

THE ADMINISTRATION OF DR. LANRE GBADEHAN (3RD PRESIDENT OF UBAANA)

The following projects were completed and accomplishments were recorded by UBAANA members during the administration and tenure of Dr. 'Lanre Gbadehan (3rd President of UBAANA)

1. ESTABLISHMENT OF DIALYSIS CENTER AT UNIVERSITY OF BENIN TEACHING HOSPITAL, (UBTH), BENIN-CITY, NIGERIA

UBAANA donated 13 dialysis machines and 13 dialysis chairs to the University of Benin Teaching Hospital (UBTH) Benin-City for the establishment of a dialysis center in the hospital. This was to help with the treatment of people with chronic kidney disease in Edo State, Delta State and the surrounding states. These donations were sponsored by Davita Bridge of Life, Dr. Mike Aigbe and Dr. Courage Atekha.

2. DONATION OF 600 STETHOSCOPES, LARGE X-RAY READING SCREEN AND SURGICAL SUPPLIES

UBAANA donated 600 stethoscopes and 1 LARGE X-RAY READING SCREEN to UNIVERSITY OF BENIN SCHOOL OF MEDICINE, and Medical Students. UBAANA also donated surgical supplies to UBTH

3. DONATION OF BOOKS TO THE UNIVERSITY OF BENIN LIBRARY

UBAANA also donated several volumes of books to the University of Benin library

4. BYE-LAWS AND CONSTITUTION AMENDMENT

UBAANA set up a bye-law and constitution drafting committee with 10 members led by Barrister Robert Omoyeni that reviewed our constitution and proposed some wholesale changes that were adopted by the General membership in Dallas Texas at the 2012 general convention. This led to the creation of 5 offices for the Board of Directors and 5 Offices for the Executives. The constitutional amendment allowed members to seek election into any of these 10 offices

5. COMMITTEES

UBAANA established 7 committees to take care of various aspects of the administration of the organization. The committees included: Membership and Welfare Committee, Endowment and Finance Committee, Bye-Laws, Constitution Drafting and Legal committee, Publicity and Liaison Committee, Technology and Database Committee, Convention Committee and Electoral Committee and others.

Altogether, at least 50 members were involved with the activities of the different committees.

6. PUBLICITY AND LIAISON COMMITTEE

UBAANA published and circulated an online newsletter called UBAANA NEWS that highlighted the activities of UBAANA and the achievements of the members. This was under the office of the Director of Public Relations, Mr. Peter Uzamere.

7. ENDOWMENT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

This committee was responsible for the aggressive fund raising that took place during our term and contributed significantly the One hundred dollars (\$100,000.00) Endowment fund that was set up by UBAANA. This committee was chaired by the Vice-President, Dr. Lola Odusanya initially and Dr. Phillips Osehobo subsequently.

8. RESTORATION OF THE 501(C)(3) STATUS

UBAANA completed the tax documents for the years 2009, 2010 and 2011. UBAANA completed the annual registration with the state of Maryland for these 3 years and obtained a certificated of good standing from the Maryland Secretary of State.

UBAANA also re-applied for and obtained the restoration of the 501(c)(3) status that was lost prior to our assumption of office, from the IRS

9. DIRECTORATE OF ALUMNI AFFAIRS, COLLABORATION WITH UNIVERSITY OF BENIN (UNIBEN) AND UNIVERSITY OF BENIN ALUMNI ASSOCIATION (UBAA)

Dr. Uyi Igbinador, the 2nd UBAANA President actually championed the establishment of the Directorate of Alumni Affairs. Dr. Lanre Gbadehan, Dr. Stephen Obeki and Mr. Adodo (Deputy Registrar) assisted by doing the leg work, by presenting the proposal to Professor Oshodin who approved and signed the proposal. He instructed the Registrar, Mrs. Egborge to present it to Governing Council for ratification. Chief Richard Ahonaruogho, President of UBAA and Member of the Governing Council also assisted us by pushing the proposal through the council.

UBAANA also enjoyed very good relationships with the University of Benin (UNIBEN) and University of Benin Alumni Association (UBAANA). During our term, several members of the Nigerian contingent attended our conventions. Amongst them were the Vice-Chancellors, Professor Oshodin in Dallas, Professor Faraday Orunmwense in Miami, former Deputy Vice Chancellor, and Directors of Alumni Affairs, Professor Okiemen and Mr. Azugbene. Others were Presidents of UBAA, Chief Richard Ahonaruogho, SAN; Dr. Clement Oghene, and Honorable Ifaluyi Isibor.

10. MEMBERSHIP AND WELFARE COMMITTEE

UBAANA enjoyed a significant growth of membership during our term. The Membership and Welfare Committee was headed by Secretary General, Ms Idith Ojo.

11. ANNUAL CONVENTIONS

UBAANA held two successful annual conventions in Dallas, Texas and Los Angeles, California during our term. We scheduled the next convention for Miami, Florida. That convention was held during the term of Dr. Bob Egbe.

12. UBAANA CHAPTERS

UBAANA had 7 Chapters before we took office. However, we added two Chapters. These included Texas Chapter in Dallas and the Western United State Of California, Los Angeles. We were also working with the UNIBEN Alumni in Canada to form the University of Benin Alumni Association of Canada (UBAACA). UBAACA was inaugurated by the UBAA President, Dr. Clement Oghene, during term of Dr. Egbe.