



# AKISAN YOUTH NATIONAL BOARD 2017 – 2018

## Meeting Minutes – September 3, 2017

**Summary** – The meeting was conducted via a conference call. The meeting was facilitated by the Vice President, Olumba Ekpo. Everyone called in and gave their inputs on the various topics that were discussed. Below is a summary of the meeting based on the meeting agenda. “Recap” is the responses of the topics, while action items require immediate attention/execution before the next meeting.

1. Council Meeting - constitution in place before meeting
  - Recap - It was discussed that everyone should try to attend the council meeting that will be held in Tampa, Florida in November so that we can be sworn in. The board will dedicate sometime in Tampa to meet and discuss some plans for the youths. We will also try to see if we can get funding for accommodation from National. We also discuss working on the constitution.
2. What we want to accomplish as an E-board- roles and responsibilities
  - Recap – There should be something in writing to describe the roles and responsibilities.
  - **Action item - The President and VP will draft something**
    - We should plan to adopt a school in Nigeria
3. Dues for youths
  - Recap – Different options such as quarterly payments at the chapter level were discussed. Additional discussion to follow
4. Leadership in each chapter
  - Recap - In order for us to keep the youths well informed, the E-board should be broken out into groups so each person can oversee a few chapters. We should also encourage each chapter to have a youth president
  - **Action Item – we should start breaking out the “chapter” responsibilities. We also need to revisit our youth directory.**
5. Retreat
  - Recap – The purpose of the retreat would be to bring youths together in a relaxing setting to get to know each other. The board suggested Houston and also getting Airbnb. Houston was picked as the primary destination due to the large number of youths in Houston. This will be revisited in November
6. Discuss future plans for Phoenix
  - Recap – This will be revisited in November
7. How do we keep our youth engaged from year to year basis?
  - Recap – Engage youths via social media platforms. We should utilize GroupMe to keep the Youths informed about the retreat and other events
8. Use Social media platform and management
  - Recap - Salem will manage information sharing on Facebook and other platforms. We should continue doing Ibibio Words videos and even cooking videos.