

Eritrean Debes Organization of Seattle 2024 Convention Brief Report

Event Details

- **Date:** Saturday, February 17, 2024
- **Time:** 2:00 PM to 6:30 PM
- **Venue:** Azmera Restaurant
- **Attendance:** Many members participated in the conference.

Agenda and Highlights

1. **Opening Address:**
 - The conference commenced with a warm greeting from the Chairman, **Mr. Elias Gebreselassie**, at exactly 2:00 PM after lunch.
2. **Two-Year Association Report:**
 - The Secretary General, **Mr. Misgna Bahta**, presented the comprehensive two-year report of the association.
3. **Fund Raising and Development Report:**
 - The Chairman of the Fund Raising and Development program, **Mr. Kiflemariam Soquar**, shared insights into the organization's financial progress.
4. **Audit Report:**
 - The Auditor, **Mrs. Tsegereda Tesfaldet**, presented the audit findings.
5. **Bylaws Amendments:**
 - After significant debates, several amendments to the association's bylaws were approved.
 - Notably, the allowance for the family or representatives of deceased members will be increased from \$10,000 to \$20,000.
6. **Membership Growth:**
 - Over the past two years, **72 new members** joined the organization as of Saturday, February 17, 2024.
7. **Executive Committee Election:**
 - Nine alternate and reserve members of the Executive Committee were elected through a ballot process.

Future Directions

- As the Eritrean Debes Organization of Seattle continues to grow financially and expand its membership, we emphasize community engagement.
- A vigorous recruitment campaign in Washington State is essential.
- The conference recommended recruiting at least one new member this year.

Acknowledgments

- On behalf of all members, heartfelt gratitude to **Brother Michael Tkuabo** and **Mrs. Azmera Zere** for providing us with a gathering place at Azmera Restaurant and serving delicious food.

Thank you for your participation and commitment to the organization!