

**Friends of Nigeria
2014-2015 Activities**

“Normal” Activities

- Monitoring 2014 Project Reports
- Follow-up on Nashville Meeting
 - Letter protesting Homosexuality Law
 - Professor Ochonu – Abdullahi dialogue via FON Google Group and on Website
- NPCA Ebola Relief Fund
- AUN Refugee Relief Contribution
- Membership appeals for project funding
- Membership appeals for electronic newsletter

Biennial Meeting Prep

- Nominating Committee
 - 2 Directors stepping down
 - 2 New directors nominated
- Berkeley Organizing Committee
- Website Redesign Committee

Projects

- Reserved \$6K for VSO Projects
- Appealed for VSO Projects
- Polled Fantsuam for potential projects
- Funded Fantsuam's thin client proposal
- Funded 3 VSO Projects

Notes:

All enabled by your contributions. Thank you.

Heller School Emergency Fund

- Each year, Heller committee meets with Nigerian Students to get to know them
- Never had an application for help
- This year one student faced loss of graduation because his source of tuition dried up
- Total tuition due far more than our fund (\$2500)
- We offered \$1,000
- Student put that together with at least 2 other sources, and graduated successfully
- Loan, not a grant

Notes:

Committee is Barbara Bush, Murray Frank, and myself. We have lunch with the Nigerian students, and we are older than their parents.

Active Board

- 15 Board members make for some long email chains
- Most topics result in somebody asking a question or making a suggestion
- The letter re the Homosexuality Law generated the most discussion. Thanks to all who suggested revisions
- Queries of VSO or Fantsuam projects lead to extended dialogues
- Most activity via email. Only one conference call.

Issues

- **Succession**
 - Warren as assistant Treasurer is learning ropes in case PJH were to slide under a bus
 - Nobody is willing to be Vice President if it entails becoming President any time soon
- **Specific Roles**
 - The newsletter needs a formatting person to take over from Owen
 - For new website we will need volunteers to moderate discussions, put up new content, help interactive users solve problems
- **Long term viability**
 - Nobody from the 90's has yet chosen to become active

Notes:

We have an active board, with just about everybody having a specific role. If you would be willing to take on a role, please contact anybody on the board, and they will find a place for you to plug in.