

MANIFESTO DELIVERED BY EVANS BOAFO, ASPIRANT FOR THE POSITION OF MSA
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“A man I do not trust could not get money from me on all the bonds in Christendom. I think that is the fundamental basis of business”, John Pierpont Morgan. Trust is the firm belief in the reliability, truth, or ability of someone or something, for which I deem myself fit for this position. Reliability, truth, transparency and accountability are virtues readily available to our association from my side as an aspirant and a member of UDSMSA.

The Chairperson, Members of the MSA Electoral Commission, Members of the Executive Board, Co-aspirants, Distinguished Guests, Colleagues, Ladies and Gentlemen. I am a second-year student in the person of Evans Boafo, the Treasurer hopeful. It is indeed a great opportunity to stand before you to deliver my manifesto for the position of MSA treasurer. Before I present my manifesto, I would like to use this moment to commend the current and past executives for the immense and unwavering support to the betterment of this association for which I say “Akpan amaga, ayekoo” you have done well.

“I find that when you open the door toward openness and transparency, a lot of people will follow you through” by Kirsten Gillibrand. Trent Shelton, school of Greatness Podcast with Lewis Howes could not have agreed more so he also said “Your transparency will lead to other people’s transformation”. It is constitutionally required of the treasurer to keep a detailed account of the association’s finances. As the secretary of the financial committee a trimester based financial report will be disseminated on the association’s notice board and posted on all class pages. This initiative will give them a profound insight of the finances of the association and also serve as a form of motivation and give a sense of satisfaction and involvement. This policy cannot be overemphasized as majority if not all seek for explanations, making such information readily available to them will instil in many a sense of patriotism towards the affairs of MSA and honoring their part as members of the association through payment of dues and any other thing required of them.

With the above-mentioned as a way of sensitizing members of the association to pay their dues and as the responsibility of the treasurer to collect dues, there will be the need for a proper and efficient sensitization of members which will need the massive and contributory efforts from all members of the financial committee and other committees which can be of much importance with such a sensitization process. To minimize this plague of many years of dues evasion, after proper sensitization the next step is to make a list of dues payers of every class available to them especially the preclinical year as they are the ones I have a great proximity with. I have it in mind to continue the good work of the past and present financial secretaries by making available mobile money account of the two most used networks in the country (MTN and VODAFONE), for the world is now more digitally inclined and it’s a fast way of making payments these days, it will make it easier for members to honor all financial obligations. As stated in Article VII under the section of DUES which talks about members who forfeit their membership after failing to pay dues within four(4) months of deadline, with this I intend on making deadline for payment publicized with the help of the Public Relation Officer and the editorial committee.

As the signatory to the association’s bank account I will ensure that all transactions of UDSMSA is documented and made available for audit, as signatory and a treasurer I will ensure that all



withdrawals from the association's bank account is approved by the General Assembly of the association but when there's the need for an urgent withdrawal from the association's account such that an emergency meeting cannot be held, after careful evaluation and consideration with the principal signatory, the President, such action will be taken but will surely be made known to the General Assembly for consideration.

Charity they say begins in the home and as said by Aristotle "Knowing yourself is the beginning of wisdom", all the above is to help us as an association to evaluate ourselves before we can seek for help from outside. The last thing on my list to help MSA with when elected as a treasurer is collaborating with the committee heads which hold annual programs, and the finance and fundraising committee to solicit for funds from donor bodies and NGOs, to reduce the over-dependence on our dues, I intend on achieving this by maintaining a good relationship with these donor organizations and NGOs. These aids sought will be used to fund activities of MSA and serve any other purpose as deemed fit by the General Assembly. Letters written to corporate Ghana for sponsorship will duly be followed for progress. As a member of the Executive Board and by virtue of the constitution will help appoint three (3) people who are competent enough and well connected to join the finance and fundraising committee. Will contract companies to provide the needed items of the association as a way of reducing the cost of purchasing each item and also make use of the student vendors who will want to use our programs for advertisement to get commission from their sales to cut down cost of our programs.

The Chairperson, Members of the MSA Electoral Commission, Members of the Executive Board, Co-aspirants, Distinguished Guests, Colleague Students, Ladies and Gentlemen, I understand the position of treasurer holds a great responsibility and I know I can carry out the tasks required to a high standard. With the help of the Almighty GOD and endorsement of the people of this association. During my tenure of office MSA will experience transparency and accountability to its fullest. Vision without execution is hallucination for which reason I have these Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Realistic and time-bound (S.M.A.R.T) policies. With profound understanding of my policies let all rally behind me as we vote Evans Boafo as MSA treasurer, let's make a PROFOUND statement through our vote.

GOD bless MSA, GOD bless us all. Thank you for the attention.

