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Fellow Sobans,

In keeping with resolutions of our National Executive Council's conference call of the 6th of September, after an extensive interview process, I hereby appoint the following fine Sobans as **Group Czars** of SOBA America. These are newly-minted positions created by the National Executive Council as the outreach arm of SOBA America. The following Sobans will henceforth be called and recognized as **SOBA America Czars**:

- 1- **Czar Edwin Atem**
- 2- **Czar Asong Nwoalezea**
- 3- **Czar Njukang Asong**

Please join me in congratulating them and wishing them success in their endeavors. Their brief job description and SOBA bio/involvements are included below.

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Frederick Mafany Itoe
President, SOBA America.

Group Czars

Job Description:

Group Czars will be responsible for coordinating activities between SOBA America, class groups and in recruiting ex-students of Sasse College to join our association. They will build a relationship with class groups and help address their concerns about joining SOBA America.

They will make recommendations to the President and NEC about what can be done to address concerns raised by ex-students of Sasse college and class groups. They will help coordinate class reunions with class groups to help ensure full participation of Sobans in different parts of North America.

Czars will be the recruiting arm of SOBA America. They will organize conference calls or dial into conference calls with groups to address any concerns. Where necessary, Czars will invite member(s) of SOBA America to help assist them in recruiting calls or on conference calls. Group Czars will present oral and written periodic reports to NEC and the president at intervals set in agreement with the president. Czars will periodically have calls with the National Leadership Team to evaluate progress, strategize, share ideas, craft plans of action, and to share the work load for the different Czars. They will build a database and have access to any recruiting database of potential Sobans. They will coordinate articles and class group posting materials for class groups for our website, newsletter and SOBA magazines.

Czar Edwin Atem, what can you tell us about yourself and your involvement in SOBA activities?

"As students of St. Joseph's College, Sasse, we were beneficiaries of computers, football jerseys, band sets and uniforms courtesy of SOBA America. As a result, upon moving to the United States, one of my main goals was not only to be part of SOBA America, but to be active and do my part to continue the tradition of giving back to the institution that gave me so much".

"Since moving to the United States I have tried to be a member of SOBA of every region in the US, I have lived in. I was a member of SOBA Atlanta, and was also part of the group that formed Soba Cleveland/Detroit a few years back, and now an active member of Soba Houston. I am truly a dedicated member of the SOBA family and I want to see SOBA's Mission and Vision fulfilled. As a result, my peers from Soba 94 selected me to serve as Chair of the SOBA 94 class".

"So I am very excited to be a part of this new direction and movement of SOBA America, and I look forward to working with the rest of the group to make sure SOBA America achieves its main objectives".

May the spirit of St. Joseph guide us throughout this endeavor.

Czar Asong Nwoalezea, what can you tell us about yourself and your involvement in SOBA activities?

"I am a proud member of SOBA 95 and I can vividly remember my first day in Sasse. The fog was so thick I could barely see my dormitory. The grass was all grown and it was cold and chilly. But it felt so exciting and anxious at the same time, because I knew I was about to write an important chapter in my life".

"Sasse was fun and I made a whole new family. Starting with my SOBA 95 brothers, the student population at large, as well as the general SOBA community, of which my very own dad is part of. I have always served in various social and academic activities involving Sasse and SOBANS. Some of such activities include being president of my class send-off party, SAFS, after the form five GCE in the year 2000, to leading SOBANS in Lycee Molyko to organize a LYC-SOBA final year event at the end of high school in 2002, and now leading an effort to launch our SOBA 95 USA chapter on November 14th, 2015. I take this opportunity to invite all Sobans and well-wishers to attend".

"Sasse is a way of life, and not just an institution. We are all united in this common way of thinking and behavior which has made us all so successful and assets to our communities. I would like to encourage every SOBAN to keep the flag burning and pray God blesses us all".

Long live Sasse and SOBA!

What did I learn about Czar Njukang Asong?

Czar Njukang Asong (Admission No 6368) is a young SOBAN of the 1997 Class (The Baltimoreans) residing in Baltimore, Maryland. He holds a master's degree from the University of Maryland Baltimore County (UMBC) in Management and currently works for the City of Baltimore's Department of Human Resources government as a Human Resources Business Partner.

Njukang joins us highly recommended by his peers and fellow SOBANS not only for his passion for SOBA but his key role in encouraging fellow young SOBANS to be part of the SOBA family. His service to SOBA started in 2005 when he was elected president of SOBA, University of Buea Sub Chapter herein after referred to as SOBA UB. His regime was the first to launch a SOBA HIV/AIDS campaign in UB which won the praise and admiration of Professor Mbifong Lambi, the then Vice Chancellor of the University of Buea and featured a one page interview in THE BUN, the UB monthly magazine. Through the help of his team,

he also changed the SOBA UB constitution in UB to move leadership from 2nd year students to 3rd year students all in an effort to broaden the base of membership and ensure thoughtful leadership thereafter. Of recent, Njukang played a key role in the successful launching of the SOBA 1997 Class USA and continues to be active both in local and national SOBA affairs.

He is also the son of Mr. Njuzy Lawrence Asonglefac (SOBAN 1965 Class) and younger brother to Dr. Jinkeng Asong (SOBAN 1989 Class) and Captain Asongafac Asong (SOBAN 1995 Class).

Long live SOBA!