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***ISI ALUMNI***

**GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

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Meeting Date: **25/05/2013**

Meeting Location: Mr. Johnson's Residence, No 2, Johnson  
Street, Off Coker road, Ilupeju, Lagos

Approval: **Draft**

Recorded By: **Yemi Soyibo**



**1 ATTENDANCE**

No	Name	Designation
1	Tive EKPERE	Pro tem President
2	Yemi SOYIBO	Pro tem Secretary
3	Dayo JOHNSON	Trustee
4	Tani MOLAJO	Trustee
5	Annette FISHER	Trustee
6	Akindele PHILLIPS	Pro Tem Financial Secretary
7	Olusola SERIKI	-
8	Bayo BANJO	-
9	Boma KALAIWO	-
10	Ehimen OSEGHLE	-
11	Ademola OGUNFOLU	-
12	James DANIEL	-
13	Bode FALASE	-
14	Adefunke ADEDEJI	-
15	Akintayo OLOKO	-
16	Oluwakemi MICHAEL-JABAGUN	-
17	Afolabi ONI	-
18	Adebola FAYEMI	-
19	Kola OLUTIMEHIN	-
20	Adeniran ARIMORO	-
21	Tony URANTA	-
22	Dayo AKINTOBI	-
23	Gboyega OTOLORIN	-
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Apologies: Funmi Omitowoju  
 Gbemi Soyemi-Beecroft  
 Ronke Adebo-Udoma

## 2 AGENDA

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1	Opening Prayers
2	Introduction of those present
3	Adoption of last meeting minutes
4	Review and update of ISI Alumni Progress
5	50th Anniversary Program of Events and Activities
6	Any Other Business (AOB)
7	Next meeting Dates & Venue
8	Closing prayers
9	Dinner & Networking

### 1. Opening Prayers

- The meeting commenced at 4:35pm with an opening prayer by Mr. Olusola Seriki

### 2. Introduction of those present

- Introduction by all present.

### 3. Adoption of last meeting minutes

- Open remarks given by Mr. Tive Ekpere. He said he was encouraged that each time we have a meeting, new faces (who have not been to any meeting before) are present.
- He said that although there are bound to be a little hitch here and there, sometimes a bit of confusion but along the way, we move closer to the Alumni goal.
- Mr. Tani Molajo (SAN) and Ms. Boma Kalaiwo made some corrections to the minutes of the last meeting held on April 7 2013.
- Ms. Boma Kalaiwo moved for the adoption of the minutes which was seconded by Mr. Olusola Seriki.
- The minutes of the last meeting held on April 7th 2013 was adopted.

### 4. Review and update of ISI Alumni Progress

- Mr. Tive Ekpere brought all to date on the Alumni progress
- He mentioned that the Alumni has been in touch with the school authorities.
- He said that the Alumni body is still pushing for an increase in the Alumni membership
- He said that we are still pushing for greater numbers in the Alumni membership and that our Facebook membership is over 2000 members. He further explained we are in the process of trying to migrate all members to the Alumni website as the website is more robust and secure than Facebook. He summarized the features of the Alumni website.

## 5. 50th Anniversary Program of Events and Activities

1. Mr. Tive Ekpere said the school is holding a month long celebration from the draft program received from the anniversary committee of the school. The summary of the program was printed and seen by all.
2. Although the school plans a month long celebration for the anniversary, the Alumni focus will be on the draft anniversary program discussed at the last meeting and this window will be from Oct. 11th – 14th 2013.
3. Mr. Tive Ekpere spoke to both the school Principal and the Vice-Principal and both have agreed that the Alumni program be incorporated in the school program.
4. The anniversary committee of the school is trying to reach the Minister of finance, Dr. Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala who is an alumnus to attend and deliver a speech during the celebrations
5. It was also noted that the current Minister of Communication and Technology, Mrs. Omobola Johnson is also an Alumna. It was agreed that we try and reach out to her also.
6. Mr. Tive Ekpere mentioned the suggestion given during the Trustees/Exec meeting that we get in touch with ex-principals and ex-teachers.
7. Mr. Tani Molajo (SAN) said that the founding principal is dead but the 2nd school principal is still alive. He also said he had been in touch with some ex-principals and teachers and that he has some of their contacts.
8. Mr. Tani Molajo (SAN) mentioned that he hopes they are not too old to make the trip to Nigeria. He said Mr. Gillespie is over 80 years Old.
9. Mr. Dayo Johnson said that if any ex-principal or teacher could not make the trip to Nigeria, they could send us a write-up so we can use it in any Alumni documentation or read during the anniversary.
10. Mrs. Adefunke Adedeji said any ex-principal or teacher could send a member of their family to represent them.
11. Mr. Tive Ekpere gave a response from the event planner, Mrs. Yewande Zaccheaus. He said he would send her the Alumni program so that she could start to plan and send the house a feedback on the costs and fees towards the Anniversary.
12. Mr. Adedemola Ogunfolu said he has also been in contact with Mrs. Yewande Zaccheaus and he gave us a summary of discussions with her. He said that for us to have a meeting with her, it would be late evening because of the nature of her job. He emphasized that if we decide to use her event facilities, we need to act fast and secure the facility.
13. Mr. Ehimen Oseghale offered his event center for future meetings or events. He said the capacity is about a hundred.
14. Mr. Adedemola Ogunfolu prompted us about the funds needed for us to achieve the anniversary events and activities. Mr. Tive Ekpere reminded us that we have the anniversary planning committee and there is a sub-committee focused on fundraising poised to act but the reason why there seems to be some inactivity is that we are yet to finalize the CAC registration of the Alumni. To ask and secure funds, we need a bank Account and Alumni stationary to send out letters. The fundraising Committee is headed by Mrs. Gbemi Soyemi-Becroft and assisted by Dr. Enitan Idowu.
15. Mr. Tive Ekpere told us about the needs of the school. He mentioned that the school still wants the modern Assembly Hall/Examination Hall but for us (the Alumni), it is too late and we might not be able to contribute anything towards the auditorium project. He reminded us that during the meeting held in February 2013, it was put to a vote and the majority vote was that we leave the auditorium aside and do other projects.
16. Mr. Tive Ekpere mentioned other things the school wanted. They are as below
  - a. Provision of modern Hi-Tech Library

- b. Provision of Library books
  - c. Provision of Hostel blocks (Boys & Girls)
  - d. Provision of alternative sources of power (Inverter/Solar energy)
  - e. Perimeter fencing of the School premises
  - f. Provision of CCTV cameras for supervision
  - g. Provision of interactive boards
  - h. Provision of walkie-talkies for security patrol
  - i. Provision of a 32 Seater Coaster School bus
  - j. Link with reputable secondary Schools in the world
  - k. Facilitation of exchange programs for staff and students
17. Mr. Yemi Soyibo pointed out that the Alumni could open a channel of discussion with the Minister of Communication and Technology, Mrs. Omobola Johnson for the actualization of the library.
18. The house asked the question if the old library will be upgraded or a new library built. It was decided that the Alumni ask the school to add more clarity for this request.

#### 5a Plans for Publicity and Membership drive

- Ms. Boma Kalaiwo had been asked to drive this committee to achieve adequate publicity and membership as she has a background and experience in media.
- Ms. Boma Kalaiwo thanks the house for the honour and the opportunity to serve.
- Ms. Boma Kalaiwo asked for clarification on the audience of the publicity drive; if it was just for ex-ISI or everyone.
- Ms. Boma Kalaiwo gave a brief outline of what she has in mind to generate this 'buzz'. She asked for a month's time so that ideas from the committee will be sent to the general body for review.
- Ms. Boma Kalaiwo mentioned that some articles could be written about the school and published in the newspapers, aired on the radio and TV. She said the contents of the articles both on the newspapers and on radio/TV could be to ask ex-students what it felt like to attend to ISI and past experiences.
- Ms. Boma Kalaiwo proceeded to ask for volunteers for this committee.
- Those who volunteered to be members of the committee are:
  - ✓ Mr. Tony Uranta
  - ✓ Mr. Olusola Seriki
  - ✓ Mrs. Ehimen Oseghale
  - ✓ Mr. Akindele Phillips
  - ✓ Mrs. Oluwakemi Michael-Jabagun
  - ✓ Mr. Gboyega Otolorin
- Mr. James Daniel said that he has contacts with the Silverbird Media group of companies. He offered to contact them on behalf of the Alumni and also offered to be a consultant to the team.

#### **6. Any Other Business (AOB)**

1. Dues and Contributions were discussed.
2. CAC registration should be concluded by end of June provided there are no hitches.
3. Ms. Boma Kalaiwo asked if we know the vision the school authorities have for this school?

4. Mr. Ehimen Oseghale asked if the school could maintain all these facilities and infrastructure they are asking for?
5. Mr. Dayo Johnson said he was surprised that when he went for Canon Iluyomade's burial, old typewriters still being used in this age of hi-tech and modern technology. He reiterated that the school standard is very low and the school was not built to cater for the present students population. He remembered and stated that it was teachers like Mrs. Oyelola who made the standard very high.
6. Mr. Tive Ekpere mentioned that was why the theme of the anniversary was **'Bring back the glory'** and the Alumni will try its best to restore the school back to its glory.
7. Mr. Olusola Seriki requested that we make the school understand that the Alumni is still at its infancy stage and that we manage the expectations of the school concerning all their requests. He said that it is still very early stages and although ex-ISI's will be putting their money into satisfying some requests of the school but first we need to ensure the credibility of the Alumni.
8. Mr. Bode Falase agreed with Mr. Olusola Seriki.
9. It was agreed that time should be given to the Alumni to grow from infancy to a thriving and viable Alumni.
10. Mr. Tive Ekpere said that we cannot do all. He said we will agree on what we can do for the school and leave the other requests.
11. Ms. Boma Kalaiwo said that we should focus on improving the low standard of the school. Mr. Ehime Oseghale supported the suggestion to focus and improve the standard of the school.
12. Mr. Kola Olutimehin was asked to give a template of how to improve the school.
13. Mr. Kola Olutimehin also said that he knows a Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) that he can put the school authorities in touch with that can assist them to improve the standard of the school.
14. Mr. Afolabi Oni asked the question of how did the standard of the school fall? Mr. Kola Olutimehin said that it's a general phenomenon in Nigeria, as all known standards are falling.
15. Mr. Dayo Johnson asked who wrote the school song and Mr. Kola Olutimehin said it was Mrs. Inanga, the music teacher
16. Mr. Tani Molajo gave us a cheque of N25,000
17. Akintayo Oloko gave us N10,000 towards the registration
18. Mr. Dayo Johnson gave us N30,000

## **7. Next meeting Dates & Venue**

1. Mr. Tive Ekpere thanked Mr. Dayo Johnson for hosting the Alumni.
2. Mr. Dayo Johnson commended Mr. Tive Ekpere and Mr. Yemi Soyibo for their effort and work done in bringing the Alumni to this stage in its development. The house applauded them.
3. There was a discussion of how we can make sure the attendance is improved. The question was specifically raised why ex-ISI that left the school from the late 1990's to now do not come for meetings.
4. Mr. Tive Ekpere said that we are trying to get the formula right on how to increase the attendance of the meetings. One of the things being done is to alternate the meeting venues between the Lagos Island and the Mainland.
5. Mr. Adebola Fayemi said that hosting is very important and that a 'point man' among the executives should drive an improvement in the attendance by contacting people and bringing everybody together through phone calls and other means.

6. Mr. Tony Uranta said that we have got to sell the Alumni to all Ex-ISI by looking for a good selling angle. We need to find all aspects that each Alumnus is interested in. He said we should identify the hosting for the next 12 months, identify 12 members who can host us and contact them so we can draw a timetable and send it out. He said we must create both a meeting and a social atmosphere where folks come together to have a nice time.
7. Mr. Kola Olutimehin proposed that we bring along our friends.
8. Oluwakemi Michael-Jabagun mentioned that we should not rule out the hosting in a neutral venue like a restaurant or bar etc.
9. Mr. Tony Uranta said that we should let the person hosting decide if he or she would want to host in his or her house or host in a restaurant/ bar
10. Mr. Ehimen Oseghale offered to host anytime the Alumni requests for it.
11. Next meeting to be hosted by Mr. Akindele Phillips and Mrs. Oluwakemi Michael-Jabagun's ISI set. They are to get back to the house on the formalities and plans to achieve this.
12. Next meeting tentatively fixed for Sunday, June 29th 2013

#### **8. Closing prayers**

- The meeting ended by 6.40pm
- Mr. Yemi Soyibo said the closing prayer.