



National Treasurer 2011 Convention Report

It has been my utmost privilege to serve Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc. and membership, as the National Treasurer this past year. It has been my pleasure to work with the other members of the National Executive Board and the membership at large on financial matters.

I have participated with the Financial Committee in updating the Financial Policies and Budget for the 2011 convention body to review and approve. I have paid out all approved expenditures as well as the re-occurring bills. Many hundreds of checks have been written on behalf of the organization this term.

During the past year the National President, Financial Secretary and I have worked diligently to bring some of the routine financial duties to a higher level of professional standards and into the twenty first century in regards to digital technologies. Our corporate checks are now electronically printed, rather than hand written and with our logo it gives them a polished and professional appearance. We have eliminated the "confetti" strips of paper that once accompanied the chapter and department dues reimbursements. There is now a printed report that accompanies the checks that can be filed by the chapter or department as well as a digital copy of the report and check for our national financial records.

Additionally you should be pleased to learn we are eliminating volumes of paper and going "greener". The President, Financial Committee and Financial Secretary and I have devised a simple yet very carefully detailed system of digital record keeping. This system makes sharing pertinent financial records and the safekeeping of our financial documents much more effective and professional.

This past year all of the members of the Financial Committee have worked to provide the best of all possible methods to better the accounting procedures of the organization's financial records.

Respectfully Submitted,

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