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**SOBA America 2015 Montreal, Canada Convention Minutes**

**25th Anniversary Convention**

***Theme: Unity, Progress & Excellence***

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## Agenda

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 Montreal Chapter President
6. Prior year Convention minutes & adoption
7. Chapter Reports
8. President's remarks regarding the State of our Union
9. Elections
10. Financial Reports
11. SAGI update
12. Rebranding Committee update
13. Constitutional Amendment
14. Matters arising
15. Venue for next SOBA America Convention
16. Refreshments
17. Adjournment

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1. Opening prayers:  
Convention Opening prayer was led by XXXXX. Meeting started at 9am??
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3. Introduction of all SOBANS present/Roll call

Delegates identified themselves by

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5. Welcome address by Montreal Chapter President
6. Prior year Convention minutes & adoption

## 7. Chapter Reports

### Montreal 2015 Chapter Report to SOBA America\_2015

### Montreal Chapter Report to SOBA America

Fiscal Year: June 1st \_2015\_\_\_\_\_ to May 31st 2015

#### Chapter Name:

**Officers:** *(who are your executives? what are their contact information (phone #, email)*

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3. *Secretary General: Emmanuel Asanji*

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4. *Treasurer:*

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**Phone #:**

*Email Address:*

5. *Financial Secretary:*

**Phone #:**

*Email Address:*

6. *Publicity Secretary:*

**Phone #:**

*Email Address:*

7. *Organizing secretary:*

**Phone #:**

*Email Address:*

**Meetings:**

Chapter meeting times: Meetings are held once every month, precisely on the third Sunday of the month at 3:00 p.m. (please indicate when chapter meetings are held and the frequency of it)

**Membership Analysis:**

1. *Who are your members? (total # active and inactive)*

*We have a numerical strength of 16 members. All members have paid their convention levies while 11 members have paid their benefit dues .It is our hope that the others will make the benefit payments during this convention.*

2. *How many of your members have served or are serving SOBA America (NEC):*

*The president is the only NEC member.*

**Financials:**

1. *Annual Dues paid:1100*

2. *President's Club members: TBD*

3. *How do you generate funds: We generate funds through yearly annual fund raising gala. Fortunately, this year we are hosting the Soba America 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary convention. It is expected and looks positive that some funds will be generated from this event by the chapter.*

4. *Provide update of chapter contributions to SOBA projects (e.g. Sick Bay)*

5. *Attach Treasurer's report: TBD after the convention.*

**Achievements:**

1. *What are your major achievements :Unity and progress*

2. *What is it that makes your chapter unique (what are chapter programs)?We are united and one happy family.*

3. *What programs are successful? Baby presentation, family meetings, Njangui.*

4. *Discuss the problems of your chapter **RIGHT NOW**: No problems*

5. *Discuss how NEC can help your chapter (if any):*

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# What are your plans for next year?

1. *Discuss what you can do to be a better chapter.  
We intend to embark on an excursion next summer. We also expect a great number of attendances to the mini convention in Boston, MA.*
2. *Share your ideas (discuss ways) that SOBA America can improve & grow: Spread the love around. We are all unique that we are Sobans. Communication is an excellent tool to cement the bond of communion amongst us.*

Prepared by: **Dr. Aloysius Ibeagha**

Date: 20<sup>th</sup> May, 2015.

## Ontario 2015 Chapter Report to SOBA America

### Chapter Report to SOBA America

Fiscal Year: June 1st 2014 to May 31st 2015

#### Chapter Name:

**Officers:** *(who are your executives? what are their contact information (phone #, email))*

8. *President: Armstrong Sache*

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9. *Secretary General/Publicity Secretary: Martin Mote Ngoe*

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*Email Address: ngoemartin@gmail.com*

#### **10. Treasurer/Financial Secretary: Gerald Muchu**

**Phone #: 647 760 5724**

*Email Address: gamuchu@yahoo.com*

#### Meetings:

Chapter meeting times: *( Chapter meetings are held on the Second Saturday of the month))*

#### Membership Analysis:

3. *Who are your members?(# active and inactive) 15*

- *Wilfred Elad – 75 Class*
- *Armstrong Sache – 87 Class*
- *Martin Mote Ndasah – 87 Class*
- *Gerald Muchu – 87 Class*
- *Elvis Folifac – 87 Class*
- *Livinus Ifeanyi – 87 Class*

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- *Glovis Ngalla – 1989 Class*
- *Anyambot Gideon – 1990 Class*
- *Atemkeng Tarcisius – 1993 Class*
- *Mac Nzuonkwelle- 1994 Class*
- *Ajuah Aben – 1994 Class*
- *Akong Jackson – 1995 Class*
- *Tang Abane – 1998 Class*
- *Bertold Dissock – 2006 Class*
- *Okpu Victor – 2007 Class*

4. *Average meeting attendance: 6*
5. *Percentage (%) change each month: 40%*
6. *How many have paid their dues: Non*
7. *Welcome new members (including births): Non*
8. *Discuss latest news (marriages, births, death etc):*
9. *How many of your members have served or are serving SOBA America (NEC): Non*

#### **Financials:**

6. *Annual Dues paid: Non*
7. *President's Club members: Non*
8. *How do you generate funds: Membership dues and Fund raising events*
9. *Provide update of chapter contributions to SOBA projects (e.g. Sick Bay): Not yet*
10. *Attach Treasurer's report: NA*

#### **Achievements:**

6. *What are your major achievements:  
Our major achievement so far is the launch of the SOBA Ontario Chapter*
7. *What is it that makes your chapter unique (what are chapter programs)?  
The SOBA Ontario chapter is unique because of its youthfulness. It is the youngest chapter in terms of longevity and the youthfulness of its members*
8. *What programs are successful?  
A lot of work in progress with upcoming programs*
9. *Discuss the problems of your chapter **RIGHT NOW**:  
As outlined above, most of the SOBA Ontario members are young students who still face a lot of challenges between going to school and day to day life making it difficult for them to attend chapter meetings*
10. *Discuss how NEC can help your chapter (if any):*

## **What are your plans for next year?**

3. *Discuss what you can do to be a better chapter.*

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*We are currently working on ways to encourage our student members to attend chapter meetings. Some of our ideas are car pooling amongst members living in the same area. We are also encouraging members who live in proximity to each other to host chapter meetings so as to facilitate attendance by all.*

4. Share your ideas (discuss ways) that SOBA America can improve & grow:

**Prepared by: Armstrong Sache**

**Date: 05/20/2015**

## Minnesota 2015 Chapter Report to SOBA America

### Chapter Report to SOBA America

**Fiscal Year: June 1st 2014 to May 31st 2015**

**Chapter Name: SOBA MINNESOTA**

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**3. Secretary General:** Kanjoh Fai

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**4. Treasurer:** Moki Ndobedi

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**5. Financial Secretary:** Njila Francis

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**6. Publicity Secretary:** To be announced

Phone #:

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Secretary	Organizing Secretary					

Email Address:

**7. Organizing secretary:** To be announced

Phone #:

Email Address:

**Meetings:**

Chapter meeting times: (please indicate when chapter meetings are held and the frequency of it)

Chapter meetings are held on the second Saturday of every month. It starts at 7pm prompt.

**Membership Analysis:**

**1. Who are your members? (total # active and inactive)**

Ayangim Kinsley, Amadeus Dzekedze, Raymond Fru, Njila Francis, Moki Ndobedi, Fai Kanjoh, Ngemto Emmanuel, Divine Tange, Elad Ntang, Nsima Epie, Mola Steve Ndely, Matike Lifaka, Celestain Fonge, Alfred Kange, Ernest Gwellem, Paul Ateh, Tyrolt Ngole, Raymond Ekobena,

**2. Average meeting attendance:**

15/20 members

**3. Percentage (%) change each month:**

20%

**4. How many have paid their dues:** 16 members have paid their yearly local registration dues

**5. Welcome new members (including births):**

Soba MN was opportune to have Kanjoy Fai as our new Secretary General.

**6. Discuss latest news (marriages, births, death etc):**

N/A

**7. How many of your members have served or are serving SOBA America (NEC):**

Four members (Kinsley Ayangim, Amadeus Dzekedze, Divine Tange) are currently serving NEC.

**Financials:**

**1. Annual Dues paid:**

We have 10 members from Minnesota who have paid their annual dues.

**2. President's Club members:**

Amadeus Dzekedze.

**3. How do you generate funds:**

We generate funds through membership in the form of registration, special levy. We also generate funds through social/fundraising events as well as donations.

**4. Provide update of chapter contributions to SOBA projects (e.g. Sick Bay)**

Soba Minnesota contributed its portion of \$1500.00 towards the sickbay project.

**5. Attach Treasurer's report:**

NA

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## **Achievements:**

### **1. What are your major achievements:**

SOBA Minnesota hosted in 2014, the most memorable event in the history of SOBA America (75th Anniversary of Sasse College/Convention). This event was heavily attended by Sobans all over the globe and its success was immeasurable. Funds raised were outstanding.

### **2. What is it that makes your chapter unique (what are chapter programs)?**

- The blend of older and younger Sobans provides for a variety of perspectives. Choosing from a pool of options/ideas encourages growth and stability.

- Fundraising/Thanksgiving Party (November)

- End of year party (to acknowledge Sobanese and Kids).

### **3. What programs are successful?**

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### **4. Discuss the problems of your chapter RIGHT NOW:**

- As of now, tardiness is a problem but we are working relentlessly on reducing it.

\* A few members have boycotted Soba MN meeting since after the last election. We have been working on bringing them back to the meeting.

### **5. Discuss how NEC can help your chapter (if any):**

- Nec will update SOBA MN on the progress of the Sickbay projects. Soba MN members are concerned especially after emails surfaced on our group from the President of SOBA UK and the President of SOBA Cameroon regarding the MOU. Nec will help us see reasons why we need to contribute to future projects.

- Nec will serve as a listening and advisory tool to our chapter when it goes rogue.

### **What are your plans for next year?**

1. Discuss what you can do to be a better chapter.

- Cooperation, commitment and sacrifice of every SobaMinnesota member to supporting our cause and that of SobaAmerica, as well as to better our lives in America

2. Share your ideas (discuss ways) that SOBA America can improve & grow:

- Bylaws update to reflect already endorsed changes

\* Sickbay project completion: Dialogue between players of the sickbay project to ensure that everyone is on the same page. The problem of process and hierarchy amongst and between players should be sorted out.

Prepared by: Kinsley Ayangim, SOBA MN President.

Date: 5/19/15

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## 2015 NE CHAPTER REPORT TO SOBA AMERICA

### **CHAPTER REPORT TO SOBA AMERICA Fiscal Year: June 1<sup>st</sup> 2014 to May 31<sup>st</sup> 2015 New England Chapter**

Fellow Sobans,

On behalf of Soba New England members, I wish to extend our fervent greetings to our distinguished brothers who are present at this unique occasion of ours, as well as those who could not be with us for one reason or another.

May I use this opportunity to thank Montreal Chapter for hosting us, first of its kind out of the United States of America? We pray that St Joseph guide us through our deliberations, have lots of fun, and many memories to ponder about Montreal when we go back to our various destinations.

In the past fiscal year, the State of New England has been strong. The strength of our chapter has come about because of the loyalty and dedication of members to our union. Regular attendance and general participation in our monthly meetings activities cannot be over emphasized. The total number of active members in our union has not changed.

They are as follows,

Julius Enang - President

Terence Ekwi - Vice President

Celestine Fondungallah – Treasurer/ President’s Club

Jude Mendi – Financial Secretary

Norbert Kong – President Emeritus/President’s Club

Martin Abada – Secretary General (Soba)

Elvis Enongene – President’s Club

Dr. Steve Bate – President’s Club

Dr. Bertrand Foteh – President’s Club

Dr. Emmanuel Kunju – President’s Club

Alfred Akoachere – President’s Club

Dr. Bill Tita

Victor Kwo

Walter Takem

Eric Obenge

Evarestus Ndum

Desmond Ngomba

Raphael Nkwankam

#### **MEETINGS:**

New England Chapter meets every last Sunday of the month to deliberate on matters that concerns fellow members of new England, Soba America and those related to St Joseph’s college Sasse.

Members on a rotation basis host these meetings for about two hours every month beginning at 6pm. The rotations enable us to know where everyone lives, as well as increasing general participation in our chapter affairs.

Our meetings are always fun to attend with over 80% of members participating physically every time that we meet.

Because of our general participation, we pay our individual monthly dues promptly, leading to a consistent payment of our national dues and other contributions on time.

#### **SOCIAL EVENTS:**

We have been very busy this past year with sad and happy events hitting at our doors. On a happy note, Mr. Desmond Ngomba happily welcomed a baby into his family. On the other hand, Mr. Jude Mendi lost his mother in Cameroon, as

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well as three of our Soban wives who lost a sister, father and brother, respectively. As our New England tradition, the bereaved families were supported morally and financially as per our by-laws.

As concerns other events, we shall be having a social family event in August in which Soban families come together for a cook out, also at the end of the year, we have our traditional end of year party to usher us into the New Year. Lastly, New England, Boston is hosting the next Mini Convention. Exploratory committees are already in place and are already at work. In our next meeting, we will get into a higher gear and information will be posted in the web for you to read. Stay tuned.

## **FINANCIAL:**

Financially, New England is in a good standing as we are able to meet up with our annual dues on a consistent basis for the past ten years. We raise funds from our monthly dues, and from other fund raising events. However, in the past months, we did not have one, but with the Mini Convention coming up, and with your presence at the convention, we hope to raise some funds.

From our national records, New England has one of the highest numbers of President Club Members. From my recollection, they have made it an obligation to comply with their payments, and that is why four Members from New England will be acknowledge in the fourth coming convention in Montreal.

## **PLANS FOR NEXT NEAR:**

Our plan for next year basically is for us to work very hard to host a successful Mini Convention in Massachusetts that befits our organization. From then, we can start thinking of scholarships to benefit the students in Sasse.

Fellow Sobans, to conclude, I want to thank you all for listening to the state of affairs in New England Chapter. We pray that every one of us should have the best of time here in Canada and go back to their various destinations safely. Long live St Joseph our Patron, Long live St Joseph's College, and long live Soba America.

Julius Enang  
President New England  
(Class of 76)

## **Dallas Report Convention.2015**

# **Convention Report to SOBA America**

Fiscal Year: June 1st 2014 to May 31<sup>st</sup> of May 2015

Chapter Name: **SOBA Dallas**

### **Officers:**

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5. *Publicity Secretary: Collins Ngwashi*  
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6. *Chief Whip: Edwin Ndoko*  
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7. *Senior Advisers: Dr. Francis Njie, Dr. Henry Simo*

### **Membership Information**

- **Membership:** Our status with regard to membership has been quite steady. Five new Sobans joined our ranks since the last convention. Based on attendance, we can say there are 24 real active members who attend 92% of our meetings. The rest of the members attend less than 60% of the meetings sporadically due to scheduling conflicts with work.

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- **Meetings:** Regular meetings are held at 5pm on the Sunday before last of every month. Participation is on average around 92% of active members.
- **National Membership:** We currently have 15 members registered with SOBA America.
- **NEC members:** Emeritus Larry Ekane, Mr. Frederick Itoe, Mr. Edwin~Daniel Ndoko and Dr. Henry Njie. We have four president club members: Mr. Tony Atabang, Emeritus Larry Ekane, Dr. Henry Simo and Dr. Henry Njie.

### **Financial Report**

- **Generating Funds:** We generate funds through social functions, donations from members and solicitation of donations from members of our community. We did use the 2013 SOBA America Mini Convention to generate funds. We made a net "profit" of over \$8000.00(Eight thousand US dollars). We are hosting another fundraiser in November 2015 during thanksgiving weekend. All visiting Sobans are welcome.
- **Financial status:** We are working on new strategies to generate funds for our chapter. Different proposals are under review and some have produced great results already. What I can say is we are doing fine now. We however believe that with more work we can do better. We are currently over ten thousand US dollars(\$10,000.00) in our account and plan on doubling that come November's fundraising party.
- **SJC Gift from SOBA Dallas:** We earlier planned on doing a 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary gift as a chapter but opted to work with SOBA America. However, giving SOBA America has not yet done the Father NOMI Complex or any other gifts, we plan on a modest gift after our November fundraiser this year.

### **Births in Family**

- Birth in Family: Soban Dr. Roland Ntoko and Sobanese Racheal Ekinde welcomed a beautiful daughter in December 2014. Sobans and Sobanese also took part in making a wonderful baby shower in November last year. SOBA Dallas came out in force and assisted in many ways to make the event a big success.

### **Death in Family**

- Soban Henry Simo lost his mum, Mami Elizabeth Simo on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of June 2014. As a chapter, we met our financial obligations and took active part in the wake keeping. We sang and met all our obligations as a chapter.
- Soban Elonge Sona lost his father-in-law Pa Lobe on the 20<sup>th</sup> of August 2014. . As a chapter,

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we met our financial obligations and took active part in the wake keeping. We met all our obligations as a chapter.

- Soban Ngellem Valentine lost his father-in-law senior Soban pa Mathias Nkwain of the class of 1952. He passed away in Bamenda on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of October 2014. As a chapter, we met our financial obligations and took active part in the wake keeping. We met all our obligations as a chapter.
- Soban Edwin-Daniel Ndoko lost his father in-law Pa Nako Ewusi in Cameroon on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of April 2015. We organized a wake keeping for this event on the 1<sup>st</sup> of May 2015. We met all our obligations as a chapter.
- Soban Sunny Makolo lost his mum on the 6<sup>th</sup> of May 2015. Mami Lucy Makolo past to glory back home in Kumba. Her wake keeping is scheduled for the 29<sup>th</sup> of May 2015.
- Soban Dr. Francis Njie lost his mother-in-law in Houston on the 10<sup>th</sup> of May 2015. We would have a wake keeping on the 30<sup>th</sup> of May 2015 in Dallas.

### **Soban Graduations**

Soban Roland Ntoko and Soban Augustine Fombon both graduated with doctorate degrees in December 2014 and May 2015 respectively.

### **Notable SOBA Dallas Guests**

- 1- **Bishop Andrew Nkea's visit in May:** Sobans had the opportunity to have lunch with the Bishop of Mamfe at an event hosted by senior Soban Tony Atabang and his wife, aunty Queen. He granted us a private audience during the event and shared with us some of developments in the church and his new role as the Bishop of Mamfe. He also shared his experiences on how Alumna Associations should proceed in helping their Alma matters. We donated some funds for his new project back home.
- 2- **Bishop Emmanuel Bushu's visit in August:** Soban Edwin Ndoko and Soban Frederick Itoe were in charge of the committee to welcome the proprietor of Sasse College to Dallas, and to organize and run all his activities in Dallas. We are glad we got the assistance of some members of our community. We picked up the bishop and had lunch with him. Made arrangements for his Mass and reception where he met with members of the Cameroon community. It was a great visit and Sobans had the chance to talk about Sasse amongst other things. We can say his three days visit to Dallas was a success. He made many new friends for the new Catholic university/institute in Buea.
- 3- **Shishong Sisters visit to Dallas in August:** We were able to organize a joint dinner with the sister, bishop Bushu and medical doctors from this august hospital. They did a presentation on how we can help look for funding for the hospital and how we can assist the needy at the hospital.

### **Current Projects**

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- **SOBA Suits/Polo project:** We also are happy to report that all SOBA Dallas members have bought the new SOBA America Suits. We are proud to be the only chapter with 20 plus members who took part in the suits drive this year and bought the suits. We have provided all our members with suits since 2012. We have consistently worn them to appropriate occasions. We are currently working on other group uniforms for less formal occasions. Our suits project was completed in December 2012. Our SOBA Polo project was completed in May 2013. This would give us another dress attire for less formal occasions.
- **Clinic Project:** Our focus as a chapter is moving towards working on joint investment projects with Sobans outside or 501c3 status. We are currently working on a Clinic which we hope would be fully functional by the end of next year.
- **Why our chapter is unique:** We keep working diligently to find more joint investment ideas for SOBA Dallas members so as to foster our unity in events beyond Soban activities. We have started an informal social club to carry out our investment ideas. We are completing preliminary evaluations. We hope to have the project up and running before the end of Next year. We also feed off each other and always try to share information to improve each member's life. Our chapter plans on reviewing more activities we can do monthly as a group out of meetings.
- **Family events and Sobanese of the year award:** We currently have family outings or barbecue twice a year. We also have an annual end of year family party. In our last party(Love Fest on December 6<sup>th</sup> 2014), Sobans took turns during the gift part of the event to surprise their wives with gifts as they thanked them publicly while addressing the crowd. Our Sobanese of the year 2014 was Auntie Queen Atabong. Is in recognition of her dedication and care for all Sobans and our activities in the metroplex.

### **What We Expect From NEC**

Our expectations from NEC have not changed. As earlier stated: We hope our national executive can use our 501C statues and other available means to generate funds so local chapter don't have to keep raising money for national project. We must realize that constant request from local chapters is one of the reasons some members don't join our local associations. They find themselves raising money for funeral which they do with pride but get fed up of added burden from national projects and projects not initiated by SOBA America. Donations for parties, deaths, membership and other local activities are enough to scare some members. So, let us limit it to that and not add more national projects to local chapters. Local chapters would always willingly assist in getting funds from other sources but not necessarily local members. NEC should figure out a way of functioning with only annual contributions from members, year round fundraising efforts from all states and convention funds. Any additional donations should not be mandatory or passed to chapters. Generous and successful Sobans should be encouraged to help out. Some members simply can't afford it and stay away due to the financial pressures we put on them. NEC should continue working on ways of generating funds from other groups, conventions and corporate or small business partners.

We also hope to have updates on all current projects regularly. For example every three months so we can see the progress we are making and be kept informed in a timely manner. It would be good if we get such information to the general forum every quarter. If we do this, we would be able to evaluate what progress has been made since the last convention and see what areas are problematic and need attention. This would ensure that we get at least 4 reports on each project before each convention. We would be able to evaluate some projects like the Sick Bay, Father Nomi Complex and Scholarship Fund periodically.

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NEC should resolve local chapters account issues as well as reporting formats in other not to violate our 501C status. NEC should also bring SOBA America accounts and legal status into compliance. We should make sure we are in compliance with the laws governing all parts and legal obligations of our association. This includes commitments to our local communities such as community service and involvement.

We would like to know if SOBA America is donating any additional gift for the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary apart of Sick bay and supplies. What happens to our goal for the Father Nomi Complex for the anniversary? Can we substitute it with the scholarship fund annually? Just suggestions for us to look in that directions. We also call for an end to major projects (construction) in Sasse and only do smaller projects which would benefit the students so that SJC should handle all its infrastructural projects. We call on smaller projects like dry marker boards for classrooms, seats in a garden and why not a SOBA America Day when we provide them an excellent meal and drinks!

Thanks,  
Frederick Itoe  
President SOBA Dallas.

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**Soba-Ga MONTREAL Convention Report 2015**  
**Chapter Report to SOBA America**

**Fiscal Year: June 1st, 2014 to May 31st, 2015**

**Chapter Name: SOBA - GEORGIA**

**Officers: (who are your executives? what are their contact information (phone #, email))**

(Elections were held on May 16<sup>th</sup> and these members were re-elected into office)

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7. Organizing secretary: Unoccupied position

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Email Address:

### **Meetings:**

Chapter meeting times: Once every two months (or more often if necessary) on the second or third Saturday of the month.

### **Membership Analysis:**

1. Who are your members? Approximately 35 registered with about 20 active members
2. Average meeting attendance: 15-20 (There is a drop in attendance)
3. Percentage (%) change each month: 10%
4. How many have paid their dues: 39 National dues: 12
5. Welcome new members (including births): One new birth but no new members.
6. Discuss latest news (marriages, births, death etc.): Mostly celebrations for the graduating sons and daughters of Sobans. We lost Soban Charles Ayuk.
7. How many of your members have served or are serving SOBA America (NEC): 2

### **Financials:**

1. Annual Dues paid local 35; national 12
2. President's Club members: 2
3. How do you generate funds: Fundraisers, Membership dues, Sobans lending money to the chapter

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4. Provide update of chapter contributions to SOBA projects (e.g. Sick Bay): \$1000 to Sick Bay, Soba-Georgia plans to do a project in Sasse College commemorating 75th anniversary.

5. Attach Treasurer's report: See Attachments

### **Achievements:**

1. What are your major achievements: We had some challenges in the Christmas party because many Sobans traveled for the jubilee, Galvanized Sobans around our philosophy that Sobans don't leave other Sobans behind and so successfully raised money to bury our brother Charles Ayuk, Volunteered at Medshare where Sobans sorted and packed medical supplies for poor countries including Cameroon. Health & Fitness Soccer Program, Support Cameroon Atlanta Community Camcoga events, singing in Cameroon Catholic Community Mass on St. Joseph's Feast Day

2. What is it that makes your chapter unique (what are chapter programs)? Health Fitness Soccer Tournament, Soba Appreciation Day, Participated in Cameroon Community events, Sang at mass for St. Joseph's Feast Day, Supported Sobans with celebration of graduations etc. Because of the family dispute concerning burial, Barrister Tate did a presentation to the chapter on preparing the necessary document on what you want to happen to your remains.

### **3. What programs are successful? See Above**

### **4. Discuss the problems of your chapter RIGHT NOW:**

Since we discontinued with Stimulus Fund for Soba-America dues paying members have dropped; there is generally a drop in morale has been observed, attendance at meetings have dropped.

### **5. Discuss how NEC can help your chapter (if any):**

What happens when a formerly active Soban as a result of some personal crisis cannot pay national dues or misses a year or two? If such a Soban dies, do we owe them an obligation? Soba-Ga is of the opinion that Chapters and Classes ought to certify such members and make the payments on their behalf. In the event where such fails, National should do a fund drive and then take out a \$100.

What are your plans for next year? The VP plans to organize a biking exercise. We have to boost membership, attendance and improve the morale of Sobans in the chapter.

### **6. Discuss what you can do to be a better chapter: See above**



## 7. Share your ideas (discuss ways) that SOBA America can improve & grow:

Reach out to younger Sobans via the networking tools for this Gen Xers (Facebook, Twitter, Tumblr, Instagram); create an outreach office(rs) to target these younger Sobans, provide incentives for them to join. Most of these proposals were submitted last year.

Prepared by: Akoh, Asa'na

Date: May 20, 2015

### Western Region 2015 Convention Chapter Report “The Virtual Chapter”

Reported presented by Alain Taku (President) (56.37)

Western Region chapter is made up of Arizona, California, Nevada, Oregon and Washington State. They have 13 members 3 of which are in the President's Club. Our chapter is not very active due to the nature of its structure.

Meetings are virtual through conference call but recently Mr. President have been very busy traveling out of the country.

WR is investigating how to make certain regions independent beginning with Arizona, which has 7 active members.

Mr. President and family was blessed with their 3<sup>rd</sup> child.

Our chapter supports Teachers' Award for Excellence in Sasse. Last year we sent 335000xfa and we will send the same amount this year.

### TriState 2015 Convention Chapter Report (1:45.6)

The report was presented by Mola Vekima, President, TriState.

The TriState was created 3 years ago with the encouragement of President Ntopi. It consists of the Michigan, Ohio, Illinois, and Lower States of Canada. Membership has remained the same since last year.

The vice President, Dr. Ekole who actually lives in Canada and makes trips regular to come for meetings in Detroit.

Average attendance at meeting is about 75%. 75% of members have paid their dues. 2 members moved into Detroit area but are not registered yet.

Mr. Victor Mensa had an addition to his family. They have 3 members in President's Club and 2 members in NEC.

We have been able to achieve a good Njagi set up by Dr. Felix Ngassa that includes the Sobanese. It helps to hold the chapter together. Even members who fail to attend meetings send the njagi on time.

The main problem is coordinating the various Sobans in the various states. Our meeting frequencies were initially scheduled for twice a month but it has not actually to hold but we have been able to take advantage of technologies and organize conferences. This seemed to have helped and we hope this will continue to work.

We plan to take advantage of the holiday period to organize a bash/fundraising event, which will help increase our coffers. Our account has about \$300 in it.

### [Houston 2015 Convention Chapter Report](#)

Report presented by Mr. Mbei Enow.

No written report was sent to S.G.

Houston is well represented today at this convention

There are 30 Active members as compared to 28 last year. Houston has about 35 members in total. The chapter meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of every month. Average attendance at meetings is about 14-15 members. About 56% have paid their national dues.

Houston is in a rebuilding mode and wants to thanks those members who are helping in this effort. We hope to be one of the strongest chapters of SOBA America.

There were no deaths in the chapter as compared to the previous years. We pray for the souls of our departed.

The chapter is very active in NEC especially Elvis Mukete, Dr. Nick Enow, Dan Mofor both President club members.

The chapter hosted the 2014 Mini convention. The funds were sued to fund various chapters. Houston is happy to host the 2016 National convention.

The chapter celebrated St Joseph's fest days with Opsans. This is an annual event.

Houston could not identify major problems. The main challenge is to register all members in the Houston area. There is an active outreach efforts in place.

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Question:

Could be possible for the other states in the WR chapter to join SOBAMAL if they are planning to split the chapter?

Ans:

Mr. President, Ntopi, responded that SOBAMAL was created recently for this particular reason. We understand California will be having its own chapter same as Arizona. SOBAMAL will continue to be in existence for those members who don't have a chapter to belong to it. Until the various regions organize themselves, it is advisable that the WR continue to remain as constituted.

### Washington DC 2015 Convention Chapter Report

Report was presented by President.

The DC chapter has 5 President Club members, 20 Members who are active in total. The DC chapter has the most registered members nationally. The goal is to increase membership to 40 members. We will do so by engaging local class teams.

The have a bi monthly meeting. Every 2 months they meet. They are also leveraging conference calls on occasion. It noted that when they have conference call, participation tends to increase since some members are working and can dial in and share their suggestions.

They have a njagi structure which was created in our last meeting. The goal is to encourage attendance and participation since they have to show up to do njagi. This helps to hold members together.

In terms of finances, the DC chapter credit score is at 840.

They continue to leverage partnership between OPISA and LESA and the DC Cultural groups. We make sure that whatever occasion is coming up, the President makes sure to attend and pay their dues.

The cable project was introduce during the mini convention and DC agree to sponsor that project. They are waiting to see when national will join then.

Soban Renato Wacka will be getting married finally on June 13<sup>th</sup>.

Soban Ayuk Cletus girls graduated from college so he will be having a celebration on June 7<sup>th</sup>.

Soban Jacob Ngoni has gone to be with our Lord. There will be a wake in DC that will be coordinated by the All Cameroonian Cultural Organization and DC

President is part of the organizing committee members. We are calling on all Sobans to join in paying our last respects to him. Dr. Enongene presented a special appeal to the GA on contributions to assist in the funeral arrangements.

### [SOBAMAL 2015 Convention Chapter Report](#)

Report presented by Edmund Mbu

The chapter is for those Members At Large (SOBA- MAL) who happen to find themselves in a part of the country where you have to work hard to find fellow Cameroonians or Soban. The president reported that personally he feels isolated even though he has paid his membership but his participation is always checkered because he can't plug in. Atlanta, which is the closest chapter, is 3 1/2 hrs drive.

This was my idea and I am glad to receive support fro President Ntopi. Currently, we have 6 members and I was able to recruit one more member today. So we have 7 members.

We have developed a constitution, which we haven't adopted yet. We haven't started touching members money so we don't have a financial structure yet. Our goal is to register members and identify our first project and to start pulling our weight in SOBA America.

We ask for you support and if you happen to know some Sobans who live in far long area with no chapter, please refer them to me. You can ask them to email me at [edmundmby@yahoo.com](mailto:edmundmby@yahoo.com) . I will take it from there. Wish us well and by this time next year, you will hear great things from us.

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8. President's remarks regarding the State of our Union

9. Elections

10. Financial Reports

11. SAGI update

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12. Rebranding Committee update

13. Constitutional Amendment

14. Matters arising

15. Venue for next SOBA America Convention

16. Refreshments

17. Adjournment

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<u>NAME :</u>	<u>CLASS</u>
1 EDWIN-DANIEL NDOKON	79
2 Dr. Alphonse Ekole	1980
3 DAN MOFOR	1973
4 Sessekou Dr. Augustine E. Agbar	1964
5 Emmanuel Kingji (Dr)	1972
6 Quintus Enow	1973
7 LARRY EKANEY	1977
8 Mola Steve Ndely	1965
9 Dr Nick Enow	1966
10 Dr Evamstus Emongene	1971
11) Christian Tufon	1975
12) Celestine Fondungallah	1987
13) VICTOR KUVU N-E	1985 (High School)
14) Evaristus Nanyi	1972
15) Felix Ngassa	1983
16) Emmanuel Verima	1972

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 Dr. Bertrand Fote Vice President Organizing Sectary  
 Chief Kah Fomenky Treasurer  
 Mbei Enow Secretary General  
 Dr Felix Ngassa Financial Secretary  
 Kingsley Ayangim Publicity  
 Emmanuel Asanji



- 17 AYUK AKOH-ARREY → 79 (UK)
- 18 Armstrong Sache → 1987 (ONTARIO)
- 19 Francis Njie → 1977 (Dallas/TX)
- 20 Henry Njie → Dallas TX.
- 21 Bendix Tabu → Houston TX (1988)
- 22 Mbei Enoh → Houston TX (1989)
- 23 Valentine Guellem → Dallas, TX (1982)
- Alcin. A. Taku → Western Region (1988)
- 24 Elvis Mukete → Houston, TX (1986)
- 25 Nico Njwa → Atlanta, GA (1982)
- 26 ERIC OBENGE → NEW ENGLAND (1978)
- 27 NANSEI TANARUA (moma) → New England (1976)
- 28 Terence Ekwi' → New England (1989)
- 29 MPAFE WILLIAM → D.M.V (1979)
- 30 Stephen Eneme → AKRON (OHIO) (1981)
- 31 Leo Eyombo → WASH. DC (1978)
- 32 Emile Epanty → S.C (1973)
- 33 Lifaka Matike → Minnesota (1972)
- 34 Julius Enang → Boston (1976)



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<u>NO</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>CLASS</u>
35	PAUL DJEUDE	1986
36	Jehus Aljomo	1984
37	CHE COLLINS FRU	1990
38	Celestine Mpano	1987
39	Paul Ayah	1975
40	Mokam Donald N	1995
41	Ediebah John	1995
42	Alexis Ejele-Ndille	1986
43	Frank Ekwelle	1997
44	WILFRED ELAD	1975
45	Aking TIKU	1987
46	Namaya Eyoh Sr	1979
47	ALBERT SEKOH	1986
48	GERALD NUPA	1987
49	Martin Motre	1987
50	GEORGES LOUIS BIKAI	1972
51	John Nnane	1987
52	JN FOMENKY	1991
53	Frederic Welashey	1989
54	COLLINS ALGWASHTA	1989



<u>NAME</u>	<u>CLASS</u>
55. Edwin Enongene	1989
56. EDIE MESUMBE RAPHAEL	1984 Dallas
57. GEORGETITANG	1979 GEORGIA
58. Harry Asana Akoh	1987 GEORGIA
59. Aloysius Ibeogha	1981 MONTREAL
60. Emmanuel Asanji	1982 MONTREAL
61. Roland Iboni	1984 CL. SA

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