

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT COLLEGE IKOM OLD STUDENTS ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE 1st ALUMNI GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 29TH SEPTEMBER 2018 AT DWELLERS LANDMARK EVENT CENTRE, EWET HOUSING ESTATE, UYO, AKWA IBOM STATE.

1.0 AGM BUISINESS AGENDA

SATURDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER 2018 10:00 A.M – 6:30 P.M		
S/N	DESCRIPTION	Moderators
1.	Registration of participants and collection of AGM materials	Mr. Charles Eguma, Mr. Ebri Arikpo
2.	OPENING 1. Call to Order 2. Opening Prayers 3. Prayers in honour of our departed 4. National Anthem/ School Anthem	Engr. Ime Inyang,
3.	Introductions and Recognitions	Dr. Robert Egot
4.	Opening and welcome addresses 1. Opening address 2. Goodwill messages 3. Overview of the Association and achievements	Mr. Christian Johnson
5.	AGM Keynote address	Snr. Rossanna Oriye
6.	Presentation & Discussion - Session One Reading and call for adoption of AGM business agenda 1. Highlights of 2018 congress deliberations and background to 2018 AGM 2. Presentation and adoption of reviewed alumni constitution 3. Discussion on the college's 30 th anniversary project	Dr. Robert Egot Bar. Oru Ebam Bar. Agbo Abuh Sr. lyke Onyensoh
	Discussion Break	All Delegates
7.	Presentation & Discussion - Session Two 1. Presentation and confirmation of nominees to the alumni board of trustees (BOT) 2. unveiling and adoption of FEDIOSA official logo 3. Presidential handshake for UNICAL and CRUTECH alumni chapter Executives 4. Other Matters	Mr. Christian Johnson Bar. Agbo Abuh Mr. Michael Ehindero Dr. Ayemo Ubi Dr. Robert Egot
	Discussion Break	All delegates
8.	Summary of Proceedings	Mr. Charles Eguma

	1. AGM resolutions, presentation of communiqué and next steps 2. Announcements	Dr. Robert Egot Engr. Ime Monday
9.	Closing 1. Adjournment/Vote of Thanks 2. Closing Prayer	Mr. Ulo Okon and Engr. Engr. Ime Monday Apostle Mfon Udoema

1.1 ATTENDANCE

The AGM was attended by 152 registered participants. Sixteen (16) members resident in Nigeria and the diaspora also participated via Skype connection. Other members, who were unable to attend, followed the discussions live on all alumni digital platforms such as Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. The quorum for annual general meetings was duly met. (See D.2 (attendance register) for the list of participants at the AGM).

Item 1: Apologies for absence

No apology was received by the Secretary General from any member for their inability to attend the AGM.

Item 2: Minutes of the meeting held on Saturday, 10th February 2018.

The minutes were cited as true and correct record.

Action: National President and Secretary-General to sign minutes as accurate record

The following are matters arising from the alumni delegates' congress;

1. Discussion on the college's 30th Anniversary project
2. Presentation and adoption of reviewed alumni constitution

2.0 OPENING

2.1 Call to Order

The event started outside the time 10:00 am time scheduled for the programme due to monthly environmental sanitation and the late arrival of most participants. The AGM-LOC national chairman, Engr. Ime Monday, a member of the pioneer (1994) set formally declared the meeting open and the house was called to order at exactly 12:00 p.m. A brief prayer was said by the alumni vice president, Mrs Nkiru Hope Ofoma of 1997 set. Prayer in honour of deceased members of the association was said by Mr Dennis Ekpo of 2000 set while a

rendition of the national anthem and college song was conducted by Arc. Kenneth Edagha, Abuja Chapter Chairman and sang by everyone present.

3.0 Introduction

The event compère and National Welfare Secretary, Dr. Robert Egot a member of the 2000 set welcomed everyone to the meeting. He acknowledged the presence of the special guests (past and present principals of the college) Ntufam J. A Ebam, Dame Akon Nduonofit, Mrs Chioma Phillips and Mrs Akon Basse-Duke as well as the national president and other members of the National Executive Committee (NAEC) present and other dignitaries at the event and ushered them to their seats.

4.0 Opening and Welcome Address

4.1 Opening address

Mr Christian Johnson, the National President on behalf of the National Alumni Executive Committee (NAEC) and the entire members of Federal Government College Ikom Old Students Association (FEDIOSA) welcomed everyone present to the association's first annual general meeting (AGM) and expressed gratitude to everyone for sparing the time to attend the event. He noted that the association since its launch in May, 2014 at the college's 25th anniversary in Ikom have achieved significant strides despite grappling with the initial challenges of setting up appropriate structures to help pilot the alumni affairs. He was glad to inform that the association is now properly organised into sets, chapters and the national body following recommendations made by delegates at the maiden alumni delegates congress held in Calabar, from 9-10 February, 2018. He said at the congress, several lofty ideas and goals were put forward which has helped galvanized the association to its present point. He challenged members to think of ways they can give back to the college and encouraged them to explore avenues to help stay connected to one another, and overall join hands to make the alumni and our alma mater stronger and greater. He therefore underscored the impact of alumni associations in the advancement of schools globally as they play key roles in the development of key infrastructures and facilities that contribute significantly to the growth of the academic centres.

4.2 Goodwill Messages

Goodwill messages were delivered by past principals and the present principal of the college. An erstwhile principal of the college, Ntufam J. A. Ebam who served from 1995-2003 commended the efforts of the alumni in helping to renovate the college clinic which he observed is currently the neatest and best clinic facility in all the Unity colleges across the country. He also commended the association for the unity shared by members over the years and appreciated them for their contribution towards his personal achievements in life. He remarked that "life has a meaning only when one has a mission to fulfil that makes a meaning to others". He encouraged members of the association to continue to work together and added that "together, we all can move mountains".

A former principal of the college Dame Akon Nduonofit who served as principal from 2008-2015, gave her goodwill message. In her statement, she appreciated the alumni executives for their steadfastness in helping to nurture the alumni dream and making it come true. She enjoined members to see the event as a day to reminisce all their mischief while in college. She thanked the alumni for their effort in helping to renovate the college's old dining hall and stressed the need for members to continue to bond together.

In her address, a retired principal of the college Mrs Chioma Phillips who served from 2015-2017 praised the association for finding it necessary to convoke its maiden AGM which has helped to bring old students of the college together. She commended the alumni for the influence it brought to bear in helping the college stem the unruly behaviour of students in 2015 during her tenure as principal. She praised members for their support to the college and tasked them to keep the bond of unity and friendship together.

The serving principal of the college, Mrs Akon Bassey-Duke presented a song in her goodwill message titled 'together we can change the world'. This caught the attention of everyone present. Also, in a video presentation, she highlighted some challenges affecting the college which include;

- Lack of exposure of staff to other unity schools where they could learn more and gain valuable experience.
- Need to improve the road network in the college.
- Shortage of staff in critical subject areas.
- Rehabilitation of some buildings and

- Erosion control.

Mrs Akon Basse-Duke further informed that she recently introduced the college's pledge having noticed that none existed. She also pointed to the success recorded so far by her administration in curtailing the menace of sagging, indecent dressing and inappropriate hair styles exhibited by students. She mentioned some of the projects undertaken by her administration which include;

- The PTA rehabilitation of the burnt admin block.
- Re-flooring and re-ceiling of four dormitories in the junior boys hostel.
- Renovation of a make shift hostel to create more accommodation for students amongst other achievements.

Mr Basse Etim, the Calabar Alumni Chapter Chairman highlighted some of the achievements of the state chapter to include helping nurture the institutional based chapters within its purview. The chapters he said include; University of Calabar (UNICAL) and Cross River University of Technology (CRUTECH) alumni chapters. He thanked members for attending the event and appreciated everyone for their commitments and support to the association.

Mr Lyke Onyensoh, the Lagos State Alumni Chapter Chairman in his goodwill message, welcomed everyone present. He emphasised the need for members to work together for a better future and strive to keep the bond of oneness.

Also, The Abuja chapter chairman Arc. Kenneth Edagha presented his brief goodwill message. He encouraged members to continue to give their support to the association and also pledged the commitment of the Abuja chapter towards the overall growth of the association.

4.3 Overview of the association and achievements

Dr. Robert Egot gave an overview of the association and its achievements on behalf of the National President, Mr Christian Johnson (*See Item A for overview of the association*). He highlighted some of the successes achieved by the alumni body in the last five years which include;

- Yearly sensitization talks and seminars for students of the college.
- Donation of mosquito nets and drugs to the school clinic by 1996 set.
- Renovation of classroom blocks and donation of whiteboards by 1996 set.

- Renovation of the school clinic by 2000 set.
- Partnership in the effective and efficient management of the college ICT resources.
- Donation of prizes to outstanding students during the college speech and prize giving ceremony.

4.4 Presentation of awards to the principals

The association considered it necessary to recognize and honour the pasts and present principal of the college for their contributions towards the development of the association and the college. The presentation of the awards was done by, Dr. Ayemo Ubi, a member of 1995 set who read the citation of Ntufam J.A. Ebam before an award was presented to him by Pastor Phillips (the husband of Mrs. Chioma Philip). Mr. Ulo Okon of 1994 set read the citation of Dame Akon Nduonofit before an award was presented to her by Engr. Ime Monday Inyang of 1994 set. Mr. Michael Ehindero of 1994 set read the citation of Mrs. Chioma Philip while her award was presented to her by Mr. Emmanuel Okpo Ita of 1994 set. Mr Ndubuisi Nwachukwu read the citation of Mrs Akon Bassey-Duke while her award was being presented.

5.0 AGM keynote address

The Keynote address was delivered by Snr. Rossanna Oriye, the Ag. National President, FGGC Abuloma Old Girls' association and a representative of Unity Schools Old Students Association (USOSA). In her address titled "working in harmony and leveraging collaboration towards sustainable growth of the alumni and alma-mater" (*See Item E for Keynote address*). She said she was indeed humbled and privileged to deliver the keynote address of the maiden AGM of FEDIOSA and as an alumna of a unity school herself, she felt at home being in the midst of old friends, acquaintances and lovely younger ones. She observed that in growing an association like ours, one must note that there will be challenges. Some of these challenges she said vary from people not finding a reason to join the association and not finding it worth their while to associate with their peers. She pointed that as citizens, we have a transformative role to play in society and we can leverage on the sound educational and moral virtues imbued in us during our formative years in college, and also tap from our post-college social exposures to collaborate and grow ourselves individually and collectively and explore these collaborations to the benefit of our alma mater. She stressed the need for members to put in the hard work and make sacrifices to grow the association, harmonize its activities, and collaborate to make the

alumni association a vibrant, resourceful and supportive group for promoting the individual and collective aspirations of its members.

6.0 Plenary

SESSION 1: PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION

The plenary session was convened following the AGM lunch break, and the house was called to order. The agenda was read and adopted by members to guide proceedings.

6.1 Highlights of 2018 Delegates Congress Deliberations and background to 2018 AGM

In setting the tone for deliberation, Dr. Robert Egot read out excerpts of the communiqué of the delegate congress held in Calabar, on 9-10 February, 2018. He asked attendees who had a copy of the minutes of the congress to indicate. (*See item A for minutes of congress and Item B for congress communiqué*). He highlighted a number of issues that were discussed and adopted during the congress one of which is the amount agreed to be paid by members as monthly dues. He said the dues are obligatory and reminded members that they are expected to comply forthwith. He informed that the resolutions of the congress were already in effect and binding on all members. (*See Item B for congress resolutions*).

6.2 Presentation and adoption of reviewed alumni constitution

Bar. Oru Ebam, a member of the constitutional drafting committee (CDC) carried out the presentation and adoption of the reviewed alumni constitution (*see item D for reviewed alumni constitution*). While setting the tone for deliberation, he pleaded with members to discuss constructively during the adoption and avoid stretching the already lengthy process since the document had earlier been circulated to delegates through various alumni platforms and set leaders were asked to share the document with members of their respective sets. He said discussing issues that have already been sorted out during the delegates congress will end up prolonging the meeting and eventually stalling the adoption of the constitution. Mr Nicholas Gabriel of 2004 set raised a point of observation noting that set leaders during their last meeting on the set leaders forum had agreed that the association will adopt the theme for the AGM 'Together we can' as its motto henceforth and wondered why "Pro-unitate" still reflect in the reviewed constitution. In response, the National President, Mr

Christian Johnson stated that the AGM motto remains "Together we can" while the alumni motto is "Pro-unitate". Mr Lyke Onyensoh, of 1994 set reiterated Bar. Oru Ebam's stance on the process for adoption of the constitution. He pointed that the constitution had been properly reviewed by a legal team and pleaded with members to avoid raising issues that have previously been addressed at congress in order not to stall the adoption process and set the progress made by the house so far backwards. The National Legal Adviser, Bar. Agbo Abuh also emphasized the need for the constitution to be adopted bearing in mind that the legal team will make provisions for by-laws as provided for in the constitution. She pleaded for patience noting that the constitution would be reviewed every two years. Mr Iyambe Wogar of 1997 set sought to know who audits the National Executive Committee (NAEC) since it is not clearly stated in the constitution and also wondered why the national president should be made a member of the Board of Trustees (BOT) which gives him a voting right. This decision he said will make the president too powerful and called on members to view it as an issue of serious concern. Bar. Agbo Abuh in her response allayed Mr Wogar's concerns noting that the BOT will play a supervisory role over the activities of NAEC and the association as a whole. Bar. Cecilia Ugbuji of 1996 set sought clarity on the auditing of the association being a registered national body. She also wondered why the president should be a member of the Board of Trustees (BOT). Bar. Oru Ebam responded by explaining that the president is a member of BOT since he has to report FEDIOSA's affairs to the BOT and that the board as an independent body supervises NAEC and FEDIOSA as an organisation. Bar. Cecilia Ogbuji further stressed the need for the legal team to make provisions for a separate auditing committee in the constitution that will carry out the role of auditing NAEC separate from the BOT since the BOT plays a supervisory role over NAEC and its activities. Bar. Oru Ebam requested that the issue of audit committee should be put to voting between those in favour of appointing a separate auditing committee and those in favour of instituting an audit committee upon the expiration of the tenures of NAEC members to audit their financial report independently.

Mr Emmanuel Okpo Ita, member of 1994 set hailed the contribution of members noting that they are right in their thinking with regards to their opinions in favour of instituting an audit committee since it involves the association's finances. He stated that the matter should be given serious consideration. He however advised that it should be stated in the constitution that an audit committee will be set up be it internal or external as agreed by members at plenary. Mr David

Odu (who connected via skype) and Mr George Andorgwu of 1997 and 2000 sets made respective contributions in favour of having an audit committee. They highlighted the need for the independence of the audit committee and when their powers can be invoked. Mr Imeiba Ajiwhen spoke on the issue of graduating sets and membership of the association. He sought clarity on the issue of membership. He asked to know who the bonafide members of FEDIOSA are. This was properly explained by Bar. Oru Ebam to mean the set a particular alumnus or alumna graduated from (for clarity on membership, see Item D, Article 7). Mr Emmanuel Okpo-Ita emphasized the need for members to be committed as lack of commitment is the reason for the questions and concerns raised even after these critical issues had been dealt with at the delegates' congress. He said most persons asking questions have lost touch of present realities. Mr Benedict Akpan of 2011 set being unsatisfied with Mr. Okpo- Ita's response pointed that the alumni didn't make provision for representatives from the younger sets particularly 2011-2017 sets to participate in the congress in February, 2018 hence the reason most of their members were raising those issues as most of them were seeing the constitution for the first time.

After a careful presentation and debate on the constitution, Bar. Oru Ebam thanked all those who made contribution and called on the national legal adviser to coordinate the process of adopting the constitution. Mr Iyambe Wogar of 1997 set moved the motion for adoption of FEDIOSA's constitution as a working document and the motion was seconded by Mr Akan Brian Inyang of 2010 set. Having adopted the constitution, the national legal adviser was pleased to announce to members that the association now has a constitution which will serve as a working document and guide its activities going forward. She specially thanked members of the constitution drafting and review committee (CDC) for a job well done and also thanked everyone for their support throughout the entire process.

SESSION 2: PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION

6.3 Discussion on funding for the college's 30th Anniversary project

Members were reminded that the college's 30th anniversary celebration will come up in 2019. Considering the significance of this event, delegates at the last congress had earlier suggested that we identify a project which will be executed by the alumni and presented at the anniversary. Dr. Robert Egot called on Mr Iyke Onyensoh, the Lagos Alumni Chapter Chairman to moderate the session which involved funding and project adoption for the college's 30th

anniversary. Mr Lyke asked members to suggest and recommend possible projects that can be executed by the association. Mr Okpo-Ita of 1994 set nominated the old assembly hall for renovation, Dr. Asemota Enosakhare of 1998 set nominated the gate entrance for renovation while Dr. Robert Egot suggested that we build a scholarship hostel for outstanding students to encourage them academically. Mr. Lyke Onyensoh threw the suggestions open for voting stating that the project with the highest vote will be adopted at the end of the voting process. Members cast their votes in favour of the projects suggested. Following collation of the votes, the entrance gate to the college amassed the highest vote and was adopted as the 30th anniversary project. Mr lyke Onyensoh intimated members that the set leaders will meet and nominate individuals who will constitute the 30th anniversary planning committee. Engr. Ime Monday suggested that all members who are Architects should send in entries of designs so we can evaluate and choose the best model as a working design for the school gate project.

7.1 Presentation and confirmation of nominees to the alumni Board of Trustees

the National President, Mr Christian Johnson moderated the session for confirmation of nominees to the alumni Board of Trustees (BOT). He read out the names of nominees and presented them to members of the association to ratify their appointment. He stated that the rationale for nominating the members of the BOT was based on the criteria set out by the constitution in Articles 9 & 10. He said the Board of Trustees (BOT) will be a 20 member committee with members drawn from the following sets -1994 to 1999 set. 1994 set has 8 members, 1995 set has 4 members, and 1996 to 1999 sets have 2 members each.

The National Legal Adviser, Barr. Agbo Abuh proceeded with the induction and administered oath on the newly appointed board members after their appointments had been approved.

The following are the members of the Board of Trustees (BOT):

S/N	NAME	Designation	Set
1	Mr. Michael Ehindero Chairman	Chairman	1994
2	Mr. Ulo Okon	Member	1994
3	Major Peter Bissong	Member	1994
4	Ms. Imaobong Etuk	Member	1994
5	Mr. Ukpong Edet Ukpong	Member	1994
6	Dr. Sanni Moshood	Member	1994
7	Mr. Imoh Essien	Member	1994
8	Mr Christian Johnson	Member	1994
9	Lt. Col. Michael Ugbong	Member	1995
10	Dr. Ayemo Ubi	Member	1995
11	Mr. Julian Igbudu	Member	1995
12	Mrs. Blossom Mark Asika	Member	1995
13	Mr. Odiong Ekanem	Member	1996
14	Mr. Bassey Etim	Member	1996
15	Bar. Mrs Giff Obiageli Nwachukwu	Member	1997
16	Dr. Uche Amadi	Member	1997
17	Mrs. Ruth Gabriel Okechi	Member	1998
18	Mr. Eyo Archibong	Member	1998
19	Mr. Brian Assim Ita	Member	1999
20	Mrs. Roseline Archibong	Member	1999

7.2 Unveiling and adoption of FEDIOSA official logo

The alumni logo was unveiled following a call for submission of logo design entries and the winner of the logo competition Mr Murphy Ogbe, a member of 2001 set was presented with a cash award of ₦10, 000.

7.3 Presidential handshake for UNICAL and CRUTECH alumni chapter Executives

The newly elected UNICAL and CRUTECH chapter executives were called out for recognition by the president who supported both chapters with a cash donation of ₦10, 000 each.

7.4 Other Matters

- The cities of Abuja, Lagos and Port Harcourt were suggested by members as possible locations for the AGM in 2020. Members were asked to cast their votes to decide on the host city. Following the voting, Abuja was announced as the host city for 2020 AGM having scored the highest votes with 57 votes cast.

8.0 Summary of Proceedings

8.1 AGM resolutions, presentation of communiqué and next steps **Resolutions**

The following are the resolutions of the AGM. Members unanimously;

- Adopted the reviewed alumni constitution
- Confirmed members to the alumni Board of Trustees
- Unveiled the alumni official logo/symbol
- Adopted the construction of an ultramodern school gate as the alumni's 30th anniversary project in 2019.
- Adopted Abuja as the host city for the 28th September, 2020 AGM.

The summary of the AGM proceedings is presented in a communiqué and members were informed that the relevant AGM documents will be posted on various alumni platforms. *(See Item F for congress resolutions and AGM Communiqué)*

8.2 Announcements

Dr. Robert Egot notified the house about the loss of the college's driver and pleaded with members to support his family with a token and condole with them over his demise. The sum of ₦31,550 was raised in support of his family.

9.0 CLOSING

9.1 Vote of thanks/Adjournment

Vote of thanks

Mr Ulo Okon gave the vote of thanks. He thanked members whom he noted had travelled from far and nearby places to attend the maiden AGM and wished everyone safe journey back to their different destinations. The LOC National Chairman Engr. Ime Monday thanked the national president of

FEDIOSA and the entire FEDIOSA executives for giving them a chance to host the maiden AGM.

Adjournment

The motion for adjournment of the meeting to September, 2019 at Ikom was moved by Engr. Ime Monday. The motion was seconded by Bar. Cecilia Ugbuji.

9.2 Closing

Closing prayers was said by Apostle Mfon Udoema of 2003 set and the meeting ended at 5:30 p.m.

Notes:

Papers to the following items were referred to during the AGM and are published on the alumni section of the college's website. The documents can be accessed using the link: <http://www.fgcikom.com.ng/index.php>

Item A: Strategic Alumni Blueprint

Item B: Minutes of the meeting held on Saturday 10th February, 2018

Item C: Communiqué of the Alumni delegates' congress held on Saturday 10th February, 2018

Item D: FEDIOSA Reviewed Alumni Constitution

Item E: FEDIOSA UYO-2018 AGM Programme

Item F: Communiqué of September 29, 2018 Uyo AGM.

Item G: Uyo-2018 AGM online (final) registration list and attendance register.

Signed

Mr Christian Johnson

National President

Mr Charles Asirra Eguma

Secretary General