

REPORT OF THE INAUGURATION OF THE NIGERIAN REGIONAL CHAPTER OF THE SOCIETY OF QUALITY ASSURANCE HELD ON THE 24TH JULY, 2008 AT THE MODOTEL HOTELS, OWERRI, NIGERIA.

THE INAUGURATION

The Nigerian Regional Chapter of SQA was birthed on the 23rd July, 2008 at the INBR Conference at Owerri, Imo State in an event that drew people from very distinguished backgrounds. The opportunity of the inauguration gave these people who were present an introduction on what SQA stood for, a factor that deepened their interest even after.

Before the inauguration, a brief document – Information for prospective members -prepared by Dr John-Moses Maduabuchi highlighting the SQA was prepared and circulated to all members present in the meetings. This helped prime them for the July 23rd Event.

On the 23rd of July, the inauguration started with a brief introductory presentation of SQA by Dr Oragwu Chikelue followed by a detailed exposé by Dr John-Moses Maduabuchi. This was followed by a question and answer session which was open and coordinated by Prof Polycarp Nwoha. Interested persons present in the formed body totaled thirty seven.

After the question and answer session, members were nominated to various positions which were confirmed by both the nominees and the others present. On the executive board were:

NIGERIAN REGIONAL CHAPTER:

President: Obi Ejeatuluchukwu
Vice President: John-Moses Maduabuchi
Secretary: Oragwu Chikelue Ifeanyichukwu
Treasurer: Alimasunya Joseph
Directors: Johnson Afonne
Iheanyi Okoro
Chinelo Nnamuo
Melody N Oyedele

AFRICA CHAPTER:

President: Polycarp Nwoha
Vice President: (Open to another African)
Secretary: Johnson Afonne
Treasurer: (Open to another African)
Directors: Oragwu Chikelue Ifeanyichukwu
John-Moses Maduabuchi
Obi Ejeatuluchukwu
(Open to another African)

THE INAUGURAL EXECUTIVE MEETING OF THE NIGERIAN REGIONAL CHAPTER:

The following day, the president of the Nigerian Regional Chapter summoned a meeting of the executive members of the board to discuss and streamline the actions of the group.

Dr Obi read up the bye-laws received from the SQA headquarters in which he highlighted amongst other things the functions of the members of the board and the conditions for the summons of meetings with regards to period of notification.

The deliberations bothered on

1. Funds
2. Tenure of the administrative year
3. Work plan for the administrative year

FUNDS:

The members of the body, it was acknowledged, had students and professionals (workers). It was resolved that this delineation also reflect on the dues accrued to members.

It was agreed that since the legal framework for incorporation of the body constitutionally had not been done, the funds would be managed temporarily with a collaborative arrangement with any of the partner bodies AGCPN or INBR to provide an account for Nigerian SQA with which we would operate. The bank in question it was agreed to be a bank with a wide reach to accommodate the various people from different parts of the country.

The signatories to the account were decided to be

1. The President-whose signature must be present
2. Any other person of the four executive office holders.

TENURE OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE YEAR:

The bye-laws stipulate that every new administrative year would start on the 1st of January of every year. Considering the nature and task of the house, the motion for a waiver for this administration to run till its expiration of 31st December 2009, a period of 1 year and about 4 months was moved.

WORK PLAN FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE YEAR:

The focus for the year was agreed to be on sensitization and enlightenment on the group and what it stands for. The modes would be both formally and informally.

Formal modes would include formal meetings of members (ie members only) while informal modes would include short modules/presentations at meetings of the various collaborative groups-INBR, AGCPN, ZETA-12 Research Group. The meetings would aim at providing training for members on Quality Assurance which would be packaged.

With this the education committee was set up. The members are:

Dr Afonne Oj	-	Head
Dr Maduabuchi JM	-	Member
Melody N Oyedele	-	Member

The next official meeting of the executive board was scheduled for the next quarter of 2008. Members would be kept informed through emails and phone calls all the developments in the chapter and outside as they arise.

REMARKS:

We were glad that members (SQA outreach members and the new ones) made it for the meeting in spite of the challenges of finance, and we look forward to doing great things in this country and the continent at large.

Signed

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