

# OGHWOGHWA DESCENDANTS IN AMERICA

## General Meeting Minutes

**Date:** May 03, 2010

**Venue:** MARTINS AND GLORIA GBENEKU, 119-41, 225TH STREET QUEENS NY, 11411.

### ATTENDANCE:

- (1) MR ETAMETITE PETERS
- (2) MR OSIO, AUSTIN ETANOMARE
- (3) MR IDOGHO, EMMANUEL - PRESIDENT
- (4) MR ANIGHORO, JULIUS - PUBLICITY SEC.
- (5) MRS ANIGHORO, GOLD
- (6) MISS AMOAH, DORA - GUEST
- (7) MR MARTINS GBENEKU, - HOST
- (8) MRS GBENEKU, GLORIA - CO- HOST
- (9) MR ONAKPOMA, JUDE
- (10) MR EMADU, LUCKY - FINANCIAL SEC.
- (11) MR ONAPHIE, PATRICK
- (12) MR AKARUME, JOHN
- (13) MRS AKARUME, MARIA
- (14) MRS ETAMETITE, NORA

### DELIBERATIONS:

The meeting started about 1700 hours with opening prayers said by Mr. Osio, Austin. Thereafter, the president declares the meeting open suggesting we start the meeting with item # 6 on the agenda which is election of General Secretary for the body. He stresses the need to have a substantial secretary with the resignation of Mr. BEN EMAREYO, as the association secretary and his handing over of ODIA documents to financial secretary. Mr. Osio, Austin at this point suggests we debate/ follow the agenda of the meeting for the day. This suggestion was over rule by the president while Mr. Anighoro, Julius point out an observation of the word 'INVITEES' to members in the notice of meeting is not proper because to him we are family -brothers and sisters. Mr. Osio, not satisfy with the president stands on the agenda debate, raise point of order insisting that we follow the agenda. Mr. Etametite supported the suggestion of Mr. Osio to follow the agenda of the meeting as outline. The president at this point agreed to the suggestion but further stress the election of the secretary as a priority to him. It was therefore, agreed upon by all that the meeting agenda be approved before proceeding with meeting. The agenda were

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therefore read and ratified after which the minutes of the last meeting was read by Mr. Etametite. Mr. Jude moved a motion to adopt the minutes. He was seconded by Mr. Osio. The house adopt the minutes as no observation was made on it.

### **FINANCE:**

There were so much debate/augments on the monthly contributions. Julius Anighoro, Martins Gbeneku, Jude Onakpoma, and John Akarume, all suggest contribution should be based on family - husband and wife instead of the individual monthly payment. The president replied to this issue that the matter was put to vote in the past and individual contribution was favored by the majority. The president was supported by Mr. Emadu, who goes further to say that a consensus was reached on this matter that it should be one member one vote and payment. The issue was therefore, put on hold pending when a general decision is taken to amend it. Mr. Osio, therefore suggest that members whom are absent today should be put on notice on the matter.

The following dues were collected:

NO	Name	Amount Paid
1	ETAMETITE, PETERS	\$20.00
2	ETAMETITE, NORA	\$20.00
3	GBENEKU, MARTIN	\$20.00
4	GBENEKU, GLORIA	\$20.00
5	Mr. A.P. E. OSIO	\$20.00
6	EMADU, LUCKY	\$20.00
7	AKARUME, JOHN	\$20.00
	<b>Total dues collected on 05/03/2010</b>	<b>\$140.00</b>

**All dues were collect based upon the amount received and are all subject to reconciliation with our financial record.**

### **READING OF LAST MINUTES:**

The house has no general secretary at the inception of this meeting consequently; Mr. Peters Etametite, was drafted to take the minutes for this occasion prior the election of the general secretary. Mr. Etametite read the minutes of the meeting held January 3, 2010 as prepared by Mr. Lucky Abamwa. Motion to discuss the minutes passed and adopted without any observation by the house.

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### **ELECTION TO VACANT POSITIONS:**

On the issue of election to vacant offices Mr. Onakpoma, suggest we elect treasurer. He was supported by Messrs. Etametite, Osio, and Idogho. He was specific that the treasurer should be a female. To this end Mrs. Gloria Gbeneku, was nominated by Mr. Etametite, and she was unanimously voted for as ODIA treasurer. In her acceptance speech, she whole heartedly accepts the position and thanks the house for electing her. She promises to do her best with the support of her husband in particular and all members in general. Similarly, the earlier suggestion of Mr. President to elect general secretary and assistant secretary was taken. Two nominations were given to the house to choose from. They are Mr. Etametite Peters and Mr. Onaiphie Patrick. Votes were cast for the two of them and Mr. Peters Etametite becomes the general secretary while Mr. Onaiphie Patrick is the assistant general secretary respectively.

### **OPEN ISSUES:**

a.) Mr. Idogho said that some open issues in the minute of last meeting cannot be discussed due to time constraints emanated with lateness of majority of the members. Such issues include but not limited to recovery and handing over of financial record and general secretary record delivered to the financial secretary- Mr. Lucky Emadu by Ben Emareyo. Mr. Martins Gbeneku also indicated that due to the problem with his storage area door in his house, there is no access to the financial records he had as the previous financial secretary.

b) Though this not mandatory, the president was unable to present his progress report to the house because of other commitments. The issue was deferred to future meetings. Mr. John Akarume suggests the use of URHOBOLAN language as a means of communication during meeting proceedings instead of English language. Mr. Onakpoma Jude moved for adjournment of the meeting and he was supported by Mr. Akarume, John. The meeting continued with heavy super star entertainment presented by the host Mr. and Mrs. Martins and Gloria Gbeneku family.

Mr. Idogho ended the meeting with a prayer and special thanks to the host and all members who endeavor to attend and witness this memorable meeting where the wife of ex-financial secretary. Mrs Gloria Gbeneku, becomes the treasurer of the association.

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Hon. Peters Etametite.

Our address on the net is <http://oghwoghwa.org>. ODIA has also had a group at Vanguard Community Online <http://community.vanguardngr.com/group/odia> Pls. visit, join, and make your presence felt.