

### **Accomplishments of President Rumundaka Wonodi:**

1. The alumni association was officially incorporated as a trust, with Dr. Austin Ifedirah and myself, Rumundaka Wonodi, serving as trustees.
2. Post-Incorporation: It was essential to create an account for the association, and that was successfully accomplished by establishing a partnership with Wachovia Bank, which later merged with Wells Fargo. Consequently, the account is now held within Wells Fargo.
3. After successfully obtaining the 501C Certification, we attained a non-profit status recognized for tax purposes under both US laws and Maryland regulations. This achievement served as a catalyst for attracting funds from our members and supporters, allowing their contributions to the association to be eligible for tax deductions.
4. The association embarked on its inaugural campus trek, aiming to raise awareness and foster a stronger connection with the university. Through their dedicated efforts, they successfully advocated for the establishment of the Office of Alumni Affairs at the university, with a director-level position.
5. The association paid a courtesy visit to the Oba of Benin, seeking his endorsement and support for UBAANA and University of Benin Alumni Association.
6. Efforts were initiated to collaborate with the registry in order to ensure easy accessibility of certificates and transcripts. In pursuit of this goal, fundraising activities were organized, and crucial donations were made to support the registry's operations.
7. The association successfully obtained recognition as a branch and affiliate of the University of Benin Alumni Association.

These are the major accomplishments to include the development of the initial byelaws and ensuring that they are aligned with the requirements for obtaining the 501C Certification.