

A COMMUNIQUE ISSUED BY THE COMMITTEE OF PAST CHAIRMEN OF THE NIGERIAN BAR ASSOCIATION (NBA), OWERRI BRANCH AFTER ITS EMERGENCY GENERAL MEETING HELD IN THE CHAMBERS OF EMEKA NWAGWU, SAN ON SATURDAY, THE 3RD OF OCTOBER, 2026.

1. INTRODUCTION:

In attendance at the meeting were:

- 1. Chief Mike I. Ahamba, SAN.**
- 2. Emeka Nwagwu, SAN.**
- 3. Chief N.B.E Nwigwe.**
- 4. Declan O. Madu, Esq.**
- 5. Ama Akalonu, Esq.**
- 6. L.U.N. Nwakaeti, Esq.**
- 7. D.O. Nosike, Esq.**
- 8. Ugochukwu Alinno r, Esq.**
- 9. Chief Chris Ihentuge.**

Professor F.C. Dike, SAN called in to say that he stands with the committee and that he will accept and be bound by any decision arrived upon. Other excuses and apologies that were taken are: D.C. Denwigwe, SAN, K.C.O. Njemanze, SAN and Nze J.I. Ogamba, who, along with D.C. Denwigwe SAN were reported to be outside the country.

2. PURPOSE:

To seek an interventionist solution to the escalating crisis in the NBA, Owerri Branch, occasioned by the donation and the manner of disbursement of the One Hundred Million Naira (N100,000,000.00) donated by the Imo State Government.

3. KEY RESOLUTIONS/AGREEMENTS:

- a) That since a General Meeting of the branch has already been requisitioned to hold on the 10th of October, 2026, and since the requisitioning was made pursuant to the provision of the Uniform Bye-Laws for the**

branches of NBA, that the process of requisitioning and holding of the meeting should be allowed to run its course to conclusion.

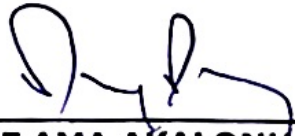
- b) That the branch Chairman and his Executive should convene the General Meeting as requisitioned in line with the Bye-Laws to enable all parties to exhaustively ventilate their positions on the matter in line with the rules of fair hearing.
- c) That this Committee condemns the idea of the branch Chairman hobnobbing with the Executive arm of Imo State Government, supposedly on behalf of the Bar.
- d) That no Chairman of NBA has a right to embark on any visitation to the Executive arm of Government without the approval of the General House, such approval obtained or given in a General or Emergency Meeting, let alone embarking on such visits with members of the Bench or with staff of the Judiciary.
- e) That the NBA Exco should always be conscious of the independence of the Bar, and should maintain that independence.
- f) That all parties in the crisis should take steps to intentionally de-escalate actions and avoid incendiary comments, pending the outcome of the meeting.

4. CONCLUSION:

It is hoped that the Chairman and his Executive as well as members of the branch should heed the recommendations herein outlined in order to give room to all parties to be comprehensively heard, and for the lasting benefit of NBA, Owerri Branch

Signed:


CHIEF N.B.E NWIGWE, ESQ.,
(CHAIRMAN)


NZE AMA AKALONU ESQ.,
(SECRETARY)


CHIEF M.I. AHAMBA, SAN
(LEADER)

Attendance List for
Committee 2 Post Chairman
Onweri Branch
3/10/2016

1. Chief M. I. Akamba ✓
2. Mr. B. E. Akorue ✓
3. AMA Akorue ✓
4. L. U. N. Nwakaetere Esq. ✓
5. A. O. NOSIKE
6. Eneke Nwagwu S.H. ✓
7. Chris Menbige ✓
8. Declan O. Madu ✓
9. Ugochukwu Akumar ✓