

# *The Distinguished Nigerian Physicians of Tomorrow*



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**DNPT Eboard Meeting: 08/09/2009 START: 9:10PM END: 10:20PM**

**This Meeting was attended by Lanre Jimoh, Ujuka Obi Eyisi, Yetunde Ibrahim, Steve Ovu, Alex Adetunji, Aishat Mohammed and Tunde Odukoya**

## **Agenda:**

- Feedback from Abuja Conference:
  - Program was well attended
  - Emphasis on Primary Care in Nigeria
  - Basic Medical Foundation is crumbling and curriculum needs to be revisited based on finances, operation and service
  - Lanre and Dr. Ogunyemi working on an initiative aimed at improving education in Nigeria and will involve medical students
  - **Local presence was strongly established**
  - An increase in DNPT members due to Nigerian medical student involvement
  - An initiative on the part of E-board members and Ambassadors: At least once a year, need for an E-board member or Ambassador to meet with Nigerian colleagues at home to continue to foster our growing relationship
- Elections 2010
  - Election Committee has been established and will be chaired by Lanre Jimoh
  - Revise the constitution to include “an advisor role”, which is a student handpicked from the previous E-board
  - The position of “President” will be open only to members who have been on the E-board or have served as ambassador.
  - More ideas from the E-board for Lanre on how to run the elections next year
- Committee For Fund Raising
  - Chaired by Yetunde Ibrahim
  - Ideas of how to raise funds
  - What will our funds be used for?
- Benefits for Current Members
  - Ideas on some potential benefits for members
  - Need to establish partnerships with companies such as phone card companies, banks etc. to source potential benefits
  - Collaborations with SNMA, other ideas from the E-board, ambassadors and the general body are welcome

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- Allocation of Funds from ANPA to DNPT
  - Lanre is still working on that and promises to speak with the E-board as soon as that is established
- Establishing Strong Local Initiatives
  - Best way to stay in contact with colleagues back in Nigeria is via individual medical school organizations
  - Lanre awaiting email from NiMSA president with the names of the 32 institution presidents
  - Aishat will work on fostering a relationship with the 32 presidents
- Mentoring Program: Lanre and Dr. Ogunyemi have discussed the program
  - Get volunteers from ANPA to serve as mentors and match them with new ANPA interns
  - Expectations from mentors and mentees would be clearly stated
  - The program will be revisited annually for improvement and efficacy
- **Burn Out: If any member of the E-board is exhausted, we need to revive ourselves or let the E-board know. We cannot afford to have this organization fail as similar efforts have failed in the past**
- The T-shirt problem
  - Dr. Kpaduwa cancelled the contract with Mr. Sogade who was running the sales of the T-shirts
  - Efforts to reach Mr Sogade by Steve have been to no avail
  - Lanre will try to contact him and if that fails, Dr. Kpaduwa will contact him
  - Members who have had money drawn from their accounts will be refunded from our funds until the situation is resolved
  - Anyone on the E-board who has received emails from members about their accounts should send their names to Steve.
- Report From Alex
  - Goal is to gather pre-medical students who would be actively involved in DNPT
  - Currently working on getting names of pre-medical students via African Students Associations at home institution
  - Working with Ujuka and Tunde on goals of reaching out to pre-med students. Working on drafting a letter for Ujuka
  - New Discussion board with topics of discussion put up by pre-medical students as well as DNPT members
  - Lanre suggested finding pre-medical students that plan to interview during the next interview season

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- Possibly hold telephone conferences in order to answer questions that they may have
- Trying to find students planning to interview via student-doctors website
- Other Assignments
  - Lanre will contact Simi about evaluating the ambassador program in January
  - Ambassadors who have not reached out to members in their region need to do so or they may be asked to give up their positions
  - Plan to reward ambassadors and the E-board during the next conference
  - Plan to raise funds via the next conference

**Minutes by Yetunde Ibrahim, Secretary of DNPT**

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