

# NAPE STUDENTS' LEADERSHIP MEETING @ UNIPOINT JUNE 2014



# PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS

- UNIBEN
- FUTO
- LAUTECH
- ABU
- OAU
- FUPRE
- NAU
- INN
- UNIJOS
- UNIPORT
- AKSU
- EBSU
- PTI
- ANSU
- ESUT
- UI
- WESLEY
- FUTA

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- MR.ADEOLA JAMES-NAPE AGS, NNPC BENIN.
- MR.AKINRINLOLA OLAFIOYE-NAPE UAP Chairman, ADDAX.
- MR.SAM EZUGWORIE-NAPE PH Chapter Coordinator, SHELL.
- MR.EMO DAYETUAWEI- NAPE PH Secretary,
- MRS.ESTHER ADENIYI-NAPE Executive Director, NAPE.
- MR.AUSTIN MGBEMWEREM –Event Anchor, POLARIS CONSULTING CO. LTD.
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### **SUMMARY**

STUDENTS LEADERS =46

NUMBER OF SCHOOLS =18

NUMBER OF RESOURCE PERSONS =8

## MINUTES OF STUDENT'S CHAPTER LEADERSHIP MEETING HELD AT UNIPORT DURING NAPE MINI CONFERENCE

- The opening prayer was said by Joshua Mene, President, NAPE Uniport chapter at 2.17pm. Then introduction was done by everyone present after which Mr. Austin Mgbemere shared the vision and the reason for the leadership meeting, the floor was declared open for chapters to share their challenges and give situation report in their different chapters.
- NAPE president, Mrs Doja Ojelabi noted the number of school with or without NAPE chapter and encouraged them to try as much as possible to have a common chapter housing both NAPE and AAPG.
- President of FUPRE made a comment that they do not have any alumni in the industry, and he noted that FUPRE and PTI are different institution, he said that NAPE needs to assist them more as a new institution.
- Suggested grants to universities in each state offering geosciences. FUPRE has challenges being a new school grant-in-aid are not being bequeathed to them. He noted that they need sponsorships. Afterwards, Mrs. Ojelabi enquired if they are registered and inaugurated by NAPE/AAPG in their school (FUPRE) then promised to sponsor five of their students that comes up with a good paper and that their papers gets accepted by NAPE Editorial team.
- Mrs. Ojelabi also said that members' dues for active members is N6,000 and only 31% of 7,000 people have paid their dues. She said NAPE is not an oil industry but an association and has no grant from government. That it is a professional body and does not have any money to give anybody, but has a start up grant given to newly inaugurated chapters. If you want NAPE to partner with you (school), then you go through chapter (each school).
- Field trip should be coordinated by faculty advisor and must be geology background. Mr. Sam Ezugworie, NAPE Port-Harcourt chairman said he is thankful for this opportunity to share ideas. He said students should make use of big event i.e. ICE and network in order to get job in the industry that things were harder in his own time
- Mr. Sam said that there is usually monthly technical meetings in Port Harcourt and they start well ahead of time to plan for sponsorships. He said "if there is no alumni of your school in the industry then distinguish yourself and be the one to be the alumni. Do not go with empty hand and lobby for a job, but rather be worthy of merit and you will get to the top."

# MINUTES CONT'D

- He said don't come for ICE without presenting a paper, but rather come for presentation of paper, and you will get to network with them through that course, that one can even pick you up for employment from the way you present your paper.
- The president said she would pay registration fees of 5 students whose papers get accepted for presentation in the forth coming NAPE ICE, 2014.
- EBSU president said NAPE has died in their school, though they were inaugurated 2007, he said the students find it difficult to pay the sum of N2000 for registration with NAPE. The president (NAPE) said she would look into it, that the fee is nothing compared to the benefits one stand to benefit from the association. Austin said it is a good thing EBSU president is revitalizing the association as that is one of the traits of a good leader, from there companies would sponsor them as time goes on in as much as they don't give up. Sometimes you learn through experience, hard way though but it pays, he encouraged the presidents to be ready for more challenges, that that's what will make them stronger to achieve their dreams. Austin opened the floor for current chapter presidents to share their challenges.
- Current president of ESUT said its' not been an easy task, but he has been telling his students that NAPE conference is not all about contact, but also to listen to presentation and get motivated and also present papers as well.
- Anambra State university president in the person of Ejike Nnamdi said that his HOD is not a member, so the zeal isn't there; and also their faculty advisor<sup>7</sup> is about to resign, which is one of his fear at the moment. The president (NAPE) said they will look into it, as a member of NAPE shouldn't hand over to a non-member in the association as a faculty sponsor.
- ANSU president appreciated NAPE for their support, but complained about the relationship with the student chapter. The President (NAPE) said she would want a student chapter merge with other associations and link up with people in the industry who will guild them, and having online pages. Merging the associations together will help in having a successful student chapters.
- The Executive Director of NAPE advised the students' leaders to invite NAPE officials in the industry that will come to their schools and speak to them. She also reiterated students to register through the NAPE website and also communicate with NAPE bodies instead of getting busy at all times on the social media especially Facebook.

# MINUTES CONT'D

- Wesley representative, Oyewole Tope said he hope to see Wesley chapter to be inaugurated in the next two months that they are yet to be inaugurated. He said they always have problems of internships (300Level students) in the industry.
- The NAPE President said most companies have recruitment policies for Industrial Training (IT) which neither herself nor the association can influence. “If you come to technical meetings and go to the association’s website, you will see that whatever information we get are posted and announced accordingly to the benefit of our members, but NAPE cannot force anybody to take up students for internship”, she said. She also listed a good number of grants-in-aids that NAPE has and scholarships available for deserving student members.
- UAP Chairman, Mr. Olafioye Akinrinlola congratulated the house for coming for the mini-conference and also being ably present. He said he was happy for the interactive session organised by Mr. Austin Mgbemwerem. He said there are opportunities provided by the association that students should not hesitate to harness. These freebies are available and also done annually i.e. IBA, Basin Evaluation Competition, Grant-in-aid etc. He wants us to win in life which is more important than winning in a competition that is temporary. Technical report too can be written and presented at conferences. Resume writing skills is very important, and lots of benefits. There are technical meeting opportunities in Warri, Port-Harcourt, Lagos and Abuja and student should take advantages of it all. Even as a student chapter executives you can receive sponsorship for the ICE , IBA and even BEC. Grant-in-aid are numerous and students are expected to work hard to participate and and benefit from this grants.
- Mrs Ojelabi said she would issue a cheque for FUPRE, EBSU and WESLEY for Grants-in-Aid since they seem to be less privileged as a new school without Alumni in the industry. NAPE does not have solutions to all problems facing everybody, but have got the platform and tools you can work with to get an effective solution to your problems. She also advised that once you are championing the stage, one should get ready to take up challenges and get non-members to see reasons why they need to be members.

# MINUTES CONT'D

- David Anomeze added that after getting contacts of Alumni to aid sponsorship, and after they have been sponsored, they should reciprocate by giving back to the society.
- YP coordinator Mr.Doyin told the student leaders never to limit themselves and also get in touch with their school alumni. He advised students to identify their capacity and potential and they will get the success they deserve. Mrs Ojelabi talked about the resume writing session which will be organised during this year's NAPE conference in November, 2014 and there will be a panel to judge and you get to learn and know what you have got. She said students should know how to prepare slides, which could earn them good grades in the competition. She encouraged students leaders to get involved in promoting the "exciting world of geology" campaign which is a medium to reach out to secondary school students. Also student leaders and members should take it up as a project to work on in their various localities.
- The Executive Director of NAPE said sponsorship requests could be sent to the NAPE secretariat, but then they should ensure that they are not owing NAPE dues. He advised students to work hard in order to benefit from the Grant-in Aids programme and become recipient(s) of the award.
- NAPE AGS Mr. James Adeola, said it is better to be a good problem than being a bad or redundant fellow. UAP Chairman, Mr.Akinrinlola expressed his interest to sponsor the 3 schools(FUPRE, EBSU and WESLEY) for Grants-in-Aid. He said there are lots of areas of specialisation in Geosciences. He cited an example of one of his colleagues who read geology but is doing extremely well in drilling engineering and you could plan your career towards being a driller. He said students should spend their money to sponsor themselves to NAPE ICE instead of organising their weeks where they will end up drinking and dancing. He advised the students to get serious in their academics and should not be afraid of being challenged.
- NAPE president said approach is something that could either make you lose or earn whatever you think you need. Students have the habit of sending mails at the odd hours, this should not be, she encouraged them to be professional in their dealings with industry professionals.
- She said students should not go for souvenirs alone or contacts, but rather take time to ask the exhibitors what they have got to offer that would be beneficial to them, like getting a job in the industry. She seize the opportunity to notify the students that they can only start visiting and interacting with the exhibitors after exhibition stands have opened, so that the companies can adequately talk to their business partners, not before the opening. She said, she's glad that leaders are present and that they should utilise the medium to exchange phone numbers and keep in-touch.
- The meeting ended at about 5.15pm in the evening.

# Pictures



During the session

Cross section of  
participants at the  
event.



# PICTURES CONT'D



Group picture of participants and the NAPE EXCOS

MR. Sam Ezugworie making a point



# APPRECIATION

- On behalf of the entire student leaders of NAPE/AAPG, we wish to thank our resource persons for making out time to be with us throughout the duration of the meeting to motivate and encourage us in our various endeavours.

**THANK YOU**