

OPASS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF NORTH AMERICA
MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
Sunday, November 15, 2009

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In Attendance: Major (Rtd) Fred Twum-Acheampong, Ben Awuah, Charles Appiah, Godfried Bugyei, Doris Awuah, Robert Henking, Albert Modey, Samuel Agyei, Evans Twum-Danso

Excused Absence: Edna Agyekum and Emmanuel Osafo (both visiting Ghana)

Absent: Steven Oduro and Alex Anim

The president, Major (rtd) Fred Twum-Acheampong, opened the meeting at 9:15 PM.

Review of Previous Minutes – Not available for committee’s review and approval.

Correspondence - None.

Financial Statement – Not available for review.

A. OLD BUSINESS – Status updates

- 1. Press Coverage for Donated PCs to OPASS**– The president thanked Ben Awuah (VP) for making available to the executives via e-mail and all members via web postings copies of the Daily Graphic press coverage of the presentation of ten PCs, network printer and accessories the association donated recently to OPASS. The president expressed his reservation about the high fee the Daily Graphic Corporation charged the association before covering the event. He also noted that the published value of \$20,000 for the donated items, was over-stated. He said the actual, total cost for the items, including import duties, VAT, and all other charges was about \$10,000.

The president said he had spoken with the Headmaster of OPASS about the installation and networking cost for the PCs and printer. The headmaster assured him that the Ghana chapter of the association and his administration would take care of the bill.

- 2. Payment of Dues** – The president reiterated his appeal to all members to pay their dues in full before the year ends. He asked the executives to set the pace by paying off their dues ASAP so that all other members would follow suit. A proposal to post the dues list on the website was deferred until a later date.

Motion: As an incentive for members to pay up their annual dues before the year ends, a motion was introduced and passed to give a \$20.00 discount to everyone who pays his/her dues in full by December 31.

(Make check payable to OPASS Alumni Assoc of N. America and mail to P. O. Box 4341, Cherry Hill, NJ 08034)

2. **Outstanding Pledges** - The president restated his prior appeal to all members who made pledges during the 2008 annual meeting in Columbus (OH) and 2009 meeting in Springfield (VA) to honor their pledges as soon as possible. Executives or members who have the list for pledges were requested to e-mail copies to the president and the secretary. Letters would be sent to remind them to honor their pledges.
3. **Bank Account Signatories** - The president had collected signatory card from Bank of America to enable the current treasurer, Emmanuel Osafo, be added to the officials who are authorized to sign checks on behalf of the association. Emmanuel would join the president and the VP as the three signatories to the account.
4. **2010 Annual General Meeting** - Sam Agyei and Albert Modey of the Planning Committee gave status update regarding plans for the next general meeting to be held in Connecticut. The committee had visited Bridgeport Holiday Inn and found the location to be good. The Hotel's management offered us a free banquet hall on two conditions; first, that a minimum of fifteen people would sleep at the hotel for \$79.00 per room/night and second, the hotel will cater for the meeting. The committee had also followed up with the management of the new Holiday Inn Express in Meriden and were assured that their banquet halls, currently under construction, will be completed in time for our meeting. The committee plans to visit that hotel again in a few weeks and would provide a feedback.

Motion: A motion was introduced and subsequently passed to hold the 5th General Annual Meeting on Saturday, June 26.

B. NEW BUSINESS – None.

C. OTHER MATTERS

- **Bereavement** - The committee was informed of the passing away of Foster Agyei Darko's mother. The Asst. Secretary (Rash) called him and, on behalf of the association the executives offered their condolences to him and the bereaved family.
- **Visit to OPASS** – The asst secretary (Rash) shared with the committee his observations of OPASS following his recent visit to Ghana.

Meeting Adjournment – In the absence of further discussions, the meeting adjourned at 10:13 PM; to be reconvened on Dec 6 at 9:00 PM (EST)

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Dated