

GRAND GEDEH ASSOCIATION IN THE AMERICAS, INC. (GGAA)



DECLARATION AND RESOLUTION



**34th ANNUAL CONFERENCE
[50th Anniversary - Golden Jubilee Year]**

**Saturday
May 9-11, 2025**

Louisville, Kentucky

USA

MOTTO: People United For Excellence

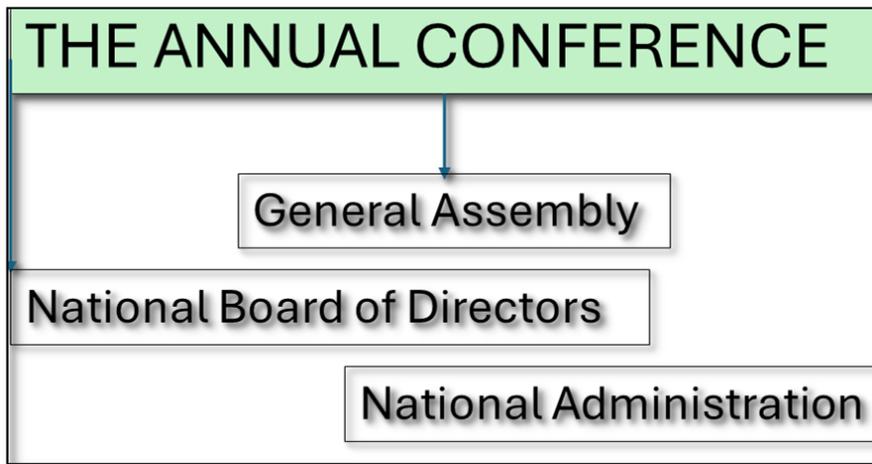
The Declaration

WHEREAS, Grand Gedeans from 21 chapters across the United States of America converged in Louisville, Kentucky, from May 9-11, 2025. This year’s Annual Conference is the 34th Conference and the 50th Anniversary of the Grand Gedeh Association in the Americas, same being the year of Golden Jubilee.

WHEREAS, delegates of the Conference included members of the National Board of Directors, the National Administration, the leaderships, and members of the various chapters.

WHEREAS, this year’s Annual Conference is an election conference, and members cast their votes for candidates who vied for the leadership of the Association.

WHEREAS, the three principal bodies of the GGAA were in attendance: The General Assembly, the National Board of Directors, and the National Administration.



NOW THEREFORE, this resolution is established, published, and declared and will form part of the binding instrument of laws governing this Association, unless otherwise in conflict with the organic law of the Association – the Constitution, or otherwise repealed or amended by another sitting of the Conference.

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Chapter 1: Definition

§ 1.1. **Conference** means the venue where Grand Gedeans are gathered to discuss issues pertinent to their interests and development.

§ 1.2. **General Assembly** means the delegates of Grand Gedeans who gather at an Annual Conference or Mini-Conference.

§ 1.3. **Annual Conference** means the one-time gathering of delegates of the Grand Gedeh Association in the Americas or GGAA in the month of May each year. The month of the one-time annual conference may be changed per Board Resolution or Conference Resolution.

§ 1.4. **Grand Gedeh Association in the Americas** means the umbrella organization of Grand Gedeans residing in the United States, Canada, and South America.

§ 1.5. **GGAA** means the abbreviation or acronym of Grand Gedeh Association in the Americas.

§ 1.6. **National Board of Directors** means the second highest decision-making body in the GGAA. The National Board of Directors serves in two capacities: a) The Legislative body and b) the Judicial body.

§ 1.7. **National Administration** means the elected corps of officers charged with the responsibility of running the day-to-day affairs of the GGAA.

§ 1.8. **Resolution** means the decision of the General Assembly at a sitting.

§ 1.9. **Declaration** means the publication of the decision of the General Assembly.

§ 1.10. **Vote** means either the act of casting a ballot or the universal suffrage of each qualified delegate.

§ 1.11. **Election** means the process of choosing officers to lead the organization or a formal and organized choice by vote of delegates for an elected offices or positions within the GGAA.

§ 1.12. **Project** means the National Administration's development program implemented either in the Americas or in Grand Gedeh County, Republic of Liberia.

§ 1.13. **Community Park** means a project of the National Administration designed to construct various infrastructure projects in Grand Gedeh County.

§ 1.14. **Conference Venue** means the state and chapter where the Annual Conference or Mini-Conference will be held.

Chapter 2: Constitution Adoption

§ 2.1. The National Board of Directors commissioned a five-member Constitution Review and Consolidation Committee to harmonize the old GGAA constitution and a previously draft revised constitution.

§ 2.2. The Review and Consolidation Committee finished its work and presented the final draft to the National Board of Directors.

§ 2.3. The amendment of the GGAA draws its constitutional mandate from *Article XVI Section 1(b)* having been transposed to the newly adopted constitution, pursuant to *Article XVI Section 1(c)(i-v)*.

§ 2.3. Drawing their authority from the old Constitution, "...The Board, not the National Administration, shall have the authority to initiate and supervise/coordinate the amendment process," pursuant to **Article XVI, Section 1(b)**. This provision, however, has been amended. The National Administration will initiate the constitutional amendment process, pursuant to **Article XVI, Section 1(c)(i-v)**. Per constitutional provision, the Chairman of the Board of Director chairs the amendment session during the Annual Conference.

§ 2.4. The revised, reviewed, and consolidated constitution was adopted during sitting of the Conference in a vote of 164 to 33. The Constitution was previously discussed, and all articles and sections were approved at the Mini-Conference held in the City of Atlanta, Georgia, on February 1, 2025.

§ 2.5. The new constitution was declared accepted and adopted by the body and is now the functioning legal instrument of the GGAA henceforth.

Chapter 3: Conference Fee of \$100

§ 3.1. Per the adoption of the new constitution of the GGAA, a registered or bona fide member will pay a fee of \$100 (Hundred US Dollars) to attend the Annual Conference. Pursuant to *Article III, Section 1(b)*, members will pay to their chapter leaderships, the chapter will withhold \$20 (Twenty US Dollars) and forward \$80 (Eighty US Dollars) to the National Administration. The fee shall constitute the members' conference sitting and voting dues. The split with the Chapter of \$20 and \$80 is during the election year, as members shall pay conference fee of \$100 directly to the National during other conferences.

§ 3.2. Members will pay the fees whether or not the conference is an election conference.

Chapter 4: Election of New Corps of Officers

§ 4.1. May 2025 Annual Conference was an elections conference.

§ 4.2. During the elections, new corps of officers were elected. Those elected were President, Vice President, Secretary-General, Treasurer, and Chaplain. Pursuant to *Article VI, Sect. 5, Subsect. 1(e)*, a Financial Secretary is now a national elective position. The National Administration is

expected to inform the Board about the existence of a vacancy and put in place a mechanism to elect a financial secretary to fill the vacancy and complete the National Administration.

§ 4.3. During the 34th sitting of the Annual Conference, the Election Commission used the chapter listing, conference attendance list and verify with conference fee payment receipt. This process now becomes a precedence and an acceptable process by the General Assembly henceforth.

§ 4.4. No delegate or member failing to attend the conference with name listed, and obtaining a payment receipt, may be allowed to vote in a GGAA election, henceforth.

Chapter 5: Elected Officers Inducted into Office

§ 5.1. The Election Commission declared the winners of the GGAA elections held on Sunday, May 11, 2025.

§ 5.2. The list of winners was presented to the National Board of Directors.

§ 5.3. The Chairman of the Board inducted the new corps of officers into office. The authority of the inducted officers began on Sunday, May 11, 2025.

§ 5.4. No post-election protest was filed.

Chapter 6: Presentation of Community Park Project

§ 6.1. The National Administration presented its Community Park Project. The park will be constructed in Zwedru, Grand Gedeh, Republic of Liberia.

§ 6.2. The Park will include a soccer pitch, basketball court, Tennis court, Children Playground, Pathways for hiking/walking, etc.

§ 6.3. The amount of \$25, 400 (Twenty-five Thousand Four Hundred US Dollars) was raised at the Conference to go toward the implementation of the project. The amount includes pledges.

Chapter 7: Selection of New Conference Venue

§ 7.1. The Assembly voted to select a new venue for the next Annual Conference.

§ 7.2. The next Annual Conference will be held in at the D.C Metro Chapter in May 2026.

This Conference Declaration and Resolution hereby published provided all principal officers listed below have signed.

Done this 16th day of May 2025.

Signed: _____
Hon. Christopher N. Quiah
National Secretary-General

Approved: _____
Hon. Edith Taynnoh Poah
**National President &
Conference Chairperson**

Attested: _____
Hon. Wulu Karlar
**Interim Chairperson
National Board of Directors**