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Minnesota General Assembly Meeting Meeting Minutes May 23, 2014

Attendees: (see separate attachment)

Absent:

Recorder: Martin Abada

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	DECISION & FOLLOW-UP
<i>Meeting Convened</i>	Dr Evaristus Enongene led us in prayers Registration and Roll call. (See attached roll call of attendees) Call to Order: Meeting facilitator: Mr. Dan Mofor Welcome Statement by hosting President, Mr. Kingsley	
<i>Approval of Previous Minutes</i>	2013 Meeting Minutes was approved	
<i>Presentations</i>		
<i>Financial Report</i>	1. Report prepared by Amadeus Ndzekeze, Financial Secretary The Financial Secretary gave a report of our financial status.	
<i>Chapter Reports</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dallas Chapter:• Montreal Report• Georgia Report• Washington DC Chapter• New England Chapter:• Houston Chapter:• TriState Chapter:	



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	<p>No Report from</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WR chapter (Ari, WA, Utah, Origion, and CA). “The Virual Chapter” • Minnesota Chapter (HOST CHAPTER) • • State of SOBA America Address by SOBA America President, Beltus Ntopi 	
<i>Presentations</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rebranding Committee: Presentation by Frederick Itoe. Committee members: 	<p>Vote to give authority to SOBA America President to approve expenditure to do rebranding.</p> <p>Vote to approve: 22</p> <p>Vote not to approve: No hands were raised.</p> <p><i>Motion to approve expenditure to rebrand SOBA America passed.</i></p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on the orphanage project SASF: Presentation by Devine Tange 	<p>Resolution: SASF will sponsor 2 kids next academic year in Sasse through the SASF initiative-2015/2016. Motion passed</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bylaws amendment vote: • 1. Dues: Do we want to increase annual dues? Due have been since inception of SOBA America has been \$100. Vote: for increase: 6 . Vote not to increase: 22. 2. Wanossan Amendment: This amendment was to authorize SOBA America to give \$250 from our account and run a fund drive for 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Resolution: There will be no increase in annual dues. The Annual Dues remains at \$100.</i> 2. <i>Resolution: Wanossan Amendment passed: The Wanossan amendment is to support deceased</i>



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	<p>Masters who died in Cameroon. NOTE: all Masters are SOBANs Vote for : 20, Vote against: 10</p> <p>3. Term Limit for President: Our current bylaws states that the President has 2 terms but it also says if President wants to run again, they can. So, the proposal is that the President can run for a maximum of 2 consecutive terms of 2 years. Vote for: 26, Vote against: 4</p>	<p><i>Masters of Sasse College with \$250 and a fund drive.</i></p> <p>3. <i>Resolution: Motion passed. Make term limits for executive positions and presidency for a maximum of 2 concurrent terms of 2 years each.</i></p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Convention Fee proposal by Mola Edwin Ndoko The convention dues has not change since the inception of SOBA America even though the cost of living has dramatically increase. <p>The argument is to increase the convention fees for those who attend the convention from \$10 to \$100. This will “cover everything”</p>	<p><i>Resolution: Motion passed. Increase convention fees from \$10 to \$100.</i></p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SAGI by VP Dr Kevin Nana SAGI is an insurance scheme that we want SOBA America to be part of it. <p>The objective of SAGI is simple.</p> <p>SAGI will pay for the repatriation of your remains to Cameroon. It also</p> <p>There are 2 questions that you need to answer to determine if you can be a member of SAGI.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do you want to be buried in Cameroon? • Do you belong to an Association that is based in USA that has more than 10 members? You can also register your family members. • You can visit SAGI-usa.org for more information or contact Dr Kevin Njabo 	<p><i>Resolution: The motion passed. Enrollment of Soba into SAGI organization..</i></p>



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	<p>Members were asked to vote for whether SOBA America should be part of SAGI?</p> <p>Vote for: 26, Vote against: No hands up.</p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SOBA America Life Insurance by Quintus Enow • SOBA America started in 2013 another insurance scheme. This is a Life Insurance. • If you need to register, call Quintus 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SOBA UK President Ayuk Ako Arrey <p>Vision: Wants to make SOBA relevant to its members. Can SOBANs come to us when they have issue?</p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SOBA Suits by Jackson Elonge • 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 75th Anniversary Update & Gifts by President Ntopi • Our 75th Anniversary is scheduled for Thursday Dec 18th through Saturday Dec 21st 2014. Saturday Dec 21st is the main event. • 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Special Projects: Class of 1972 by Dr Kunju • Class of 72 had the Gate Project since 2006. The Project is to renovate the main gate of Sasse. They raised \$20000 in Atlanta and other individual contributions towards this project. Yaounde chapter was also interested in this project. 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other Matters: General Assembly discussion including convention venue • 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interhouse Competition 	St Augustine won.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closing remarks and official announcement of 2015 Silver Jubilee Convention venue. 	<p><i>Montreal will host our convention in 2015.</i></p> <p><i>And so it was</i></p>
Next Meeting	May 23, 2015 10 AM – 3pm in Montreal, Canada	



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