

# UBAANA NEWS



News and updates from the members and friends of the University of Benin Alumni Association of North America

## Carolinas Chapter to Host Reunion

Welcome to the Queen City of Charlotte, North Carolina!!!

The Carolinas Chapter is very excited to host you next year in our great city of Charlotte, at the new Embassy Suites Uptown Charlotte from July 19–July 22, 2018. The Embassy Suites Uptown is a contemporary hotel that is adjacent to the NASCAR Hall of Fame and within walking distance to the Panthers Football Stadium, Spectrum Center, home of the Charlotte Hornets, famous EpiCentre shops, nightlife and other area attractions.

Embassy Suites Uptown, 401 E. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd, Charlotte, NC 28202  
For Reservations call 704–940–2517: Suites Rates \$149.00 Self–parking is \$10 per day. First 70 members to register and secure room will pay \$129 at check out.



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The suites Includes free made to order, hot full breakfast and complimentary evening reception daily. We worked out good suite packages to accommodate you. King Suites are entitled to 2 breakfast tickets and Queen Suites will have 4 breakfast tickets. Our LOC are working very hard to ensure you have a wonderful time and we promise a fantastic convention full of well–planned activities which will include a sumptuous Friday welcoming party with great food and dancing, to our plenary sessions on Saturday, a fun–filled picnic and a befitting Gala night. So, come prepared to fellowship and enjoy our beautiful city.

Dr. Kingsley Cadmus is our Chair and you can reach him at 704–806–1250; Lisa Sido is the 2018 Reunion Director and she can be reached at 704–953–6603 if you have any questions.

*Edited by Alex I. Eronmwon*

## From the President's Desk

### END OF YEAR MESSAGE FROM UBAANA PRESIDENT

**Dr. Kingsley Oise Momodu**



On behalf of the Executive Committee , and the Board members of UBAANA, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our members a joyous festive season and prosperous 2018. I would also thank you for helping make 2017 a fantastic year for UBAANA.

We assumed office five months ago at the end of July 2017. In this time, we have made many strides. Over the last five months, we have improved our reach, expanded our chapter events and increased our presence at the University of Benin. Next year, (2018) we plan to keep improving so that your membership to UBAANA remains useful and enjoyable.

For those of you who attended the last UBAANA reunion that held in Atlanta, the most important task the General Assembly gave my office as President was to grow the Association with new and young membership. In the first five months of this tenure, we have taken advantage of the rapid rise of new technologies such as social media and mobile communications to power our UBAANA alumni network. We now have a National WhatsApp forum to celebrate Alumni achievement, share family events and stories, UBAANA chapter projects and activities amongst others. As at today, the momentum is on our side, as seen by the increased membership and participation.

Administratively, the structure of UBAANA has remained vibrant as all our standing committees are populated with enthusiastic alums doing the work of UBAANA to realize the objectives of this Association. All our scheduled Exco meetings have held successfully. The quarterly Exco/ Board meetings has also held on schedule.

I have been blessed to be surrounded by a capable Executive Committee (EXCO) who have tirelessly done the work of UBAANA with so much zest. Their sacrifices will always be remembered.

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In the area of Uniben projects, we have fared very well, and I am pleased to announce that the UBAANA Board of Directors at the Nov 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017 meeting approved the renovation/construction of student bus stops and the renovation of Common rooms in the Halls of Residence. I have formally informed the Vice Chancellor about the approved projects and the University authorities are very pleased and the students very excited. The University Engineers are to commence evaluating and costing the projects after the holidays. At the completion of the evaluation, construction should start at the beginning of February 2018.

As you all know, the next UBAANA reunion is scheduled to hold July 19<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> 2018. The local Organizing Committee Chair, **Dr. Kingsley Cadmus** and **Mrs. Lisa Sido** the Reunion Director are doing a marvelous job. Our next 2018 reunion in Charlotte will be the best organized in the history of UBAANA.

Our 2018 events calendar will include a variety of new and existing events to keep you engaged. With great enthusiasm and excitement our plans for 2018 will be focused on continuing the progress achieved before now and also using some innovation with the help of our members.

Next year we plan to launch a new Alumni Mentorship Program that will foster relationships between the older and more established alums and the younger alums who may have just arrived the United States or may still be at the teething stages of their chosen careers. This initiative will present a unique opportunity for everyone to form meaningful relationships, network and get insights regarding career paths, personal development and general guidance.

It is noteworthy to mention that we are working very hard to create new chapters in Northern California, Minnesota, and Ohio. There is a need to continually push for more chapters to broaden the base. To ensure that UBAANA reaches its full potential, we are open to affiliations. In other words, Professional Associations are welcome to associate with UBAANA as affiliates.

On behalf of UBAANA, I would like to thank the 1987 MBBS class for their donation of an E-library to the University of Benin Medical School. We are grateful to them for their generosity and kind support to our Alma mater.

How can I forget to mention our Chapter Chairs who are the unsung heroes of the UBAANA success story.

- **Dr Kingsley Cadmus: North Carolina**
- **Ifeyinwa Mowarin: Dallas**

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- Paulinus Chigbu: DMV
- Raphael Otaigbe: Georgia
- Osarugue Sanusi: Houston
- Lionel Osa Osaghae : Midwest
- Alex I. Eronmwon: New York/New Jersey
- Desmond Alufohai: Valuable contact person in Florida
- Paul Umukoro: Southern California

And the Chairs of the UBAANA standing Committees:

- Dr Steve Osaguona: Projects Committee
- Dr Daniel Ogbovo: Endowment Committee
- Tony Igiehon: Growth and Membership
- Robert Omoyeni: Ethics and Legal

Lastly, I have a message from one of our most distinguished former Vice Chancellors, Prof Alele Williams. I was honored to meet with her at her residence in Lagos in November, and she asked me to pass a message to all of UBAANA in North America. She says we should continue to fight for the things that matter to the University of Benin because we will continue to play a large role in determining the future and continued development of the University of Benin. She will be attending our reunion in Charlotte next year and we are very excited.

Whether celebrating past accomplishments or recognizing the University of Benin's current progress, I thank all of you for your kind support and generosity, in support of the UNIBEN mission. I look forward to your continued engagement with UBAANA for another eventful year in 2018.

Thank you and God bless UBAANA,

*Kingsley Momodu*

**Dr. Kingsley Oise Momodu**  
**President**  
**UBAANA**

## University of Benin Medical School Class of 87 Gives Back to School

The Class of 87 was in the news recently when the City of Lagos played host to their 30-year reunion between 28th and 30th September 2017. To mark the event, they gave back to our alma mater, a 15 – seater E – Library with three-year internet access and power back up facility. This was commissioned by the Vice –Chancellor, Prof F. O. Orumwense. The E – Library, located within the Oba Akenzua Building in the University of Benin Teaching Hospital is open for use by undergraduate and postgraduate students of the School of Medicine.



## UBAANA STANDING COMMITTEES

### Legal and Ethics Committee

1. Robert Omoyeni Chair
2. Rose Egbuiwe
3. John Abili
4. Bola Aguda
5. Ochei Odiawa
6. Dr. Okosun Edo
7. Kingsley Aburime
8. Peter Uzamere
9. Vincent Chukwumah Phd

### Growth and Membership Committee

1. Tony Igiehon
2. Owen Ogufere
3. Dr. Kadiri
4. Dr. Austin Ifedirah
5. Winnie Oloni
6. Dr. Enehizena Ehondon
7. Meiri Akpoibi
8. Stella Nkoli Uwechia
9. Biodun Francis
10. Dr. Shuaibu Okonobi

### Programs and Projects Committee

1. Steve Osaguona Chair
2. Ify Mowarin
3. Billy Osawaru
4. Raphael Ereyi
5. Osaguona Ogbebor
6. Monday Osaigbovo
7. Usang Ekpe

### Endowment Fund Committee

1. Dr. Daniel Ogbovo Chair
2. Paul Umukoro
3. Dr. Nnamdi Maduekwe
4. Ifeoma Anekwe
5. Dr. Sylvester Ajufo
6. Dr. Austin Atioye

## Christmas Wishes from UBAANA New York/New Jersey Chapter

On behalf of the executive committee and members of UBAANA NY/ NJ Chapter, we wish everyone a joyous Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.

Great Uniben!

Alex I. Eronmwon  
Chair



## UBAANA Carolinas Sends Goodwill Message

On behalf of UBAANA Carolinas we send this goodwill message of Peace to all members of UBAANA in the USA and around the world. We wish you and your loved ones a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Kingsley Cadmus Pharm.D  
Chair





## Christmas Greetings From Chair of The Midwest Chapter

On behalf of the executives and members of the Chicago Midwest Chapter, I wish to send our warm greetings to the Ubaana family. We wish you all a fun-filled and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Greatest!!! Greatest!!!

Lionel Osa Osaghae  
Chair



## Christmas Greetings From The Philadelphia Chapter

On behalf of the Philadelphia chapter I wish all of UBAANA a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Thank you.

Dr. Ben Imoobe  
Chair



## Merry Christmas from Atlanta Chapter

On behalf of the Atlanta chapter we wish all of UBAANA a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Thank you.

Raphael Otaigbe  
Chair



## Christmas Wishes From The Southern California UBAANA Chapter

The Southern California UBAANA chapter wishes all UBAANA members and their families a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous new year.

Thank you.

Paul Umukoro  
Chair



## Merry Christmas from Dallas Chapter

On behalf of the Dallas chapter I wish all of UBAANA a Merry Christmas and a Happy 2018.

Thank you.

Ify Mowarin  
Chair



## Merry Christmas from Houston Chapter

The Houston chapter wishes all UBAANA members and their families a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous new year.

Thank you.

Osarugue Sanusi  
Chair

