

Minutes of SOBA America Convention Boston May 22, 2009

AGENDA

1. Registration of members
2. Opening prayers
3. Introduction of members/Roll call
4. Remarks by National President
5. Welcome address by NE /Chapter report
6. Adoption of minutes of last Convention
7. Matters arising
8. Chapter Reports
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11. Sick Bay Report
12. IT Report
13. Advertisement for SOBA E-Group
14. Next Mini Convention and Convention locations
15. Elections
16. Lunch
17. Adjournment

Meeting started at 12.00 noon with an opening prayer from Dr Nick Enow. Members then proceeded to introduce themselves, their cities of residence and their year of admission into Sasse.

The National President, Mr. Norbert Kong welcomed everybody to Boston and introduced the theme of this year's convention: "Belonging to SOBA and giving back to Sasse" The minutes of the last convention were not read due to the absence of the outgoing Secretary general. A 17-point agenda was however adopted and the various chapter presidents were called to give their chapter reports.

Chapter reports

NEW ENGLAND

This was kicked off by the president of NE Chapter Mr. Elvis Enongene. He started by welcoming all to Boston and introduced Massachusetts as a State renowned for its academic excellence and culture. It's been a stable year for NE with a series of good and bad news, but membership has been maintained. NE has six members in the President's club

MINNESOTA

Report presented by Mr. Amadeus Dzekedze, President, Soba Minnesota.

Soba MN has 27 local members including 3 out of state, but only 16 are registered members to date. Meetings are held every 2nd Sunday of each month with attendance varying from 5-14 members. Out of state sobans frequently attend and this forum is used to thank them.

Soba MN continues to offer benefits to its active members. Some of these include members' national dues, hosting fees, marriage or newly wed gifts, born house gifts, graduation gifts, first time home buyer gifts, bereavement of immediate family members, happy hour, Christmas gifts for spouses and kids.

Fund raising events are organized twice every year in March and November. Profits made from these occasions are used to give back to Sasse College through our contributions to Soba America. Last year for example we handed a check of \$2000.00 for the IT project. Soba MN will like to see Soba America refocus on helping registered members and assist Sasse college students directly instead of carrying out projects that should be done by the Catholic mission or the diocese of Buea or Soba National, Cameroon. We should also consider using our 501c tax documents to reduce taxing our members. More clubs could be opened to encourage members to donate and get more benefits. Let's add to our by-laws ways to help registered members and their families financially during good news like weddings (\$100.00); births (\$50.00), rather than wait for someone to be sick or dead before we help.

The current executive of Soba MN

President: Mr. Amadeus Dzekedze

Vice P: Mr. Kingsley Ayangim

Treasurer: Mr. Michael Fundungallah

Sec General: Mr. Victor Naka

The president then thanked all for the continuous support and love to our great association and wished all a safe trip back to their various locations. May the Almighty God bless each and everyone, Amen

ATLANTA - GEORGIA

Report presented by Beltus Ntopi, president of Soba Georgia

Soba-Georgia had a change of leadership after approximately five years with the election of a new executive on January 31, 2009. An electoral committee made up of Mr. Charles Enow, Mr. Jackson Ndille and Mr. Divine Tange conducted free and fair elections. Members who were interested to run for office could be nominated or nominated themselves. After deliberations the committee decided that voting was by an open ballot (a show of hands).

For the post of President; Mr. Beltus Ntopi, was elected.

Mr. Victor Tanteh was nominated and elected for the office of vice president.

For the post of Secretary General, Mr. Harry Asa'na Akoh was nominated and elected.

For the post of Treasurer, Mr. Evaristus Nanje was nominated and elected.

For the post of Financial Secretary, Mr. Michael Embola was nominated and elected.

For the post of Publicity Secretary, Mr. George Titang, was nominated and elected.

Former presidents of Soba-Georgia all serve as de facto advisers. The president has the right to appoint additional advisers.

MISSION AND GOALS OF THE NEW GOVERNMENT

- **Membership Dues:** Increase participation in local meetings by appealing and reaching out to all Sobans in Georgia to understand the benefit derived from paying membership dues of \$50.00
- **Meeting Schedule and Calendar:** Establish a definitive calendar of annual meetings which shall be held once every two months although the executive may meet more often.
- **Boston Convention:** Pay the national dues of its registered members provided that
 - a. The registered Soba-Georgia member has paid their local membership fees.
 - b. Demonstrated more than an 80 percent participation in upcoming Soba Georgia events including attending meetings and participating in the fund raising party.

- **Fundraising Initiatives:** That Soba-Georgia will host a mid-year party in Atlanta (date of party May 2, 2009) in honor of the 70th anniversary of St. Joseph 's College, Sasse and to raise money for the Boston convention.
- **Budget Committee:** It resolved that this committee shall be a standing body in this chapter with members appointed by the president. The budget committee was charged primarily with identifying the fiscal estimates necessary to operate Soba-Georgia and the costs of the projects identified by the executive or general assembly. The members appointed to this new committee were Nnoko Pikwa, Eyembe Elango, Asa'na Akoh and the Evaristus Nanje.
- **Feeding Sasse College :** Many ideas were tabled regarding ways in which Soba-Georgia could help projects in our alma mater. Although no idea was formally adopted, feeding the students, providing them with a college logo emblazoned paraphernalia were amongst the ideas considered.
- **Savings Group:** After much discussion in which the concept of a njangi was rejected, it was resolved that Soba-Georgia will develop a saving plan for eligible, willing and able members starting at \$50.00 per month. Those interested had to formally opt into the Savings Group plan. Each eligible member would make a regular minimum contribution of \$100.00 during the meeting to this fund. The contributions made to the fund shall be kept until the end of the year when members shall be entitled to their entire contributions. The funds contributed shall be open for lending to members in need under conditions to be specified in subsequent meetings.
- **Soba Suits:** Quintus Enow collected payments for Sobans interested in having the alumni regalia.
- **Life Insurance Plan:** The meeting reviewed the possibility of having a group insurance plan for Soba-Georgia. However, because the national chapter had a mandate to address this issue previously, the consensus was for the president to investigate and report to the next general assembly meeting if this could be an attainable goal for the organization. The Convention will provide an update on this issue

Memory Lane: *Mr. John Welashey, Soban of the Yaounde chapter, Sasse Record Class (1953) was the guest of honor. Mr. Welashey provided a much needed counsel on motivating other Sobans to attend the meetings. He also shared the experience from the Yaounde chapter with regards to creating a njangi or financial savings plan. But it was the discussion about Sasse College in the early 1950s that garnered a thunderous applause. In 1953 Sasse College had no electricity so students had to use the Tilley lamps provided in the classrooms and the chapel. They were each required to bring their own private reading (bush) lamps for the dormitories. Mr. Welashey confirmed that even the dormitories had no mattresses. Students slept on pieces of wood (plank). After going on a strike during their first year at the college, the principal addressed their concerns by buying a second hand generator to provide electricity. But the entire college had just one switch which was used to cut off the lights and turn them on!*

- **REGISTERED MEMBERS OF SOBA-GEORGIA**

Although there are over possibly over 100 Sasse Ex-Students living in Georgia, there are approximately 35 registered Sobans in this chapter. Of this number the meetings usually draw about 15-20 since the new government took office.

- **SUPPORT TO SOBANS**

BEREAVEMENT: This is the most common case of support provided by Soba Georgia to its members. Since January about two Sobans have lost immediate family members and the chapter has contributed and provided them financial assistance of \$500.00 each. Members of Soba-Georgia have also supported the National by contributing to assist Sobans in other areas whenever the need arose.

IMMIGRATION SUPPORT: Soba-Georgia also from time to time has raised money to pay attorney fees in helping fellow Sobans in dire straits.

- **RESPONSIBILITY OF SOBA-GEORGIA TO NATIONAL AND NATIONAL TO SOBA-GEORGIA**

Although it happened under the previous administration, Soba-Georgia hosted the last National Convention and per our records that relationship was mutually beneficial.

DALLAS

Report presented by Dr Henry Njie. Since the mini convention, no meeting has been held. There are just 7 or 8 serious members and progress has been very slow. The main problem was distance between the cities where sobans reside and this hinders holding of meetings. Members then interjected in various ways in which Soba Dallas could ameliorate the situation.

WESTERN REGION

Report presented by Alain Taku, President. Mr. Taku gave a dual presentation: his chapter report, and a talk on building a stronger Soba-America community.

The Western chapter Launched Nov. 14th 2009 and this chapter comprise different regions of the west coast of America: Arizona, California, State of Washington, Utah, Oregon & Nevada. Currently there are 14 memberships with five in the President's clubs. The mini convention was also hosted during the launching ceremony and many Sobans were in attendance. We use this opportunity to thank NEC for helping facilitate this process. Two members were bereaved and two members recognized as Sobans of the year, including Dr. David Nganele who also runs a personal Scholarship initiative to needy Students. Soba-America Western has bumper Stickers for sale as part of our fund Raiser drive. Please make sure you all take a sticker and spread the word. The new executive for Soba Western region is as follows:

- President – Mr. Alain Taku
- Vice president - Mr. John Asombang
- Organizing Secretary - Mr. Gerald N Ndiforchu
- Financial Secretary - Mr. Sona Bokossah
- Treasurer - Dr Kevin Nana Njabo
- Advisers - Dr David Nganele and Dr Walter Foto

Mr. Taku also gave a short talk on “Belong to SOBA-America and giving back to Saint Joseph’s College Sasse”

He elaborated on why was Saint Joseph’s College Sasse created, what leadership roles have Sobans played since inception, what leadership roles do Sobans see them selves playing in this 21st century, what is the vision and structure for SOBA-America and how do we align our selves with this vision?

In moving soba-America forward he talked on understanding where we want SOBA-AMERICA to be, while relentlessly encouraging members to be involved and set subcommittees. He also encouraged people to live the SOBA-AMERICA’s vision, exude positive energy and optimism, and establish trust; candor and give credit Courage to make unpopular decisions and lastly, probe and push to insure thoughtful actions.

This was then followed by a Q and A session.

WASHINGTON DC

Report was presented by Mr. Aldrin Ngwa, President.

Soba Washington DC has had a stable leadership for the past 1.5 years with Aldrin Ngwa as President, Louis Wacka as Vice president, Jean Jacques Tayou as Treasurer and Pierre Kamga as Secretary. The goals of the DC chapter are to help our alma mater and helping each member professionally and in times of need. Mr. Ngwa highlighted the case of Raymond Fonmbou who had a brain tumor and the very successful fund raising initiative to help him. Mr. Fonmbou is very grateful to all sobans.

There are currently 30 registered members of which 12-15 are active. Soba DC is working on expanding membership from neighboring states like PA and Delaware. Letter heads are sent to members who pay their annual dues of \$20.00. He ended by wishing all a safe trip back and looking forward to hosting the SOBA 2010 convention as per the schedule.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Presented by the financial Secretary, Mr. Amadeus Dzekedze. This report is already posted on line and he highlighted the main points given below:

BEGINING BALANCE FOR 4th QTR is \$24,782.35

Revenue from Oct 1st 2008 to Oct 31st 2008

Deposit/Credit = \$900.00 (Members dues)

Withdrawal = \$0.00

Ending balance = \$25,682.35

Revenue from Nov 1st 2008 to Nov 30th 2008

Deposit/Credit = \$400.00 (Members dues)

Withdrawal = \$406.20 (Ck# 1065 to Soba GA)

Ending balance = \$25,676.15

Revenue from December 1st 2008 to December 31st 2008

Deposit = \$0.00

Withdrawals = \$2000.00 (Ck# 1066 for \$1000.00 to Soban John Asombang and Ck# 1067 for \$1000.00 to Soban Kevin Nana for the loss of their parents)

Ending balance = \$23,676.15

BEGINING BALANCE FOR 1st QTR is \$23,676.15

Revenue from Jan 1st 2009 to Jan 31st 2009

Deposit/Credit = \$0.00

Withdrawal = \$0.00

Ending balance = \$23,676.15

Revenue from Feb 1st 2009 to Feb 28th 2009

Deposit/Credit = \$0.00

Withdrawal = \$0.00

Ending balance = \$23,676.15

Revenue from March 1st 2009 to March 31st 2009

Deposit = \$0.00

Withdrawals = \$47.19 (Ck# 1069 for Soba America website maintenance)

Ending balance = \$23,628.96

Beginning Balance for 2nd Quarter 2009 is \$23,628.96

Revenue from April 1st 2009 to April 30th 2009

Deposit = \$0.00

Withdrawals = \$6000.00 (Ck# 1070 = \$5000.00 to Soba Boston Chapter for Convention and Ck# 1071 to Soban Tufon for the death of his dad)

Ending balance = \$17,628.96

Soba America 2009 Comprehensive President Club statements

BEGINNING BALANCE FOR 1ST QTR 2009 (Jan to March) is \$1,535.36

Revenue from Jan 1st 2009 to Jan 31st 2009

Deposit/Credit = \$0.13 (interest paid)

Withdrawal/Debits = \$15.00 (service charge)

Ending balance = \$1,520.49

Revenue from Feb 1st 2009 to Feb 28th 2009

Deposit/Credit = \$0.12 (interest paid)

Withdrawal/Debits = \$15.00 (service charge)

Ending balance = \$1,505.61

Revenue from March 1st 2009 to March 31st 2009

Deposit/Credit = \$6695.41 (Members pymt, int paid \$0.41, service charge refund \$45.0)

Withdrawal/Debits = \$0.00

Ending balance = \$8201.02

END OF 1st QUARTER 2009

Beginning Balance for 2nd Quarter 2009 is \$8201.02

Revenue from April 1st 2009 to April 30th 2009

Deposit/Credit = \$4200.76 (Members pymt, int paid \$0.76)

Withdrawal/Debits = \$1.60 (cash deposit processing or service charge)

Ending balance = \$12,400.18

Note Presidents club: The Treasurer Dr Henry Njie made an explanatory adjustment update to what was read by the financial secretary. There was a late deposit of \$1000 made in May which did not reflect on the April ending statement. Secondly there is \$600 deposit made to Soba America account which needs to be transferred into the Presidents club. This will bring the total of 14 paid members to at least \$14000.00.

Thus this will reduce the Soba America ending balance in April by \$600 come May or June when this transfer will be done by the Treasurer.

The general assembly, while lauded the efforts of this administration's transparency, also encouraged the report to be broken down according to source of income (e.g. convention proceeds, membership dues, other paraphernalia, etc...).

SOBA AMERICA SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

This was presented by Dr David Nganele and here is a breakdown

Distribution:

Forms One, Two and Three (3 students per each form)

- Best all round student sports, academics, discipline, best behaved...25,000FCFA
- Best Science student....25,000 FCFA
- Best Art student....25,000FCFA

Forms Four and Five (2 Students per each form)

- Best Science student....50,000FCFA
- Best Arts student.....50,000 FCFA

Lower and Upper Sixth

- Best all round student.....75,000 FCFA per class

A selection committee will be made up of the Vice Principal, the Master of Discipline, and the Senior Prefect.

Other considerations for the scholarship

- Scholarship program announced at the beginning of the school year
- Reminder at the beginning of the second term
- Scholarships awarded at the end of the school year
- A student can receive more than one prize
- NEC member or SOBA America representative to be present at award ceremony if possible

In summary, the total scholarship per year – **575,000FCFA** (Forms 1,2,3....225,000FCFA 75,000FCFA per class per year, Forms 4, 5, 200,000 FCFA, 100,000 FCFA per class per year, Upper and Lower Sixth, 150,000FCFA, 75,000 FCFA per class per year) and funding for this effort will be provided by the Presidents Club.

The general assembly deliberated a lot on this and it was unanimously decided that this was a scholarship award to encourage academic excellence and not a financial assistance to needy students. Other awards are given by Sobans (Dr Nganele, Nicolas Njopa Kaba Award to Most Progressive Form Five Student etc...) and more Sobans were called upon to give more.

SICKBAY PROJECT

Dr Bertrand Fote gave an update of this project yesterday and the Principal of Sasse, Fr Ndifor, also sent an email indicating the Sick Bay was above window level, but that work slowed down a bit because they had not met the first disbursement completely as on contract. No pictures were available but promised to send some later. Here is a summary of Dr Fote's presentation

THE PROJECT:

The site for the new sick was selected. It is centrally located around the main campus. A contractor was selected - NAMIC Enterprise Cameroon - for the project. The cost of the project is estimated at 32 million FCFA. The payment agreement between Sasse College and the contractor stipulates three installments over an 18 month period.

The construction work has already started. The goal is to finish construction as soon as feasible and get the sick bay operational. If this is done before the 18 month deadline (as planned) the keys would still be handed over to Sasse and payment will continue as agreed.

FUNDING:

The administration of Sasse and the Sick Bay Project Responsive Management Board (SBPRMB) (hereafter referred to as the Board) have launched an ambitious fundraising campaign. Letters have been sent to prominent organizations, both private and public, in Cameroon to solicit

support. The Board has also made appeals to SOBA America, SOBA UK, SOBA General, Sasse PTA and The catholic mission. The responses;

Sasse administration/Catholic mission: Given the large financial constraints and commitment they are facing with the dormitory construction project, the principal of Sasse , Fr. Ndifor, has stated that Sasse and the catholic mission will be unable to make a financial contribution to the project

SOBA Cameroon: SOBA General has expressed, through its President, Colonel Balimba, that their priority remains the establishment of a SOBA Secretariat in Buea. While they understand the need for a sick bay, they feel that it should be a priority of the school administration. SOBA General is, therefore, not making any financial contribution to the project

Sasse PTA: Given the huge financial commitment that the PTA is making on the dormitory project, they are not in a position to make any financial contribution to this project.

SOBA UK: SOBA UK has pledged financial support to the project. They have made a disbursement of 5 million FCFA to Sasse (January 2009) as part of their contribution to the project. SOBA UK plans to make further contributions.

SOBA America: SOBA America has not yet made a financial commitment to this cause. On behalf of the Board, I am asking SOBA America to help in this noble cause by making a financial contribution. I hope SOBA America can finance 1 third of the project (10 million FCFA). If SOBA UK increases their contribution to one third of the project (10 million FCFA) and the Board and Sasse are able to raise the last third (10 million FCFA), we will see this project to fruition. I urge SOBA America to consider a number of points as they decide

(a) The lives and health of young future SOBANS, our sons and brothers, are at stake here.
(b) SOBA America has continuously shown leadership and once more, our leadership is needed.
(c) SOBA America, for the first time, would not be solely financing a project. This means that our example has been emulated by our SOBA UK brothers as they are rising to the plate. They are a young branch and we cannot afford to leave this project entirely to their hands. Our leadership here shall inspire other SOBA groups in the future to continue to look out for our beloved alma mater and help.

(d) The project has already started, so raising the funds in a timely manner is critical

(e) Donations made to SOBA America are tax deductible

SOBANS are encouraged to make pledges and make their donations for the sick bay project through the National Treasurer, Dr Njie.

THE BOARD:

The Board shall oversee the project.

The members of the Sick Bay Project Responsive Management Board have been selected as follows:

- 1) The Principal (representing the catholic education secretary, Sasse college and the Bishop)
- 2) SOBAN Dr. Ebob Etta (engineer)
- 3) A SOBAN Accountant (to be named)
- 4) SOBAN Dr. Chuwanga (also government delegate for health)
- 5) Joki MANGA (SOBA Germany and Coordinator)
- 6) Gerald Nupa, (SOBA UK Vice President and communications manager)
- 7) Dr. Bertrand Fote (SOBA America representative)

Fellow SOBANS, once again we are called to action for a noble and just cause. Let us rise to the occasion and help make a difference in the lives of thousands of our young brothers.

After much deliberation, the general assembly then resolved to send **\$10,000.00** towards this project. The various chapters will be levied to replenish the coffers (\$3000.00 from National and \$1000.00 from each of the 7 chapters). All chapters have until December 2009 to send their money to the National Treasurer.

THE IT PROJECT

This project was presented by Dr Evariste Enongene. He led a delegation of Sobans to attend the St Joseph's feast day and presented a letter from the Soba America president to the Bishop. The letter highlighted among other things the IT project that actually began in 1994. Indeed the initial IT lab was a donation from Dr Ebie in Chicago under then principal, Monsignor James Toba. Mgr Toba agreed to name the lab after Dr Ebie's father and to the best of our knowledge there was actually a placard bearing his name up to 2001. When we met in Atlanta May 2008 during our national convention, this issue was raised to the Bishop and he promised resolving the matter immediately he returned to Cameroon. As of the date the letter was written that has not been done. Even though we may be silent, it suffices to say this loud and clear, that naming an important project of this magnitude after the wishes of the donor, is a gracious step towards attracting more donors for other important projects. To add insult to injury, the original Internet Lab has been virtually abandoned on grounds of a dysfunctional modem. We had a previous memorandum of understanding agreed on the following operating procedures for this lab:

- a) That we will hold annual updating meetings, which we have been doing since 2004.
- b) That SOBA America will help fund the buying of a VSAT to help the set up of the Internet system. Following the set up, we will continuously help in the upgrading and basic logistics. In no way did we claim we want to run the lab singularly.
- c) That the IT program will be directly funded by the compulsory IT fee paid by every student. The IT department will submit annual budget on the program every academic year. In one such meeting Bishop Nkuo, then education secretary, even suggested that the fees could be raised, if the PTA will sell the concepts to the parents. Today the fee stands at 15,000. Fr Awoh had begun implementing these recommendations before he went on further studies to England. To our understanding this SOP was followed by Fr Jervis and Fr Epie before they were suddenly transferred.

It is very disheartening that after major investments by SOBA America in the IT project and taking into consideration the importance of the internet globally, Sasse college through the instruction of the education secretary, would abandon the IT lab because of a modem costing less than 1 million CFCA after collecting over 15 million CFCA in IT fees. It is with a lot of dismay that ADCOME, which we previously rejected for purely technical reasons was selected by the secretary without our knowledge and given a contract, which they have not honored. Sasse has had no internet connection since May 2008. Meanwhile, and with our help, Sasse has been a reference in this domain for the last four years. It is nearly impossible to get SOBANS to donate to such a lofty project again when the diocese shows such a bad faith in something that is very clear will benefit all.

The Bishop, His Lordship Immanuel Bushu replied saying;

The peace of the Lord be with you. I hope you are all well and working as hard as ever.

I will first of all thank each and every one of you for what you are and for being the SOBANS and

SOBANESE that you are. Thank you for your remarkable interest and unflinching support for Sasse College Family.

Thank you for the strong four man delegation that very ably represented you at the seventieth anniversary celebration of the foundation of the college. They will give you an eye witness account of the events particularly those of March 28, 2009.

On Sunday, March 29, 2009, a trio of your delegation presented your letter of March 15, 2009 cited above. Thank you for the five-point message and the viva voce explanations they gave. I am most grateful for all the concerns expressed. Now I will attempt to respond as follows:

Firstly, some general remarks, There is lack of proper and sustained communication between Sasse College and Soba-America. Lack of clear knowledge of the real situations and happenings in the college.

The internal challenges in the administration and finances of the institution causing the changes of principals in very rapid succession. The inertia and non availability of the head of the college administration in

the near past years have caused challenges to the college.

These and other points present a story of Sasse as a Community that is very human. It moves from peace time to crisis, but continues its history, ever forward. I do not doubt that Sasse always overcomes its challenges.

The first point in your letter is about the IT lab and the naming of it after the Father of Dr. Ebie the initial donor and the disappearance of the original plaque bearing the said name. At your Atlanta Convention I did promise to rectify the situation on my return to Cameroon.

The failure to do so was my own. It was a lapse of memory on my part because I did not write it in my notebook. So in reviewing engagements taken in America that did not feature and therefore not considered for action as promised. I am sorry for the oversight.

From this end everything is cleared concerning that matter. The principal will put the plaque in place at a ceremony presided over by himself in the presence of the staff and students. Do send him another plaque and indicate a suitable date for unveiling it.

The five point memorandum of understanding on the operating procedures for the lab hold good as at the start of the project. Concerning point two see the information in the attached leaves about the involvement of ADCOME in the IT lab.

Thank you for your concern and for raising the matter. Now that the seventieth anniversary celebrations are over, an evaluation meeting will be held before April ending 2009.

A date shall be fixed for an emergency meeting to address the SOBA financial situation and to try to present a clear picture of things.

SOBA alumni will work with Sasse administration to help it in an all roundly way.

Thank you for your great vision of Sasse to permit me to ask you start working on your idea of the transformation of Sasse into a University of reference in the not too distant future.

Your concerns are the concerns of all in the Sasse College family. They are being redressed. Once again thank you all for all you are doing for Sasse. God bless you all and your families. We expect all of you in Sasse for the Diamond Jubilee in 2014.

The general assembly then deliberated on this and the president was asked to prepare a plaque and send to the principal as soon as possible. He was also authorized to enquire in writing what was the situation with the Soba General in Cameroon.

WEBSITE

Alain Taku of the western chapter was given the mandate to take over the functioning of the website. He will be responsible for the day to day management of the site

Advertisement for SOBA E-Group

Sobans were encouraged to advertise their businesses on the e-group towards a small fee. So far only Dr Enongene has been doing that. Indirect advertisement under the guise of signatures at the end of emails were discouraged.

MINI CONVENTION

Minnesota will host the next mini convention

CONVENTION

The next convention as per our schedule will be hosted by the Washington DC Chapter

ELECTIONS

An electoral committee was appointed to see the running of the elections. It comprised Dr David Nganele (Presiding), Mr. Dan Mofor, Dr Augustine Agbor, Mr. Quintus Enow, Mr. Larry Ekane and Dr Nick Enow.

The following were elected to take over the running of Soba America for the next two years

President: Mr. Norbert Kong

Vice President: Mr. Ayuk Etta

Secretary General: Dr Kevin Nana Njabo

Financial Secretary: Mr. Amadeus Dzekedze

Treasurer: Dr Henry Njie

Publicity Secretary: Mr. Alain Taku

The new executive members were presented to the general assembly and the meeting was adjourned. Item 11 followed, courtesy of all our Sobanese.

Done at Boston, May 23 2009

Dr Kevin Nana Njabo

Scribe

Attendance list

1	Alain Taku	520 982 6455
2	Amadeus Dzekedze	612 382 1101
3	Norbert Kong	617 799 2680
4	Kevin Nana Njabo	310 405 3396
5	Dan Mofor	713 983 8367
6	Larry Ekaney	301 442 7176
7	Quintus Enow	678 777 3574
8	Nicholas Enow	713 922 9220
9	William Mpafe	443 416 6081
10	Pierre Kamga	301 646 3489
11	Cletus Ayuk	301 879 0970
12	David Nganele	510 585 8296
13	Augustine Agbor	925 706 9964
14	Alfred Akoachere	987 840 6176
15	Eric Obenge	781 526 7789
16	Emmanuel Asanji	781 526 4668
17	Celestine Fondungallah	508 498 0662
18	Walter Takem	617 999 0369
19	Elvis Enongene	978 590 0523
20	Akoh Harry Asa'na	678 849 2477
21	Aldrin F. Ngwa	301 890 2718
22	Valentine M. Biyaga	770 654 6407
23	Beltus Ntopi	404 492 2184
24	Jean Jacques Tayou	703 946 7898
25	Enow Solomon	408 315 4490
26	Roland Fonjong	240 498 0186
27	Jude Mendi	978 602 0043
28	Julius Ngwa	330 519 2920
29	Hillary Mean Chop	240 988 6839
30	Akeing Tiku	301 455 8171
31	Wacka Louis	703 568 5464
32	Fonmboh Raymond	301 523 6396
33	Nanje Janarius	617 970 6202
34	Kenneth Vega	240 593 6938
35	Emile Epanty	301 523 7098
36	Walter Takem	617 999 0369
37	Ayuk Etta	832 338 5251
38	Evariste Enongene	240 353 8449