



ICOBA EUROPE
200 Bullhead Road Borehamwood Hertfordshire WD6 1RJ

Minutes of ICOBA General Meeting held at St Johns Church Walmley Hall
8, Walmley Road, Walmley, Sutton Coldfield B76 1QN on 13.05.2017

Attendance:-

Soji Fagade –Chairman

Deji Okubadejo-Vice Chairman

Gbenga Segun-Director of Organisation

Jerry Coker-Treasurer

Segun Ifaturoti-Welfare Officer

Kunle Adeniji – Social Secretary

Seye Oyediran-Secretary General

Tayo Awokoya-Ex Chairman

Chief Femi Onabolu, Henry Davies, Prof Remi Olatunbosun, Femi Awotesu, Akin Coker, Gary Kuti, Adebayo Adeokun, Femi Opeifa, Gbemi Okunribido

Apologies:

Otunba Bolaji Falase, Dr. Sola Odemuyiwa, Rev Bunmi Fagbemi, Rev Tade Agbesanwa and Tunde Joseph, Lanre Okunribido, Oke Eleyae.

Opening Prayer:-Henry Davies

Adoption of Last Minutes



The adoption of the minutes of 21st May 2016 was moved by Prof Olatunbosun and seconded by Dr Deji Okubadejo

Opening

There was a presentation by Godwin Okri on the Science of Property Investment a former BBC presenter of Okri property Show.

Matters Arising

A. UPDATE ON CHARITY REGISTRATION OF ICOBA EUROPE

1. The Chairman opened the discussion by updating the meeting on the report of the committee set up and the subsequent meeting of the Exco with the committee.

Chief Onabolu suggested that we could do the registration ourselves but Gary Kuti who was a member of the committee that was set up responded to him that based on our past experience and the report of the committee it would not be practical to do so.

After some deliberation Chief Onabolu agreed with the proposal to use the services of professionals for our registration.

Chief Onabolu recommended that if we need any assistance we should contact Mr Kunle Onobolu who had been running a charity called African Child Trust for many years.

It was thereafter resolved that Exco should proceed as proposed.

Action:-Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary General and Charity Committee



B. Update on Inaugural Dr Olumide Awe Memorial Lecture and Annual Dinner on 11th November 2017

The Director of Organisation who is chairing the planning of the event gave an update:-

2. The background to the event in honouring the memory of Dr Olumide Awe.
3. The idea to have a joint event this year and hopefully have a stand alone event in the future.
4. We have booked the venue: - Holiday Inn, Barnet bypass, Borehamwood, Hertfordshire, United Kingdom, WD6 5PU.
5. The Guest Speaker is:-Dr Dele Olajide (Associate Medical Director and Consultant Psychiatrist at South London and Maudsley NHS Foundation).

The committee was commended for work well done and noted that the whole idea behind the Lecture was giving back to our community.

The committee was challenged to start thinking ahead to next year's lecture.

Action:-Director of Organisation

C. Report and update on calendar of activities for 2016/2017

The highlights of the Social Secretary's report are as follows:-

6. 2016 retreat was a huge success and members that attended from Birmingham were appreciated for their support. We hope to have a better event next year.
7. Exco have mobilised members to attend junior set events in order to reach out to them and get them involved in association activities.
8. The association organised a birthday party to honour an octogenarian Dr Solarin who turned 80. This event was well attended and was a huge success. The idea is to reach out to set members of older generation.



9. The association is also planning to attend the Royal Ascot event this year on 23.06.2017. The idea is to have multiple streams of event to attract members with varied interests.

Chief Onabolu commended the Social Secretary for driving our social activities but went on to question our activities in Igbobi College.

Chief Onabolu and Gary Kuti challenged the association to also pay attention to what we can give back to our alma mater.

The response of Exco was that the feedbacks were welcomed and that in fact we have engaged with ICOBA International with the ongoing master plan to rescue Igbobi College.

In fact ICOBA International have particularly invited us to input our idea of continuous training of teachers which was championed by ICOBA Europe and led by Oke Eleyae.

The Chairman proposed that our proposal was to adopt a model development plan for the school going forward.

Action:- Soji and Gbenga

D. WELFARE REPORT

The highlights of the Welfare Report were as follows:-

10. Welfare activities have been focused on members who fell sick and who were bereaved.
11. There are ongoing efforts to formalise our welfare policy which at the moment is on a case by case basis.
12. There is ongoing effort to set up a Group Life Policy with Senior Aboaba.

The Welfare Officer was commended for his hard work.

Action:-Segun

E. FINANCIAL ACCOUNT

The treasurer took the meeting through a summary of the Income and Expenditure for the year 2016.



The report was presented so as to reflect the net cost of events and activities for the year.

Although the Association broke even for the year, it highlighted the need for members to pay their subscriptions.

The Treasurer appealed to members to pay up to boost the finances of the association.

The feed backs from the meeting were as follows:-

13. We must continue to mobilise members and there was concern as to the percentage of paid up members.
14. It was proposed and resolved to call up members to mobilise payment. Chief Onabolu and Femi Awotesu volunteered to assist the Treasurer.

The Treasurer was commended for his hard work over the years.

Action:-Jerry

F. ELECTIONS 2017

15. It was resolved to adopt the format of 2015 elections and the announcements will be made accordingly and the electoral committee constituted.

The highlights were as follows:-

- a. Election by email and postal system.
- b. Election to take place in November and hand over at AGM in February 2018.
- c. Only paid up members would qualify to nominate or put forward Notice of Intention to run.



Action:-Gbenga

G. OTHER MATTERS

16. The association will continue to support the Nigerian Chaplaincy.

17. Akin Coker expressed gratitude to the association for the support during the bereavement of the loss of his Father.

18. Closing

The Chairman expressed appreciation members in the Midlands for their hospitality as always.

The meeting closed at 18:24 with school song and doxology.

Seye Oyediran
Secretary General