



**Minutes of ICoba Europe Annual General Meeting (AGM) held on Saturday 21st May 2022
at Church Hall St Johns Church Walmley 8 Walmley Road Walmley Sutton Coldfield B76 1QN**

The meeting commenced at 14:06 hours.

Present: -

1. Gbenga Segun, Chairman 77/79 SET Aggrey House
2. Jeremy Coker, Vice Chairman 79/81 Freeman House
3. Kay Olule, Director of Organisation 78/80 Townsend House
4. Femi Ogidan, Treasurer 83/85 SET Parker House
5. Bamofin Dele Osinuga, Proctor General 85/87 SET Aggrey House (attended virtually)
6. Kunle Adeniji, Social Secretary 84/86 SET Freeman House
7. Rasheed Dauda, Assistant Social Secretary 83/83 SET Oluwole House
8. Seye Oyediran, immediate Past Proctor-General & Company Secretary, Old Boys of Igbobi College (OBIC Ltd) (attended virtually)
9. Segun Ifaturoti, Welfare Secretary 79/81 SET Parker House
10. Alaba Banjo, Assistant Welfare Secretary 80/82 SET Oluwole House
11. Dr Deji Okubadejo, immediate Past Chairman & Chairman, OBIC Ltd 79/81 SET Freeman House
12. Otunba Bolaji Falase 71/73 SET Freeman House
13. Chief Femi Onabolu 59/61 SET Freeman House
14. Prof Oluremi Olatunbosun 66/68 Freeman House
15. Lanre Okuribido 77/79 SET Freeman House
16. Dr Gbemi Okuribido 75/77 SET Townsend House
17. Femi Awotesu 77/79 SET Freeman House
18. Tayo Awokoya 74/76 SET Oluwole House
19. Uchenna Francis Nwako 2000 SET Freeman House
20. Aderemi Karimu 81/83 SET Oluwole House
21. Oluwole Ogunbanwo 82/84 SET Freeman House
22. Olamide Olagbaju 80/82 SET Parker House
23. John Sanni 82/84 SET Oluwole House
24. Dr Sola Odemuyiwa (attended virtually)
25. Lanre Lewis (attended virtually)
26. Leke Awonuga 2000 SET Townsend House (attended virtually)
27. Wale Okubadejo (attended virtually)

Apologies:

1. Rev Bunmi Fagbemi, Chaplain



2. Rev Tade Agbesanwa, Chaplain
3. Soji Fagade
4. Tokunbo Akinremi 84/86 SET
5. Seni Akinwunmi, Assistant Proctor General 84/86 SET
6. Adegoke Abudu 72/74 SET

1. OPENING PRAYER

The meeting started with an opening prayer by Chief Femi Onabolu.

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF THE AGM OF 22ND MAY 2021

The minutes of the AGM of 22nd May 2021 were adopted by a motion proposed by Chief Onabolu and supported by Femi Awotesu.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF THE AGM OF 22ND MAY 2021

None.

Gbenga Segun expressed his appreciation to the immediate past Chairman Deji Okubadejo for his sterling leadership of ICoba Europe. He also thanked ICoba Europe members in the Midlands for warm hospitality in hosting the AGM and to members attending the AGM.

4. 2021 ANNUAL REPORT

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Gbenga Segun reiterated his gratitude to his predecessor Deji Okubadejo and the past Executive Committee (EXCO) on their well-presented reports in the Annual report. The Annual Report which



show cases the strengths of ICoba Europe and will also be used as fund raising resource for the 90th Founders Day Celebrations in Europe. In response Deji Okubadejo equally thanked Gbenga Segun for sterling work in publishing the Annual Report.

5. ICY EDUCATION QUALITY MASTER (EQM) PLAN

Gbenga Segun informed the meeting the EQM was now in phase 2 of the plan. The Consultant engaged to work on the first phase of EQM's implementation has completed her work. The impact of EQM is now reflected in the College's excellent WAEC School Leaving Certificate examinations results. ICoba Europe mission is to continue to drive and support the EQM. When he visited the College during the launch of the 90th Founders Day anniversary celebrations the College's authorities were every appreciative of ICoba Europe's continuous support of EQM.

Deji Okubadejo has been tasked by EXCO to Chair the EQM Taskforce. Phase 2 of EQM is the Plan's maintenance phase to sustain EQM. Deji Okubadejo informed the meeting that this phase of EQM includes ongoing training of teachers. The College's current Board of Governors is well in tuned and grounded on the importance of EQM as part of the College's culture of performance and excellence. The Taskforce is to engage and support the College in continuing to implement EQM. The Taskforce have met the College Principal, Vice Principal and Department Heads. The meeting was positive and the College's management have imbibed and understand EQM as part of its culture. The College has published its Development Plan. The College management want to own and buy into EQM. The College management have applied accountability mechanisms for their continued implementation of EQM. The College would have continuous assessment and support for students including internships and placements. There are plans for Nigerian based Old Igbobian to lead on this.



6. ADDRESS OF OLUMUYIWA KINOSHI, IMR ICoba INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT

The address of Olumuyiwa Kinoshi IMR President ICoba International was read to the meeting by Otunba Bolaji Falase, 2nd Vice President, ICoba International. In his presidential address Olumide Kinoshi extolled the virtues of our alma mater's culture, recalling his first day as a boarder in Townsend in 1968, rules and regulations and dinner at 6.30pm. This formed the basis of our being inculcated into the Igbobi College tradition. President Kinoshi also congratulated ICoba Europe on the smooth transition of the past EXCO to the present EXCO. He also expressed ICoba International's gratitude to ICoba Europe for its initiative in developing ICoba museum and its support for the 2nd phase of EQM.

7. REPORT AND UPDATE ON CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES FOR 2022

Kunle Adeniji briefed the AGM on the 90th Founders Day Anniversary Celebrations, ICoba Europe kicked off on 12th February 2022 at the Holy Trinity Church Tottenham and was well attended. A family fun day event that will attract friends and family is scheduled on 30th July 2022, the event will be confirmed in due course. ICoba Europe 90th Founders Day Anniversary Celebrations Gala night event is scheduled on 8th October 2022 and would be held at London Hilton Watford. This event will be the culmination of the fund raising efforts of our 90th Founders Day Anniversary Celebrations.

Kunle Adeniji informed the AGM of the "Kolo" Challenge which was ICoba Europe initiative to raise funds for our 90th Founders Day Anniversary Celebrations. Members are expected to fully participate as well as encourage friends and family of the College to partake in the initiative.

The "Kolo" Challenge starts with a minimum donation of £90 to challenge us to raise funds, the "Kolo" Challenge is a physical and digital piggy bank. Gbenga Segun emphasised to the AGM that the "Kolo" Challenge is not only for members to donate but also to involve friends and family. He plans to take his "Kolo" to ICoba North America retreat in Atlanta 23 to 26 June 2022.



8. ICoba EUROPE GALA NIGHT 8TH OCTOBER 2022

Gbenga Segun informed the meeting that fundraising promotional material would be disseminated to members to show case our projects as part of fund raising drive for the 90th Founders Day Anniversary celebrations. Funds raised by ICoba Europe would be retained by Europe and our expenditure on projects will be credited to the One Billion Naira fundraising target set by ICoba International at the launch of the 90th Founders Day Celebrations in January 2022. Jeremy Coker Chairman of ICoba Europe 90th Founders Day Anniversary Committee implored members to spread the news about the forthcoming Gala night event to their SETs, friends and family.

The venue for the Gala Night has the capacity to accommodate 300 guests. Gbenga Segun informed the meeting that members have a duty to bring the school up to the level deserving of a top draw Gala Night and the price of the ticket should not be seen as a barrier. The sale of tickets would be done through the SETs. Members should set the cost of the dinner ticket as their contribution to ICoba Europe as part of the 90th Founders Day Anniversary Celebrations.

Femi Ogidan advised members to encourage others who have not signed to pay their subscriptions.

9. OBIC/CHARITY REGISTRATION UPDATE

Deji Okubadejo informed the meeting of the purpose of Old Boys of Igbobi College (OBIC) Limited a company limited by guarantee incorporated in October 2020 is the charitable arm of ICoba Europe with the aim of being eventually charity registered with the Charity Commission.

10. MUSEUM PROJECT

Otunba Falase spoke on the heritage buildings and some of the other old buildings in the College that have been demolished. The College unfortunately has been good at record keeping and visual history of the College. The old building (library block) should be a listing heritage building as it built with



materials imported from the UK. Also artefacts like the school cap, Blazers, School colours and school cardigans. Also copies of old publications such as 'Old Igbobian' which was published yearly. History is important and as a Branch ICoba Europe we want to lead on this and the Principal is very much encouraged about this as new and prospective students can be shown the history of the School. The members of the Museum Project which is chaired by Otunba Falase includes other Architects Messrs Sola Adeyemi, Hugh Lawson and Yakubu Armstrong.

11. MEMBERSHIP AND ENGAGEMENT DRIVE

Gbenga Segun informed the meeting that there are about 500 Old Igbobians in the UK however our active members are about 100 with about 40/50 members who are regular at our events. We plan to create the names of all members in a membership database through the SETs. We also want to reach out to the younger SETs through initiatives to drive memberships include having a link on our website for members to register. Kunle Adeniji briefed the meeting on Millennium Engagement Group focusing on the younger SETs as well as harvesting data from a Town Hall meeting of younger SETs members. Hopefully we are expecting some of the younger SETs to attend the Gala Night.

The meeting discussed mentoring and networking and how this would help much younger SETs in settling seamlessly and engaging with ICoba Europe activities.

12. ICoba EUROPE AND RELATIONS WITH THE NIGERIAN ANGLICAN AND METHODIST CHURCHES' CHAPLAINCIES IN THE UK

Femi Awotesu briefed the meeting on his discussion paper titled *ICoba Europe – Engagement with the Nigerian Chaplaincy and the Nigerian Methodist Chaplaincy* in the UK dated 20 May 2022. The paper touched on the relationship of the College and its founding by the Churches and the CMS in 1932. ICoba Europe relationship with the Chaplaincies is important particularly in this our 90th Founders Day Anniversary year. ICoba International current interaction with the Churches appears functional. ICoba Europe can influence the College's relationship with both Churches in Nigeria particularly



through liaison with the Chaplaincy and the Methodist Chaplaincy in building more effective relationships with clergy of both Churches during their visits to the UK. Femi Awotesu opined that a clause in ICoba Europe's Constitution restating the Anglican and Methodist Churches as part of the College's tradition was voted and adopted at the 2012 AGM but no reference of this clause was included in the Constitution ratified and adopted at the 2021 AGM. We are not playing to our strengths in our relationship with the Churches which are cultivated over a long period of time.

The meeting following the motion proposed by Chief Onabolu voted on the resolution: Should ICoba Europe if the AGM decides is it in our interest to develop formal relationships with the Chaplaincies, YES or NO, the majority of members voted NO.

13. CLOSING

The meeting closed at 18:05 hours with a prayer by Femi Ogidan followed by a rendition of the School Song.

Bamofin Oladele Osinuga

Proctor – General

ICoba Europe

