

# CAMEROON COMMUNITY OF GEORGIA

## CAMCOGA General Assembly

### Meeting Minutes

**DATE:** Sunday, January 6, 2019  
**TIME:** From 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM  
**VENUE:** Afro Caribbean Restaurant (Sea Breeze)  
5075 Austell Rd, Austell, GA 30106

#### **REPORTS:**

The CAMCOGA General Assembly monthly meeting took place on Sunday, January 6, 2019 at the Afro Caribbean Restaurant (Sea Breeze) hall. The meeting started on time with a prayer from Thierry-Armel Konguep who thanked the Loving God for blanketing us with His peace and keeping us physically safe and guarding our hearts and minds from pride and selfishness. He also prayed for the Lord to be with us in our deliberations and help us to be wise in the decisions we make for the good of all those who have placed their trust and confidence in our leadership.

The president opened the meeting with a thank you message to participants, and particularly wished to thank Mr. Thomas Mouafi, the president of the Haut-Nkam Association for designing the new CAMCOGA logo and his unconditional support. The president read the meeting agenda to participants who approved it unanimously.

→ **Next steps post release on January 1, 2019 of the master CAMCOGA website**  
<https://www.camcogainc.org>

Before presenting the main features of the newly release CAMCOGA website, the president stated that all participants in the meeting should be proud of this great milestone that the Cameroon Community of Georgia has just achieved. From the brief description of the website, it appears that users will have access to outstanding tools including:

- Online registration for prospective members.
- Free business listing.
- Free classified announcements (jobs, services, for sales and housing).
- Self-registration for businesses and classified announcements.
- Interactive community events calendar.

- Helpful resources for the community.
- Donations/Payments online.

As far as the overall roll-out plan is concerned, the following approach was adopted to increase the exposure of the website.

- Adding more members in the Cameroon Community of Georgia Facebook group. It was asked that all community members who have already joined the group should add their Facebook friends for a large audience.
- Conducting a business registration drive in the community via Facebook and WhatsApp. The campaign will start by reaching out to business owners in the community in general, then narrowed the focus down to specific categories. It was agreed that at this stage, the process must be inclusive whereby all Cameroonian owned businesses will be allowed to register in the "Business Listing" portal. However, we will also include non-Cameroonian owned businesses in selected categories (e.g. Healthcare, Legal...). Ads on the website will be paid except for CAMCOGA affiliated groups and supporters.
- Launching of the CAMCOGA Discount Card once we set up an enriched database of businesses. Only discount card holders will be able to review businesses.

The following individuals are responsible for the administration of the CAMCOGA website: Ben Ekwalla, Paul Marie Ambolo and Cyrielle Kamte.

### → **CAMCOGA 2019 annual plan**

The General Assembly has agreed on the following calendar for the year 2019.

- CAMCOGA Cultural Night: May 11, 2019
- CAMCOGA Annual Barbecue: July 27, 2019

Other external events that our community will also participate include:

- Africa Belle in April 2019 at Alliance Française d'Atlanta
- Congressman David Scott Annual Job Fair in April 2019 and CAMCOGA will provide tee-shirts for volunteers.
- Congressman David Scott Annual Health Fair in the Summer 2019.

→ **Matters arising**

- A new group “Association des Ressortissants Camerounais de l’Océan en Géorgie” (ASCOG) expressed their desire to join the CAMCOGA family as affiliated group. The one-time registration fee will be paid in January 2019.
- The CAMCOGA Executive met with Attorney Latif Oduola-Owoo, the chairman of the board of directors of Alliance Française d’Atlanta who expressed the need to partner with the Cameroon Community of Georgia. As an Attorney, he is willing to offer a free consultation for legal services.
- CAMCOGA received a complaint from the Haut-Nkam Association regarding internal matters that preclude the group to operate at its optimum. The General Assembly agreed to form a committee to act as impartial mediator.

The meeting was adjourned at 8pm.

**Chief Blaise Fosanoh**  
Interim Secretary General

**Ben Ekwalla**  
President