

## END-OF-TERM FINAL HANDOVER REPORT PRESENTED BY DR. GABRIEL S. BOMIDE, OUTGOING FIDUO PRESIDENT ON SEPTEMBER 10, 2017.

## **PREAMBLE**:

According to the FIDUO Constitution and Bylaws, all members of the outgoing Executive Council are required to hand over all the Association's documents, files, monies and/or properties in their custody to the new Executive Council (see Article X, Clause III). The overarching goal is to report the status of FIDUO at the end of the term of each administration.

As FIDUO outgoing President, the primary purpose of my handover report is to inform the incoming President, Mr. Jonathan Adewumi of the current status of FIDUO in terms of what has taken place and what needs to happen to ensure a seamless administrative transition. Thus, my handover report contains vital information that the incoming President needs to know to ensure that no unnecessary and unforeseen problems arise in the transition. The report comprises of the following list, not necessarily in order priorities.

## THE HANDOVER NOTES:

- 1. The 2017 Florida Not for Profit Corporation Annual Report is enclosed (see Attachment 1).
- 2. The FIDUO 501c (3) status had expired and needs reinstatement.

- 3. FIDUO Bank Statements depicting the financial status of the organization from January to August 2017 are attached herewith (see Attachment 2).
- 4. The FIDUO Database Project aimed at developing a comprehensive database of all FIDUO members is pending completion (see Attachment 3).
- 5. FIDUO quarterly General Assembly Meetings were held the last Sunday of the month and the Executive Council meetings held the Sunday prior.
- 6. The current teleconference information for both General and Executive Council meetings are as follows:

U.S. Dial-in Number: 712-770-4340

U.K. Dial-in Number: +440-330-606-0515

Participant Access Code: 742855#

Members with T-Mobile and Metro PC:

Dial-in Number: 716-293-9627

- It's suggested that the incoming FIDUO administration set up a new teleconference number to insure better control of the proceedings of FIDUO meetings.
- The office of the President maintained oversight of our website (www.fiduo.org) to insure that it's both current and secure. FIDUO currently retains a new webmaster to maintain the web site under a new agreement (see Attachment 4).
- 9. The webmaster's contact information is considered confidential and can be obtained upon request from the incoming FIDUO President.
- 10.The FIDUO Webmaster has completed uploading the pending files to our website (see attached invoice for payment). The updates covered the following content areas:
  - Home page Welcome page
  - About Us (Executive Council & Ex Officio Members)
  - Milestones

- Press Releases
- Archives
- Email Reconfiguration (Login information redacted for security reasons).
- The following additional updates should be implemented by the incoming administration as soon as possible to keep the website current and relevant:
- Name, picture and message of the new FIDUO President on the Home page.
- Contents, pictures, videos, media links and press releases related to the 2017 FIDUO Convention in Maryland and the Funeral/Burial ceremony of FIDUO Grand Patron, Dr. Joshua O. Omotunde.
- 11. FIDUO needs to activate its social media platform to enhance member communication and interaction.
- 12. FIDUO e-commerce platform (i.e. Paypal) on its website needs to be reconfigured for enhanced functionality and to simplify payment of member dues, levies and donations to FIDUO. The General Assembly 's prior resolution to open a more widely accessible bank account (e.g. Bank of America, TD Bank, Chase Bank, Citi Bank) is pending execution.
- 13. FIDUO strategic partnership agreement with Grace Project International (GPI) remains in force (see Attachment 5). For more information on this partnership, please contact Mr. Adesola Dada at: <a href="mailto:adesola@hotmail.com">adesola@hotmail.com</a>.
- 14. FIDUO successfully established in principle a mutually beneficial partnership with Bowie State University, Maryland at its recently concluded convention in Maryland (see Attachment 6). The incoming administration should (a) Sign a formal Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Bowie State University for record purposes, and (b) Follow

up on this new initiative to ensure that the goal of the partnership is fully achieved.

- 15. FIDUO's current Email List (see Attachment 7) comprises of many individuals who are not active members of FIDUO. The list needs to be screened again to streamline FIDUO membership and to insure that only active members receive communication from FIDUO.
- 16. FIDUO communicates important information and press releases to the global Ikun community via a comprehensive email list (see Attachment 8).
- 17.The "FIDUO OFFICIAL FORUM" on the WhatsApp group platform currently has seven (7) administrators. It's suggested that the number be drastically reduced to insure better control. To this end, it's recommended that only the Executive Secretary and President may have administrative status. It is also recommended that the current guidelines governing the operation of the forum be reviewed to insure that members' privileges are not abused.
- 18. It has been suggested that a parallel but voluntary "FIDUO SOCIAL FORUM" be created on the WhatsApp platform to foster interaction among members. The new incoming FIDUO administration is advised to revisit the idea.
- 19. The FIDUO 2017 Post-Convention Press Release is pending release by the Executive Secretary. Efforts to get the release out to the general public of FIDUO and Ikun community before this handover exercise were unsuccessful.
- 20. The Executive Secretary needs to urgently prepare the minutes of the last General Assembly meeting held in Maryland on July 29, 2017 in which the new Executive Council members were duly elected. This document, together with the constitution, confers authority on the new President and Treasurer to change the current signatories to the FIDUO Bank Account.

- 21. The Kabiesi's keynote address at the 2017 FIDUO Convention, the President's Welcome Speech and revised Farewell Speech, as well as the three Special Papers presented at the convention, have been released to the general public by the outgoing FIDUO President, who compiled and edited the documents.
- 22. Upon swearing-in of the new FIDUO Executive Council at the September General Assembly meeting, the new FIDUO President and Treasurer should set up a date with the outgoing FIDUO President and Treasurer to change the current signatories to FIDUO Account at Wells Fargo Bank. This change will complete the handover process as specified by the Constitution and Bylaws of FIDUO.

## **CONCLUDING REMARKS**:

It should be noted that the 8 Attachments cited in this report were submitted with the original report earlier presented to the incoming FIDUO President. While this report is not conclusive, I believe it contains vital information that the incoming FIDUO President needs to know to ensure a smooth administrative transition. If there are any questions regarding this report, or if there is need for additional information, I can be reached by email at: <u>gsbomide@yahoo.com</u>.

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