

GUILD OF MARINE SURVEYORS
MAIDEN MC OGADINA ANNUAL MEMORIAL LECTURE
WELCOME ADDRESS FROM THE PRESIDENT

When I ventured into the Marine Surveying Business in 2002 as the then General Manager of JJ Maritime Services Limited and as a qualified Associate of the Chartered Insurance Institute of Nigeria, my desire was to turn around the business of Cargo superintending and surveying which hitherto has been associated with unknowledgeable set of people who only go to the ports to take tallies of imported cargoes. Having worked as a Loss Adjuster, an underwriter and insurance Broker previously, I developed a passion to transform the Marine cargo superintending Business. Shortly after our staff retreat at JJ Maritime Services Limited in 2003, Mr. M.C Ogadina visited me at our Surulere Office to discuss an account on which his company had been jointly assigned with us. We got into general discussion and I mentioned to him my desire to transform the Cargo superintending and surveying industry. He told me he had a similar passion and from then on we started our friendship and the pursuant of our desires. First, we started writing to all known Cargo superintending and surveying firms, inviting them to a meeting and telling them of our intention which was widely embraced. This culminated in our first meeting held at the training room of the Chartered Insurance Institute of Nigeria where 25 corporate firms attended. The meeting agreed on forming an association and formally appointed Messrs Ogadina and Adetoro to head a caretaker committee. Ogadina became the Protem Chairman while Adetoro served as the protem Secretary. Several informal meetings were held between the duo and some formal meetings of members were called. Ogadina invited some of his friends for support. Crossing many stages, the Guild of Marine Surveyors was formally registered with the Corporate Affairs Commission on 21st March 2005 as an Incorporated Trustees, with five Trustees, namely Messrs MC Ogadina, Wale Adetoro, Kingsley Alale, Wilson Arikpo and Uchenna Duaka.

Worthy of mention that throughout the formative years and early take off period of the Guild, M.C Ogadina sacrificed for the association by taking the leading role and making his office available as the secretariat of the Guild for ten years until the association could afford to rent a descent office space at 302 Wharf Road, Apapa. At the first election to be held by the Guild in 2014, M.C Ogadina was elected as the President while I was elected as the General Secretary. Ogadina took the Guild to a higher pedestal during his one and only 4-year tenure as the President, by maintaining a cordial relationship with the Nigerian Insurance Association through the Marine offices committee, bringing in more members into the Guild and organizing trainings for members. Ogadina insisted he wanted me to take over from him as the President at the next elections in 2018 and his wish was made possible by the members who elected me. When I visited him on his sick bed on 10th June 2021, his health was failing him and though we could not talk much, he gave me the look and impression of "Carry on my friend". All glory to God for the life he lived, serving God and mankind. His adopted name was OGIC meaning Only God In Control.

It is in the memory of MC Ogadina that I am therefore delighted to welcome you all to this maiden edition of an annual lecture instituted by the Guild of Marine Surveyors. The Guild is currently made up of 57 financial corporate and 11 individual members as listed in our event program and on our website at www.guildofmarinesurveyors.org . We will be glad to see you patronizing our registered members to guarantee quality service delivery.

We have accommodation for more members. All you need to do is to visit our website, download our membership form, complete it and submit it to our secretariat or send by mail. The membership committee will invite you for an interview and if admitted, you will pay the required joining fee and subscription. The Guild is known for professionalism, integrity, knowledge, efficiency and trust.

We have chosen an embracing topic for this maiden lecture, “Developments in the Maritime, Insurance and Surveying Industries”. Our guest speaker is Mr. Raphael Falokun a retired founding Director of Marine & Aviation Department at the Industrial and General Insurance Company and now the Managing Director of MAE Risk consultants Limited.

On behalf of the entire members of the Guild, I want to especially welcome Mrs. Nancy Ogadina to this maiden memorial lecture in honour of our past president and dear colleague. The intention is to uphold the legacy of his contributions and outstanding support to the existence of the Guild of Marine Surveyors. It is our prayers that God will continue to protect and provide for the family our friend left behind.

With the support of the Board of trustees and the entire members of the Guild, we will strive to uphold this lecture annually in the memory of our colleague. We appreciate those who have supported us thus far and will further appreciate our sundry support on this venture. Details of our Bank accounts are in the Brochure.

I encourage us to follow the speaker as he delivers the lecture and listen to the panel of discussants as they dissect the paper. We will not take much of our time as we will keep to the programme schedule. Once again, I welcome us to this maiden memorial lecture organized by the Guild of Marine Surveyors.

Thanks for your attention.

Wale Adetoro
President

GUILD OF MARINE SURVEYORS IN BRIEF

MISSION STATEMENT

To promote professionalism and advancement of knowledge and expertise in the field of marine surveying including services provided to marine and transport organization and all other bodies connected with the maritime industry.

VISION STATEMENT

To be the foremost Marine surveying professional Body in Nigeria

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

- To promote professionalism and advancement of knowledge in the field of marine surveying which shall include services provided to marine and transport organization in general, the production of guidance reports for all other bodies connected with maritime operations or Maritime trade.
- To seek recognition from Government organizations or authorities, coast guards, international maritime organizations, licensed marine underwriters, Insurance corporation, ship owners and maritime lawyers.
- To provide educational, information and social platform for members through meetings, congresses, seminars, publications and other activities by which all members may extend their knowledge, widen their experience and advance their professional status.
- To inculcate, emphasize and encourage the highest technical standards and levels of professional conduct among its members for the advancement of the reputation of marine surveying and its associated aspects.
- To provide the requisite for a necessary for information and practice exchange amongst marine experts, experts in associated aspects and experts in other endeavors howsoever described to enrich the knowledge content of marine surveyors in the discharge of their duties.

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PROGRAMME OF EVENT

M.C – DR. WILSON ARIKPO

OPENING PRAYER

PURPOSE OF GATHERING/INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS – M.C

WELCOME ADDRESS – PRESIDENT, GUILD OF MARINE SURVEYORS

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST SPEAKER – M.C

LECTURE

DISCUSSION SESSION

- MODERATOR – MR RALPH OPARA ILAN PAST PRESIDENT
- DISCUSSANTS – MR. ADENIRAN ADERINOYE AGM, AIICO INSURANCE
MR. UCHENNA DUAKA, MD HULL INSPECTIONS
MR. SOLA SHOBOWALE, MD MAG CLAIM RECOVERIES

APPRECIATION/VOTE OF THANKS – VICE PRESIDENT, GUILD OF MARINE SURVEYORS

CLOSING PRAYERS

