

**DNPT E-board Meeting: January 11, 2008. START: 9:08PM, END: 9:56PM**

1. We were joined by Aisha Mohammed from The University of Pennsylvania and she had an idea of how to recruit more residents into ANPA. We should look into the possibility of sending letters via Minority Offices at different Institutions and Simi would be working on a draft of the letter.
2. Steve is still working with Robin on how to set up a link on the website that would automatically transfer information to all DNPT members on the List serve as opposed to sending individual emails.
3. Nneka talked about her involvement in a mission trip to Nigeria with an independent organization funded by the Imo state Government. It involved elective procedures performed by a Nigerian plastic surgeon based in the USA in Imo state. Nneka would be sending the link to Steve so that it can be put on the website for members to view
4. A list would be compiled by Nneka of medical students that would be interested in Nigerian based rotations and the information would be forwarded to Dr. Ogunyemi and finally the Dean of UCLA medical school. This would ensure that a formal program is set up whereby students can participate in rotations in Nigeria.
5. With regards the book drive, the initial idea was to coordinate with the SNMA. However, things are not working out as planned and as such; we may have to coordinate individually at our different institutions. The plan is to advertise before spring break so that books can be obtained after spring break and arrangements can be made to have the books delivered to Nigeria during subsequent mission trips. We also need to establish a collection point, which would be discussed more in the next meeting.
6. Zeze was advised to contact Alex Adetunji via facebook and work with him to set up a timeline and checklist that pre-med students currently applying to medical school can follow. The idea is to ensure that applicants are getting all their application materials in at the right time and that they are working together to motivate one another to get things done.
7. Aisha was asked to share her experience of how she was involved with a shadowing program in Nigeria. She was at home on vacation and was put in contact with the chief medical director at the University of Ilorin via a private hospital. It appears that there are many opportunities for students in Nigeria but there has to be a formal means of access to these opportunities. At the moment, we can just spread the message that members should be pro-active about finding opportunities to shadow in Nigeria.
8. The FAQ's for students about applying to medical school have been posted on the website.
9. The rep your school initiative has kicked off but it needs to be advertised more. Steve is going to look into ways that we can advertise DNPT more on face book.

- He would also be contacting the site administrator of “Online Nigeria” to see if we can get information about DNPT placed on “Online Nigeria”
10. All E-board Members that have not turned in their duty descriptions to Seun Omofoye need to do so as soon as possible so that the by-laws can be assembled.
  11. The E board still hasn't come to a conclusion on how the process of elections would be run. The general agreement now is that current members may stay on for another year unless a member absolutely wants to step down from their position.
  12. The E-board is still currently trying to work out the logistics of a DNPT meeting during the SNMA conference in New Orleans. Any members with ideas should contact Ujuka or Lanre. The idea is to find a location possibly a physician's home that a meeting can be held at without disrupting the SNMA conference.
  13. Adetunbi Ayeni, one of our Nigerian Liaison's would be stepping down as she has discussed with Lanre that she is unable to perform her duties due to other commitments. The E board would want to find out Nene's input on the situation to determine if she would prefer to have another DNPT member selected to work with her in this position. The plan is to open the position up to current DNPT members who would be willing to take on the duties.
  14. E board members are encouraged to check their emails via the DNPT website frequently. An email will be sent out by Steve to all E board members on how to access their emails as the process cannot be written in the minutes for privacy purposes.
  15. I (Yetunde) am currently working on doing an elective at the University of Ibadan for 4 weeks. If all things work out as planned, I would keep a daily account of my experience and would share that with the members of DNPT. I have heard that the University of Ibadan is always excited about having students come for electives and this would be a good way to get more students involved. I will keep the E board posted.
  16. The meeting is adjourned till February 8, 2009 at 9:00pm

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL!!!!