



**THE NIGERIAN INSTITUTE OF BUILDING  
SECRETARIAT REPORT SUBMITTED TO THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
HOLDING AT FCT ABUJA ON WEDNESDAY, 7TH OCTOBER, 2020**

**INTRODUCTION**

This report summarizes activities of the Institute from the last Annual General Meeting held on the 4<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> of August, 2019 at the Obi Wali Conference Centre, Port Harcourt, River State till 31<sup>st</sup> September, 2020.

**OFFICIAL ENGAGEMENTS**

The Institute sponsored 2 members, Bldr. Samson Opaluwah, FNIOB and Bldr. Fadil Elegbede, FNIOB to Constructing Our World Event in Australia. The highlight was the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between NIOB and Australian Institute of Building on the area of professional collaboration.

2019 National Association of Building Students Conference at Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka, Anambra State, from 17<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2019. It was attended by the President and Honorary General Secretary. The conference served as an avenue to strengthen and mentor the students in line with the Building Profession.

Visit to the Korean Embassy on 16<sup>th</sup> December, 2020. The visit was aimed at creating an avenue for advocacy and possible areas of partnership. Based on the visit, a proposal for the joint development of the Institute land has been sent to the Korean Embassy. The need to foster relationships between the Building Professionals in Nigeria and Korea via a visit to Seoul was discussed and agreed upon to happen from April, 2020. This could not hold due to the Global COVID-19 pandemic.

A visit to the Minister of Interior on Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> January, 2020. The aim of the visit was to strengthen the relationship between the Institute and the Ministry and seek possible areas of collaboration.

A meeting of the NIOB President and Legal Committee, with Barr. Femi Falana, SAN on 5<sup>th</sup> February 2020 to work out modalities for the implementation of the Builders' Act. An outcome of the visit was Barr. Femi Falana acceptance to represent the Institute on all building collapse cases, "Pro Bono". Letters have been written to the University of Lagos as part of the investigation into the collapse in the University. Based on which, a litigation process will commence. Barr. Falana Featured in the Builders Day event and was reported in all the National Dailies.

A visit to the Institute land at Lugbe, Abuja. An outcome of the visit is the establishment of the Physical Development Committee. The committee met severally and has made contact with a project Architect for the design development. The Architectural Design of the Proposed **Research and Skills Development Center** has been generated.

The Institute hosted Construction Industry Development Initiative (CIDI) meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> January at CORBON. The meeting was geared towards the formation of Construction Industry Development Board. The Institute is a critical Stakeholder and her inputs are relevant to the development of the Bill and Manual.

Courtesy visit to the Honorable Minister of FCT on Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> March, 2020. The outcome of the visit includes the Minister recognizing the roles of Builders and their relevance in the Construction Industry in the prevention of Building collapse. He also advised Builders to always watch out for comfort and welfare of Building occupants during construction and not cost. In his speech, he also mentioned about the Integrity Test conducted on abandoned Buildings in the FCT and stated that those who failed the test will be pulled down.

The Honorary General Secretary attended College of Fellows Adhoc Committee meetings in Lagos.

Courtesy visit to the Honorable Minister of Works and Housing and the Conferment on the Minister with the Honorary Fellowship Award by the Institute on Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2020 at Ministry of Works and Housing, Abuja. The outcomes of the visit include;

- a. Strategic partnership with the Federal Ministry of Works and Housing for the engagement of Builders in all Federal Government Construction Projects.
- b. Employment of Builders in Ministries and according them their right positions.
- c. Implementation of the Building Code.

Mr. Olajide Olufemi Samson represent the Institute on the Invitation to Integrated health care limited 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2020 customer week celebration.

The Institute participated in the Maiden Edition of APBN Young Professionals Programme and Annual Professional Summit.

## **NATIONAL SECRETARIAT**

The Institute has engaged the service of an Executive Secretary (Bldr. Akowe Ugbede) who is presently undergoing 6 months probation.

There has been some internal reshuffling of staff for inter-departmental experiences in the secretariat.

The secretariat has been at the forefront of driving ICT deployment in the Institute. Effectively supporting the efforts of the various committees charged with the responsibility of organizing AGM/ Conference, Workshop, Examinations and Fellowship Induction. Presently, the Accounts Department operates payment through PRIMUS PLUS, increasing efficiency by upto 70% while reducing idle Man-Hour spent in banks.

To get a secretariat that works for all, monthly in-house trainings are been conducted for Staff to increase their efficiency while boosting their morale. The trainings, facilitated by the Honorary General Secretary, Bldr. Christopher Belonwu, MNIQB covers relevant topics on Team Building, Project Management, Meeting Planning.

The Finance and General Purpose Committee is harmonizing the Employee Guidelines and Conditions of Service for Staff. They are also developing a Consolidated Salary Structure for the Institute. Retirement templates for use by all committees have been developed too.

The Institute website is up and running. Information can be sourced from the website. The Institute has various social platforms for information dissemination.

**Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/niobnigeria](http://www.facebook.com/niobnigeria)

**Official Whatsapp and Telegram platforms.**

**Twitter:** @NATLTWEET

**Instagram:** @niob\_nat

**Website:** [www.niobnat.org](http://www.niobnat.org)

The source code of niobnat.org.ng has been transferred from Technosoft Associates to the Institute. Members are encouraged to retrieve their 2019 AGM Certificates and other Data from the portal.

Members are encouraged to like and subscribe to all social platforms to always get updated information.

Operational Manuals for Institute activities and processes have been developed to increase efficiency and create sustainable systems.

While the observed snags with the Institute portal is sorted out, we hope to go full swing with all services provided online and efficiently. We will rely on Volunteers to pass the functionalities of the portal to members at the Grassroot. We thank the officials at the Chapters and the ICT support volunteers for the great work they are doing.

The Graduate Induction programme for Building Graduates has been a great success, temporarily slowed down by COVID-19 pandemic. We will pick up from where we stopped.

Committees have been meeting physically and virtually.

## **CHAPTER REPORTS**

The various state chapters have been waxing strong, creating great changes in their states and making great impacts. The Institute is so proud of them.

We also request chapter chairmen that have exceeded the constitutional mandatory period of 2 Years in office are strongly encouraged to handover to a new leadership for fresh air to permeate their chapters and the Institute.

## **BUILDERS DAY**

The 13th Day of March every year has been approved by the National Council as **Builders' Day**. The aim is to raise societal consciousness about Builders, the promotion of standard building construction practices and safety in the Nigerian built environment. The event was marked Nationwide in all states. The activities carried out ranged from a visit to the site of the collapsed building at Lagos State, Laying of Wreaths, Road Show, Courtesy Visits, Press Conferences amongst others. It was reported on all electronic and print media, radio stations, television stations and social media.

## **2020 MANDATORY CONTINUOUS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP/WEBINAR**

The 2020 NIOB Mandatory Continuous Professional Development Workshop/Webinar held on Wednesday, 15th & Thursday, 16th July, 2020. Theme: Building Production And Structural Stability. The workshop was highly successful with 873 participants from across the globe.

### **COLLEGE OF FELLOWS**

The College of Fellows inducted 30 Nos Class of 2020 Fellows through a virtual induction event on Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> July, 2020. It was a highly successful event with participants drawn from various fields of human endeavor.

The election for the post of Chairman and Deputy of the College of Fellows was fixed by the National Council for Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> October, 2020. The submission of Election forms closed at 23:59hrs on Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> September, 2020.

### **NATIONAL EXAMINATIONS**

The Education and Examination Committee anchored Stages II&III Oral Interviews in 2019 and 2020 with a record number of One Hundred and Sixty-Three (163) Candidates.

The Committee developed a new Examination Syllabus for the Institute which has been approved by the National Council. It will become operational for June 2021 Examinations.

Based on the recommendation of the committee, Council has approved for B.Ed. Building candidates to be admitted as Technologists members and partake in Graduate Examinations. Other details will be rolled out by the Committee.

### **ASSESSMENT OF NBUILD TRAINEES**

The Institute is currently assessing 10,529 NBuild Trainees under the Federal Government NPower Scheme.

### **BREAVEMENT**

The Institute lost the following members;

- Bldr. Wilfred Onyema Onyia, MNIQB from Enugu State Chapter on 18<sup>th</sup> April, 2020.
- Bldr. David O. Olosunde, MNIQB from Kwara Chapter on 11<sup>th</sup> July, 2020.
- Bldr. A.O. Naiyeju, FNIOB from Lagos State Chapter on 28<sup>th</sup> September, 2020.

Finally, we appreciate the massive support, encouragement, and prayers we received in this first lap, we hope to enjoy same as we continue serving you. COVID-19 has brought upon us, a good change. Let us mount on its wings to create a truly global NIOB.

Thank you and God Bless.



**Bldr. Christopher Belonwu, MNIQB**  
**Honorary General Secretary**