

Los Angeles Adventist Academy Alumni Association
 March 15, 2009
 Minutes of the First Official Alumni Association Meeting
 10:00 am

The LAAA Alumni Association Meeting was called to order by Marc Woodson, Acting Chairperson at 10:25 am. Marc Woodson explained the importance of Christian Education and explained why the Alumni Association was being founded! The Alumni mission is to coincide with LAAA mission statement.

The Alumni will help support LAAA mission statement to provide a Christ-centered, learning environment that promotes academic excellence and prepares students for a life of service to God and to a culturally diverse community. We, the Alumni Association believe that education involves the harmonious development of the mental, physical, social, and spiritual aspects of each student and the building of Christian character. The Alumni will help to rebuild the bridge through reaching out to our pastors, churches, students and faculty by building and taking Christian education to the next level.

The Founders and Charters Members roll called at 10:45am by Marc Woodson, Acting Chairman. Members who were present are denoted by asterisk*

LAAA Alumni Association
Founders & Charter Members
 As of 3/15/09

Laura Hairston Abell	Valerie Lindsey*
Paul Arceneaux	Calvin Lloyd*
Raymona Bailey	David Love*
Dorothy Baker	Paula McAlpin*
Gary Baker	Barbara McCowan
Venita Baker	Ronald McCowan
Vincent Baker	Clayton P. McKnight
Barbara M. Corbin Barker	Glen F. McKnight*
Leticia Barksdale	Kim McCrae
Donna R. Watson Bell	Lanis L. Smith Miller
Fulton Bell*	Joaquin Mitchell
Gloria Bell	Runette Mitchell*
Charlene Mills Berry*	Marylin Morgan
Patricia Vance Brandon	Wade Morgan
Paul Braxton	Gregory C. Monette
Veda Brisco*	Regina Banks-Moten *
Marvin Bryant	Dwight Mullen

Harold Burnett	Brenda Johnson Munio
Eddy Caballero*	Herbert Nelson
Mechi Caballero*	Lilly Nelson*
Juanita Carter	Bernadette O'Leary
Annie Chaney	Taletu Oyefeso
Velna Christopher	Anthony Paschal
Janet Corbin*	Reginald Paschal*
Karen Corbin	Lorenzo Paytee *
Deborah Cox*	Phyllis Bryan Paytee*
Gladys Crittendon	Darrilyn Peak*
Angela Damon	Sandra Pfirmann*
John Damon	Carl Phillips
Renee B. Davis	Yvette Phillips
Janice E. Davis	Deforest Reed*
Christopher Dent*	Janis Reynolds
Robert Dent	Margery L. Rich
Teri Dent	Jean Robinson
Yvette A. Dent*	Cheryl Rudley
Juan W. DeCruz Jr.	Dwana Sankey
Paula Dudley	Timothy Sankey
Monya Easter	Alejandra Sanchez*
Denise Edwards	Gabriela Sanchez*
Peggy Remick Fieber	Samuel Efrain Sanchez*
A. Ann Fields	Tami Samuel
Dimples Fields*	Don Sease
Dellis E. Frank	Angela Hicks-Settle
Jacqueline Galbreath	Otto A. Stokes
Jacquelyn Marshall Garcia	Jonathan Taylor
Otis Goldsmith*	William Taylor
Linda Lyles Gray	Carol Todd*
Marlene Greene*	Eric Todd
Patricia Griggs	Joel Ulloa
Diana Harris	Lonell Wade
N.J. Dealen Hartfield	Marilyn Wade
George Hasley	Bridgett Graham Walker*
Tamara Murphy Hebert	Rozelle Jenee Walker
Meryl Joseph Hinkle	Jerry Warren
Gary Hudson	Dorla Watson
Winona Knight Hudson	Kenneth L. Watts
Andreatta Huff	Victoria E. Watts *
Carol Jackson	Debrina Williams*
Dorothy Jackson	Gertrude Maxwell Williams
Melvin Jackson	Leslie Williams*
Richard Jackson	Gary Willis
Byron Johnson	Alan Woodson*
Hellena C. Joseph	Dee Woodson

August Jovar* Yahya Khalfani Subira Khalfani Benita R. Knight* Byron H. Knight* Verlean Knight James L. Kyle, II James Lee Jr.* Orlanta Gripper Lee* Alvin Lewis* Arkeisha Lewis Jean Lind	Geraldine Woodson Marc Woodson Milton Woodson, Jr. William R. Wright, Jr. Andrew Young Marcella L. Young Mary Young*
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There was much discussion on charter membership. It was voted and approved by the LAAA Alumni Association that the founder's charter membership would be officially closed as of March 15, 2009 and that the membership would be \$100.00 per year coinciding with the school fiscal year! (July 1 – June 30)

Marc Woodson continued to steer the meeting and the proceeded with the following agenda:

Constitution of and Bylaws

The bylaws read were by Marc Woodson, Acting Chairperson. Much discussion was made and the following occurred:

No changes in the Preamble or Articles I and II. No changes for Article V and VI. No changes in Article VIII.

The following executive motion (s) were made to the by laws

Changes were made in Article III B & C. Article IV changes were made. Article VII and IX there are changes that have been made also.

Yvette Dent, Acting Recording Secretary read the amended constitution and bylaws as denoted below:

Los Angeles Adventist Academy Alumni Association Constitution and By-Laws

Adopted on March 15, 2009

PREAMBLE

In order to foster support for our Alma Mater and to promote Adventist Christian education, we, the Alumni of Los Angeles Adventist Academy, do hereby adopt this constitution.

ARTICLE I—Name

This association shall be known as the Los Angeles Adventist Academy Alumni Association (“LAAA Alumni Association”).

ARTICLE II—Purpose

The purpose of this Association shall be for furthering friendships, building community and to continue support of LAAA. Some specific objectives of this Association shall be to:

- A. Partner with LAAA to provide financial resources through membership fees, fundraisers, in-kind gifts and other resource development events to support the school.
- B. Provide any and all activities deemed proper, advisable, necessary, or beneficial in promoting LAAA and the alumni thereof.
- C. Encourage former graduating classes and students to continue a spirit of partnership with LAAA.
- D. Organize and conduct the annual Alumni Homecoming Weekend each spring.
- E. Maintain a current roster of all alumni as defined under Article III – Membership.
- F. Establish and maintain a charter member and alumni membership annual fee to assist in providing LAAA with a resource fund to be maintained and administered by the Association.
- G. Publish alumni news through the official newsletter of the Association, [Newsletter Name], and through other media.

- H. Organize alumni affiliations from the former Lynwood Elementary, Lynwood Academy, Los Angeles Academy and Los Angeles Union SDA Schools.
- I. Acknowledge and extend memberships to all current and future graduating seniors into the Association.
- J. Promote Adventist Christian education by partnering with LAAA in developing network mixers, workshops, and mentoring programs as needed to help in the sustainability of the Association and the continued commitment of all alumni in supporting LAAA.

ARTICLE III—Membership

The membership of this Association shall consist of the following:

- A. Regular voting members shall be charter members and any graduate or former student of Watts School, Los Angeles Academy, Lynwood Elementary, Lynwood Academy, Los Angeles Union or Los Angeles Adventist Academy who have paid the required membership fees.
- B. Associate members (non-voting) shall be spouses of Regular Members, former and present faculty/staff of LAAA and their spouses, friends or patrons supporting Adventist Christian education and former and present members of the Board of Trustees of LAAA who have paid the required membership fees.

ARTICLE IV—Meetings

- A. At least two meetings of the Executive Board as defined under Article VII—Officers shall be held prior to the annual Alumni Homecoming.
 - 1. A majority of the Executive Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.
 - 2. The purpose of this meeting shall be to (a) review the financial statement for the previous year, (b) nominate officers for the upcoming year, (c) strategic planning, and (d) plan for the annual Alumni Homecoming.
- B. At least one meeting of the Association shall be held annually to coincide with Alumni Homecoming.
 - 1. Members are to be notified at least thirty (30) days in advance of any meeting.
 - 2. Members in attendance shall elect officers from the nominations provided by the Executive Board.

3. A majority of Regular Members present shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE V—Amendments

This constitution may be amended at any meeting of the Association by a two-thirds vote of members present.

ARTICLE VI—Officers

- A. The officers of this Association shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, the Immediate Past President and five members at large. Each shall hold office for two years.
- B. The election of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and five members at large shall take place at the annual meeting of the Association, and they shall assume office on the day following Alumni Homecoming. Any vacant office shall be filled by the Executive Board for the remainder of the term.

ARTICLE VII—Executive Board

The Executive Board shall consist of elected officers: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and five members at large. Also included are the Immediate Past President, Principal and a faculty or staff person chosen by the Principal with the approval of the officers.

ARTICLE VIII—Duties of Officers

- A. *President:* Shall preside at all meetings of the Association, perform all the duties pertaining to the office, approve payments for the Association's expenses, and oversee the planning of all Association-sponsored events and programs including Alumni Homecoming. The President shall also serve ex-officio as a voting member of the Board of Trustees of Los Angeles Adventist Academy. [Subject to School Board approval]
- B. *Vice-President:* Shall assist the President in overseeing the planning of Association-sponsored events and programs, and in the absence of the President, the Vice-President shall perform all the duties of the President.
- C. *Secretary:* Shall keep the minutes of all meetings, give notice of all meetings, notify officers of election, keep a record of all members, and attend to any correspondence as directed by the President.
- D. *Treasurer:* Shall maintain financial records of the Association, execute payments of the Association's expenses as directed by the President, and

present a report at every Executive Board meeting of receipts and disbursements.

- E. *Immediate Past President*: Shall assist the current officers in the overall operations of the Association.

ARTICLE IX—Finances

- A. The fiscal year of the Association shall extend from July 1 to June 30.
- B. The Association shall maintain a designated bank account with the President or Treasurer and Assistant Business Manager of LAAA having signing privileges.
- C. A full financial report shall be presented at the annual Association meeting. (Refer to Article IV B)

Adopted by the Los Angeles Adventist Academy Alumni Association at the first annual Meeting of the Association on the 15th day of March in the year of 2009 at Los Angeles Adventist Academy in the City of Los Angeles, California.

 / / /Electronic Signature on file
Benita Knight, President,
Los Angeles Adventist Academy Alumni Association

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Valerie Lindsey, Secretary,
Los Angeles Adventist Academy Alumni Association

An executive motion was made by David Love to accept the amended bylaws as stated above. The charter members voted unanimously and approved the new bylaws and constitution. There was a 10 minutes break and the meeting was again called to order at 12:45pm by Marc Woodson, Acting Chairman.

The Alumni Association was asked to review the description of officers, duties, and nominations proceeded. The LAAA Alumni Association voted unanimously on the following officers:

President
Benita R. Knight

Vice President
Marc Woodson

Secretary

Valerie Lindsey

Treasurer

Fulton Bell

Members At Large

David Love

Byron Knight

Lillian Nelson

Lorenzo Payee

Sam Sanchez

Carol Todd*

Leslie Williams

*It was recommended by Principal Lorenzo Payee that Carol Todd be appointed to the alumni executive board as the appointee from the school as stated in the constitution. Mrs. Todd would be the liaison between the school and the alumni association.

An executive motion on behalf of Chris Dent to accept Principal Paytee's recommendation that Carol Todd be the appointee on the alumni association executive board. It was voted unanimously and approved by LAAA Alumni Association.

Benita Knight, President took over the meeting and discussed the future plans for the Alumni Association, such as setting up a 501(3) c, holding fundraisers and "rebuilding the bridge" between the school and alumni association.

Ms. Knight also recommended the following action items needed to be addressed:

- Debriefing of the planning team for the past weekend activities
- Follow up of Pledges
- Convocation
- Needs of the school
- Continuation of membership drive

After much discussion the alumni asked that the items stated above be addressed at the first executive board meeting. The executive motion was made by Sam Sanchez to table above. It was voted unanimously and approved by LAAA Alumni Association. The meeting was adjourned at 2:25pm, on March 15, 2009.

Respectfully submitted by,

/s/

Valerie Lindsey

Secretary

Yvette Dent, Acting Recording Secretary