

## **MINUTES (SUMMARY) OF THE 4TH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF NNEWI USA (NUSA)**

**DATE: July 3, 1999**

**VENUE: RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA**

The fourth annual convention of Nnewi Union of the United States was called to order by the moderator Dr. Chris Ulasi at about 9:45 AM eastern time on Saturday, July 3, 1999, at the Sheraton Hotel, 421 Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina. The presiding officer was Dr. Okey Chidolue, president of NUSA. As the meeting went underway, Dr. Ulasi recalled the founding spirit that gave birth to NUSA three years ago in Atlanta, GA. He thanked the North Carolina Chapter for hosting the convention and conveyed the deep appreciation of NUSA to the NUSA 1999 Convention organizing committee and others who contributed toward the effort.

Mr. John Orefo, on behalf of the North Carolina Chapter – the host chapter – delivered a short welcome statement. Speaking on behalf of the chapter he thanked the planning committee both at the national and local levels for their collective efforts in organizing the meeting. He also thanked the conferees including the delegates for attending the meeting. Mr. Henry Mbonu reiterated Mr. Orefo's comments and made a special plea to all to cooperate with the moderator to guarantee a smooth convention. He concluded that since this was an election year, we needed the cooperation of all to foster the environment necessary to a successful meeting.

### **The President' Opening Remark:**

The kola nut was presented and broken following traditional rites and protocol. Dr. Chris Ulasi, moderator of the meeting, introduced the President who then presented the opening remarks. Dr. Okey Chidolue expressed deep appreciation to the assembly and thanked everybody for attending and for sustaining the spirit of NUSA in the last three years. "We've come to the end of the first term of the current Executive Council and it's worth celebrating because it represents NUSA's collective will and sense of mission that have led us this far." He further admonished the members to imbibe the spirit of brotherhood and collective purpose to enable us achieve our set goals and objectives. He recalled the inaugural meeting in Atlanta, the road yet traveled, the destination ahead, and the nature of things to come. Amendments and Adoption of Atlanta North Carolina Convention Minutes Houston minutes was distributed and adopted with minor amendments

### **ELECTION OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**

The following officers were elected into new Executive Council:

President Dr. Mike Obiora, Michigan  
Vice President Mr. Isaac Emefo, Atlanta  
Gen. Secretary Dr. Chris Ulasi, Houston  
Assist. Gen. Secretary Dr. Gordon Ibeano, North Carolina  
Treasurer Prince Ogo Orizu, Atlanta  
Financial Secretary Mr. Henry Mbonu, North Carolina  
Public Relation Office Mr. Sylvan Odobulu, Dallas, TX  
Assist. PRO Mr. Ugo Uzodike, New York  
Provost Leo Mr. Okoli, Mississippi