

Minute of the 27th Annual General Meeting of the Nigerian School Library Association Held at Chapel Multipurpose Hall, University of Ibadan, Wednesday, 31 October, 2012

1.0 Attendance

1. Charles Amaonyeanaezu
2. Abdulrahman Musa
3. Dr. Mrs H.M Daodu
4. Elendu Vitus U.
5. Onyegbule Vitus N.
6. Otitolaye Simeon
7. Eke Kenneth O.
8. Mary, S.Mba
9. Ayanwale C. Oluwakemi
10. Olugola John Olakunle
11. Ukairo E. Uzoma
12. Egbuka E. Ernest
13. Sadoh Eugene Cletus
14. Igwe Darlington
15. Elonye Gloria
16. Makinde A. Babatunde
17. O.O. Akintunde
18. F.O. Omifisayo
19. A.O. Mustapha
20. Mrs Adenike Y. Senuga
21. Mohammed S. Saidu
22. Oyediran-Tidngs, S.O.
23. Abubakar M. Bitagi
24. Saka K. Abubakar
25. Maryam B. Ahmed
26. Archibong Offiong Aquaisua
27. Opatoki Mojirade
28. Alice G. Baba
29. Ohis Emokpaire-Orhewere
30. Eshiet Clement
31. Ula Franca Bundeflin
32. Judith Ukase
33. Atagher Lucy Wandoo
34. Mfanyo Mbatsav
35. Orhoro Ifeoma Faith
36. Williams Faith S.
37. Orisajuyigbe Toyin J.
38. Oluwasola O.
39. Adegboye Adeyanju A.
40. Ajayi Funmilayo V.

41. Omotola Raphael Aina (Mr)
42. C.A Mayaki (Mrs)
43. Adaidu Tijani (Mr)
44. Rose Umeh A. (Mrs)
45. Mannah Beatrice
46. Olukan Olufunmilayo
47. Falonipe O.T. (Mrs)
48. Adeniran O.A. (Mrs)
49. J.O. Akanya
50. Olanrewaju, O.A. (Mrs)
51. Abdulahi Hepzhiba M.
52. Pastor Abolarin Samuel B.
53. Agbenila Kazeem A.
54. Bamijoko Bamidele
55. Onamor O. Rebecca
56. Atadiose, Bridget R.
57. Folaranmi Folasayo O.
58. Hassan Wahab A.
59. Ewabo Oliver
60. Akionola, T.O
61. Sokoya, A.A
62. Olaoluwa, E.O.I
63. Ganiyu, Z.A

1.1 Opening

The Annual General Meeting was called to order at exactly 2.40pm by the President, NSLA, Prof. V.W. Dike. The opening prayer was said by Pastor S.O. Abolarin. A minute silence was observed in honour of Late Mrs H.K Kolade, a the immediate past Treasurer of the Association The Executive Secretary, Prof D.F. Elaturoti introduced the officers of the Association while the members present introduced themselves.

1.2 Adoption of the Minute of the 26th Annual Conference of NSLA held at Ado Ekiti, Ekiti state

The minute of the 26th Annual Conference was considered and deliberated upon. The motion for the adoption of the minute was moved by Mrs F.O. Adeyeye and seconded by Dr. Nancy Achebe.

1.3 Matters Arising

1.3.1 Revival of SUBEB Librarians' forum

Sequel to the mandate given to the executive members of the Association to work towards the revival of SUBEB Librarians; forum, the Executive secretary reported that not much has been achieved in the revival process because the stakeholders in the forum has not been able to come together for any deliberation. The Executive Secretary has plan to attend the meeting of the forum anytime it is called to encourage them and call the attention of the members to the

importance of the forum in ensuring sustainable school library service in Nigeria. However, the Executive Secretary informed the house that the Executive members will step up action on ensuring the revival of the forum.

1.3.2 Membership drive

The Executive Secretary reported that the secretariat has put in place improved facilities for communicating and relating with the secretariat through hosting of our website and e-mail facilities. The Association has also adopted the use of social media such as facebook and twitter to facilitate information sharing between secretariat and members as well as among members.

Based on the comments made by Mrs Rose Umeh (Anambra) on the need for the Association to have a membership certificate for members of the Association, the meeting agreed that the Association should work towards having membership certificate and directory for NSLA members.

1.3.2 Registration of NSLA with CAC

The Executive Secretary presented the report of steps taken so far on the registration of the Association with CAC. The meeting mandated the secretariat to quickly conclude the process of registration and ensure that the Association becomes a legal and corporate entity as soon as possible. meeting mandated to conclude

2.1 Overview of Papers presented at the Conference

The Executive Secretary gave a brief overview of papers presented so far at the conference and emphasized the need for members to see the Association journal, Nigerian School Library Journal (NSLJ) as a platform to disseminate research findings in the area of school librarianship. Members are enjoined to submit articles for publication in NSLJ.

2.2 Report on TETFund and AJOL support for Nigerian School Library Journal (NSLJ)

The Executive Secretary also presented a report on TETFund and AJOL support for the Nigerian School Library Journal (NSLJ) and the house commended the secretariat on this great achievement. TETFund

2.3 Inclusion of Library use skills as a subject in school curriculum

The meeting deliberated on the need for the inclusion of library use skills to be included among the subjects in schools in Nigeria. The meeting concluded that the Association should act fast by preparing a curriculum before the end of the year so that it can be discussed at the next meeting of NERDC

2.4 Establishment of State chapters of NSLA

Mr Omolola Rapheal raised the issue of the non-existence of NSLA chapter in Kogi state and some other states. The meeting agreed that members should work toward the formation and functioning of state chapters of NSLA in their respective states of state. Members are enjoined to consult the NSLA Newsletters for tips on establishing state chapters of NSLA.

2.5 Hosting of 28th Annual Conference

The meeting deliberated on the venue of the next annual conference and agreed to put the venue tentatively for Lagos. The meeting gave the responsibility of planning for the hosting to the Executive members of NSLA, Lagos state Chapter.

2.6 Communiqué

The communiqué for the 27th Annual Conference was discussed and approved as follows:

1. For the attainment of high quality library services in Nigerian schools, and in consonance with best practice internationally, school library legislation should be enacted by all levels of government in Nigeria for the establishment and development of library in all schools.
2. Qualified school library personnel are essential for sustainable quality school library services. We therefore urge government to employ qualified school librarians/school library media specialists to manage school libraries and media centres in Nigeria and to mount regular capacity development programmes for school library personnel.
3. Schools in Nigeria (primary and secondary) should incorporate on their time-table at least two library periods per week in order for students to develop essential reading and learning skills.
4. Government should approve curriculum for teaching and learning of library and information skills appropriate for each level of education system in Nigeria.
5. The Nigerian School Library Association observed the dearth of reading materials for Nigerian children. To address this need, we urge the government to support projects aimed at producing and distributing suitable and appropriate reading materials for the Nigerian school children through legislation, funding and collaboration with relevant bodies.
6. School libraries in Nigeria should be ICT compliant in order to enhance the quality of education in schools. Therefore, government should ensure provision of electronic resources and regular supply of electricity for their effective utilization.
7. The NSLA has identified funding as a major obstacle to quality school library service. We hereby urge government and proprietor of schools to increase funding of school libraries through direct grants, regular budgetary provision and Public Private Programme Collaborations.
8. To ensure effective utilization of funds and facilities provided, government should establish inspectorate division for proper and effective monitoring of the school libraries.



Prof V.W. Dike



Prof. D.F. Elaturoti

President

Executive Secretary