

**NIGERIAN INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE LABORATORY TECHNOLOGY  
(FEDERAL MINISTRY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY)**



**MINUTES OF THE 31<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM) OF NISLT**

**HELD ON**

**FRIDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2016**

**AT THE CONFERENCE CENTRE  
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ITEMS	DISCUSSIONS/DECISIONS	ACTION BY
<b>31.01 Commencement</b>	<p>1<b>ATTENDANCE:</b> (255 Members attended – already distributed 2electronically).</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><b>a) Opening Prayer</b> 3The meeting commenced at 5:10pm with an opening prayer offered by 4Mr. S. A. Akanji.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><b>b) Registrar/DG, NISLT</b> 5The Registrar/DG/CEO- NISLT, Dr. I. F. Ijagbone, welcomed everyone 6to the Conference and thanked God Almighty for the success recorded so 7far. He also thanked all participants for coming despite their tight 8schedules. He said the AGM was supposed to be presided over by the 9Chairman of Council, but since Council was not on ground, the laws 10provides that somebody among the members present could be nominated 11to chair the meeting. He therefore called on the house for nomination of 12a presiding Chairman for the purpose of the meeting.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><b>c) Nomination of Presiding Chairman</b> 13<b>Mr. Bakare Gideon Olusola</b> from Ondo State Ministry of Adult and 14Technical Education who is the Secretary of Ondo State Chapter of 15ASLTON moved that Deacon Aikhionbare should Chair the AGM. <b>Mr.</b> 16<b>Sarki Adamu Musa</b> of AKTH, Kano seconded the motion for the 17nomination of <b>Mr. Aikhionbare</b>.</p> <p>18<b>Mr. W. C. Ebaddan</b> noted the presence of Zonal Representatives in the 19meeting and called for their recognition. He also asked that one of them 20should chair the meeting.</p> <p>21<b>Dr. S. S. D. Mohammed</b> of the Department of Microbiology, Faculty of 22Science, Kaduna State University nominated Mr. S. A. Akanji for the 23Chairmanship of the AGM. Mr. S. A. Akanji said that the younger 24generation should take over and therefore declined his nomination.</p> <p>25In the absence of any other nomination, <b>Mr. Aikhionbare</b> was accepted 26and the Registrar/DG/CEO welcomed him to the high table.</p>	

**d) Chairman Opening Remark**

27The Chairman welcomed all the participants to the AGM and apologized  
28for all observed short comings.

**e) Death of Members**

29The Chairman asked for the names of members who passed on for the  
30past one year after which he called for a minute of silence in their  
31honour.

32The deceased members were as follows:

- i. Mr. James Edache, Dept. of Anatomy, University of Abuja
- ii. Mr. S. Chukwuma, Dept. of physics, University of Benin
- iii. Mr. Ogundare Owolabi, Dept. of Agricultural Engineering
- iv. Mr. Adepoju Emmanuel O. National Secretary, ASLTON, and  
Chief Technologists, Federal University of Agriculture, Makurdi,  
Benue State.
- v. Mr. Segun Bamigbola, Chief Technologist, NIPRD, Abuja
- vi. Mr. Andam I. A. Chief Technologist NIPRD, Abuja
- vii. Mr. Alfred Adolong, Principal Technologist, Dept. of  
Pharmacology, University of Jos, Jos, Plateau State.
- viii. Mr. Adewale Samuel O. Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife.
- ix. Mr. Egbujoh Isaac I. Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife
- x. Mrs. Onabamiji O. Technologist II, College of Animal Health  
Sciences, Osun State University, Osogbo
- xi. Mr. Godiya Yohana. Dept. of Geology, UNIMAID
- xii. Amina M. Mohammed, Dept. of Veterinary Parasitology,  
University of Maiduguri, Borno State.

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF THE 30<sup>TH</sup> AGM HELD ON FRIDAY 31<sup>ST</sup>  
OCTOBER, 2014 AT FEDERAL UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY,  
MAIN AUDITORIUM, AKURE, ONDO STATE.**

**a) Corrections/Adoption**

33The minutes which were earlier circulated electronically to members  
34were corrected and adopted for discussions. The motion for the adoption  
35of the minute was moved by **Mr. Omughele Enajite**, Delta State  
36University, Abraka and supported by **Mr. Owoyemi Emmanuel B.** of  
37NISLT, Ibadan.

38**Mr. Oyeyemi R. Solagbade** was of the opinion that names should not be  
39mentioned in the minutes. The Chairman while noting this replied that it  
40was not out of place to mention names in minutes and that it only made  
41the information complete.

**31.02  
Reading,  
Correction and  
Adoption of  
Minutes of 31<sup>st</sup>  
October, 2014  
meeting**

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>31.03 Matters Arising from the minutes</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>a) <u>NISLT Governing Council</u></b></p> <p>42The Registrar said that Federal Government had dissolved all Boards and 43Governing Councils of Government Parastatals and that the Institute was 44equally affected which was why some of the members of Council were 45not in attendance. He then recognized the presence of those who were 46around in persons of Otunba Williams (South West Zonal 47Representative), Mr. Ibitoye A. A. (South West Zonal Representative) 48and Mr. Charles Obaseki (North Central Zonal Representative). He 49continued by saying that these three people were not among those that 50took the Institute and the FMST to Court and thanked them for their 51patriotism and support for the Institute. He also recognized the presence 52of the former Chairman of Council, Mr. S. A. Akanji and National 53Chairman Executive members of the National Executive of ASLTON.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>b) <u>Discrimination Against SLT by Medical Laboratory Counterparts</u></b></p> <p>54The Registrar reported that the matter has persisted and that the Medical 55Laboratory Council was still very hostile to Science Laboratory 56Technologists that are employed in health institutions. He also reported 57that the Institute submitted a memo on the issue to the immediate past 58Federal Administration and that the problem had not been resolved.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>c) <u>Appointment of Directors in the Institute</u></b></p> <p>59The registrar stated that the two new Directors were appointed to replace 60the former ones whose tenures had expired in the persons of Mr. Yemi H. 61Gbadegesin who is the Director for Education, Training &amp; Inspectorate 62and Dr. A. K. Mu'azu who is the Director for Planning, Research &amp; 63Development.</p> <p>64Also in response to the issues raised by Mr. Iyamu, the Registrar replied 65that the Institute operates the Federal Government career structure for 66Research Institutes and there was no position as Assistant Registrars in 67the Scheme of Service and that staff of the Institute could rise to become 68Directors in the Institute.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>d) <u>PMTE Programme</u></b></p> <p>69The <b>Registrar</b> reported that the first series of the programme was about 70to end and that Council had approved that it should be carried out again.</p> <p>71<b>Mr. Joel Ajayi</b>, Chemistry Dept. University of Ibadan wanted to know 72the reason why the PMTE programme could not be discontinued by the 73Institute and asked for more clarifications as to the continuation or 74termination of the programme.</p>	
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75The **Registrar** responded that the programme was designed to absorbed  
76non-SLT graduates employed in laboratories of Universities and other  
77institutions into the profession. This he stated was the challenge on  
78ground. He however expressed optimism that the programme would be  
79eventually discontinued. He stated that the programme had also been an  
80avenue for generating IGR by the Institute.

81**Mr. A. O. Iyamu** expressed his displeasure with the position of the  
82Institute on the programme, asserting that membership of the Institute  
83should not be gotten so cheap as in the current duration of the PMTE  
84programme with allegations of plagiarized research projects by these  
85candidates.

86The Chairman added that the position of the Institute had been taken and  
87that the Council would look into it. He also said that the Institute being a  
88professional body and a parastatal under the Federal Government would  
89follow the due process to stop the programme since the programme had  
90been advertised and money paid for the admission forms by prospective  
91candidates.

92The following reports were presented:

- a) **Management Report:** - The report was presented by Dr. Ijagbone, the Registrar/DG/CEO of the Institute.
- b) **Auditor's Report:** - The Auditor's report was presented on behalf of the Institute's External Auditors by **Mr. J. O. Gbotosho** of ID Gbotosho & Co. (Chartered Accountant).

#### **Adoption and Acceptance of Reports for Discussion**

93The Chairman on behalf of everybody thanked the Registrar/DG/CEO  
94and External Auditor for the reports. He called for the adoption and  
95acceptance of the reports for discussions.

#### **Adoption**

96**Mr. A. O. Iyamu** of FRIN Ibadan moved the motion for the adoption of  
97the Management Report for discussion and it was supported by **Mr.**  
98**Oyewunmi John Titiloye** from the University of Ibadan.

#### **Deliberation of the Reports**

99**Mr. A. O. Iyamu**, FRIN Ibadan while commending the great work done  
100by the Registrar/DG/CEO, the pioneer Council and the current Council  
101requested that the Registrar should inscribe the ACT of the Institute and  
102the names of the Executive that fought for it on marble for generations  
103to come so that those who fought for the ACT will be remembered for  
104generations to come. On the financial report of the Institute he asked

105the Auditor not to make the deficit in the account visible so that people  
106will not see the Institute as running at a lost.

107Commenting further he said that he was not happy at the rate at which  
108membership dues were declining and that if the Institute was to stand  
109on its own i.e. (self-funding), it would not have fund to run its activities.  
110He therefore encouraged members to pay their membership dues.

111Mr. Charles Obaseki commented on the administrative report which he  
112said also turned out to be like a valedictory report by the author, in  
113person of Dr. Ijagbone, the Registrar/DG/CEO. He also appreciated the  
114good work and efforts of the Registrar in transforming the profession  
115of Science Laboratory Technology. He then employed members of the  
116Institute in all areas to think of awards and other forms of befitting  
117recognitions to give the Registrar/DG/CEO of the Institute as a  
118distinguished technologist of all time.

119**Mr. Oyeyemi Rasaki Solagbade**, OAU speaking on behalf of members  
120prayed for the Registrar for all the efforts he had put in place in moving  
121the profession of Science Laboratory Technology forward and also  
122asked that members of the profession should consider something great  
123to do for the Registrar. He then moved a motion that the Headquarters  
124Office building in Abuja should be named after Dr. Ighodalo F.  
125Ijagbone the Registrar/DG/CEO.

126**Mr. Sariki**, Adamu Musa Kano, supported the motion that the newly yet  
127to be commissioned NISLT Headquarters at Abuja should be named  
128after Dr. Ijagbone and this was unanimously adopted by all the  
129members.

130**Mr. Joel Ajayi**, Chemistry Dept. University of Ibadan then raised the  
131popular song “A jolly good fellow” to appreciate the Registrar, Dr.  
132Ijagbone while members chorused it after him.

133Responding to Mr. A. O. Iyamu, the Auditor said that the financial  
134report of the Institute has to show the financial status of the Institute  
135and that it should not be window dressed. He explained that the  
136financial report of the Institute had been prepared in line with best  
137accounting practices as stipulated by the Institute of Chartered  
138Accountants of Nigeria (ICAN).

**Any Other Business**

139**Nnadi Henrietta O.** from University of Port Harcourt, Rivers State  
140who had recently moved to the academic career, advised members of the  
141profession to be hardworking. She also advised them to try as much as  
142possible to publish their research findings and that they must not relent  
143in their efforts to excel in the profession. She appealed that abstracts  
144that have been accepted for publications should be clearly captured.  
145Owners of rejected papers should also be notified in the

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146acknowledgment letters sent to them. She also appealed to the  
147Institute’s Council to consult with the Federal Government on payment  
148of call duty allowances to their members just as their counterparts in  
149other professional bodies were receiving.

150Responding to her, the National Chairman of ASLTON said that what  
151was very clear was that she could not eat her cake and have it and that  
152if she wanted to be collecting hazard allowance she should remain a  
153technologist as ASLTON could not be fighting for ASUU as ASUU  
154could not fight for ASLTON. The Registrar/DG/CEO NISLT in his  
155response promised that the issues raised would be looked into.

156**Mr. S. A. Oyeleye** from Ladoke Akintola University, Ogbomoso,  
157Oyo State said that he was particularly happy with the way the  
158scientific sessions for all groups were jointly done and advised that this  
159should continue. He also advised that food distribution should be  
160improved upon in subsequent Conferences. While appreciating the  
161Registrar, he requested that the Registrar should ponder on the PMTE  
162programme. Mr. Oyeleye then requested that two persons (a Christian  
163and a Muslim) be called upon to offer prayers for Dr. Ijagbone, the  
164Registrar/DG NISLT.

165Responding to him, the Chairman said the PMTE issue would be  
166looked into as it had affected all members. He also said his experience  
167at UNILORIN Conference was that best questions asked during  
168seminar were asked by people who were not in the profession  
169presenting the paper(s).

170**Mr. Isiaka Jimoh Agbomojo** (Chairman, Oyo State ASLTON) from  
171LAUTECH, Ogbomoso supported the call for Dr. Ijagbone, the  
172Registrar to be appreciated for his achievements in the Institute. He  
173further described the Registrar as his mentor and advised his colleagues  
174to focus on the achievements of the Dr. Ijagbone, the Registrar/DG.

175**Mr. Ibrahim Salihu**, University of Abuja said that the  
176Registrar/DG/CEO, Dr. Ijagbone has set down a standard for the  
177Institute and asked members to pray that God should provide the  
178Institute with a credible person to replace him when his tenure came to  
179an end.

180Responding to him, the Chairman noted the commendations and said a  
181lot had already been said about the Registrar but the session was now  
182any other business and not the Registrar/DG’s issue again.

183**Mr. Owoyemi Emmanuel B.** NISLT, Samonda, Ibadan mentioned  
184that the “**Delta 2015**” Conference had not been properly organized by  
185the Delta State ASLTON branch. He therefore recommended that  
186Sokoto State should be given the hosting right for the next Conference.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>31.06 Adjournment</b></p>	<p>187<b>Mr. Omorilewa Ayotunde O.</b> from UNILAG said that the Conference 188registration fee was too high and had affected the turnout of members 189from Lagos State for the Conference since their organizations could not 190sponsor them. He therefore requested that the fee should be reduced. 191Also, he mentioned that Institute should consider extending the 192duration of the practicing license to cover a minimum of two (2) years. 193He further advised that NISLT should liaise with NOUN to open up 194opportunities for post graduate programmes in the profession so as to 195enable members advance in the profession. He also advised that NISLT 196Management should improve communication with all organisations 197and ASLTON National Executive. He finally said that the award of 198fellowship should be celebrated with pomp and not as was being done.</p> <p>199Responding to him, the Chairman said his points had been noted.</p> <p>200<b>Idoko Christiana</b> from University of Nigeria Nsukka, recognized the 201need for more doctorate degree holders among members. She also 202appealed for information on the Conference to be released on time in 203order for members to apply early sponsorship from their employers.</p> <p><b>Closing</b></p> <p>204The Registrar/DG in his remarks apologized for the lapses in the 205arrangement of the Conference. He also solicited patience by members 206with respect to the PMTE programme, stating that the more members 207the Institute had, the better for the Institute as there is power in number. 208In closing, he rendered an apology to anyone that felt disappointed by 209the hosting of the Conference.</p> <p>210In the absence of any other business, <b>Mr. A. Emmanuel</b> of Grand 211Cereals Ltd. Jos moved the motion for adjournment of the meeting. The 212meeting closed with a closing prayer said by <b>Mr. A. O. Iyamu</b>.</p> <p>213Certificates of attendance were thereafter distributed to members in 214attendance and coordinated by the Director, Planning Research &amp; 215Development, Dr. A. K. Mu'azu.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Signed Dr. I. F. Ijagbone Registrar/DG/CEO</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Signed Deacon Dickson Aikhiobare Presiding Chairman</p>	
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