

Mini Convention Report

Agenda

- START TIME: 2 PM EASTERN TIME ZONE
- 2.30PM: ROLL CALL & INTRODUCTION
- 3.00PM: INTRODUCTION BY PRESIDENT
- 3:15PM - 4.15 PM: CHAPTER REPORTS

New England
Washington DC
Atlanta
Minnesota
Houston
western region
Dallas/convention preparation

- 4:20PM: FINANCIAL REPORT/DR NJIE AND AMADEUS, OUTSTANDING PLEDGES DC 2010
- 4:30PM: ONE TIME RECOGNITION OF SASSE TEACHERS BY ATLANTA/ BETO
- 4:45PM: SOBA AMERICA YEARLY TEACHERS AWARD /ALAIN TAKU
- 4:50PM: FUND DRIVES /NORBERT AND ETTA
- 5: PM: SICK BAY/I T (NORBERT , DR ENONGENE , MIKE)
- 5:20 PM: MATTERS ARISING
- 5:30: END OF CONFERENCE CALL

ROLL CALL

NORBERT A KONG
ALAIN TAKU
DR HENRY NJIE
DR ELVIS ENONGENE
AYUK ETTA
ELVIS ENONGENE
BELTUS NTOPI
DR KEVIN NANA NJABO (called from Cameroon)
AMADEUS DZEKEDZE
ALDRIN NGWA

Dr Enongene gave the opening prayers

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

The national president opened with compliments used the opportunity to commend all that were present in this conference call despite their busy schedules. It once more shows the sacrifices and commitments that we all make for the betterment of our association and our beloved Alma Mater, Sasse College. This year`s mini convention could not take place because none of our chapters was prepared to host it, that is why we decided to have a conference call in lieu of the mini convention. Our mini convention is actually a forum were by NEC Members meet to take

stock of where we are, and also forge a way forward, it is also a venue for NEC to take a look at some of the hot issues, and suggestions that have come up since our national convention, while also checking on the preparedness of the next convention. It was agreed that NEC should have quarterly conference calls.

FUND DRIVES

The house agreed that we continue with Boston 09 and D.C. 2010 RESOLUTIONS

All fund drives have to go through chapter presidents and in situations where a chapter does not exist, NEC has to approve the drive. The rationale is for us to be consistent and fair to all. In situations where a member is not a registered Soban, the fund drive will be conducted, with the fund coordinator indicating that the member is not registered. After the drive is completed, national and chapter dues will be deducted and sent to the national and chapter treasurers respectively, before the proceeds will be handed to the individual. If such MEMBERS do not continue their membership dues henceforth, they will not get any further ASSISTANCE from Soba America.

NEC will also put a disclaimer on fund drives that are not approved by SOBA AMERICA. Any request for help using the Soba America forum will be required to have the disclaimer; otherwise the moderator of SOBA AMERICA will stop the drive after having informed the fund coordinator to abide by our by-laws

SICK BAY

The house upheld the resolution of Boston 09. The \$10000.00 pledged by SOBA AMERICA towards the sick bay stands until the end of 2011 Soba fiscal year. The GA will decide if the funds could be used for different projects after the said period. Furthermore, Soba America will only release the funds when we know where the rest of the funds to complete the project will come from.

ACTION ITEMS

Dr Njie will pay the 250,000 FCFA that SOBA AMERICA pledged towards the cathedral in Soppo, He leaves for Cameroon this week and will hand money to the President General of Soba, Dr Nyamdi or the S.G Elyssa Robert. Proper documentation and acknowledgement is expected after disbursement of the funds.

Alain Taku will get back to the house on the possibility of merging the SOBA AMERICA E-group and our website

Norbert to follow up with the outstanding response from the Bishop regarding Dr Enongene's concern regarding the Sasse I.T. project, and the letter he presented to the Bishop

MATTERS ARISING

Alain Taku wishes that all chapters of SOBA be involved in the 75th anniversary preparation, Dr Enongene would like the National Vice Presidents of SOBA General to come from the Diaspora, and would also like to see Sobans from the Diaspora get involved in voting of SOBA General Executives

Norbert promised to bring these issues to Dr Nyamdi when he meets with him next year

In concluding Norbert thanked all who participated and wished all a merry Christmas and Happy New Year in advance with continuous success in all their endeavors.

The following NEC Members were excused because of other prior commitments

Mr Quintus Enow

Larry Ekaney

Michael Fondungallah

Chapter Reports

SOBA-Houston Chapter

This has been a difficult year for SOBA-Houston with many adversities, beginning early during the year with the passing of Jude Fru (RIP), followed by the mother and mother-in-law of A.J. Oben and Enow Mbei. Our community has been devastated with numerous deaths of fellow Cameroonians with funerals seeming to be a monthly event with the most recent being held today Dec 4th, which has in turn impacted our scheduled monthly meetings.

We will once more extend our sincere gratitude to all SOBAN's for their continuous financial and moral support to the welfare our chapter.

SOBA-Houston though plagued with constant convolution due to our ties with the community, is growing strong and gaining members. Our membership has grown from a steady 9, to 15 members. There is a sudden emergent interest both from the younger and older SOBAN's who in the past had been reluctant to join the group. I am confident that in the coming months SOBA Houston will grow to a 25member out of the 57 SOBAN's now residing in the metro area.

SOBA-Houston will also be holding its SOBA Nite gala on Dec 24th and is inviting any SOBAN who will be in the metro area to come and celebrate the birth of Christ and thank God for a for his mercy throughout 2010 while waiting for a prosperous 2011.

Season's Greetings to everyone and may the grace of St Joseph be with you.

Ayuk Etta

President SOBA-Houston

Boston

Brothers, it was very nice talking to you guys through high tech during our last Conference call. Contributions from everyone were so valuable. Efforts from most NEC members especially Dr Nana from Cameroon cannot be appreciated enough.

Folks, New England have witnessed a couple of deaths during the early part of the year. Mr Kwo victor lost his younger sister Tina Kwo sometimes around late January and my Chapter as always came out in full material, moral and above all financial support to the family of Mr Kwo. In like manner, In May during the Memorial weekend when We were having our National Convention in DC, Mr Kong' father in-law who was vacationing here was having a heart attack and was pronounced dead on Monday when Mr Kong was heading back to Boston. The bad news struck him like lightening, but Mr Kong taking solace in SOBANS who were there for him when he lost his dad, never stopped believing in us and as never before SOBANS nationwide came in his support massively. Thanks Soba America so much for being there for Sobans at all times. Our membership has remained stable. We have a couple of young Soban who are not consistent but are registered at both Chapter and National. We also have Mr Kunju Emmanuel as a registered member of our Chapter.

Soba New England has been a little low in spirits due to ill health of one of our very dynamic members in the name of Mr Obenge Eric aka Bobos. Bobos has been sick and out of work for almost a year now. Our spirits like his is being lifted once again, thanks to Soba for the support that this family is receiving from all of you. It is so heartwarming guys, thank you very much. Please keep the Fund Drive alive.

Mid last year, our longest serving Chapter Sec. General returned home due family issues. He has since relocated to Canada. We hope to see him during the next convention. In this regard too SobaNE Chapter has initiated a fund drive for him at Chapter level and it going well so far.

As a tradition, SobaNE organizes an end of year party every December 31st where every Soban is welcome. So guys, if you happen to be around New England during this time, do not hesitate to join us at Mr Akoachere's home in Leominster MA on the 31st December 2010.

Thanks once again
Elvis Enongene - President

GEORGIA

OBITUARY: This year Soba-Ga PRO Mr. George Titang lost his mother in Cameroon. We would like to express our gratitude to all Sobans in the U.S. for their financial contributions towards this cause.

REGISTRATION: Soba-Georgia paid the registration dues of all its members and plans to do same every year.

CONVENTION REPORT: Soba-Ga will like the mini-convention to provide an update on some issues that were visited during the DC Convention especially on the following matters:

Relationship between Soba chapters: A panel of experts should be set up to examine the nature of the relationship between the various Soba chapters. Is Soba a confederation of multiple

branches with equal rights at the national level or is Soba executive in Cameroon the supreme body with the various chapters subservient to it?

Donor Bill of Rights: Soba-America should develop a bill of rights that is endorsed and recognized by the Bishop of Buea Diocese; the proprietor of Sasse College. This document should state clearly that money donated by Soba-America for specific projects should only be used for such and a financial report should be provided upon request. A separate bank account with such funds should also be set up with any debits and credits regularly provided to Sobans.

Soba-Ga-Community Relations: Soba is registered and participates in local community events in Atlanta. We support sister institutions and events organized in Georgia.

Christmas Eve 2010 Party: Traditionally Soba-Georgia hosts a Christmas party and this year's event is around the corner.

Sasse GCE O/A' Level Results: Soba-Georgia still stands by its commitment to eventually do something to congratulate the faculty and staff in Sasse College for students' performance in both levels.

MEETING SCHEDULE: Soba-Georgia meets once every two months and sets a meeting calendar at the start of every year.

MINNESOTA

Greetings from Minnesota, the land of 10,000 lakes. I will like to first apologize for dialing in late to the conference call due to family matters

First I will like to thank all SOBANS and their families for their continuous support to my chapter during the challenges we encounter this year. We had some deaths in our community including some sobans and non-sobans that lost their parents or family members. The Minnesota community was put to a test with multiple bereavements and our community responded with support from all around the world. This is how we should live as a community and i thank everyone from the bottom of my heart. I wish you and your family more blessings and successes come 2011.

Soba-MN has about 18 local registered members and 8 national registered members. Our main focus this year has been to increase our membership with both junior and senior sobans. There has been some improvement and there is still room to do better especially on the junior sobans. We are happy to announce that we have added 3 more senior sobans to our chapter that have paid their registration and we continue to grow. We have improved our commitment with members and their families by paying visits to families during sickness and/or happiness. We continue to stay together because that will only make us stronger and successful. Our local financial records

have been improving consistently because we reduce spending and increase revenue by growing our membership.

We held our thanksgiving party on 11/27/2010 and all went well but not great like it was planned. We had lots of fun both members and guests.

Due to the absence of Soba-MN executive members at May 2010 convention held in DC, our national registered members were unable to get their registration souvenirs, so they asked me to remind our national President and his Treasurer. Also we have four registered members in 2009 that did not get their mugs because 4 mugs were broken during transportation from Boston to Minnesota in 2009 convention that we would like to ask if they can be replaced or make more if we are out of mug.

We are excited and preparing for next year convention in Dallas. I hope to see you all there! Thank you for your time and hard work in all you do.

I wish everyone and their family a merry Christmas and prosperous New Year 2011 in advance.

Amadeus Dzekedze

Soba Minnesota

Chapter President.

DALLAS

Dr. Henry Njie on behalf of Dallas.

Despite Dallas hosting the convention, the number of registered members has not increased. The chapter has eight strong registered members. The chapter has tried to encourage younger Sobans to join but has not succeeded.

As concerns the convention the chapter is still deciding on which hall to use so as to better serve the population coming in for this event. The chapter has decided to be holding meetings every 3 weeks so as to prepare for the convention.

Thanks

FINANCIAL REPORT

The National Financial Secretary, Mr. Amadeus Dzekedze presented the financial report. Here is the breakdown:

Soba America comprehensive financial report 3rd qtr (July 1st to Sept 30th 2010)

Prior balance from June 2010 = \$35,220.83

JULY 2010

Revenue from July 1st 2010 to July 31st 2010

Deposits/Credits

07/07/10 member dues \$200
07/14/10 member dues \$500
07/23/10 member dues \$100
07/30/10 member dues \$300
07/30/10 member dues \$100

Total deposits = \$1200.00

Withdrawals

07/07/10 check # 1081 = \$1000.00 was payment made to Dr B. Fote for the death of his dad
07/26/10 check # 1082 = \$1000.00 was payment made to Dr Steve Bate for the death of his dad
07/28/10 check # 1083 = 54.00 was transportation of boxes of mugs and plaques by President Kong

Total withdrawals = \$2054.00

**Balance = \$35,220.83 + \$1200.00 - \$2054.00
= \$34,366.83**

AUGUST 2010

Deposit = None
Withdrawal = None

SEPTEMBER 2010

Revenue from Sept 1st 2010 to Sept 30th 2010

Deposits/Credits

09/08/10 member dues \$100
09/15/10 member dues \$100
09/28/10 Washington DC paid Soba America 70% net profit from 2010 convention \$3,373.84

Total deposits = \$3573.84

Withdrawals

None

**Balance = \$34,366.83 + \$3573.84 = \$37,940.67
President Club account balance = \$12,816.57**

Total combine balance on Sept 31st 2010 = \$50,757.24

Done on Nov 13th 2010 @ St Paul, Minnesota.
Sobanly,
Amadeus Dzekedze

National Financial Secretary
SOBA AMERICA (Sasse Alumni Association)