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SOBA America 2011 Dallas Convention Minutes

AGENDA

Friday May 27th 2011

Arrival of Delegates

8.00pm Reception (2812 West Over Drive, Grand Prairie Texas 75052)

Saturday May 28th 2011 – 9.00 -2pm (Blue Cypress Hotel, 117 South Watson Road, Arlington Texas 76010)

1. Opening prayers
2. Singing of the Sasse College Anthem and School song
3. Introduction of all SOBANs present/Roll call
4. Registration of members and payment of SOBA dues
5. Welcome address by Dallas Chapter President
6. Prior year Convention minutes & adoption
7. Chapter Reports in this order:
 - a. Dallas
 - b. Houston
 - c. New England
 - d. Atlanta
 - e. Minnesota
 - f. Washington DC
 - g. Western Region
8. Soba America Website Report by Martin Abada
9. Financial Reports by Dr. Henry Njie
10. Sasse Sick Bay project update – Joki Manga
11. Sasse IT project update – Dr. Evaristus Enongene
12. President's remarks regarding the State of our Union
13. Scholarships Awards at Sasse College
14. Resolutions taken at the Convention.
15. Matters arising
16. Venue for next SOBA America Convention
17. Elections
18. Refreshments
19. Adjournment

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Elections and By-Laws

1. Candidates for President and all other positions must meet all their financial obligations to the Association by the day of the election.
2. An electoral committee will be appointed on the day of election.
3. Members may nominate any eligible person for the position of President and all other positions.
4. Presidential candidates will each present a short campaign speech
5. Elections will be by secret ballot.
6. The electoral committee will tally the counts and present the results. A simple majority of those present will elect the President and all other positions.
7. The elected officers will assume office forthwith.

Saturday May 28th 2011 – 3-6pm: soccer: Venue To Be Determined!

Saturday May 28th 2011 – 9pm: Gala Night (Blue Cypress Hotel, 117 South Watson Road, Arlington Texas 76010)

Sunday May 29th 2011 – 9pm: Afternoon BBQ (608 Crest Site Duncanville Tx 75137). A Gala will also follow that evening. Venue TBD.

Chapter Reports

New England

The New England Chapter is doing very well in spite of lots of losses of loved ones suffered by members of our Chapter this year. It all started in May of last year with the National President Mr Kong losing his father-in-law while still in D.C during our Convention, followed by Mr Akoachere who lost his younger Brother and around December his Sister-inlaw, then Dr Steve Bate lost his Father, The New England President Nhon Enongene lost his mother, Mr Takem lost his aunt and most recently Mr Jana Nanje lost his uncle. SOBA America shared in all these losses in many dimensions that we of the New England Chapter appreciated and still appreciate your out pour of moral, material and above all financial support very much. Also the family of Mr Obenge Eric in particular and Soba New England family in general never stops thanking Soba America for the same out pour of support that he received during his ill health that kept him out of work for about a year. Folks Let's keep up the good work.

As for our membership, we remained stable even though we have a couple of young Soban who are not consistent but are registered at both Chapter and National Levels. We also have Mr Kunju Emmanuel as a registered member of our Chapter at this time. He has however, been a National member for ever.

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Sometime around last year, Our longest serving Chapter Sec. General returned home and has now relocated to Canada. He is currently spearheading efforts to build a Canadian Chapter of Soba. To show some solidarity in this regard, SobaNE Chapter had a fund drive for him at Chapter level to help him in the resettlement process and it went very well.

For SobaNE, this is,
Elvis Enongene - President.

SOBA MN Chapter Report to Soba America

Good day Pa Ngando, NEC members, fellow Sobans, Sobanese and invitees welcome to Dallas TX and greetings from Minnesota, Land of 10,000 lakes.

Soba MN has continuously grown its membership this year with interest from younger Sobans. We are getting younger Sobans actively involved in our chapter through participation and assign projects. Soba MN has 17 plus registered local members (Amadeus Dzekedze, Kinsley Ayangim, Raymond Fru, Moki Ndobedi, Evans Nkowa, William Aminkeng, Maitre Michael Fondungallah, Victor Naka, Matike Lifaka, Ernest Gwellem, Valentine Gwellem, Charles Efon, Celestain Fonge, Tyrolt Ngole, Paul Ateh, Sullivan Ade, Nsima Epie, Raymond Ekobena, Divine Tange, Steve Ndely and Ntang Elad.) Four of our members (Evans Nkowa, Steve Ndely, Ernest and Valentine Gwellem) are currently living out of state due to work and/or school. We have 11 registered national members of Soba America as of today and we hope to register more in the nearest future. I want to take this opportunity to thank my chapter V.P Kinsley Ayangim in recognition of his service and leadership to SOBA-2011. He has worked very hard in my chapter in the past 3 years presiding meetings, bringing and registering new and young Sobans. He is very active and continues to give ride to members to and from meetings. He has always paid both his local and national dues on time. He assists my chapter financially to meet its goals. We have meetings once a month precisely on every second Saturday. Two of our chapter members (V.P, Kinsley Ayangim and William Aminkeng) spouse gave birth to girls and they are doing fine. We offer benefit to our active chapter members and family; new born = \$250, court/civil marriage (Newly Wed) = \$100, graduation = \$50, death of a member/spouse/children = at least \$50 contribution per member plus fund drive etc. We are happy to announce that no death has hit our chapter this year and we pray for protection on our families. The number of Cameroonians living in MN has increased with many other alumni and tribal groups becoming active. We help support other groups in MN during socio-cultural activities by attending and donating. Our Soba MN party is always on Thanksgiving weekend and this year it will be on Saturday, Nov 26th 2011 from 9pm till 4am in a newly booked hall. You are all invited.

Soba MN would like to propose the following issues to be looked into and hopefully make some immediate changes.

Benefit to members: Soba-America to focus on its members in the US before looking back home. Let's focus on helping ourselves then Sasse and Cameroon in general. The issue of benefits to members:

i). Soba MN proposes that members be considered as individuals and brothers should be treated separately and not as one when it comes to death benefits. For example, if two or more

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registered members from the same parent lose their dad/mom they will receive the same amount of death benefit as a single member. We in Minnesota think it is unfair and this has caused some family members to abstain from paying their national dues. We think NEC and the general assembly should revisit this issue. If we amend this benefit to help Soban families here in the USA, this will encourage members to pay their national dues, become active and grow our association.

ii). Soba-America should also look at recognizing members who has attained milestones in age and marriage. We suggest add recognition for 10 years of marriage, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50 and 75. Birthday recognitions for 50th, 55th, 60th, 65th, 70th, 75th, 80th, 85th, 90th, 95th and 100th

iii). Soba America should work with Soba National to help improve SOBA image/brand name.

Increase membership through Group recognition: We in MN think Soba-America should work together with class groups or meetings in the US to help increase membership and participation. Soba-America can look for ways to assist (e.g. financially or materially or recognition) this small groups or classes to create awareness so that they can bring in more registered members.

Endowment Fund: Soba-America should not only encourage the president club but create more clubs to help bring in funds to the association. Other funds should come into Soba-America so that it will help to carry out projects. A separate account should be kept for these funds and when projects are picked, funds are removed from this account.

Representative/Soba-America Ambassador: Soba-America should have a spoke person or ambassador on issues in Cameroon apart from the president. This person should be someone who will represent us during meetings in Cameroon and other issues that need immediate task.

Investment: Soba America should think of creating an investment club in USA and encourage folks to join with minimal annual contribution. This club should be voluntary and a bylaw will be drawn by members of the club and decide how to invest their money. Minnesota currently has an investment club for a few members and they are doing well.

Running for Office: Let's include a clause in our by-laws for vetting candidates and for campaigning for elections. A few proposals, Sobans interested to run for office can forward their application to Soba-America Secretary General either electronic or paper latest by April ending (i.e. the month before convention). NEC to announce candidate running for office and 3 weeks open to lunch campaign before convention. Those who are going in for any NEC position should be active members in their local chapters and Soba-America for atleast the past 2 consecutive years before convention and that we should encouraged the younger generation.

Sasse Issues: Soba America should sponsor a monthly lecture series in Sasse and get Sobans in Cameroon and those visiting from abroad to visit Sasse and talk to students. For example, teaching, choosing a career, gets scholarship into university abroad. This will help touch a Sasse student to excel in class work as he looks the guest as his role model. There is still brutality from some staff members to student that is currently going on. We would like to table this to NEC to work with the Sasse administration to help stop brutality. If Soba-America has to carry out a project back home it should be something that every student will be touched not only a particular group of student. Soba MN is currently reviewing some options on how to help a project of this type.

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On behalf of my chapter, I wish you all a happy convention and safe trip back to your various places with the guidance of St Joseph.

Long live Soba America, Long live Sasse College and Long live Cameroon.

Soba Minnesota current Executives

Chapter President - Amadeus Dzekedze

Vice President – Kinsley Ayangim

Secretaries – Victor Naka and Raymond Fru

Treasurer – Moki Ndobedi

Houston Chapter Report by Elvis Mukete

Fellow Sobans, Honorable Pa Ngando, ladies and gentlemen, my name is Elvis Mukete from Houston TX and I stand here before you to present the chapter report for Houston. The president of the Houston chapter Mr. Ayuk Etta could not be here today due to death in the family. He is currently in MD for the burial. Let us pray for him and his family.

Soba Houston has about 15 regular members but we believe that there are a lot of Sobans in the Houston Metro area and we will continue to recruit members. We have meetings on the first Saturday of every month. During our meetings we deliberate on various issues as we see fit. Our deliberations are open and all Sobans are encouraged to participate. We also have Njangi – \$500 per person per month. We have about 10 participating Njangi members. We have a positive balance in our account. Unfortunately I cannot certify to the exact amount. We also had a mass last Sunday to honor St. Joseph. It was our initial attempt and although we faced some challenges, we plan to learn and work harder next time. For the last 5 years we have been having annual end of year party on December 24. It is a great way for us to sell ourselves to the community and attract other members. We plan to engage the community for a day with Sobans at the Park this summer.

As you can see we are well represented here today. I can see some familiar faces from Houston- Dan Mofor, Dr Enow, Dr. Egbe, Awongjia Fidelis, Kenneth Njie, Ako, Raymond Fonmboh, etc. We plan to continue to participate powerfully at the national level. We have always honored calls for the sick bay project; IT project etc and we will continue to do so. In this light, we are calling for the National Mini convention to be held in Houston this November.

May I draw your attention on a fund drive initiated some months ago to benefit Mr. Kimeng Victor. Mr. Kimeng is a former national Publicity Secretary and member of the Houston Chapter. I understand some pledges have not been fulfilled. We are grateful for the support we received from Sobans around the globe. I plead with you to please fulfill your pledge. Mr. Kimeng took ill sometime in February and is still in the hospital today. He is married with two kids. His wife was repatriated some weeks ago. Please let us put Mr. Kimeng in our prayers. Thanks for your time and attention and I wish you all a happy convention and safe return to your various destinations. I look forward to seeing you in Houston for the Mini convention. Long live Sasse, Long Live Soba

Western Region Chapter Report by Alain A. Taku

The Western region is made of Sobans in the following Western States: Arizona, California, Nevada, Washington State, Oregon. Meetings are organized remotely through conference calls. We are encouraging Sobans in the listed states to join the western region. The current executive is made of:

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Executive Board

Mr. Alain A. Taku President
Mr. John Asombang Vice President
Mr. Sona Bokossah Financial Sec
Dr. Kevin Njaba Treasurer
Mr. Geralf Ngu Social Sec

Advisers

Dr. David Nganele
Dr. Augustine Agbore
Dr. Walter Foto

Financial Report

\$665

Conference calls hold: 7:00 PM Forth Sunday of the Month

Crisis Management

All Western Region internal crisis that spilled into the general forum were successfully resolved. We thank the national President Mr. Norbert Kong, Mr. Stephen Zeh and a hand full of senior Sobans who played major roles in seeing into it that peace reigned. At the end of the day, Sobans who had genuine reasons to see the Western Region Chapter move forward got more engaged and remain engaged.

Membership

We continue to expand on our membership by reaching out to sobans of all generations. We expect our membership to grow by at least 30% by May next year when the convention will take place. We have had seven new sobans who have demonstrated interest in becoming active members and will directly assist in making the convention a success. We equally have a former teacher of Sasse college who is very interested in the activities of our chapter and especially pleased that we are championing the award for excellence to staff. Some of his inputs as a former staff members are invaluable.

Commendation of Mr. Norbert Kong Leadership

Western Region the rest of our Soba-America family to thank Mr. Norbert Kong for being an effective leader for the past four years in power. He helped to shape our fraternity to focus on the elements that make us our brother's keeper. Again we thank him for his vision to reward excellence through the sponsorship of the President's award and members contributions. We equally thank him for continuing motivating participation of members from across various Soban generations. From young to the "matured" sobans.

Membership Benefit

Our chapter was bless with a couple of birth. Which we celebrated and supported members as prescribed by our constitutions. Support of the birth of Aiden Taku on April 23, 2010 and that of Princess Doreen Asombang on April 23, 2011.

President's Award

The western region though a young chapter continues to contribute significantly in the activities of Soba-America. We can boost of four members in the president's club and our goal is to have a 100% members' national dues payment for this fiscal year.

Sasse College Teachers and Support Staff Award for Excellence

We are working on doubling the funds to support the teachers' award. We plan to raise \$1400 to support the teachers' award for the September 2011 – May 212 academic year, when we shall award teachers. We currently have pledges adding up to \$800. We have collected a total of \$250. We shall in days ahead, launch an online campaign to ensure that we receive support from all Sobans. We equally wish to have a model in place that will guarantee continuous support of the award program for

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teachers' award and support staff of Sasse College. We will solicit additional support from Soba-America if needed when the time arises.

We have started engaging various stakeholders on the modality that will be used to award excellence. Dr. Nana & President Norbert Kong met with the Principal and preliminary criteria for selection are under review. We shall keep you posted as things unfold.

National Convention 2012

The western region is anxiously waiting for you all in 2012 as we plan to host one of a kind convention in the history of Soba-America. We are already having planning meetings in order to provide you a wonderful convention that will break all records, in attendance, \$\$ and socialization. Meet and exceed \$\$ target.

Submitted by,

Alain A. Taku

President Western Region

Soba America Website Report by Martin Abada

SOBA America Website (sobamerica.org)

Presentation to SOBA Convention.

This current website seems to be the most sustained efforts we have made in a long time BUT there still remains a lot of work to be done.

The challenges we faced with creating, populating, and maintaining a website is not new.

Statistics:

Website host: GoDaddy.

Developer: Martin Abada

Platform used: Joomla

Extensions (Modules): Community Builder, myblog, GroupJive, CB Subs, UdeIM, kunena forum, phoca guest book, mobileJoomla, Joomla comment, expose gallery, sh404SEF, cool templates.

Cost: yearly licenses and hosting fees are \$300 (conservative).

Registered members: 12

Last visit: Larry Ekaney on feb 2011.

It can manage subscriptions, send emails, organize groups (class groups), publish newsletters, handle forums, and manage blogging, etc.

Some of the popular pages are the obituary page and gallery page.

Why did I tell you all this information?

The benefits of a website:

1. It gives SOBA America presence on the Internet. This is the first place people (donors) go to find out who you are.
2. It tells a story of who you are. A healthy organization can clearly be seen in the efforts it puts telling its story - on the web. **What story does sobamerica.org tell?**
3. Centralized management. Your office on the web. With a geographical diverse population, running an organization can be near impossible. By centralizing operations on the web, you make it manageable. **A small organization can look mightily BIG on the Internet.** It also eliminate the need for request of SOBA America documents (I get a lot of request for emblem, letterheads etc).

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4. It makes you (us) feel better when you see yourself on the web.

What are some of the problems?

There are many

1. **Fragmentation** : (there are numerous class webpages scattered all over the Internet. Some examples are soba98, class91, and there even a soba page on Facebook. There are all good efforts BUT they dilute the message SOBA and causes confusion in the mind of the public. Other associations also have this problem, so the problem is not unique to us. This appears to be more of a SOBA problem but we see this is the various yahoo groups.

2. **Lack of Motivation** (or unfocused attention): there are a lot of fence sitters in our organization and the website is not an exemption. You can go through the sobamerica.org website and see for yourself. Numerous pages still need to be written, edited and updated. We however seem to be passionate in our discussions in our emails (forum).

Soban Gerald Nuptia in 2003 published an article "A New SOBA - Renewing the cause" proposed a clear vision on how to organize ourselves. He laid out recommendations including a website.

Recommendations:

1. NEC should make sobamerica.org a priority. SOBA America should check our web presence quarterly or whenever they make. They should make recommendations to the developer and follow through that it is done. At least NEC should make sure there is continuity of the association web presence by assigning a backup person to the webmaster. Do you know where your password to sobamerica.org is?

2. Make webmaster a member of NEC.

3. Complete pages on sobamerica.org

4. Standardize common documents (letterhead, emblem etc) and place on website for download.

5. Encourage participation by SOBANs in (blogging, forums, writing their stories for publication). You can do this by assigning a member as publisher (to review articles for publications), moderator (to organize forums and blogs) , and a House Lawyer. You can publish candidates for offices of the organization and open a debate for those who can not attend the convention.

6. Encourage classes to open their class page on sobamerica.org (yes we have capacity for this)

7. Consider transferring current forum (SobaAmerica@yahoogroups) to sobamerica.org. You can start with NEC first.

There is a lot of fragmentation in our association. I hope to consolidate these various activities into a single coherent place for better access.?

Website committee formed to comprise: Mr Martin Abada, Alain Taku, Asonglefac Nkemleke, Marfere Tabe and Michael Fondungallah (legal adviser)

Financial Reports by Amadeus of Soba MN

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Soba America combines comprehensive financial report 1st qtr (Jan 1st to 03/31/2011)

A. General Account:

Prior balance from Dec 2010 = **\$37,340.67**

JANUARY 2011

Revenue from Jan 1st 2011 to Jan 31st 2011

Deposits/Credits

None

Withdrawals

None

Balance = \$37,340.67

FEBRUARY 2011

Revenue from Feb 1st 2011 to Feb 28th 2011

Deposits/Credits (1)

02/07/11 Washington DC convention pledge from Dr Nick Enow for the amount of \$1000

Total deposits = \$1000

Withdrawals (1)

02/23/2011 Check # 1086 = \$1000 to soban Elvis Enongene to assist him for burial of his late mom.

Balance = \$37,340.67 + \$1000 - \$1000 = **\$37,340.67**

MARCH 2011

Revenue from March 1st 2011 to March 31st 2011

Deposits/Credits

None

Withdrawals (2)

03/07/2011 check # 1085 = \$1000 to soban Takang to assist him for burial of his late dad.

03/22/2011 check # 1087 = \$1000 to soban Paul Enow to assist him for the burial of his late dad.

Balance = \$37,340.67 - \$2000.00 = **\$35,340.67**

End of 1st quarter 2011 general account comprehensive report.

B. President's Club Account:

Prior balance from Dec 2010 = **\$12,819.80**

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Revenue from Jan 1st to Jan 31st 2011

Deposits/Credits

Members contribution = none

12/31/10 Interest earned = \$1.09

Withdrawal/debit = none

Balance = \$12,819.80 + \$1.09 = **\$12,820.89**

FEBRUARY 2011

Revenue from Feb 1st 2011 to Feb 28th 2011

Deposits/Credits

Contribution = none

02/28/2011 Interest earned = \$0.98

Withdrawals

None

Balance = \$12,820.89 + \$0.98 = **\$12,821.87**

MARCH 2011

Revenue from March 1st 2011 to March 31st 2011

Deposits/Credits

Contributions = none

03/31/2011 Interest earned = \$1.09

Withdrawals

None

Balance = \$12,821.87 + \$1.09 = **\$12,822.96**

End of 1st qtr 2011 President Club comprehensive report.

C. Combine Account Balances

**Both General and President's club respectively, dated 3/31/2011
= \$35,340.67 + \$12,822.96 = \$ 48,163.63**

Done on April 25th 2011 at St Paul, MN, USA.

Sobanly,

Amadeus Dzekedze

National Financial Secretary

SOBA AMERICA (Sasse Alumni Association)

Sasse Sick Bay project update – Joki Manga

Presented status of the sickbay and Soba America accepted to pay the \$10 000 pledge.

Also plan to discuss with the various chapters on modalities of raising funds for this

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project at the chapter levels. Those areas with no chapters, members will be levied individually. NEC will decide modality

Sasse IT project update – Dr. Evaristus Enongene

Project not yet dead, but will have to discuss with the authorities on ways of merging the two existing labs in Sasse and the naming of the lab after Dr Ebie

Scholarships Awards at Sasse College.

Played a tape of the ceremony at Sasse and breakdown as well as the new proposals unanimously accepted by the GA presented as follows:

A- Soba America Scholarship Awards to Sasse College students (May 2011)

Form one

1. Best all round student, best in sports, academics, discipline and best behaved
Wetondreu Akongo Emile – 25 000 FCFA

2. Best science student:
Abongwe Wara – 25 000 FCFA

(For next year: first prize: 25 000 FCFA; Second prize: 15 000FCFA)

3. Best arts student:
Abongwe Wara – 25 000 FCFA

(For next year: first prize: 25 000 FCFA; Second prize: 15 000FCFA)

Form Two

1. Best all round student, best in sports, academics, discipline and best behaved
Awong Nnange Akweh – 25 000 FCFA

2. Best science student:
Awong Nnange Akweh – 25 000 FCFA

(For next year: first prize: 25 000 FCFA; Second prize: 15 000FCFA)

3. Best arts student:
Awong Nnange Akweh – 25 000 FCFA

(For next year: first prize: 25 000 FCFA; Second prize: 15 000FCFA)

Form Three

1. Best all round student, best in sports, academics, discipline and best behaved.
Fotio Mbohon Charles – 25 000 FCFA



2. Best science student:

Fotio Mbohon Charles – 25 000 FCFA

(For next year: first prize: 25 000 FCFA; Second prize: 15 000FCFA)

3. Best arts student:

Fotio Mbohon Charles – 25 000 FCFA

(For next year: first prize: 25 000 FCFA; Second prize: 15 000FCFA)

Form Four

1. Best science student:

Meli Billy Steve – 50 000 FCFA

(For next year: first prize: 30 000 FCFA; Second prize: 20 000FCFA)

2. Best arts student:

Arrey Enow Tanjong – 50 000 FCFA

(For next year: first prize: 30 000 FCFA; Second prize: 20 000FCFA)

Form Five

1. Best science student:

Meli Alex – 50 000 FCFA

(For next year: first prize: 30 000 FCFA; Second prize: 20 000FCFA)

2. Best arts student:

Ekongwese Brilliant Bwang – 50 000 FCFA

(For next year: first prize: 30 000 FCFA; Second prize: 20 000FCFA)

Lower Sixth

Best all round student

Bokalli Francois – 75 000 FCFA

(For next year: first prize: 50 000 FCFA; Second prize: 20 000FCFA)

Upper Sixth

Best all round student

Egbe Bessong Tabot A – 75000 FCFA

(For next year: first prize: 50 000 FCFA; Second prize: 20 000FCFA)

B- Solomon Kong Scholarship Award for Excellence *(Donated by Mr. Norbert Kong)*



Second Cycle

- 1st Prize Egbe Bessong Tabot A – 70 000 FCFA
2nd Prize Nuvala Celestine Bambot – 50 000 FCFA

First Cycle

- 1st Prize Fotio Mbohoun Charles - 50,000.00 FCFA
2nd Prize Tendonge Awo Nasako - 30,000.00 FCFA

C- Soba America appreciation to staff of Sasse college for excellent performance at GCE 2010 - \$700.00

(Contributors: Soba Georgia - \$500.00; Soba New England - \$200.00)
(For next year, the Western region will lead this effort headed by Mr Alain Taku)

D- Recipients for 2011 Soba America Awards

Stephen Zeh of D.C Chapter
Kingsley Ayagim V.P of MN Chapter

E- Award of appreciation for outstanding services to SOBA Houston and SOBA

Mrs Rose Enow (Aunty Rose) of Houston

President's remarks regarding the State of our Union

SOBA AMERICA NATIONAL CONVENTION DALLAS 2011 NATIONAL PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Fellow Sobans, members of NEC, Sobanese, Friends of Sobans It is with great pleasure and honor , that I welcome all of you to BIG D today, as your national president

To all present here today, I applaud all your efforts and sacrifices that you all have made to be here ,for those of you who could not make it ,I pray that you make it next year at the Western region. Let me also use this opportunity to extend my sincere gratitude to the president of the host chapter (Mr Bond) and his members with all the Sobanese for their kind hospitality

Our national convention is a forum for the G.A and NEC to take stock of our activities and also to forge a way forward for this great association of ours.

SOBA AMERICA continues to be the BEST alumni association from Africa which goes to portray that Sasse College represents Excellence and yes is still the HARVARD OF AFRICA, if you look in this room today all you

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see is EXCELLENCE in all works of life, I strongly believe that if we all put our heads together, there is no mountain, that we can not move

SOBA AMERICA have grown from five chapters, when we were elected at the helm some four years to seven chapters now. Membership has grown from about 60 registered annually to about 130 registered members annually today, folks this is still not acceptable. Every SOBAN in America should be PROUD to belong to this great association of ours, there are non Sobans who only wish they could trade places and become Sobans

I am pleading with you all here today to pay your annual dues and not wait until when they are in hardship or trouble before trying to get in touch with Sobans

Fellow Sobans we should try to discourage these, and encourage all sobans to participate at their local chapters and national, asking Sobans to pay about \$9.00 monthly and about \$5.00 monthly for students, is not asking too much

Financially our association continues to be at its BEST since its creation, with about \$50000.00 in our coffers, after having met all our obligations

Gentlemen, SOBA AMERICA, scholarship Award for Excellence, had its second edition on May 14th 2011, once again the students, parents, staff, catholic education and the president general express their sincere gratitude for what you all are doing to your alma matter. The level of competition that I have observed in my last two visits in Sasse College since the inception of the scholarship program have increased tremendously . The principal have confirmed that this have played a role in the overall improvement of the students results and also pray that we extend this program to the teachers.

The staff were very moved by the kind gestures of SOBA GA, (\$500.00) and SOBA N.E (\$200.00), that was given to them in appreciation of the last GCE Results, whereby Sasse college was first over all in Ordinary level, and second in the country in Advance level. The staff delegate, told us that this gesture was the first of its kind in Cmeroon and prayed that many chapters emulate this gesture.! did promise them that if Sasse college became first in both A and O levels, we shall double our efforts. Once again kudos to president Beltus Ntopi of GA, President Elvis Enongene of N.E and to all their chapter members for responding to the national presidents call to reward the teachers of for last years fine result, special kudos to the GA chapter for having registered the highest number of Sobans during last year's convention in D.C ,guys please keep it up

I also promised them that by the next award, we would have included the teachers in our award program.

Fellow Sobans, we contributed our levy of 250000.00 CFA for the Buea cathedral, we raised more than \$50000.00 to our members last year during trying times, folks this is a true example of being our brother's keeper, I pray that we continue in this spirit, that is the soba way, I also encourage those that have been on the sidelines, to not wait until when they have a problem ,before asking for help ,it is not fair and its not the Soba way

As concerns projects, the president general has put the sick Bay as his number one priority, and will like to hand the keys to the college by next year AGM meeting .To this effect, Soba America has already pledged \$10000.00

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I will like to give credit to the following Sobans who have worked with me during the last four years;

Mr. Ayuk Etta National V.P, President Soba Houston,

Dr. Henry Njie National Treasurer

Dr. Kevin Nana National Secretary General

Mr. Amadeus Dzekedze National Financial Secretary, president Soba M.N

Mr. Alain Taku National Publicity Secretary, President Western Region

Mr. Henry Simo (Bond) President Soba Dallas

Mr. Elvis Enongene President Soba N.E

Mr. Aldrin Ngwa president Washington D.C

Mr. Beltus Ntopi president GA

Mr. Quintus Enow (founding president)

Mr. Larry Ekaney (past president)

Maitre Michael Fondungallah (past president)

Dr Nick Enow (past president)

Mr. Dan Mofor

Dr. Evaristus Enongene

In conclusion, I want to thank all of you from the bottom of my heart for having given me the opportunity to serve you all ,as the national president of our prestigious SOBA AMERICA, it has been a humbling and honorable experience. I pray that, as we move to select new leadership, that will lead us in the future, we select committed sobans of high integrity that will take our association to new heights continue on the foundations that we have already established, while abiding by the mission of SOBA AMERICA and SOBA

I thank you all for your time, may Saint Joseph our patron Saint, continue to guide you all and may the Good Lord grant travel mercy to you all, enjoy your selves and have a good convention

God Bless you all

Long Live Sasse College

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Long Live Cameroon

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Long Live America
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National President SOBA AMERICA

Resolutions:

- Members should endeavor to register at the website of Soba America and send inputs to the webmaster
- Bring all web groups in-house (to reduce fragmentation)
- NEC should make the Soba webpage as a priority tool for communication
- Make the webmaster member of NEC
- Standardize all Soba documents in the website
- NEC should encourage participation at the website (increase traffic), e.g. convention preparation
- Site should have a moderator
- Transfer Yahoo group to website

Venue for next SOBA America Convention

Soba Western region to host the next convention

Elections

Committee was set up to organize elections and members were Dr Augustine Agbor, Dr Nicholas Enow and Mr. Daniel Mofor.

The following new executive members were elected to run Soba America affairs for the next two years:

President: Mr. Beltus Ntopi

Vice President: Dr. Kevin Nana Njabo

Secretary General: Mr. Martin Abada

Financial Secretary: Mr. Amadeus Dzekedze

Treasurer: Mr. Alain Taku

Publicity Secretary: Mr. Elvis Mukete

Adjournment. Meeting was adjourned at 5pm

Attendance

1. Kevin Y Njabo

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2. Norbert Kong
3. Alain Taku
4. Amadeus Dzekedze
5. Gerald Obale
6. Manfred Tabe
7. Francis Njie
8. Evaristus Enongene
9. Emmanuel Kunju Kemembin
10. Mathias Etta Egbe
11. Nicholas Enow
12. Dan Mofor
13. Quintus Enow
14. Derick Chi
15. Elume Roland
16. Edie Ngwesse Mesumbe
17. Terrence Lange
18. Joki Manga
19. Steve Eneme
20. Kenneth Njie
21. Ati Stanley
22. Fidelis Awungjia

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23. Michael Fundungallah

24. Alphone Ekole

25. William K Mpafe

26. Elvis Mukete

27. Aldrin F Ngwa

28. Beltus Ntopi

29. Wacka Louis

30. Piikwa Nnoko

31. Fomboh Raymond

32. Henry Simo

33. Pa Ngando

34. George Titang

35. Ivo Edimo

36. Dr Augustin E Agbor

37. Hillaire Meanchop

38. Christian Tufon

39. Reic Nvenge

40. Frederick Itoe

41. George Eyambe

42. Namaya Godwin

43. Ekole Fonjongo

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44. Martin Abada
45. Gregory Njapen
46. Bendrix Tabu
47. Lawrence Dioh

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Secretary General
SOBA America*

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