

# OGHWOGHWA DESCENDANTS IN AMERICA

## Minutes General Meeting

Emmanuel Idogho  
President

**HELD ON: NOVEMBER 2ND, 2013**

**VENUE: 70 HAWTHORNE AVE APT C1502 YONKERS NY10701**

**HOSTED BY: MR. & MRS. JOHN AKARUME**

### ATTENDANCE

- (1) Peters Etametite
- (2) Emmanuel Idogho
- (3) Austin Osio
- (4) John Akarume
- (5) Lucky Abanwa
- (6) Godwin Okifo
- (7) Flora Okifo
- (8) Lucky Emadu

### OPENING PRAYER

The president Mr. Emmanuel Idogho at about 6.20pm recited the association's slogan ISIO and the people responded ILO to declare the meeting open while the opening prayer was said by Mr. Etanomare A. P Osio as directed by the president.

### FINANCE

Under finance, the president, Mr. Emmanuel Idogho suggested to the house that a financial secretary be elected to occupy the position.

The following people paid dues:

(1) Mr. John Akarume	\$20:00
(2) Lucky Abamwa	\$20:00
(3) Austin Osio	\$20:00
(4) Godwin Okifo	\$20:00
(5) Lucky Emadu	<u>\$20.00</u>
Total	<u>\$100:00</u>

### READING OF LAST MEETING MINUTES

The minutes of the last meeting held on September 7th, 2013, hosted by the vice president Mr. Godwin Okifo, was read by the general secretary Mr. Peters Etametite to the general house. The president Mr. Emmanuel Idogho there after asked members present if there is any omission of any matter discussed during the meeting or any corrections to be effected? Few corrections were made to the minutes after which the president Mr. Emmanuel Idogho asked for the acceptance

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of the minutes as amended. Mr. Lucky Abamwa moved to accept the minutes seconded by Mr. John Akarumen.

### MATTERS ARISING

#### *LOAN TO JUDE ONAKPOMA*

The president Mr. Emmanuel Idogho told the house that he paid the outstanding balance of \$500 (Five hundred dollars) loan to Mr. Jude Onakpoma in July, 2013. The \$500 (Five hundred dollars) was added to other funds to open the association account with Capital One.

#### **LATE DR PATRICK EMENIKE ISSUE**

On the visit to Late Dr. Patrick Emenike family by the association, the president, Mr. Emmanuel Idogho told the house that he recalled vividly that at no time was any money given to the family by the association from the **central purse** other than individual/personal contributions made by members during the visit. This was confirmed by Mr. Gbeneki Martins to the general secretary, Mr. Peters Etametite when he called to ask him about the issue over the phone. Mr. Martin Gbeneki towed the line of the president that the association money was never given to the family of our late brother Dr. Patrick Emenike. Thus, it was concluded that this matter be laid to rest forever and never to be revisited now or in the future.

#### **ISSUE OF THE ASSOCIATION FUND WITH FINANCIAL SECRETARY, MR. LUCKY EMADU**

On the association funds with the financial secretary Mr. Lucky Emadu, the president, Mr. Emmanuel Idogho reporting to the house on the mandate of the house told the house that he had treated the issue with caution to avoid problems. Secondly, that by law governing the association as a non-profit organization, no member should get any financial benefit from the association. That at present he is using the umbrella of the Agbonride association in reaching out to the financial secretary, Mr. Lucky Emadu. At this point, the financial secretary, Mr. Lucky Emadu came in and the general secretary, Mr. Peters Etametite raised a point of order and asked the president, Mr. Emmanuel Idogho to let the financial secretary, Mr. Lucky Emadu to give account of the association's funds given to him by the former general secretary Mr. Ben Emorayo that are with him to the house. Mr. John Akarume signified to make an input before financial gave account to the house. He appealed to the house to treat the matter carefully while Mr. Lucky Abamwa also requested that the president should ask the

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financial secretary to give account of the association's funds with him since he is present.

The president, Mr. Emmanuel Idogho then asked the financial secretary, Mr. Lucky Emadu to render an account of the association's funds that are with him. In response to the president's request, the financial secretary, Mr. Lucky Emadu laughed and mocked at the president's directives by asking the president to tell him how the association's money got to him. Thus, Mr. Lucky Emadu's response to the demand of the house generated a dramatic situation of accusation of the president Mr. Emmanuel Idogho, Mr. Abamwa and the general secretary Mr. Peters Etametite of gossip, and assassination of his character. At the end of it all, Mr. Lucky Emadu volunteer to host the next meeting of January 4th, 2014, and would then render an account of the association's money in question with him to the house.

### IRS REGISTRATION

On IRS registration, the president, Mr. Emmanuel Idogho told the house that, from his follow-up of the association's registration, IRS required a re-registration with a new fee of \$400 (Four hundred dollars) as the initial application with the \$300 (Three hundred dollars) fee paid elapsed. The report was questioned on why a new registration fee be paid instead of the difference between the old and the new application fee. Mr. Lucky Abamwa therefore promised to follow up on IRS with regards to the registration. On Tax form 990N for filling taxes for 2011, the president Mr. Emmanuel Idogho told the house that the CPA Richard R. Williams charged \$350 (Three hundred and fifty dollars) but that he paid him \$250 (Two hundred and fifty dollars) from his personal account on 9/23/2013. The tax form 990N was presented to members present by the president for their perusal. The President, Mr. Emmanuel Idogho also presented a copy of power of attorney 2848 authorizing the accountant Richard R. Williams to represent the association before IRS to members to see. The members present during the meeting agreed that the accountant Richard R. Williams should represent the association before IRS after sighting the power of attorney.

### THE ASSOCIATION WEBSITE

On the association's **website**, the president, Mr. Emmanuel Idogho told the house that word press/front page was used in the old domain, now it is on PHP and that, it is the change that caused the problem being experienced by those who visited the site. However, it was generally agreed that irrespective of the changes and the up grading going on, a committee be set up to review completely the association's website.

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A committee of three members headed by the Vice president, Mr. Godwin Okifo as Chairman, Mr. John Akarume and Mr. Etanomare A.P Osio as members respectively was therefore set up to among other things; source for information with regards to website development, management, financial cost of maintaining the website, and how to completely separate the association's website from the **OLIET GROUP**, the current website host owned and managed by the president, Mr. Emmanuel Idogho.

### WRITING OF FINAL LETTER TO THE TREASURER- MRS. GLORIA GBENEKI

The general secretary, Mr. Peters Etametite told the house that he was unable to write the treasurer, Mrs. Gloria Gbeneki the letter regarding her position as the treasurer of the association as directed by the house. He told the house that he only attempted speaking to her over the phone which also proved abortive as she was not available. He promised to reach out to her before the next general meeting of January 4th 2014.

### ADJOURNMENT MOTION

The general Secretary, Mr. Peters Etametite moved for adjournment of the meeting and was seconded by Mr. Lucky Abamwa about 10.55pm. **Closing remarks.** The president, Mr. Emmanuel Idogho thanked the host, Mr. & Mrs. John Akarume as well as the vice president, Mr. Godwin Okifo and his wife for hosting and presiding over the previous meeting while he was away to Nigeria. He also thanked all members present for attending the meeting in the midst of their tight schedules. He noted member's contribution to the growth of the association but that the association's decision is paramount. He promised to assist the website development. That he will give out the domain's name to the association by paying the fee.

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