

DNPT Membership Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
Sunday, January 30, 2010

In attendance: Simi, Ujuka, Nneka, Shola, Wale, Chinedu, Uju O.

Meeting started at 8:07 CT.

**Updates/Announcements by Simi**

- 1) Simi spoke briefly about the updates that were made to the 'welcome letter'...the confirmation message that is sent to members when they register on the DNPT website.
- 2) The updated letter invites new members to join one of the committees; it also provides the username and password to the database and the e-learning resources.
- 3) There are plans to update the birthday greeting as well.
- 4) The e-learning resources are not being adequately used—Steve mentioned during the last E-board meeting that no more than 15 members have made use of it. Simi encouraged the Ambassadors to promote the website to other colleagues. Ambassadors should also be sure to check the website for themselves. **E-learning resources (Username: dnptmember, Password: elearning )**
  - a. Chinedu has gone through some of the e-learning tools and thinks they are helpful, especially for MS1s.
  - b. A request was made that a tool for reviewing heart murmurs be added to the site.
  - c. Simi stated she would send a targeted e-mail to all MS1s currently on the database.

**Reaching out to ANPA**

- 1) Simi has made contact with the Georgia chapter. For a while there were no registered members in Georgia (odd b/c there are a quite a few med schools in the state). Now, there is at least one and we will work to strengthen our numbers in that area. But in the meantime Simi will try to work with ANPA in the Southeastern states. Simi wrote an email to the chapter president; the exchange was pleasant, the chapter chair was happy to hear from her and promised to add Simi to their e-mail list. Simi hasn't seen anything yet but will follow-up on that.
- 2) Chinedu called the New England Chapter. He needs to follow-up and call again.
- 3) Nneka has been in contact with the Carolina chapter for a while. She was supposed to be added to the e-mail list, but that has not happened as of yet.

**Feedback from Ambassadors**

- 1) This is Wale's first time on the call so he was welcomed. He looks forward to getting more involved with Ambassador activities...he is currently away from school in Brooklyn.
- 2) Simi mentioned that she could see a rise in registered members from Einstein, asked Chinedu to comment. Chinedu saw that the t-shirts were a big commercial for DNPT; lots of inquiries from Nigerian and non-Nigerian classmates when he wore the shirt. He spoke to people when we were initially ordering the shirts, not many people responded favorably. But when they saw the t-shirts...that created a buzz.
- 3) Nneka has 8 others interested in t-shirts.
- 4) Simi will find out what the plans are in terms of additional t shirt orders.
- 5) Shola mentioned that it has been hard to make contacts since she is no longer on the island. She will look to work with someone who is still in school (physically there) so that a better

connection could be made with potential members. Wale is also away from his home institution so she suggested he try the same.

### Upcoming Conference

- 1) Ujuka discussed the conference details.  
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- 2) There are three main goals for us at the conference 1) the fundraiser 2) to hold our elections and 3) DNPT's annual general body meeting. Because of our often especially tight schedules, the target time for DNPT members that can't attend the entire conference would be Friday afternoon thru Saturday night.
- 3) We will have between 15 rooms reserved DNPT
- 4) Ideas about DNPT agenda
- 5) Everyone is encouraged to attend...we can meet each other, all these voices that we hear...July 4<sup>th</sup> in DC...raising money for funds
  - Some folks are being considered for an invited guest (sorry I didn't catch the name)
  - Panel on the matching process by MS3s and MS4s
  - ANPA physicians representing various specialties to discuss their practice, lifestyle, challenges, etc. – **possible names** Medicine in Practice, Student-Doctor Networking
- 6) Everyone is encouraged to attend...we can meet each other, all these voices that we hear on these calls...July 4<sup>th</sup> in DC...raising money for our project!!!! Could be a great time!
- 7) Simi reminded everyone about the abstract submission; please encourage your colleagues to submit abstracts. The deadline may be extended...Simi will check with Lanre and Steve on that.
  - Question about whether the abstracts would be printed. This will need to be communicated to students' mentors.
  - Also the research forum needs to be held likely on Saturday when most students will be there.