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## LRCN ATTENDS NLA CONFERENCE IN AWKA

LRCN staff joined other library and information professionals in Awka, Anambra State to participate in the 49<sup>th</sup> National Conference and Annual General Meeting of the Nigerian Library Association (NLA) tagged "Awka 2011". The conference which had the theme, "Information for All: Strategies for National Development" was hosted by Anambra State Chapter of the NLA.

LRCN was represented at the conference by Dr. C. D. Nwakanma (Chief Librarian), Mrs. Catherine Umebali (Assistant Chief Librarian), and Mr. Allahde Shehu (Senior Librarian). The staff left Abuja for the Conference on 10<sup>th</sup> July, 2011 and arrived Awka the same day. At the conference, LRCN subscribed to and was allocated a befitting stand at the exhibition arena of the conference. The mandates of the LRCN delegates were to provide our major stake holders – members of NLA with an opportunity to interact with LRCN staff to be better informed of the activities and programmes of the Council; to provide advocacy and enlightenment on the forthcoming 2nd Batch Induction of the Council; to provide answers to any questions and concerns as may be expressed by librarians and intending registrants with the Council.

In order to achieve the above objective, LRCN representatives went to Awka with 200 copies of the LRCN Newsletter, 300 Invitations letters to the

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on ceremony, as well  
as over 50 registration  
application forms for distribution to  
new applicants. By the end of the  
conference all the above materials were all  
distributed amongst the participants at the  
conference.



LRCN delegates to 2011 NLA conference in Awka  
(L-R) Mr. Shehu Allahdeh, Mrs. Catherine Umebali, Dr. Chukwuemeka Nwakanma

While at the conference, LRCN delegates received and attended to several complaints and concerns of librarians across the country bothering on the activities of the Council in the past five years or so. The major complaint included:

- the status of those with combine honours degrees for registration
- the decision if any reached on HND holders
- justification for the amount of twenty five thousand (25,000) naira induction fee, and
- the short notice for the induction.

Many of the participants that have the combined honours degree complained about their exclusion from the list of inductees. They further asked why they should be excluded after completing four years programme in Librarianship and another subject of speciality which is highly required in librarianship, whereas those that did a one-year or eighteen-month masters degree in

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librarianship were invited for induction as registered librarians. However, LRCN delegates took time to explain to them that Council acknowledges all their



Mrs. Umebali attending to a delegate at the LRCN stand

concern. They were educated on the reasons for which the Council is yet to register candidates with combined honours degrees as well as those with HND in librarianship. All concerned librarians were however assured that Council is committed to ensuring that every qualified librarian who applies for registration with LRCN will be adequately considered. The delegates gave all affected candidates the assurance that before the end of 2011, all outstanding applications will be treated and and successful candidates



LRCN staff at work at the conference

inducted.

The induction fee as prescribed by LRCN was another major area of concern for inductees. The inductees are of the view that the induction fee should have been reviewed upward to at most twenty thousand naira (N20,000). Again the delegates were able to expatiate on the importance of registration with LRCN by all LIS professionals in Nigeria so as to obtain the license and consequently the legal right to practice as a librarian in Nigeria. The LRCN delegates took time to explain that the implication of the recognition and licensing of librarians in Nigeria for professional practice. That such a career will span the entire career of inductees left no one in doubt that the induction fee charged by the

LRCN is well worth it. There was also concern that LRCN was not able to come to the conference with the LRCN Register so that previous inductee could sign it and collect their certificates at the conference. They were told that the logistics involved with moving the register around makes it difficult to bring it to venue such as the NLA conference. Inductees were however encouraged to come to LRCN office in Abuja to sign the register and collect their certificate of registration.

At the NLA conference, the LRCN website was on display and stake holders had the opportunity to interact with the site and to enjoy its features.

In conclusion, we were able to attend to participants' complaints and they were satisfied with the extent of information given to them.

Following the outcome of the NLA Conference, the LRCN delegates recommend that:

- LRCN should always be represented in NLA programmes as this will be a medium for advocacy and sensitization.
- Council should resolve any issues involving pending applications so that qualified applicants will be registered as soon as possible.
- LRCN should continue to seek ways to broker close working relationship with the NLA noting that collaboration with NLA especially during such conferences as this provides LRCN with a veritable platform for advocacy, and sensitization of stakeholders on its activities.

The delegates appreciate the management for deeming them fit to attend this conference to represent LRCN and wish to say that the outing was a very good one for LRCN because it provided the forum for LRCN to interact with its primary stakeholders to



Dr. Chukwuemeka Nwakanma poses with some NLA delegates intimate them with the programmes and activities of LRCN. Such synergy need be sustained between LRCN and NLA towards building a virile and responsible LIS profession in Nigeria. Many of the stake holders commended the LRCN for the work it has done so far and wished the Council well.

## GROWING UP OR GROWING OLD?

Are you actually growing? Ok simply put chronologically, you are growing, whether you are 20 years old man or 40 years old boy. To grow old is biological; it does not require strength, intelligent, wisdom or any effort. It is mandatory, i.e. whether you like it or not; it does not matter whether am dyeing my hair or not, when it is time, the grey hair will manifest. That is growing old.

To know whether a child is growing is constantly checking his or her body mass (weight, height and the age). There must be a correlation between these 3 variables in medical term. If a child is 3kg at birth, he or she is expected to increase in weight as time goes. To grow up on the other hand requires a lot of efforts, wisdom and intelligence. One must desire, pursue and overtake it. You will need to work it.

When a child starts crèche; (these days), nursery and primary school; later in life, he or she moves to secondary school level; and later to tertiary education; that is growing up. If you have to tell your child at 16 what you told him/her at 10; am not sure the child is growing up.

Where art thou? This was a simple and probably the first question in the history of mankind. Behold, what was the response? The respondent ran away from his responsibility by blaming his spouse. What was the question and what was the answer? It shows a man who was not man enough to be a leader. He has not grown up.

You will need to stand up to your responsibility whether as a child, wife, husband, head of departments/unit or subordinates. If your head/ (leader) constantly repeats or corrects your mistakes, it simply means that you are not growing up. If you have to blame your subordinates, leaders, colleagues, friends, tools, or relatives for every failure; then you are not growing up.

If you had school certificate, OND or degree and between 3 and 5 years you have not improved on your academic qualifications, then you are not growing up; as simple as that.

Are you a 20 year old man/woman or a 40 year old boy/girl?

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## LRCN COOPERATIVE SOCIETY: THE JOURNEY SO FAR

The LRCN Co-operative Society has been constituted. From the day it was constituted, the society's interim leadership has swung into action to ensure that it is duly registered with the Abuja Co-operative Society. The Society has been able to achieve the following: Conclusion of all the arrangements to be registered. As at present, the society is awaiting its Certificate of Incorporation; Successful opening a flexi saving account with EcoBank, Tofa House Branch, Abuja of which a cheque can be issued to third party; the society has constituted four committees which include: a. Loan Committee; b. Land Committee; c. Investment Committee; and d. Goods/Product Committee. These committees will do a thorough work to come up with best ways our financial resources will be utilized.

Out of the Money that was donated by the Registrar/CEO and what we realized in selling of membership forms, the society has been able to: print 100 booklets of passbook and receipt (full color), respectively; and purchase of all its accounting books, and cooperative stamp. The development of the society's Bye Law is already in progress. We thank all members for their patience and understanding; we hope to address members soonest.

Zubairu D. Babale  
Protem Chairman

## JOKES



A student comes to a young professor's office. She glances down the hall, closes his door, and kneels pleadingly. "I would do anything to pass this exam," she says. She leans closer to him, flips back her hair, and gazes meaningfully into his eyes. "I mean," she whispers, "I would do anything..." He returns her gaze, "Anything?" "Anything." His voice softens, "Anything?" "Anything," she repeats again. His voice turns to a whisper. "Would you ... study?"



TEACHER: What is the chemical formula for water?  
SARAH: "HIJKLMNO" !  
TEACHER: What are you talking about?  
SARAH: Yesterday you said its H to O!



Early one morning, a mother went in to wake up her son. "Wake up, son. It's time to go to school!"  
"But why, Mom? I don't want to go."  
"Give me two reasons why you don't want to go."  
"Well, the kids hate me for one, and the teachers hate me, too!"  
"Oh, that's no reason not to go to school. Come on now and get ready."  
"Give me two reasons why I should go to school."  
"Well, for one, you're 52 years old. And for another, you're the Principal!"

Seriki A. Ayodeji, PSD



Barack Obama met with the Queen of England. He asked her, "Your Majesty, how do you run such an efficient government? Are there... any tips you can give to me?"

"Well," said the Queen, "the most important thing is to surround yourself with intelligent people." Obama frowned, and then asked, "But how do I know if the people around me are really intelligent?" The Queen took a sip of tea. "Oh, that's easy; you just ask them to answer an intelligent riddle." The Queen pushed a button on her intercom. "Please ... See More send Tony Blair in here, would you?"

Tony Blair walked into the room and said, "Yes, Your Majesty?" The Queen smiled and said, "Answer me this please, Tony, your mother and father have a child. It is not your brother and it is not your sister. Who is it?" Without pausing for a moment, Tony Blair answered,

"That would be me."

"Yes! Very good," said the Queen. Obama went back home to ask Joe Biden, his vice presidential choice the same question. "Joe, answer this for me. Your mother and your father have a child. It's not your brother and it's not your sister. Who is it?" "I'm not sure," said Biden. "Let me get back to you on that one..." He went to his advisors and asked every one, but none could give him an answer. Finally, he ran into Sarah Palin out eating one night. Biden asked, "Sarah, can you answer this for me? Your mother and father have a child and it's not your brother or your sister. Who is it?" Sarah Palin answered back, "That's easy, it's me!" Biden smiled, and said, "Thanks!" Then, he went back to speak with Obama. "Say, I did some research and I have the answer to that riddle. It's Sarah Palin!" Obama got up, stormed over to Biden, and angrily yelled into his face, "No! You idiot! It's Tony Blair."

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### DRESS CODE:

It is advised that you come to work dressed according to your salary, if we see you wearing a shirt of =N= 50,000 and carrying a =N=200,000 Gucci bag we assume you are doing well financially and therefore you do not need a raise.

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## FOOD FOR THOUGHT

### *TAKING CHALLENGES*

- ? "Weakness Of Character Is The Only Defect Which Cannot Be Ammended"
- ? "When Faced With Challenges, Look For A Way, Not A Way Out"
- ? "Our Strenght Grows Out Of Our Weakness"

### *THE POWER OF SUPPORT*

- ? "When Spider Webs Unite, They Can Tie Up A Lion"
- ? "Do What You Can, With What You Have, Where You Are"
- ? "Put Your Troubles In A Pocket With A Hole In It"

DAURE, JEPHTHAH A.

"To celebrate growing older:"

1. Life isn't fair, but it's still good.
2. When in doubt, just take the next small step.
3. Life is too short to waste time hating anyone.
4. Your job won't take care of you when you are sick. Your friends and parents will. Stay in touch.
5. Pay off your credit cards every month.
6. You don't have to win every argument. Agree to disagree.
7. Cry with someone. It's more healing than crying alone.
8. It's OK to get angry with God. He can take it.
9. Save for retirement starting with your first paycheck.
10. When it comes to chocolate, resistance is futile.
11. Make peace with your past so it won't screw up the present
12. It's OK to let your children see you cry.
13. Don't compare your life to others. You have no idea what their journey is all about.
14. If a relationship has to be a secret, you shouldn't be in it...
15. Everything can change in the blink of an eye. But don't worry; God never blinks.
16. Take a deep breath. It calms the mind.
17. Get rid of anything that isn't useful, beautiful or joyful.
18. Whatever doesn't kill you really does make you stronger.
19. It's never too late to have a happy childhood. But the second one is up to you and no one else
20. When it comes to going after what you love in life, don't take no for an answer.
21. Burn the candles, use the nice sheets, and wear the fancy lingerie. Don't save it for a special occasion. Today is special.
22. Over prepare and then go with the flow.
23. Be eccentric now. Don't wait for old age to wear purple.
24. The most important sex organ is the brain.
25. No one is in charge of your happiness but you.
26. Frame every so-called disaster with these words 'In five years, will this matter?'
27. Always choose life...
28. Forgive everyone for everything.
29. What other people think of you is none of your business.
30. Time heals almost everything. Give time.
31. However good or bad a situation is, it will change.
32. Don't take yourself so seriously. No one else does.
33. Believe in miracles.
34. God loves you because of who God is, not because of anything you did or didn't do.
35. Don't audit life.. Show up and make the most of it now.
36. Growing old beats the alternative -- dying young.
37. Your children get only one childhood.
38. All that truly matters in the end is that you loved.
39. Get outside every day. Miracles are waiting everywhere.
40. If we all threw our problems in a pile and saw everyone else's, we'd grab ours back.
41. Envy is a waste of time. You already have all you need.
42. The best is yet to come....
43. No matter how you feel, get up, dress up and show up.
44. Yield.
45. Life isn't tied with a bow, but it's still a gift."

Mrs. N.N.C. Ojukwu, PSD

## SOCIAL DIARY

### Hurray Divine is 5!



The Family of Mr. and Mrs Shehu Alladeh celebrated the 5th birthday of their son Master Divine Favour Shehu on July 25th, 2011. LRCN is wishing Little Shehu a Happy Birthday and many happy returns.

### Happy BIRTHDAY to LRCN STAFF

Mr. Chigozie Osuji Raymond	8/07
Mr. Ishaya Jeremiah	09/07
Ms. Ifaka Inazu	12/07
Ms. Juliet Osuagwu	14/07
Mr. Ubale Kabiru	16/07
Mr. Dele Omotocho	22/07
Ms. Fidoru Sylvia	23/07
Ms. Pela Omonigho	28/07
Dr. C. D. Nwakanma	28/07

*LRCN wishes you all a wonderful birthday!*