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DNPT Eboard Meeting: 09/13/2009 START: 09:02PM STOP: 09:58PM

This Meeting was attended by Lanre Jimoh, Ujuka Obi-Eyisi, Yetunde Ibrahim, Steve Ovu, Nneka Orjiakor, Simidele Akinsiku, Alex Adetunji and Olaoluwa Olaigbe

Excused: Aishat Mohammed and Nneka Isamah

Agenda:

- Work on website (Steve)
 - Access to surgical cases on the website via elearning, which includes: how to approach surgical cases, differential diagnoses, radiological studies etc.
 - Future work for elearning on other specialties on the website
 - A new look for the website with changes in the web design
 - Email Steve with any ideas on how to improve the design of the website
 - “Stay-tuned” created by Steve to keep “up-to-date” tabs on what each member of the Eboard is working on for easy access by the general body
- Pre-med liaison (Alex)
 - Discussion board on the website has been a success and Alex has received good feedback
 - Pre-med students are getting lots of information from the discussions
 - Access to National African Student Association with members in 35 different schools across the country
 - Goal is to announce DNPT to Nigerian pre-med members
 - Working on the formal letter to serve as an invitation from DNPT to recruit Nigerian pre-med members
 - Still working on obtaining the list serve from the ASU president at UGA to recruit Nigerian members
 - Plan to work on student-doctor website to get some information across to Nigerian members
 - Created a sub-committee with 4 other Nigerian pre-med students across the country to share the responsibility
 - Ujuka and Alex will be having a phone conference with the other 4 members to discuss ways to implement their recruitment program
 - Work with Lanre on how to take advantage of application and interview season
 - Still need to work on a way of having a question and answer session for pre-med students applying to medical school this year
- Meeting with Ambassadors (Simidele)

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- Key role for ambassadors to reach out to new students in their regions and actively recruit them to DNPT
- Letter from Nneka Isamah to SNMA and DNPT members in her region can be used as a template by other ambassadors
- Kenneth formerly introduced DNPT at UCLA
- Working on membership benefits; one idea being the peezy initiative, other ideas will still be discussed
- Plan for a brochure for DNPT, which will be created by Simidele and then distributed to ambassadors for members in their region
- The ambassadorship positions will be reviewed with Lanre in January
- Fund-Raising Committee (Yetunde)
 - Phone conference will be set up with Committee members for Saturday 09/19 to discuss implementation of plans we already have and get some more ideas
 - Will discuss use of funds raised
 - Lanre will be joining ANPA Board Meeting in November to discuss funding from ANPA to DNPT
- Introduction of United2heal.org, which was founded by Moustafa Moustafa at University of Michigan
 - Organization involved in collecting medical equipment from local hospitals and shipping these equipment to countries that need them
 - Have shipped over \$1 million worth of medical equipment to both Tanzania and Ghana
 - Moustafa and the current president will be joining us in our next phone conference to discuss some of the ways they can work with DNPT
- Medical Missions (Nneka)
 - Simidele has some information about a medical mission in December by a Psychiatrist
 - Nneka expecting email from Royce energy group about a medical mission, which would take place in December, most likely in Lagos State
 - Still working with Dr. Ogunyemi on establishing an elective program with medical institutions in Nigeria. Some of the logistics still need to be worked out in terms of housing, responsibility etc.
- Others
 - Dr. Ogunyemi, Dr. Kpaduwa and Lanre are still working on the mentorship program between residents and ANPA members
 - Dr. Kpaduwa and Lanre are working on an initiative to recruit Nigerian-trained doctors who migrate to the USA.
 - Will involve working with state department and immigration

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- Initiative will involve setting up local mentors, Kaplan courses, funds for lending with plans for repayment and general help with the transition from being a doctor in Nigeria to being a doctor in the USA
- Next ANPA conference will be July 4th weekend in the DC/Maryland area
- To-Do-List
 - Eboard members should please visit the discussion board and answer some of the questions that have been put up by pre-med members
 - Please report any new development in individual assignments to Lanre before the next Eboard meeting
 - Lanre will revise the constitution to be inclusive of Nigerian-based DNPT members and also that the role of “president” can only be occupied by previous Eboard member or ambassador, will also include the advisory role in the constitution
- The meeting was attended by Olaoluwa Olaigbe, joining us from University of Wisconsin, Madison
 - She appreciates the work that has been done by the exec board
 - She has also made a commitment to the fund-raising committee

Next Eboard Meeting: Sunday October 11th at 09:00pm

Minutes by Yetunde Ibrahim, DNPT Secretary

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