

# 2024 Soba America Convention AGM Minutes

May 25<sup>th</sup> 2024

1. Opening prayer by Emeritus Aloys Ibeagha
2. Singing of the Sasse Anthem.

Roll Call: By chapter recognition.

Motions:

There were two motions deliberated and voted on:

1. Implementation of a 15-day grace period for all currently registered members for membership renewal. PRO Njukang spoke in favor of the motion, urging for Sobans to pass the motion. A few Sobans asked questions for clarification and the motion was eventually voted on.

Voting Results:

Those in favor: 42

Those against: 0

The motion passed by unanimous consent.

2. Increase the Soba America Convention Levy for Sobans from \$100 to \$150 and couples from \$150 to \$250.

President Fote spoke about the rationale for the increase in registration.

Some back and forth from Sobans on this issue.

Voting Results:

Those in Favor: 34

Those against: 4

The motion passed.

Chapter Reports:

Brief presentations from chapter reports:

Arizona:

Carolinas: New

Delaware: Absent

DMV: New President

California Dallas:

Georgia:

Houston: Hosting mini convention in 2024 and convention in 2027

Montreal:

Minnesota: Hosting in 2026

New England

Toronto:

Tri-State: Next year's host

Soba MAL

- President Fote addressed the issue of membership at both local and national levels. The NLT is working on addressing this issue. Hopefully we can find a solution to this issue and the NLT is open to suggestions on this issue.  
Nico Ngwa: We should find ways of having chapters to adapt Sobans  
Rev Ndikum: His understanding is that the idea of members to join the closest chapter should render Soba MAL obsolete.  
Emeritus Ntopi: MAL was created for people who live more than 50 miles from a local chapter. We should keep Soba MAL.  
Gerald Watat: People should be free to belong to their former chapter in case the chapter allows them to do so.  
Matt Chando: We should harmonize the registration for both National and local chapters.  
Alain Taku: We shouldn't change laws because of just one case but look at the greater picture.  
Eric taking: Soba should look into the concerns of local chapters dealing with deaths of members who registered with National but not with the local chapter.

- Financial Reports presented by CAO Edwin Atem (Financial Secretary).  
Thanks Soba Dallas who donated to the Lend A Hand initiative. Other chapters also donated. The LAH is running out of funds. Appealing to the general Soba body to support the LAH:

Pledges:

Jacob Waah: making a donation to pay the membership of 10 members in need:...\$1500

Divine Tange: \$500

Scott Nyambi: \$500

Many donations>

Presentation on the Church Renovation project presented by Rev Father Ndikum. At the end of his presentation, he was presented with a service award by President Sona Bokossah on behalf of Soba America and Soba Arizona.

- Presentation of SAGI Report by Doc Kevin Njabo.  
Soba America has 152 members currently registered with SAGI. There is a whatsapp group for SAGI members. Currently, a member can benefit even if they die in Cameroon. Those owing SAGI money to Soba America should do well to settle their debts.  
Soban Alain Taku: Soba should think about officially incorporating SAGI into Soba's benefits.

BREAK @ 10:45AM-11AM

Acknowledgement of the presence of PG Ayuk Iyok.

Keynote Speaker : Father George Nkeze 11:10AM-

Fr Nkeze was accompanied into the hall by members of Soba 1996 Class.

Theme of the presentation: Building Soba America's Capacity by Strengthening its chapters.

The presentation was followed by a question-and-answer session.

- Address from the President General of Soba America, Mr Ayuk Iyok  
He announced the launch of Soba South Africa.  
The Sasse Road project is completed as planned...we need

