

# OGHWOGHWA DESCENDANTS IN AMERICA

## Minutes General Meeting

Emmanuel Idogho  
President

MINUTES OF ODIA GENERAL MEETING HELD ON JAN. 4<sup>TH</sup> 2015.

VENUE: ASO ROCK RESTAURANT 138 – 24 FARMERS BLVD QNS NY.

HOST: MR. & MRS. EMMANUEL IDOGHO (PRESIDENT)

### OPENING PRAYER

The meeting started with the recitation of the association slogan “ISIO” by Mr. Lucky Abamwa and the people responded “ILO” while the president Mr. Emmanuel Idogho called on Mr. Austin Etanomare Osio to say the opening prayer at 4 pm prompt.

### ATTENDANCE

- (1) Mr. Peters Etametite GEN. SEC.
- (2) Mr. Lucky Abamwa
- (3) Miss Rukevwe Abamwa
- (4) Miss Nafe Abamwa
- (5) Mr. Emmanuel Idogho PRESIDENT
- (6) Mr. Austin Etanomare Osio
- (7) Mr. Alex Ughwanogho

There was no reading of the last general meeting hosted by Mr. & Mrs. Lucky Abamwa but a review of the association 2014 indicates that only 3 general meeting were held during the year. Arising from this was the issue of hosting the general meeting by members.

On the hosting problem, Mr. Lucky Abamwa, noted that lack of membership is the militating factor. He made it clear that it will not be possible for one family to be hosting the general meeting all the time.

He reminded us of the importance of the association as his discussion with the ovie of Agbarha indicate and therefore advice that efforts should be made to address the issues hindering the growth of the association. In his response, the president Mr. Emmanuel Idogho, told the house that he has so far been encouraged the Oghwoghwa traditional rulers apart from that of Orogun which he has not met. He suggest we discourage cooking by the host of the general meeting as a way of encouraging members to only provide us with the venue.

Speaking further on the host problem, the president Mr. Emmanuel Idogho, suggested the meetings will held here at Aso Rock the venue of today’s meeting. On his part Mr. Alex Ughwanogho, told the house he remember they once have a committee here but that not much was achieved because of people coming in to eat. He asked if the association would be paying each time have meeting. Answering his question, the president said yes but not by the association. He told the house he president would be responsible for the payment. He told the house he had arrangement with Aso Rock management to pay

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two hundred dollars (\$ 200:00) for a sitting of ten people. Above ten people he said the cost is still been worked out. Speaking on the Aso Rock venue alternative Mr. Austin Etanomare Osio, stated it should be a last resort while members are continuously sensitized to see the need of hosting the meeting.

Speaking again on the matter Mr. Alex Ughwanogho, demand to know ODIA days of general meeting and why ODIA don't attend UPU and URHOBBO CONGRESS ACTIVITIES. Mr. Lucky Abamwa, was the one who answered the question. He told him ODIA general meetings are no more on Sundays but now on every first Saturday of every other month. On Mr. Jackson Mukoro which Mr. Alex Ughwanogho question also referred to, Mr. Lucky Abamwa also told him that the party was not organized based on any group. That urhobo isoko associations presidents were all coopted for the deliberation and were asked to pass same to their members. Mr. Alex Ughwanogho, after all the explanation to his question also joined the call for members to be encouraged for the progress of the association.

Summarizing the issue of cost to host the meeting at Aso Rock and ODIA non participation in UPU and URHOBBO CONGRESS, the president Mr. Emmanuel Idogho stated that hosting the meeting at Aso Rock was a challenge to him and that membership of UPU and UC should be voluntary and by invitation.

The next ODIA general meeting would be hosted by Mr. & Mrs. Lucky Abamwa, on March 7<sup>th</sup> 2015 while Mr. & Mrs. Austin Etanomare Osio are to host May 2<sup>nd</sup> 2015 edition.

Mr. Lucky Abamwa moved a motion for adjournment of the meeting because of the arrival of guest for the president dinner. He was seconded by Mr. Austin Etanomare Osio at 5:30pm prompt.

The meeting closing remarks was given by the president Mr. Emmanuel Idogho while the closing prayer was said by Mr. Lucky Abamwa.

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