms for members, stakeholders, and friends of the Association. Our website can now accept direct **Online Due Payments and Donations**. We have also established a **Cashapp Payment** option for our growing membership. Members can now pay their dues and give donations at **SCPHSAAAssociation**. Currently, our CashApp payment option is our most frequently used payment option.

Again, to make a direct payment or contribution, please go to **cphsaa-usa.org** and click on membership. We encourage all CPHSAA-USA members to sign in to make payments. Our payment methods are safe and secure. Guests and other stakeholders can use the donation link on the Home Page or the Contact Page. Payments can be made via Credit and Debit Cards directly or through PayPal. I am extremely grateful to the Financial Team for undertaking these great initiatives. We are very proud of our accomplishments.

#### ***6. Zoom Account***

With the advancement of technology and social media construct, the Association has refused to be left behind. Our members are located globally, therefore, virtually connecting with them for meetings, conferences and workshops is now at our fingers tip. The Association has purchased it very own Zoom Account. Thanks to our General Secretary for working out the details to enable us to have our very own Zoom Account. The total funds disbursed to purchase this technology was **\$150.00**.

### *7. Water System Project*

As you are aware, the Association is still working on the construction of a Water System Project. As mentioned, many times, this project will solve decades long problem of students and support staff carrying water by buckets and containers into the school building to flush toilets, wash hands, and use in the Science Lab. The project is now moving forward with the construction of a new water hole that will now carry the water through the system into the building. As we speak, the contractors are working on the project and hope to complete work before the end of this year. You will be updated regularly by the leadership on the progress of the project.

### **Our Appreciation**

Colleagues, Ladies and Gentlemen. Our Administration is very grateful to the General Membership for the cooperation and support that we have enjoyed during the period we served this August body. I am particularly grateful to the Executive Committee for their guidance and leadership in assisting me with the stewardship of this Association. With the collective efforts of each member of the EC, we were able to implement some projects, goals and objectives. Because of these achievements, I like to show my gratefulness to the membership by giving them their flowers. By honoring our members, they will know that we actually appreciate them. Deeds not Words.

### ***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 **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. Ms. Sophia E. Williams**
- 2. Mr. Benjamin Tarway**
- 3. Ms. Claudette Aryeetey**
- 4. Mr. Caesar Gardiner**
- 5. Mr. Fred Jerome Wilson**

- 6. Mrs. Ruth Nyema George**
- 7. Mrs. Sarai Scott Savage**
- 8. Ms. Gertrude D. Freeman**
- 9. Mrs. Patricia Wallace Farley**
- 10. Ms. Bunchie Bright**

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.

### ***Bereavement***

Colleagues, the CPHS family has endured its share of pains and sorrows. During the period under review, we witnessed the home going of the First President of our Association, Mr. Eli Tubman. Mr. Tubman was a pioneer and strong advocate for leadership and collaboration. He will be dearly missed. We also witness the passing of Ms. Mia Cooper and other members of the CPHS families. A candle will be lighted in their memories. May their souls rest in perpetual peace. May their memories be a blessing.

### **Conclusion**

Colleagues, Ladies and Gentlemen. I want to thank the General Membership for the opportunity given to us to serve you for the period under review. I further want to thank the Executive Committee for their support, dedication, contributions, and cooperation during this period. Over the course of this Administrative Year, 2022/2023, the Administration has completed meaningful projects and initiatives, while at the same time extending our stakeholders base and building a strong foundation for our Association. Our membership is on the rise, so is our ability to generate revenues to implement projects.

Our efforts to gain non-profit (501(c) (3) Status with the federal government of the United States of America is a significant accomplishment but we are not taking full advantage of this opportunity. We need to apply for grants and take advantage of the opportunity presented to us. I am appealing to members who can write grants to help us.

Another issue that I want to bring to your attention is the use of our website. Our efforts to upgrade our website is a significant accomplishment. With our direct payment and cashapp payment options, our members now have a very secured avenue to donate. With these easy

methods to transfer funds to our account, our bank account has grown. Our website is secure and is our gateway to the outside world. It is where our important documents, including our Organic Laws are stored. The website contains, among other documents, Membership Form, Online Payment options, President Updates and Annual Reports, Conventions Reports and Picture Gallery. Members need to visit the website frequently. Please take some time off your busy schedule to visit the website and bring us suggestions on how to enhance the site and our Association. We need your input and critical views on how to grow this Association. Finally, I would like to thank the Executive Committee sincerely and truthfully for the collaboration and support for our stewardship. Together, we have made a significant impact to the growth and development of our Alma Mater and the students at Cape Palmas High School. Next year is our Silver Jubilee, 25 Years of existence, and I hope we will work harder to make it a fabulous year. Next year is also an Elections Year. Please start to look for and engage candidates who will assume the leadership role of this Association when that time comes. Our time will be up by August, 2024.

Thank you and may God bless you all

Respectfully submitted,



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

## NOTES