MINUTES
33rd BWINAANA NATIONAL CONVENTION
GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING
SATURDAY, JUNE 20, 2026
212 HUNTERDON STREET
NEWARK, NJ 07103
9:00a.m. - 3:00p.m.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER by Tarlow L. Miller, National President, BWINAANA at 10:15a.m. and appointed Hassan Tall as Marshall for this EC Meeting to manage the speakers and impose penalty for interruption.

AGENDA

1. Meeting call to order
2. Reading and Adoption of the Agenda
3. Opening Prayer
4. Roll Call
5. Welcome Remarks and Recognition of Special Guests
6. Minutes from 2025 EC Meeting
7. 2025 National Financial Report
8. Chapters' reports (Local Chapter Presidents)
    1. State of affairs
    2. Membership
    3. Financial status
9. Committees' reports:
    1. Scholarship Committee
    2. Constitution Committee
    3. Membership Committee
10. 2027 National Conventions Nomination

LUNCH 12:00p.m. - 1:00p.m.

11. New Business
12. Update on projects status on BWI Campus
13. Any Other Business
14. Adjournment
15. Closing Remarks — National President
16. Announcement — NJ
17. Closing prayers — National Chaplain
18. School Ode — Delegates

READING AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA: Reading of agenda read by National Secretary Gbeh E. Moore, and adopted by the General Assembly.

OPENING PRAYERS: Offered by Pastor Jacob Mensah, National Chaplain.

ROLL CALL: By National Secretary Gbeh E. Moore as follow:

National Officers present:

1. Ms. Tarlow Miller, National President	DVC	(619) 793-7941
2. Ms. Sarah Lawrence, National Social Secretary & Chairlady, National Convention	DC	(443) 683-3256
3. Pastor Jacob Mensah, National Chaplain	CA	(925) 497-8298
4. Ms. Alice S. Quiah, National Vice President	MN	(763) 647-9448
5. Mr. Emmett D. Jones, Sr., National Historian	NJ	(973) 819-5639
6. Rev. Dr. Paulina Cole-Hardy, Gospel Psalmist	DVC	(214) 636-5228
7. Ms. Esther Garwo, National Queen	DVC	(484) 477-9208
8. Ms. Elizabeth Garwo, National Treasurer	GL	(608) 213-7984
9. Ms. Elizabeth Konah Collins, National Financial Secretary	DVC	(973) 687-0162
10. Ms. Gbeh E. Moore, National Secretary	DVC	(215) 485-2272

Chapter Presidents present:

11. Mr. David Karngba, Acting President	SWC	(817) 874-4073
12. Ms. Estelle Morris, President (via Video)	GA	(678) 755-4748
13. Mr. Michael Dortu, President	NJ	(973) 392-5026
14. Mr. Rudolph Weedor, President	DVC	(267) 394-0293
15. Mr. Daniel W. Kieh, President	DC	(678) 467-4764
16. Mr. Christian Anderson, President	NY	(917) 553-3674
17. (Chapter paid sitting fee, but absent due to death)	GL	

Delegates

18. Ms. Emily Jack, Convention Co-Chairlady	NJ	(908) 578-0894
19. Ms. Roberta Ricks-Gardiner	NJ	(856) 882-8851
20. Vartue Walter	NJ	
21. Ms. Famata Ricks-Parker	SWC	(763) 443-5539
22. Mr. Ishmael Marsh	NY	(917) 865-2524
23. Ms. Abrown Okyne	NY	(718) 297-5641
24. Mr. Amos Kelvin Gray	MN	(612) 840-8290
25. Ms. Korlu-Pewu Lamie	DVC	(484) 477-9208
26. Mr. Hassan M. Tall		DVC (609) 280-9051
27. Mr. Paul Mulbah	MD	(301) 442-1766
28. Ms. Quita Mulbah(Associate member)	MD	(301) 613-3558
29. Ms. Ellouise Summerville.	NJ	(718) 877-3209
30. Dr. Jacqueline Gboyah-Bush, Vice President (via video)	GA	(678) 410-7203
31. Mr. George Neor	CA	(510) 541-4731
32. Ms. Beatrice Hansford		(678) 410-7218
33. Mr. Momo Peters	NJ	(862) 205-1142
34. Ms. Octavia Cole	CA	(510) 987-6671
35. Ms. Esther Brown	NY	(347) 299-7968

36. Mr. Eric Harris (President Emeritus)	DC	(301) 370-3586
37. Mr. Samuel J. Gebeor	Colorado	(719) 321-2283
38. Ms. Sylvia Padmore	NJ	(973) 518-0406
39. Ms, Betty Clinton, Chief, National Elections Commission	RI	(401) 338-6970

WELCOME REMARKS: Mr. Michael Dortu, President, NJ, welcomed and thanked delegates for attending this year's 33rd National Convention in Newark, New Jersey; also, wishing them well during their stay and to enjoy the company of each other as we work in the common interest of BWI, our Alma Mater.

President Tarlow Miller welcomed and recognized few special guests present, including:
1. Mr. Christian Anderson, President, NJ, and team
2. President Emeritus Eric Harris, DC
3. Ms. Betty Clinton, Chairperson, National Elections Commission and team
4. Mr. Samuel J. Gebeor, Colorado and;
5. Mr. Paul Mulbah, MD, visionary and one of the founding members in 1986 and first Interim President of the BWINAANA.

MINUTES FROM 2025 EC MEETING: Minutes inadvertently omitted from QR Code.

2025 NATIONAL FINANCIAL REPORT: After presentation of the "pre-Convention financial report (Nov 30, 2025)" by National Financial Secretary Elizabeth Konah Collins, the General Assembly delegates deliberated and unanimously agreed that report be withdrawn due to the inclusion of individual names stated in report, etc.

She then presented the 2025 National Convention Financial Report (June 1 – Oct. 31, 2025). With this, the General Assembly charged her to complete a comprehensive report and state exact amount taken from Association's account as supplement towards the Auto-Mechanic Building Project, which was officially dedicated on Wednesday, December 10, 2025, on campus, and disseminate same to Chapter Presidents currently working with the National Leadership.

In conclusion, President Miller thanked the financial team and requested for a motion and second to conclude on the 2025 National Convention Financial Report as per discussion. David S. Karngba, Jr., Acting President, SWC, moved, stating "pending the submission of remaining report, the final report should be disseminated to Chapter Presidents currently working with the National Leadership," and seconded by Her Majesty Esther Garwo, National Queen.

CHAPTERS REPORT:
DVC: President Rudolph Weedor read a written report:
Achievements: DVC, is very proud of four of its members re-election and serving on the National Leadership team, namely, Mrs. Tarlow Miller, National President, Mrs. Gbeh E. Moore, National Secretary, Mrs. Elizabeth K. Collins, National Financial Secretary, and Rev. Dr. Paulina Cole-Hardy, National Gospel Psalmist.

Financial performance: Membership is good but finances slow; however, we continue to recruit members and urging members to commit to their financial obligations. Some of our members are aging, and faced with medical challenges and visitation continues.

SWC: Acting President David Karngba: Membership is good; members are aging with medical challenges. Ongoing rift continues to hinder the Chapter. The young members are not motivated to participate in the Chapter's affairs; due payment is striving; and plans to conduct elections before the upcoming EC Meeting.

NJ: Michael Dortu, Presisent: Read a written report. Chapter operating smoothly with some challenges. Membership has decreased, but it is still good and recruitment is ongoing. As Convention is ongoing, NJ marks its 40th year since inception and is in honor of late Chapter President Kathleen Cole.

DC: Daniel Kieh: Currently bereaved but had to attend Convention.

- Chapter lost a member, who was laid to rest in Virginia.
- Currently, Chapter has 17 members and is financially strong;
- Growth: Few are participating in the affairs of the Chapter and recruitment is ongoing.
- Suggestion: That all Chapters tap into class organizations to encourage members to the Association.

MN*:* Mr. Amos Gray unofficially reported: Rift continues to affect Chapter. Many members are old with medical challenges. Maneuvers are ongoing, pushing for elections as majority favors the Association. Will provide update. Additionally, current delegates remain with Association.

CA: Pastor Jacob Mensah unofficially reported: Though the rift continues to affect his Chapter, but some members have had a change of mind; and have noticed CA is coming back. He will provide update.

NY: Mr. Christian Anderson, President reported: "Chapter is well-anticipated to attend this Convention and recommitted to BWINAANA; Organizing to be back; BWINAANA has come this far by faith; and the Chapter is willing to do what is needed to enhance the Association, and NY is back."
President Miller remarked with thanks and weeping eyes to warmly welcome NY to BWINAANA with open arms.

RI: Ms. Betty Clinton, Chairperson, National Elections Commission, expressed her willingness to attend the Convention because she stands for doing the right thing; and this should serve as a reset for all delegates and to seek opportunities.

Colarado*:* Mr. Samuel S. Gebeor, Class '87, reported that this is his first Convention and thanked Elizabeth Garwo, National Treasurer, for her encouragement. He also informed delegates that there are no chapters in Colorado; and he is aware of four graduates there; but he is unaware of rift within the Association.

GA: Unavailable.
GL*:* unavailable.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Constitution Committee: Daniel Wreh G. Kieh informed delegates that the Constitution was approved and adopted in November 2025 in Houston, Texas and in effect.

Scholarship Fund Committee:
David S. Karngba, Jr., Acting President, SWC, suggested and unanimously agreed to by the General Assembly to revamp the scholarship fund and invest in students in need with potentials.

With this, the General Assembly re-instituted the Scholarship Fund Committee by appointing the following people:

1. Her Majesty Queen Esther Garwo, Chairperson
2. David S. Karngba, Jr., Acting President, SWC, Member
3. Rudolph Weedor, President, DVC, Member

The responsibilities of the Scholarship Fund Committee shall include, but are not limited to:
1. Raise funds for the Scholarship Fund;
2. Set criteria for scholarship beneficiaries.

Membership continuity: Hassan Tall cautioned the General Assembly that current members of the Association are aging, retiring, facing medical challenges, and out of the country. It is time to begin to think about the continuity of the Association in the not-so-far distance by means of engaging younger generation by conducting a membership drive on facebook to encourage them to come on board and take over.

Strategic Planning Team:
David S. Karngba, Jr., Acting President, SWC, suggested and unanimously agreed to by the General Assembly to revamp the Strategic Planning team, formerly chaired by Christian Anderson, President, NY, now that the Chapter is back.

In response, Christian Anderson, President, NY, concurred, stating, "Here to pick up where NY stopped. He also accepted to continue as Chairman of the team.

NEW BUSINESS:
National President Tarlow Miller recognized and honored the presence of President Emeritus Eric Harris for his long service as President of the BWINAANA and who made sure to conduct National Elections and turned over to her administration.

In response, President Emeritus Eric Harris, DC, stated that it took a lot to be at this Convention; unfortunately, he missed one Convention due to the death of his aunt; and he is privileged to be back and willing to do all to help the Association. He also encouraged the General Assembly that unity surpasses the funds so let us meet and have fun and thanked National President Miller and team for their service.

Election of Board of Directors: Hassan Tall, DVC, suggested that members of the Board of Directors be elected rather than appointed; by so doing amend the Constitution. Members selection includes each chapter sending the names to National Leadership for election. This topic should form part of the agenda for the next Executive Council Meeting for thorough discussion and resolution.

RVR Trust Fund: National Financial Secretary Elizabeth Konah Collins informed the General Assembly that every effort has been made to reach David Ballah, sole signatory to the RVR Trust Fund account, to no avail.

Based on the above, National President Tarlow Miller informed the General Assembly that since the Houston National Convention in 2025, last report received was inclusive of the 2024 National Convention Financial report which was rejected but later clarified at the 2025 Executive (EC) Meeting by Momo Vezelee, former National Financial Secretary, via live telecommunication. She personally called David Ballah followed by an email and certified letter dated February 5, 2026. She has since not received a

response from him except for a returned copy of the certified receipt. Additionally, the National Financial team attempted to meet with Bank of America Branch Manager with a letter dated April 16, 2026, requesting signature change to the RVR Trust Fund account, but were denied an audience because their names are not on the account, which is currently placed in a Certificate of Deposit (CD) by David Ballah, sole signatory to the account.

With this information, it was then discussed to seek legal process with the intent to subpoena bank's information; but first consult Constitution under Article 2, Section 5 – Trust Fund prior to proceeding with the legal aspect. Other key points raised included his unilateral decision to remove names of two other Committee members, including Jojo Isaac, Former National Treasurer and Ada Hage. as signatories to the account while establishing and transferring account to a 'CD' without proper authorization. After thorough deliberation, the General Assembly instituted the RVR Trust Fund Inquiry Committee to include:

1. Amos Gray, MN
2. Hassan Tall, DVC
3. Elizabeth Konah Collins, National Financial Secretary, DVC
4. Rudolph Weedor, President, DVC
5. David S. Karngba, Jr., President, SWC

2027 NATIONAL CONVENTION NOMINATION

As a new member returning and given the opportunity, NY, was unanimously voted upon to be the host of next year's National Convention. In response, Christian Anderson, President, NY, accepted.
To conclude this session, President Miller thanked NY for its acceptance and requested a motion and a second. It was moved by Hassan Tall, DVC, and seconded by Rudolph Weedor, President, DVC.

AOB

Names of all Fallen Tigers were remembered and displayed on screen to honor them and shared condolences to members and families for the loss of their loved ones.

<u>National Elections began at 3:07pm</u>

Hassan Tall, Co-Chairperson, National Elections Commission (NEC), DVC, introduced the process, stating even though one team ran and was granted clearance, the process had to take its course.

Betty Clinton, Chairperson, National Election Commission, RI, recognized members of her team and informed the General Assembly that the electoral process began on April 27, 2026. Members of NEC include:

1. Betty Clinton, RI, Chairperson
2. Elizabeth Jackson Horace, NJ
3. Henry F. Fallah, NC
4. Hassan M. Tall, DVC, Co-Chairperson
5. Nathaniel Wilson, TX

Unfortunately, one NEC member was too ill to attend and perform his duties. If there is a tie of the result, the General Assembly will break the tie.

Candidates cleared for election are Team Miller and Quiah Washington, which include:

1. Tarlow Miller, National President
2. Alice Quiah Washington, National Vice Pres.
3. Sarah Lawrence, National Social Secretary
4. Pastor Jacob C.A. Mensah, National Chaplain
5. Elizabeth Konah Collins, Nat'l Financial Secretary
6. Gbeh Elizabeth Moore, National Secretary
7. Elizabeth Garwo, National Treasurer

The following Chapters paid their sitting fees, cleared to participate in the general elections, and ballots to be cast by Chapter Presidents: 1. GL, 2. DVC, 3. NJ, 4. SWC, 5. DC, 6. MN, 7.GA

She read the rules guiding the elections. Chapter Presidents called out to sign and cast vote accordingly: GL, DVC, NJC, SWC, DC, MN, GA – Dr. Bush on phone and proxy by Rev. Dr. Paulina Cole-Hardy to sign and vote due to cancellation of flight at last minute by airline.

Result: Votes counted by NEC: Seven (7) out of 12 Chapters voted. NEC Chairperson announced that seven (7) Chapters voted out of 12 and all voted for Team Miller and Quiah Washington.

Names of Leadership names announced as follows:
Tarlow Miller, National President
Alice Quiah Washington, National Vice Presidential
Gbeh Elizabeth Moore, National Secretary
Elizabeth Konah Collins, National Financial Secretary
Elizabeth Garwo, National Treasurer
Sarah Lawrence, National Social Secretary
Pastor Jacob Mensah, National Chaplain

Hassan Tall, Co-Chairperson, NEC, handed the gavel to President Miller as this ends NEC's mandate. School ode sang by General Assembly.

CLOSING REMARKS: With the exhaustion of the meeting agenda, National President Tarlow Miller thanked all delegates for their attendance and participation, especially, first timers, NY Chapter for its comeback; NJ for hosting this awesome National Convention, Queen Esther Garwo on her victory as National Queen, NEC for a smooth and transparent election, and the entire General Assembly for trusting her team to continue the affairs of the Association for another term, while encouraging all to remain united and vigilant for the sake of our Alma Mater. She then asked for a motion to adjourn the General Assembly, in which Rudolph Weedor, President, DVC, moved and seconded by Sarah Lawrence, National ,Social Secretary. Closing prayers were offered by Pastor Jacab Mensah, National Chaplain. and meeting adjourned at 3:42p.m.

Announcement: Convention Ball scheduled for tonight; Service on Sunday, June 21, 2026, at Calvary Baptist Church, East Orange, NJ 07019, and cookout at the home of Emily Jack thereafter.

Respectfully submitted:

Gbeh E. Moore

Gbeh Elizabeth Moore
National Secretary
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We are BWI. We are Tigers. We are One, and Moving Forward!