**REPORT OF A SHORT AWLA MEETING SPONSORED BY HON. BETTY MOULD IDDRISU AT HER RESIDENCE IN ACCRA, GHANA**

Hon. Betty welcomed everyone in the meeting and informed the meeting that AWLA President Mandy Asagba who was visiting from Nigeria will chair the meeting. Awla Edna Kuma gave a brief history of Awlan Mandy Asagba's exploits in sterring the Ship of AWLA and bringing it to the global enviable stage. The President who brought Greetings from Nigeria then introduced members of her entourage namely Obiamaka Aga and Ebere Obiora and her Team members who had been outstanding namely Peju Oduye-Quadri, Abiodun Kolawole, HRH Funmi Oluyede, Esther Ebodaghe, Pep Opara-Nze, Dr. Abiola Akiyode-Afolabi, Funmi Falana, Tomi Ajayi, Nihinlola Aluko-Olokun, Uju Okeke Anyaegbunam, Falilat Orire, late Florence Wogu, Wunmi Raji, Adeola Folarin, Vivian Akhigbe, Carol Obi, H E Theresa Ibas, Bola Animashaun, Sunkanmi Fasule, Cordelia Eke, Anne Mpamah, Fyaku Naankus, Itohan Okungbowa, Angela Ofeh- Mamuzoh, Mgbegele Jessica, Dr. Hilda Desmond-Ihekaire, Hon. Justice Nkemdilim Izuako, Hon CJ Ayotunde Philips, Hon Justice Lati Folami, Hon. Justice Jane Ntaba, Ruth Jappah, Hon. Chief Justice of Liberia Sie Yenneh-Yuoh, Tonieh Talery -Wiles, Caroline Kamende Daudi, Mary Kamau, Abla Gadegbeku Williams, Kadida Dombia, Samira Yassni, Rachel Kelsey, Isabel Bueno, Edna Kuma, Nana Oye- lithur, Awunja Tets, Rakia Kaba, Vivianne Bah, Sidonie Flore Owne, Fanta Cissi, Sophie Traore Ouane, Khadiatou Traore Yvonne Esiso, Sidonie Flore Owne, Anuarite Muyuwa, Soud Houssien, Gangue Diouma, Sarah Mhamilawa, Ndaye Sokhena kane, kemi Okoh, Amina Addou, Maryka Veermak, Fatmata Ouilma Sinare, Paulette Ondo and others with eulogies and appreciation for their selfless sacrifices and commitment. She asked that everyone Present introduce themselves one by one, then welcomed everyone to the meeting and appreciated all for their commitment to the Association urging them not to be weary, but rather to be more resolute in service to humanity. Gave the house a brief history of her passion and doggedness to end indignity to the African Woman and Child and the journey so far stating that AWLA currently has presence in 54 Countries in and outside Africa. In response to her story and encouraging women to donate to AWLA cause, pay their dues and levies, a member donated $500 to AWLA and $500 to AWLA Ghana promising to raise more funds for the Association. The President then sought contributions on how to move AWLA forward. The Founder eulogies Mandy Asagba and added in support of the Presidents plea to involve the younger generation that there is need to plan a transition to the younger generation as it seems, AWLA consist mostly elderly women. She requested the country rep of AWLA Ghana to give a preamble of the AWLA operations so far.

Mrs. Edna told the meeting that Hon. Betty spoke to her about AWLA and she joined. She persuades young lawyers of her time to join the association and use it as a platform to give back to the society. She said during that time, people were still graduating from the universities through one form of scholarship or the other and she was able to win them over but that since scholarships ceased, young lawyers graduating from school through their own sweat do not see reason why they should give back to society as the society contribute little or nothing to their career as lawyers.

Awlan Christine of Ghana Freezones Authority reiterated the fact that we should get younger people involved in AWLA because the younger ones are techy and AWLA need social media presence. According to her Hon. Betty and others are still using mouth to tell people about AWLA. She suggested that we find the right approach to capture new lawyers and make more noise to take AWLA to the next level.

Elsie Director at AH Hotels East Legon, Ghana suggested that all Awlans should start liking our page and to share it with five other groups. She opined that the name African Women Lawyers Association (AWLA) is catchy and that we need to engage our old school associations whenever we hold meetings to drive home the good objects of the association. Elsie Appau added that we should reach out to the law schools of our various countries and seek to have symposiums with them and draw new membership therefrom.

Furthermore, Awlan Elsie suggested that we link all states to our web, develop AWLA App, look for volunteers, write law schools to send law students on internships, retain professionals to man secretariats.

The President of AWLA, Mrs. Mandy Asagba informed the meeting that there is need for women to start supporting fellow women and encourage their husbands to support women groups. She opined that influential and rich women can come together and pool resources together to sponsor fellow women who wants to run for political offices.

The President also intimated the meeting of her effort to make AWLA more organized by having structured strategic plan which should be uniform in all AWLA countries Chapters. The plan include the following:

1. Institutionalisation;
2. Program of activities;
3. Uniformity of events for all countries chapters to be synchronized to do same programs and others unique to their countries.
4. Uniformity in AWLA Souvenirs and Uniforms to be produced by AWLA Secretariat
5. Educating Women in the strength we have when we unite and the need to wield that power in getting women at the decision and policy making tables

LIST OF ATTENDANCE

1. Hon. Betty Mould Iddrisu : Founder

2. Amanda Asagba : President

3. Ebere Obiora

4. Obiamaka Aga

5. Edna Kuma

6. Christine

7. Elsie Appau

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

ON

GHANA TRIP

DONATIONS

Awlan Mandy Asagba N450,000

Awlan Theresa Ibas N130,000

Awlan Peju Oduye-Quadri N100,000

Awlan Bola Animashaun N110,000

Awlan Obiamaka Aga N40,000

Donation by Angela Donkor an Awlan based in America $500 N365,000 YTP

Total = 820,000

SALE OF SACH

1235 Cephas = N80,000

EXPENSES

Transport fare to and Fro Accra N330,000.00

Transport fare within Accra

N50,000

Hotel Accommodation

N280,000

GIFTS

N150,000

Drugs

980 Cephas N65,000

Total = N875,000

N875,000 - N820,000 = N55

Outstanding deficit

N55,000

-80,000

= 25,000 deficit