



Government College Lagos

Old Boys Association

North America

1st ANNUAL CONFERENCE & REUNION 2016

11-12 November, 2016

Hilton at the Perimeter

Atlanta, Georgia, USA

Conference Meeting Outcomes & Communique

In Attendance

The following individuals were present at the Reunion Business Meeting of the Association: Kunle Verissimo, Chike Onianwa, Michael Fagbamiye, Koyejo Arulogun, Jasper Ngomba, Chidi Egbujor, Dotun Aiyegbusi, David Adeoye, Cajetan Egbujor, Dozie Ononiwu, Tayo Okusanya, Lookman Abiodun, Gbenro Soetan, Jide Fashola, Afolabi Oghafua, Toyin Wey, Kunle Faleti, Dobson Omene, Jide Afolabi, Kunle Adamson, Sam Shitta-Bey, and Joshua Adesanya

ATL 2016 Reunion Organizing Team



- ✓ Dozie Ononiwu- Chair/Conference Facilitator
- ✓ Michael Fagbamiye-Secretary
- ✓ Sam Shitta Bey- Operations
- ✓ Jide Fashola-Logistics
- ✓ Kunle Faleti-Awards
- ✓ Koye Arulogun-Finance
- Bayo Shittu
- Afolabi Oghafua
- Jide Afolabi
- Supo Odunsi

The meeting was called to order at 10.05am with prayers by Bishop David Adeoye.

The Conference got underway with an Address to the North American Conference by the Chapter President, Afolabi Oghafua. The subsequent sessions were then moderated by the ATL2016 Chairman, Dozie Ononiwu. The Conference was later broken into three plenary sessions saddled with the following talking points and focus:

- i. Membership Growth, Retention and Welfare Strategies
- ii. Intervention Propositions and Strategies for the School & Association
- iii. 2017 Reunion and General Meeting

Meeting was broken into 3 groups with accompanying terms of reference as state above

1. Membership Growth, Retention and Welfare

- Identify and propose strategies to help increase GCLOBA members
- Propose welfare packages that will help promote membership retention & improve relationship among old boys
- Propose annual membership dues
- Suggest ideas to help promote member businesses

Proposals and affirmations

- ✓ Membership Fee : The Annual Membership Fee will be \$100 USD
- ✓ Conference & Reunion Fee : The fee for the annual Reunion & General Meeting will be an additional \$200 USD
- ✓ Online Portal : An online, membership-based portal will be set up, to provide paid members and unpaid old boys with a robust forum for the promotion of ideas regarding the betterment of Government College Lagos, as well as for the promotion of professional skills, business ideas & initiatives that can benefit Old boys individually and collectively; The said forum will distinguish between paid members and unpaid old boys, and thus encourage fee payments by the latter, by making more engagement tools available to paid subscribed old boys;
- ✓ Whatsapp Use Protocols : The Association's formal whatsapp account will adopt protocols requiring the full name and location of each member or old boy subscribed to the account; It was also unanimously agreed that core details and administration about the Association cannot and should not be administered on the Whatsapp platform. All Old boys globally are encouraged to register on the official gcloba.com website platform. Periodic communications will be delivered to our mobile devices of choice and email addresses.
- ✓ Memorabilia : As an approach to additional fund-raising, a concerted effort will be undertaken to market the memorabilia of the Association to paid members, unpaid old boys, and through them, their friends and families; A global Storefront for GCLOBA Memorabilia will be setup for this purpose.
- ✓ Fortune 500 Companies : The approaching of Fortune 500 Companies, with regard to the needs of the students of Government College Lagos, was tabled for further consideration at the General Meeting in 2017, keeping in mind that robust and trans-continental accountability structures would be needed before such a venture can be undertaken; Efforts are currently underway and being put in place by the current Exco to setup the required structures and platform for the engagement of Fortune 500 companies for the good and benefit of GCL and GCLOBA.
- ✓ Life Events Support : The Association will, as a standing policy, provide life events support, with regard to events such as marriages, births, and deaths, to its members and their families, with such support to take a form commensurate to the need, and with the need to be assessed on a case-by-case basis by the Exco.

2. Projects – Intervention Propositions & Strategies

- Identify and propose viable intellectual transformation initiatives & projects for GCLOBA NA
- Identify and propose feasible and viable programs that will help promote academic achievement in line with the aims and objectives of the association

The sub group submitted as follows

- ✓ Focus on Students : The North America Chapter will, as a standing policy, focus its remedial efforts regarding Government College Lagos on the students of the school as may be enrolled from time to time, rather than on the physical structures of the school as they may exist from time to time and particularly at this present time;
- ✓ Satellite Location: The Exco will research the modalities of providing scholastic enrichments to the students of the school by way of a satellite location, which may be located within a pre-existing structure at a proximate location to the school; the location, programming, cost and implementation strategy will be reported to the paid members for adoption prior to the commencement of implementation;
- ✓ Mentorship : the Exco will, in liaison with the administration of the school on the one hand and the paid members of the Association on the other, set up a paired mentorship program aimed at cultivating the scholastic, social, and career development skills of the students of the school; and
- ✓ Scholarship : the Exco will research the modalities of providing scholarships, in multiple categories, for varied amounts, and with varied conditions, to the advancing or graduating students of the school; The amounts, frequency and implementation strategy will be reported to the paid members for adoption prior to the commencement of implementation.

3. 2017 Reunion and General Meeting

- Terms of reference
- Propose location for next Annual Conference & Reunion
- Propose Conference & Reunion Registration fees
- Propose Theme for Conference & Reunion
- Propose Scope of next Conference & Reunion

The group proposed with general affirmation as follows:

- ✓ Location : Considering the need for a location with a sizeable contingent of old boys, that is a air travel hub, and that possesses reasonably priced convention facilities, the 2017 Reunion and General Meeting will be held in the city of Atlanta, Georgia, USA;
- ✓ Time of Year : The 2017 Reunion and General Meeting will be held on a weekend during the last two weeks of October 2017;
- ✓ Organizing Committee: The Conference congratulated and thanked the ATL 2016 Planning Team for successfully putting together this first conference and reunion. The Organizing Committee for the 2016 Reunion and General Meeting are being enjoined to continue in service for another year with a planned recomposition and expansion

of the team for the 2017 Conference and Reunion. Three new volunteer members were announced at the conference, namely Tayo Okusanya, Dobson Omene and Toyin Wey. More volunteer members will be co-opted prior to the inauguration of the 2017 Planning Team, as an open invitation to the North American forum will be made at least 2 weeks to the first meeting of the new team.

- ✓ Theme and Elements : The theme for the 2017 Reunion and General Meeting will be “Reconnect, Rebuild, Restore: Continuing the Momentum”, and the Conference will include a display table(s) on which Fully subscribed and paid Old boys can showcase their businesses, services, offerings and the best of Old Boys. This will be done via display of their paraphernalia, brochures, marketing materials, etc advertising their professional skills, businesses, offerings etc in a business networking event format. Other planned activities will also include a picnic, and a gala evening. The details of the event will be planned out and shared later by the team.
- ✓ Families : Paid members with families are welcome to bring their families along, and while the 2017 Reunion and General Meeting will not contain a formally provided or sponsored family event, the Organizing Committee will detail one or more Atlanta-based entertainment options which families may patronize, and which may be timed concurrently with the picnic.

Submitted with regards,

Jide Afolabi
General Secretary
GCLOBA North America