

**IGBOGI COLLEGE OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION (ICOPA) ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**HELD ON SEPTEMBER 16, 2017 AT THE REV ANGUS MEMORIAL HALL, IGBOBI COLLEGE YABA, LAGOS.**

**SECRETARY GENERAL'S REPORT**

The President, members of the Executive Council, members ICOPA Board of Trustees, past Presidents of ICOPA, fellow Old Igbobians.

I stand before you this day to present the stewardship of the Executive Council of our Association in the past 12 months. We are grateful to the Almighty God for giving us the grace, strength, commitment and perseverance to serve our esteemed Alma Mater during the second half of the tenure of this Council. The Secretariat Report will highlight the various activities of the financial year in review, both executed and proposed.

**A. THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**

The Executive Council met, as mandated by the constitution, on the third Saturday of every month, and at other times when the need arose. In all, the Council held Eleven (11) monthly meetings during the past eleven months with this making it the twelfth. The meeting in December was not structured in order to prepare for the Christmas Dinner & Reunion Party.

Name of Executive	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Total Meetings Attended	Total Meeting Times for the Year
1 Mr Foluso Phillips	1	1	NA	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	7	10
2 Mr Muiyiwa Kinoshi	1	1	NA	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	9	10
3 Dr Segun Fayemi	0	0	NA	0	0	0	1		0	0	0	1	10
Mr Yomi Badejo –													
4 Okusanya	1	1	NA	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10	10
5 Mr Ademola Oladeinde	1	1	NA	0	0	1	1		1	0	1	6	10
6 Mr Wasu Sedun	1	1	NA	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10	10
7 Mr Wale Abiola	1	0	NA	1	1	1	1		1	1	1	8	10
8 Mr Tunde Odubanjo	1	0	NA	0		1			0	1	0	3	10
9 Mr Mayowa Adeniran	1	0	NA	0		1	1		1	1	1	6	10
10 Mr Rotimi Agbaje		1	NA		0			1		1	1	4	10
11 Mr Olajimi Onanuga	1	1	NA	0	1	0	1		1	1	1	7	10
12 Mr Deji Balogun	0		NA	1	1	1	1		0	0	1	5	10
13 Mr Lanre Thorpe	1	1	NA	1		1	1	1		1	1	8	10
14 Pa Sola Adubifa	1		NA				0	1		0	1	3	10
15 Mr M C Agwu	0	1	NA	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	7	10
16 Mr Gbenga Olatubosun	1	1	NA	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	9	10
17 Mr Dipo Selesi	1	1	NA	0	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	8	10
18 Mr Dayo Okunfolami	1	0	NA	1	0	1	1	1		1		6	10
19 Mr Segun Ola-Dawodu	0	0	NA	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	5	10
	14	11	0	10	8	15	12	11	10	15	16		
	represents ABSENT WITHOUT an apology			0 represents ABSENT WITH an apology					1 represents PRESENT				
	ICOPA Strategic Retreat attendance												

## **B. COMMITTEES**

The Executive Council constituted new and retained some existing committees during the period under review. Such include:-

- i. 2017 Annual Christmas Dinner Party Committees
- ii. 85th Founders' Day Anniversary Committee
- iii. 2017 & 2018 Merit Award Committees
- iv. Capital Projects Supervisory Committee
- v. 2017 Annual General Meeting Planning Committee

## **C. ICOBA ACTIVITIES DURING THE LAST FINANCIAL YEAR ( APRIL 2016 - MARCH 2017)**

### **i. 2016 Annual Christmas Dinner & Reunion Party:-**

Preparations for the 2016 Annual Christmas Dinner Party commenced midway through 2016. Taking into consideration the level of dissatisfaction amongst members for the 2015 edition, the planning committee reinvented the theme of the event to introduce more fun, dance and bonding.

The event which was held on Friday December 17, 2016 at the Harbour Point event center, Victoria Island, Lagos recorded overwhelming attendance with more than enough food and drinks as members danced and had a great time late into the night. It was largely described as a big success and a great improvement from the 2015 edition.

The 2017 Annual Christmas Dinner Party will hold on Friday, December 15, 2017 also at the Harbour Point Events Centre, off Ahmadu Bello Way, Victoria Island, Lagos. It also promises to be as fun-filled and as spectacular as the last one. I urge you all to book your tickets early.

### **ii. 85th Founders' Day Anniversary**

The 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary was celebrated modestly. The Executive Council put together a 3-day programme of events (February 2<sup>nd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017). The Anniversary's commemorative service was held on Thursday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, late Laide Adigun Inter – house Debate on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, while the Thanksgiving and Anniversary Merit Award Luncheon was held on Sunday February 5<sup>th</sup>.

The 'Dr Laide Adigun Inter-House Debate Competition' among the five (5) school houses; both in the junior and senior classes, was sponsored by 6870 Set, and it was designed to rejuvenate the debating tradition of the College. The performance of the students was quite encouraging with winners emerging both at the junior and the senior levels.

The Executive Council also recognized fourteen (14) distinguished Old Boys and a teacher (post humous) through the prestigious ICOBA Merit Award. The award recipients were as follows:

SN	NAME	SET	AWARD CATEGORY
1	Chief Chris Olufunlola Okunowo	6668	Service to Igbobi College
2	Otunba (Engr) Owen Adeshina Tychus	6769	Professional Excellence
3	Engineer Mobolaji O. Williams	7072	Professional Excellence
4	Mr Omoruyi Christian Iyamu	7173	Service to Igbobi College
5	Professor Edward Olusina Senu-Oke	7173	Service to Igbobi College
6	Mr Emmanuel Oludolapo Bright	7274	Service to Igbobi College
7	Otunba Solomon Mobola Osunba	7274	Service to Igbobi College
8	Mr Oluwemimo Ogunde SAN	7577	Professional Excellence
9	Professor Adeboye Adejare	7577	Professional Excellence
10	Ambassador Bankole Adegboyega Adeoye	7678	Service to the Nation
11	ICOBA 73-77/79 Set	7779	Service to Igbobi College
12	Mr Babatunde Adedokun Ajijedidun	7880	Service to Igbobi College
13	Major General Bamidele Ologundudu (Rtd)	7981	Service to the Nation
14	Mr Seni Adio SAN	8284	Professional Excellence
15	Late Mr Talabi 'Safe' Esubiyi	N/A	Service to Igbobi College

On behalf of the Executive Council, I thank all Old Boys and organizations who contributed in one way or the other to the success of the anniversary celebrations.

**D. INDIVIDUAL, SET & BRANCH/CHAPTER ANNUAL DUES AND REGISTRATION OF NEW MEMBERS AND SETS**

ICOBA is basically being run by proceeds generated from the annual dues of individual members, class sets and branches/chapters.

At different times, notifications were sent out to individual members, sets and branches/chapters in this regard and most recently invoices were also sent as a reminder. However, responses from both individuals and sets/branches still remained disappointing.

This pattern of non-compliance with the statutory obligation of dues payments to the national body has made the Executive Council to source for funding via another means, hence, the ICOBA Partnership Initiative (IPI).

I hereby appeal to all to resolve to fulfill our financial obligations to the Association as at when due for the proper running of its affairs.

It is also important for sets to send the following required information to the ICOBA Secretary General in due course:

- i. Letter of application for registration of Sets as a sub-group of ICOBA.
- ii. Names of each member, year of entry into ICY, year left, house at ICY, e-mail, phone number(s) etc.
- iii. Indicate members who are officers of the Set. This would further assist the secretariat in its data collection drive.

## **E. ICOBA PARTNERSHIP INITIATIVE**

As part of key efforts at improving the operations of the Igbobi College Old Boys' Association, the National Executive Council approved the establishment of an ICOBA Partnership Initiative (IPI) last year. The initiative was aimed at encouraging individuals, groups, corporate bodies, sets and branches to contribute, irrespective of amount, to the development and continuous growth of the association and our alma mater. It was also a timely response, to many who have sought an opportunity such as this.

The ICOBA Partnership Initiative has recorded a level of success since it was launched with timely donations and support from noble men and old Igbobians to ensure that we run a more virile Secretariat and embark on impactful programs that will benefit the old boys. Such programs include the Business Breakfast Meeting and the Joint Chairmen and Secretaries of Sets/Branches meeting.

Below is a list of benefactors of the IPI over this period:

1. Mr Foluso Phillips (ICOBA President) 6870 Set
2. ICOBA 8082 Set
3. ICOBA 6567 Set
4. Mr Yomi Badejo-Okusanya (ICOBA Secretary General) 7981 Set
5. ICOBA 1994 Set
6. ICOBA 7779 Set
7. Mr Deji West 7981 Set
8. Mr Demola Oladeinde (ICOBA 1<sup>st</sup> Asst Secretary General) 8486 Set
9. Mr Gbenga Olatubosun (ICOBA 70s Decade Rep) 7880 Set
10. Mr Kunle Elebute 7779 Set
11. Mr Femi Soremekun 8082 Set
12. Mr Kehinde Ayo Kasunmu
13. ICOBA 7880 Set
14. ICOBA 1995 Set and some others

We encourage all to support and embrace the Initiative either in cash donations or in kind so that the Secretariat can continue to function more efficiently and effectively.

## **F. ICOBA BUSINESS BREAKFAST MEETING**

Sponsored and coordinated by the merit award-winning ICOBA 7779 Set, the program was an avenue to discuss and deliberate on how the old boys could continue to support the future growth and success of the college. The event was held on May 20, 2017.

Though the attendance must not too encouraging, the quality of people that made it compensated for this and the list included the likes of Prof Ayo Ibadapo-Obe Former VC, Unilag), Admiral Akin Aduwo (Rtd), Dr Mrs Femi Ogunsanya, Mrs Bolaji Osime, Mr Emeka Emuwa (MD, Union Bank), Prof Folabi Olumide (Founding VC, LASU), Mr Tunde Dabiri (Former MD, Sterling Bank) just to mention a few.

## **G. ICOPA 2017 STRATEGIC RETREAT**

The ICOPA Strategic Retreat 2017 was held on Saturday May 20, 2017 at the Rev Angus Memorial hall. Sponsored and coordinated by the merit award-winning ICOPA 7779 Set, the program was an avenue to discuss and deliberate on how the old boys could continue to support the future growth and success of the college.

It reminded us of the vision of the founding founders of the school which unfortunately had been derailed by so many factors and occurrences but sought the intervention of the old boys to chart a new course and bring the college back on track.

## **H. JOINT CHAIRMEN & SECRETARIES OF SETS/BRANCHES MEETING**

This periodic meeting, held on July 8, 2017 was to updated and kept old boys abreast of what was happening at the national level.

## **I. ICOPA HOUSE AND SECRETARIAT MATTERS**

The ICOPA House remains the hub of all the association's activities. It is house to the ICOPA Council Chambers which hosts the monthly Executive Council meetings, the multi-purpose Justice Duro Adebisi Conference Room and the permanent office of the ICOPA Executive Secretary.

ICOPA 6870 Set furnished the ICOPA Memorabilia Shop and provided it with the take-off inventory. The Shop was commissioned and formally opened for business on July 8, 2017 and it will have a presence online.

Another major activity in the ICOPA House is the upgrading of the toilets and conveniences, sponsored by Otunba Subomi Balogun. The project was to elevate the rest rooms to a more cozy and comfortable standard befitting our alma mater.

## **J. ICOPA PROJECTS LOG**

Below is a list of projects undertaken within the last twelve months of this Council:-

SN	DESCRIPTION	DONOR	BENEFICIARY	VALUE (IF ANY)	REMARKS
1	General renovations and upgrade of the Rev Canon Parker chapel	ICOBANA, ICOPA 7173 Set	Chapel	N10,000,000	DONE
2	Scholarship Initiative for selected students	ICOPA 1986 Set	Igbobi College		DONE
3	College chapel public address system	Chief Uche Ukponu of 7375 Set	Chapel	N5,000,000	DONE

4	General upgrading and repairs to Rev Angus Memorial Hall (Re-roofing, re-wiring of Air Conditioning cables, lights etc)	ICOBA 7072 Set	College Hall	N5,000,000	ON-GOING
5	Installation of new stage lights for college hall	ICOBA 6971 Set	College Hall	N2,500,000	DONE
6	Support of ICOBA Partnership Initiative	Mr Foluso Phillips, Mr Kunle Elebute, Mr Femi Soremekun, Mr Demola Oladeinde, ICOBA 1994 set, Mr Gbenga Olatunbosun, Mr Yomi Badejo Okusanya, Mr Deji West etc	ICOBA secretariat	N2,600,000	ON-GOING
7	Furnishing and stocking up the ICOBA shop	ICOBA 6870	ICOBA	N2,800,000	DONE
8	Renovation of the College Principal and Secretary to the Principal's offices	ICOBA 6668	Principal's Office	N2,000,000	DONE
9	Kitting of all college sports teams (Football, basketball, volleyball, athletics etc), provision of trophies, cups and medals and official sponsors of the annual Interhouse sports competition	ICOBA 7678	College sports	N2,200,000	DONE
10	Upgrading & renovating ICOBA House toilets	Otunba Subomi Balogun	ICOBA House	N2,000,000	ON-GOING
11	Donation and integration of a new School Management System software	ICOBA 2000	Igbobi College		DONE

**K. IGBOBI COLLEGE ACTIVITIES AND THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

**I. Board of Governors**

The relationship with the BOG of Igbobi College remains very cordial. The Board has continued to partner the Association in several areas and meetings and discussions are held with the College Principal at regular intervals.

Sir Kehinde Smith KJW, OI 6668, still remains the chairman of the BOG while the ICOBA President, Mr Foluso Phillips continues to fully represent the old boys on the board.

**II. Igbobi College Infrastructure**

The structures on the college premises are continually being improved upon in compliance with the College Master Plan and along the lines of ICOBA's initiative. The college chapel and college hall amongst others have benefitted from this renovations these past few months

**L. ICOBA BRANCH REPORT**

**ICOBA Abuja**

The branch hosted some students, teachers and the Principal of the college on an excursion to the Capital City. Part of the trip was a visit to the seat of government, Aso Rock Villa to pay a courtesy call on the Vice President of the Federation, His Excellency Prof Yemi Osinbajo SAN, OI 7375 and also the Executive Chairman of the FIRS, Mr Babatunde Fowler, also OI 7375.

We really commend Abuja branch for the project support which has exposed the young future leaders of our country and put Igbobi College right back on the global map and reckoning.

**ICOBA IBADAN**

The branch was well represented at the last Founders' Day Thanksgiving Service and this gesture was reciprocated by the National President, Mr Foluso Phillips who was in Ibadan a week later to join the Branch's marking of the Founders' Day.

**ICOBA EUROPE**

Apart from very regular meetings and a strong support system for its members, the branch hosted activities for to mark the 85<sup>th</sup> Founders' Day and also its annual retreat in the summer which the President and the Secretary General attended.

**ICOBANA**

ICOBANA as the North American Branch is called, continues to be leading light among the various sub-groupings. Again, this year, in collaboration with another set, it orchestrated the general upgrading of the Rev Canon Parker Chapel bringing it to a level we can only be proud of. It also remains the only member of the association with an active spouse group

known as ICOBANA Wives. The branch also staged its annual get together in St Louis, Missouri in the summer with the National President and Secretary General amongst others in attendance.

**Conclusion**

I thank you all for the opportunity to serve this Association this past two years and look forward to delivering better service in the coming years.

My esteemed gratitude also goes to the President, every member of the Executive Council and all Council Committees that I was privileged to serve on for their cooperation, support and understanding.

I remain loyal to the cause of our Alma Mata and to continue serve with all my strength.

Thank you.

Omnes Unum In Domino

**Yomi Badejo-Okusanya**  
**Secretary General, ICOPA**