

## **Inaugural KCOBA Meeting**

### **Mint Room, Marriott Marquis Hotel, Washington DC, May 23, 2015**

1. Interim President Yele Aluko called the meeting to order at 2:20pm with 38 KCOBs in attendance.
2. All attendees introduced themselves.
3. Interim President Yele Aluko read out the KCOBANA Vision Statement and invited feedback on it. One member suggested that it should include a reference to the empowerment of teachers at the school. The vision statement was unanimously endorsed, as presented.
4. Interim Vice President Bayo Oyewole described the evolution of KCOBANA since a group of volunteers came together with a vision to establish a King's College alumni association that would extend beyond the disparate efforts made by different groups in the past and reach across North America. He shared that the Executive Committee members donated the initial funding from their own resources.
5. In response to a question about the extent to which KCOBANA would liaise with, or be independent of, KCOBA Nigeria, it was agreed that KCOBANA should promote coordination and communication flow with KCOBA but remain autonomous, given its establishment in the US as an independent legal entity with 501c3 non-profit status.
6. Interim Treasurer Fred Udochi presented a Financial Statement detailing the sources and uses of funds to date. The bulk of funding was received through generous donations from a number of KCOBs. Thus far, the funds have been applied towards the establishment and operation of KCOBANA, and to cover expenses related to the inaugural KCOBANA Reunion Weekend.
7. The issue of what would be appropriate annual dues for KCOBANA members and how they would be applied was discussed. It was agreed that membership dues would be set at \$100 per member. However, KCOBs who graduated from KC within the last 10 years would only be assessed annual membership dues of \$50.
8. It was acknowledged that membership dues would need to be complemented with a continuous effort to seek sponsorships from a variety of sources.
9. Interim Secretary Muyiwa Idowu presented the KCOBANA by-laws and described the process by which they evolved. The by-laws, as presented, were ratified by unanimous vote.
10. Interim Director for Special Events Femi Doherty gave an overview of the agenda for the evening gala.

11. Interim Vice President Tola Adetu explained the process by which officers were appointed to the Executive Committee on an interim basis pending the outcome of the inaugural KCOBANA meeting. Their efforts were acknowledged and appreciated by participants. The appointments of all Executive Committee members were ratified by unanimous vote.
12. The Executive Committee suggested that three additional members be invited to join their body as ex-officio members, to ensure broader diversity of membership in terms of age, geographical spread and technical proficiency. Five participants (Messrs. Ojuko, Onah, Odogwu, Ogundipe and Osaghae) expressed interest. The EC promised to follow up with all five volunteers with a view to selecting 3 new EC members.
13. It was suggested that a PayPal account be established for KCOBANA and linked to its website to facilitate payment of membership dues, sponsorships and other payments to the Association.
14. It was proposed that copies of the book published to commemorate the centenary of KC be made available for purchase to KCOBANA members at a price that would, at least, cover the cost of obtaining them from Nigeria.
15. Mr. Sonubi proposed that KCOBANA contribute towards the maintenance of high standards among KCOBs. He also suggested that the Association help establish an archive of King's College memorabilia.
16. Mr. Olowofoyeku proposed that KCOBANA consider the establishment of an endowment for KC to help modernize its facilities and enhance the quality of life of its teachers.
17. The following next steps were agreed:
  - The Executive Committee will establish a database of KCOBs in North America, to include information about location and occupation. This would then be developed into a professional network that all members can tap into.
  - Fees would be assessed at the agreed annual rate of \$100 per member. Those graduating from KC within the past 10 years would be assessed \$50. Treasurer Fred Udochi will be sending out invoices in the coming days.
  - The Executive Committee will establish ambitious financial goals and a strategy for fundraising through sponsorships and other means.
  - A needs assessment will be prepared for King's College as soon as possible with a view towards determining how KCOBANA can realistically contribute to its betterment.
18. The meeting was adjourned at 4:30pm.

## ATTENDEE LIST

Charles Diko, Pane's, 1974 to 1979  
Joshua Shonubi, Harman's, 1976 to 1981  
Andre Ajibade, Hyde Johnson's, 1976 to 1979  
Rob Onah, McKee Wright's, 1991 to 1997  
Ephraim Dewa, McKee Wright's, 1974 to 1979  
Iberedem Ekure, Harman's, 1999 to 2005  
Donald Odogwu, McKee Wright's, 1999 to 2005  
Okantey Richard Henshaw, Pane's, 1963 to 1969  
Oluyinka Olutoye, Pane's, 1963 to 1969  
Mohie Bakinson, McKee Wright's, 1966 to 1972  
Muyiwa Bakare, Pane's, 1971 to 1972  
Olisa Abaelu, Harman's, 1976 to 1981  
Amechi Onyiuke, Pane's, 1978 to 1981  
Akimu Garuba, McKee Wright's, 1990 to 1996  
Rasheed Ojuko, Hyde Johnson's, 2003 to 2009  
Raphael Agada, Harman's, 1972 to 1978  
Osa Omoruyi, McKee Wright's, 1983 to 1989  
Dennis Osaromwense, Hyde Johnson's, 1983 to 1989  
Mohammed Tope Anjorin, McKee Wright's, 1983 to 1989  
Yemi Odufuye, Hyde Johnson's, 1983 to 1989  
Laolu Odemuyiwa, Harman's, 1972 to 1977  
Sam Hogan, McKee Wright's, 1972 to 1977  
Osezua Avbuluimen, Harman's, 1995 to 2001  
Yomi Oyesiku, Pane's, 1980 to 1985  
Tokunbo Esho, Harman's, 1980 to 1985  
Suleiman Buhari Bello, Hyde Johnson's, 1980 to 1985  
Basse O. Basse, Harman's, 1995 to 2001  
Obinna Eruchalu, Pane's, 1965 to 1971  
Osamuyimen Osaghae, Hyde Johnson's, 1996 to 2003  
Femi Ogundipe, Harman's, 1967 to 1973  
Idemudia Guobadia, McKee Wright's, 1978 to 1983  
Tola Adetu, Panes, 1972 to 1977  
Femi Doherty, Hyde Johnson's, 1971 to 1977  
Bayo Oyewole, Harman's, 1968 to 1972

Yele Aluko, Hyde Johnson's, 1966 to 1972

Muyiwa Idowu, McKee Wright's, 1973 to 1977

Anthony Kuyoro, Harman's, 1995 to 2001

Fred Udochi, Harman's, 1971 to 1974