

Hi Larry,

Please find attached a list of the resolutions. I have also enclosed two minutes files from Boston and Houston meetings.

Caveat: This is an excerpt from the Boston minutes. The assumption here is that we have a bylaw already but I haven't seen any copy. I hope Quintus will reply to my email.

Proposals: By Namaya: Called for a written by law to be made if none exist

Response: Larry promise to mail copies (plus constitution) to chapter leaders

I feel the best way to address the bylaws is to do it during the proposed committee session. The resolutions are already on file so all we need is to reformulate them in LEGAL TERMS and present them for final approval in May. We are already using all mentioned here though not under a heading Bylaw. In any case les voici donc !!!!!!!

- 1) Resolution Passed by a Majority vote: Alanta 97)
All convention revenues goes to the NATIONAL CHAPTER and not the local chapter.
- 2) Resolution Passed by a Majority vote: (Alanta 97)
Any Soban or Person (except local chapters) should first seek the approval of the general body or NEC before carrying out any financial dealings in the name of SOBA USA.
- 3) Resolution Passed by a Majority vote: (Alanta 97)
All national conventions shall be financed by the national chapter, but would work with the host chapter to facilitate the preparation and running of the convention
- 4) Resolution Passed by a Majority vote: (Alanta 97; amended at Boston 2000)
Yes = 20, No = 0, Abst = 0
Dues can be paid directly to the treasurer or via your local chapter. Dues are set as follows: \$100 for annual dues, and \$ 10 registration fees for convention.
- 5) Resolution Passed by a Majority vote:
Conventions shall be held annually and chapters shall campaign to be host. The date of the convention shall be set by the NEC.
- 6) Resolution Passed by a Majority vote: Yes 25; No = 0; Abst = 2 (Diboto – Dallas 98)
Elections of NEC members shall be held every two years during a national convention
- 7) Resolution Passed by a Majority vote: Yes =5; No =19;Abst = 2 (Atabong A.– Dallas 98)
There will be no TERM LIMITS for NEC members including those appointed by the president.
- 8) Resolution Passed by a Majority vote: Yes= 25, No 0, Abst=0 (Eben Paul- Min'polis 99)
Chapter hosting meetings should submit to the treasurer receipts of all expenditures within 30 days.
- 9) Resolution Passed by a Majority vote: Yes=25; No=0, Abst= 0 (Namaya - Minn'polis 99)
The treasurer should submit a financial report within 30 days after receiving all receipts from the local chapter following a meeting
- 10) DEFINITIONS : WHO IS A "SOBAN" AND "MEMBERSHIP". Need to be defined

**SASSE OLD BOYS ASSOCIATION (SOBA) - USA
2000 MINI-CONVENTION MINUTES**

VENUE: VICTORY HALL 9801 BISSONNET ST, HOUSTON, TX 77036
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DATE: NOV 11th, 2000 (VETERANS DAY WEEKEND)
TIME: 2:30 PM - 5:00 PM

NEC Agenda For The Min-Convention:

- 1) Chapter Report
- 2) Water project update by Henry Efamba
- 3) Handing over ceremony in Cameroon December 16th, 2000
- 4) WWW.SOBANS.ORG (REVISED SOBA WEB PAGE)
- 5) SOBA-USA BI-LAWS (A REVIEW)

Roll call: see attached table

Note: If your name is not listed, it may imply that you did not sign the roll sheet or you were not present at the general assembly business meeting.

Welcome: The meeting was opened with a brief prayer led by Dr Evaristus Nsang Enongene.

This was followed by a brief welcome address from Mr Efamba Henry who represented the acting chapter president Dr Martin Kaba. He wished all attendees the best.

1) CHAPTER REPORT

HOUSTON

Mr Henry Efamba: He is hopeful that Houston will overcome the difficult times following the upcoming elections

GEORGIA

Mr. Quintus Enow: No news because did not speak with the chapter president before coming.

NEW JERSEY

Mr Columbus Nwosu: Due to no leadership zeal the chapter has crumbled and morale is at its lowest point. Appeal to SOBA-USA for a formulae to jump start again.

MARYLAND/DC/VIRGINIA

Mr Ivo Tasong: Washington DC metro has a similar sickness like New jersey. He is trying to maintain the core members. Elections are planned for December and an end of year party at the International.

Mr Alex Efamba and Mr Billy Eko suggested to DC and New jersey to try class reunion as means to attract and increase participation.

MINNESOTA

Mr Mike Fondungallah: Apologize for not sending the \$1500 pledged towards the water project. Minnesota proposed if they could instead use their share to upgrade and maintained the web site. The group allowed them to finance the initial process and manage the site until next May where a decision can be finalized at the 2001 convention in Washington DC.

2) WATER PROJECT

Sasse water project is scheduled for completion by end of November 2000. The handing over ceremony has been scheduled for December 16th 2000 at Sasse college campus. The president Mr Larry Ekaney and the project manager Mr. Henry Efamba will lead the delegation to Sasse college. Sobans and friends of Soba who will be in Cameroon during the Xmas holidays are

encourage to support our delegation. Plaques will be placed on site to acknowledge individuals Sobans and Chapters who contributed for this course. We are using the following guidelines to acknowledge SOBAN donors (amount in US dollars)

\$1000 + = Platinum
\$500 + = Gold
\$300 + = Silver
\$200 + = Bronze

Mr Quintus Enow was charged to make sure that no one who genuinely paid was left out (quinbec@msn.com) 770 489 6997

3) **SOBA WEB SITE**

SOBA- USA has a new web site (WWW.SOBANS.ORG). Mr Solomon Mesumbe working in collaboration with Minnesota chapter has set up a beautiful site for us. Members are encouraged to send memoirs/pictures, etc to Mike Fondungallah in Minneapolis for uploading to the site. Mr Solo Mesumbe will be the acting webmaster until a final decision is reached at the next general assembly. This will help resolve our ongoing NETWORKER problem.

4) **SOBA-USA BI-LAWS**

Will be on the web page for review and comment before final adoption next May 2001. The committee overseeing this process comprise of : Quintus Enow, Dr. Evaristus Enongene, Mike Fondungallah and Larry Ekaney.

5) **OTHER MATTERS**

A) **SOBA MUTUAL FUND**

Soba mutual fund is now in operation with headquarter in Yaounde , Cameroon. Members are encourage to invest and a share cost only 100,000.00frs cfa.

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The group was registered on 3/13/97 under credit union NO: CE/CO/28/57/3716

B) **SAKERRITTES PROPOSAL**

Saker Old Girls (SAKERRITTES) have informally contacted SOBA-USA to explore how the two groups can work together. The proposal will be on the agenda during the 2001 Washington DC convention.

5:30 PM: END OF MEETING

SECRETARY SOBAUSA
E.N. ENONGENE, Ph.D.

SASSE OLD BOYS ASSOCIATION (SOBA) - USA

2000 CONVENTION MINUTES

Venue: BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTES - 1205 HYDE PARK AVENUE
ROSLINDALE, MA

DATE: MAY 27th , 2000 (MEMORIAL WEEKEND)

NEC Agenda For the Convention:

- 1) Chapter Report
- 1) National President Speech
- 2) Letter From Sasse College Principal (Father George Nkeze)
- 3) Financial Report
- 4) Newsletter Update
- 5) Networker Update
- 6) Water Project Update
- 7) Fundraising Campaign Update
- 8) Other Matters
- 9) Mini Convention 2000/ Convention 2001
- 10) Gala

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This was followed by a brief welcome address from Mr Akoachere Alfred president of Boston chapter. He happily expressed his appreciation and acknowledgment as the host and wished the attendees a happy time in Boston. He pledged Boston continuous support for SOBA.

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1) CHAPTER REPORT :

CANADA

Mr Paul Ayah explained that meetings are irregular in Canada due to many variables, noting family problems as one. However, Canada pledged \$1000 contribution towards the water project which will be sent by October 2000.

BOSTON

Mr Akoachere planned to begin a new fund raising venture from non registered SOBANS in addition to enforcing due payment. He again re-emphasized the need to update the NetWorker. His desire to support the water project was followed with a check of \$1000 as their annual dues.

GEORGIA

Mr Eyoh - Greetings from Atlanta. He complained that members had been deleting themselves from the group by default since the last mini convention. He further complained that Mr Eben's Paul resolution from the Minnesota convention was not kept.

MARYLAND/DC/VIRGINIA

The last meetings held in January 2000 was not heavily attended. However, they are planing to strengthen the SOBA base via a series of family gatherings and self visits. Pledged \$1500 towards the water project

MINNESOTA

Mr Fonge complained he is losing members especially the very old and very young. He apologize for not having the pledged of \$1500 sent to SOBA last Novem,ber 1999, but will finalize things as soon as they get back.

HOUSTON

Mr Efamba Henry sadly declared that Houston has lost direction. There has been no meetings for a while and the leadership has deserted the people. As current acting treasurer he would like to see new leadership. Houston will submit their annual dues on a later date.

2) **NATIONAL PRESIDENT SPEECH**

The president, Mr Larry Ekaney, updated the general assembly on the state of the union. The union is strong and well he said and SOBA USA has made significant gains in many areas for the last twelve months namely: membership drive (elderly sobans realizing their niche roles), new chapters revived and the water project in full gears. Before expanding on these topics he called for a moment of silence on behalf of deceased sobans. Mr Ekaney went on to thank the host chapter (Boston), the NEC and all those who worked hard to ensue the success of the convention. He stressed that though we have made gains in many areas, we still need chapter unity for soba remain strong. Hopefully this will rekindle the dying spirit that has silently washed away participation by Dallas Texas and NewJersey chapters respectively. With that in mind todays business will be focused on the water project completion exclusively. To complete the process we need to raise money adding that he met some sobans in Cameroon who pledged their support though not financially.

Finally, Mr Ekaney presented to the group a letter from the principal of Sasse college, Rev. father George Nkeze.

3) **LETTER FROM SASSE COLLEGE PRINCIPAL(Father George Nkeze)**

Read By Dr. Thompson Mambe:

In a three page memo the young and aspiring clergy introduced himself, applauded the work of SOBA-USA, and outlined his vision for Sasse college in the new millennium. Copies of this letter were distributed and its content was opened for discussion/commentaries. A copy of the letter is on file.

Discussion of Letter:

Georgia chapter declared they will foot the bill for computer accessories (key boards, mouse etc) which was estimated at 150,000 frs CFA (~ \$250)

4) **FINANCIAL REPORT**

By: Mr. Gerald Nkwantah

Saving account = \$ 10,332.61 ; Checking account = \$ 13,760.25

He is making arrangements to collect a \$ 700 not honored by the bank.

Mr Martin Abada, financial secretary complained that he needs a list of the financial transactions to be on track.. A Resolution was passed to grant Mr Abada access to such information.

A copy of the treasurers report is on file.

5) **NEWS LETTER**

Resolution appointed editorial board members as follows:

- a) Mr Paul Ayah - Quebec, Canada
- b) Mr Larry Ekaney - DC/MD
- c) Mr Quintus Enow - Atlanta, Georgia
- d) M r Andy Allan - Tampa, Florida
- e) Mr Chris Tufon - California

6)

NETWORKER UPDATE

The secretary expressed frustration in any updating process as being counter productive due the fact that members are in a continuous relocation mode. Plans to upgrade the website as an alternative were discussed including changing the name from SOBAN.COM to SOBAN.ORG so as to give it a not for profit flavor. A resolution was passed approving the following team members:

a) Mr Mike Fondungallah - Minneapolis (Team Leader)

b) Mr Celestine Fonge - Minneapolis

c) Mr Francis Elung - DC/MD

7)

WATER PROJECT UPDATE

By: Mr Henry Efamba:

Following his recent trip to Sasse he gave a brief overview of sasse water pipeline architecture and how his currently designed plan would fit in place with the modification already done by the reverend sisters at St Augustine. Birocol will be cut off at the inception point in Soppo, and the twenty first century upgrade water system will have a blue print for the maintenance crew. He further highlighted his conversation with the principal, students and the maintenance crew, but expressed disappointment on the slow response he was getting from Cameroon on specific measurements needed to before he could buy the raw materials. A program outline for the project completion and handing over was handed out to members. He was hopeful that the project would be completed by October/November 2000 and the president would do the handing over by December 2000. A copy of the plan is on file.

8)

FUND-RAISING CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Committee leader Dr Nick Now announce a \$ 250 check from a company in California. and a letter (but no money) from a company in Kentucky.

Suggestions: i) Soba- USA should write thank you letters to all those who respond. One immediately after receipt of the donation and one after the project is completed.

ii) Our website need to be upgraded to show credibility to potential donors. The committee was advised to seek help from Mr Straboury of friends of Cameroon.

iii) Maintain a data base of donors for future use.

9)

OTHER MATTERS

Mr Namaya raised concern on last years resolution(Eben's resolution), under which the treasurer is obligated to complete a financial report within 30 days following a meeting and after receiving all receipts. He also wanted clarification on the record keeping especially citing amounts of \$2046 from Eben Paul and \$1200 from Larry, both paid to the treasurer. Gerald had to clarify what transpired stating "I do as it comes"