

## **NOMINEE FOR TREASURER: African Studies Association of Africa (ASAA)**

### **Biosketch: Deborah Atobrah**

Current Title/Position, Institution: Research Fellow, Institute of African Studies

Earned Degrees: PhD African Studies, MPhil African Studies, BSc. Administration

Relevant experience: Advisory Board Member of IAS (2011 to 2015),

- ✓ Board Member, Faculty of Social Science, UG (2012 to 2015).
- ✓ Board Member, Institute of Environment and Sanitation Studies, UG (2012 to 2015).
- ✓ Board Member, Institute of African Studies Yiri Lodge Management Committee (2013 to 2015).
- ✓ Member, IAS 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference Planning Committee (2013)
- ✓ Member, College of Humanities Awards Committee (2015)
- ✓ Member, College of Humanities 1<sup>st</sup> International Research Conference Planning Committee (2015).
- ✓ Chair, Institute of African Studies Welfare Committee (2013-present)

### **Vision Statement**

As an aspiring Treasurer of this august association, my vision is to contribute to the attainment of the goals of ASAA by overseeing its financial administration, reviewing financial procedures and reporting, strengthening fundraising and advising the board on financial strategy.

As a not-for-profit organization ASAA needs effective fundraising and financial strategizing to ensure the smooth running of its operations and sustainability. I will work with the membership committee to increase ASAA's membership base in order to increase its revenue from dues payments. I will specifically target academics in allied departments in the humanities, who although may be researching the peoples and cultures of Africa, do not consider themselves eligible members of ASAA because they do not belong to an "African Studies Center".

I will develop a fundraising strategic plan, propose the creation of a fundraising sub-committee, and compile a list of potential funders and donors including small and individual donors.

I will propose the utilization of digital payments systems and new information technologies to promote convenient payment of membership dues and donations.

I will also pay great attention to astute financial administration by working closely with the Accounts Officer to ensure that:

- ✓ Up-to-date records are kept on all transactions.
- ✓ ASAA is protected against financial malfeasance and guarantee safe custody of its financial resources.
- ✓ All internal processes and reporting systems are reviewed at least annually.
- ✓ There is prompt preparation and presentation of annual accounts statement to all ASAA members.
- ✓ That effective auditing is duly conducted to produce authentic, reliable and accurate records of all financial transactions.
- ✓ Utmost accountability, transparency and due diligence are observed in ASAA's transactions.