

**MINUTES OF THE 6TH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF
NNEWI ORGANIZATION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
(NUSA)**

FRIDAY, JULY 6, TO SUNDAY, JULY 8, 2001

**THE COLONADE HOTEL
120 HUNTINGTON AVENUE, BOSTON, MA 02116**

**THEME:
EDUCATION AND INFRA STRUCTURAL DEVELOPMENT FOR
COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT**

**DAY ONE: FRIDAY, JULY 06, 2001
04:00 – 8:--PM**

**Conferees arrived and were registered. As planned, there was
informal interaction and networking.
At around 6pm a scheduled cabinet meeting took place followed
by dinner.**

8:00 – 9:00 PM: LEADERSHIP FORUM

09:00 – 12:00 PM

**DELEGATES/GENERAL MEETING: ISSUES OF NNEWI
DEVELOPMENT
And
KEYNOTE SPEECH**

Q & A

This section was conducted both formally and informally occasioned by comments and observations from the floor and question and answer. The focus of most of the comments centered on the absence of Igwe Orizu III at this year's conference. The conspicuous absence of Igwe at the convention --the second year in a row that this has happened -- was noted as a regrettable disappointment by many observers. The conferees wanted explanation from the NUSA executive.

Why is the Igwe not at NUSA 2001, Boston? NUSA president Dr. Obiora (Michigan) noted that a formal invitation letter was sent in February to Nnewi. The Igwe's palace acknowledged receipt of the invitation, but application for visa to the U.S. Embassy was done late, consequently, the delay in securing the visa. Similarly, invitations to other guests were sent in February along that of HRH Igwe Orizu III. Dr. Obiora observed that, the Executive and the Hospitality Committee relied on the information available to them through NUSA's Nnewi contacts which suggested that the Monarch's visa application was receiving favorable consideration. All told, that was not to be. There were curious questions from the floor as to who, invariably, was responsible for the monarch's welfare. The answer was that no one seemed to know. Consequently, it was agreed that NUSA should endeavor to seek ways of making

sure that the welfare of the royal house is taken care of. At this point Dr. J. O. S. Okeke (Houston) inquired whether the Nnewi North LGA is not responsible for Igwe's welfare. Dr. Obiora responded that the individual best suited to answer that question is Chief Amobi Chikwendu, chairman, Nnewi North LGA –who is present at the convention. Meanwhile, many suggestions were made as to how to avoid potential pitfalls in the future. In this regard, Chief DVC Obi urged NUSA to be more proactive in these issues to avoid future occurrences.

ADDRESS BY PRESIDENT OF HOST CHAPTER

Mbanefo Obienu In his opening remarks, Mbanefo Obienu, beaming with smile, welcomed all the NUSA conferees from far and near to Boston. He thanked members of the Boston chapter of NUSA for their individual and collective efforts and contributions toward hosting of 3-day convention. "You've done an incredible job," he observed.

ADDRESS BY NUSA PRESIDENT.

President Michael Obiora was ebullient in his opening remarks for this special evening session. He heaped complements on the host chapter and members of the Convention Committee for their effort in the NUSA Boston 2001 a reality. He noted that we have tremendous task at hand to shepherd this convention to purposeful end. On the proceeding Constitutional amendment debates, he advised caution, civility and diligence to time to enable the exercise yield consensual results.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT DELIBERATIONS

The president did a roll call of delegates from all NUSA chapters present in order to commence this section of the proceedings. Copies of the proposed amendments were distributed.

MODERATOR: Dr. Ebube Odunukwe (Washington, D.C.), a member of the Constitution review Committee, moderated this session. The proceedings focused on the NUSA Constitutional Amendment Proposals and Constitutional Committee Recommendation as submitted by said Committee to NUSA secretariat. He quickly called attention to the matter at hand enunciated the procedural elements for the debate. The amendment debate will proceed item-by-item in descending order. Once an item of Constitutional amendment was called by the moderator, comments from the floor will be entertained followed by vote in favor or against such amendment.

Delegates present:

DALLAS – Sylvan Odobulu and Nnaerika Okonkwo
HOUSTON – Chris Ulasi and Joe Azubogu
ATLANTA – Price Ogo Orizu and Isaac Emefo
MICHIGAN – Michael Obiora
BOSTON – Chike Odunukwe and Mbadiwe Okongwu
WASHINGTON, D.C. – Tony Ndum and Akabudu Egwuatu
LOS ANGELES – Kingsley Ofili Uba and
NEW YORK/NEW JERSEY –Ugo Uzodike and Ossy Okeke
NORTH CAROLINA -- Henry Mbonu

Amendments Results:

The following records show the constitutional item, recommendation of the Constitutional Committee, and consensus opinion. The results as shown were adopted by the General Assembly. There were to further reference or review called

for.

PROPOSAL #1: Amendment Submitted by New York Tri-State

ARTICLE ONE GENERAL: AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

Amend Paragraph 1.02 by restructuring Subparagraphs 1.02 B-(b) and (c). (b) Use and enhance Nnewi dialects and idioms in every day communication, and propagate the customs of Nnewi People in particular, and Igbo culture in general. c) Encourage and promote the industry, welfare, education, environment, and advancement of economically depressed communities. Restructured Subparagraphs shall read: b) Promotion of the use and enhancement of Nnewi dialects and idioms in every day communication, and propagation of the customs of Nnewi People, in particular, and Igbo culture in general. c) Encouragement and promotion of the industry, welfare, education, environment, and advancement of economically depressed communities.

RECOMMENDATION: The Committee recommends that this amendment be adopted. The amendment polishes the language in Article 1, Paragraph 1.02 b and 1.02 c.

RESULT:

Proposal #1 passed by the approval of a majority of the delegates.

PROPOSAL #2: Amendment Submitted by Nnewi Association of Southern California (NASC) **2.04** All Members shall be deemed registered after paying a fee as follows through their local chapters: Individuals \$15.00 Family \$20.00 Should be amended to read as below.

2.04 Membership should only be by chapter and chapter membership dues should be on a flat or fixed amount.

RECOMMENDATION:

This amendment should not be considered as it will wreck havoc to the rest of the Constitution.

Add Amendment below 3.02 (a) BOARD OF DIRECTORS: There shall be a five member Board of Directors, four individuals plus the NUSA president.

RECOMMENDATION: This should not be considered, it will create a Board of Directors without responsibilities. The House of Delegates already has the power that is usually invested in the Board of Directors where they exist. A structural change may be required to limit the number of executives that will remain members of the House of Delegates. That will be down the line when more affiliates join NUSA

RESULTS: Proposal #2 Section 2:04 & 3.02. Rejected; unchanged 7:1

PROPOSAL #3

Amendment Submitted by Dr. BENJI ANOSIKE, NEW YORK TRI-STATE ARTICLE THREE - ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE Amend Article Three by restructuring Paragraphs 3.03 and 3.06. Paragraph 3.03 EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

RESULT: Proposal #3 Was withdrawn by proposed chapter

PROPOSAL #4

Proposal #4 – 3:05(b) Expand the list of nominees to include non-delegates.

3.05 (b) Only members of the House of Delegates shall be eligible to vote or be voted for. 3.05 (c) The votes of delegates shall be weighted so that every five (5) local Members shall constitute one (1) Delegate vote. A member shall be registered with NUSA for at least nine months to constitute part of a delegate vote. Change

3.05 (b) and (c) to Read? 3.5 (b) All members is good standing in their various chapters are eligible to be nominated but only members of the House of Delegates shall be eligible to vote.

RECOMMENDATION: This should be rejected; the provision will crowd-out small chapters. Two or Three big chapters can decide to allocate the offices to their members.

RESULTS: Proposal #4 -3.05 (b)Passed; 3.05 (c) Withdrawn by proposal chapter

PROPOSAL #5 AMENDMENT SUBMITTED BY Dr. BENJI ANOSIKE, NEW YORK TRI-STATE.

3.06 TENURE OF OFFICE All Officers shall be limited to a two (2) year term but an Office can run for two (2) consecutive terms only, for a particular office. Delegates from a local chapter shall not contest for an office for which Delegate(s) from said local chapter have just served for two (2) consecutive terms.

AMEND 3.06 AS FOLLOWS: 3.06 TENURE OF OFFICE All Officers shall be limited to a two (2) year term but an Office can run for two (2) consecutive terms only, for a particular office. With respect only to the office of President, no member shall be eligible to contest for that office whenever the outgoing President is from his/her chapter has just served for two (2) consecutive terms.

RECOMMENDATION: THIS AMENDMENT SHOULD BE REJECTED. No compelling reason (actually no reason at all) has been provided to justify why this stipulation shall be applicable ONLY to the office of the president, and not to the rest of his cabinet.

RESULT:

Proposal #5 was rejected unanimously

PROPOSAL #6 AMENDMENT SUBMITTED BY SYLVAN ODOBULU FOR; NNEWI USA, DALLAS/FORTH WORTH

Article three: Organizational Structure Section 3.06: Subsection A: Duties of Officers
e. TREASURER: The Treasurer shall be the custodian of all funds, securities and financial records of the Union. The Treasurer shall deposit funds and securities in the name of the union in such bank or banks as the executive council may designate. He/She shall render proper and accurate accounts of the NUSA's financial position at all executive and general meetings and issue checks and vouchers signed by the appropriate signatories. f. FINANCIAL SECRETARY: The Financial Secretary shall collect funds on behalf of the NUSA and transfer same to the Treasurer for deposit into the NUSA's bank account within a week. He/she shall keep all records of the finances with the comprehensive report. Proposed Amendments: e. TREASURER: The Treasurer shall be the custodian of all funds, securities, bank accounts and checks books of the Organization. The Treasurer shall deposit funds (Checks, monies etc) and securities in the name of the Organization, within 5 (five) working days of receipt from financial secretary or collection, in such bank or banks as the general assembly may designate. He/She shall be signatory to the Organization checks and issue checks and vouchers signed by the appropriate signatories. He/she shall forward the organization=s bank statements upon receipt to the financial secretary within 5 (five) working days. f. FINANCIAL SECRETARY: The Financial Secretary shall collect and record funds (dues, levies, fines, pledges, donations, --etc) on behalf of

the NUSA and transfer same to the Treasurer for deposit into the NUSA's bank account within 5 (five) working days of collection. He/she shall keep all records of the finances with the comprehensive report. He/She shall maintain NUSA financial records and render proper and accurate accounts of the NUSA's financial position at all executive and general meetings. He/she is the Organization's bookkeeper.

RECOMMENDATION: THIS AMENDMENT SHOULD BE RESTRUCTURED AS INDICATED BELOW AND ADOPTED: e. TREASURER: The Treasurer shall be the custodian of all funds, securities, bank accounts, bank statements and checks books of the Organization.

The Treasurer shall deposit funds (Checks, monies etc) and securities in the name of the Organization, within 5 (five) working days of receipt from financial secretary or collection, in such bank or banks as the general assembly may designate. He/She shall be signatory to the Organization checks and issue checks and vouchers signed by the appropriate signatories. He/She shall render an independent, proper, up-to-date and accurate accounts of the NUSA's financial position at all executive and general meetings. f. FINANCIAL SECRETARY: The Financial Secretary shall collect and record funds (dues, levies, fines, pledges, donations, --etc) on behalf of the NUSA and transfer same to the Treasurer for deposit into the NUSA's bank account within 5 (five) working days of collection. All requisition for funds shall be routed through Financial Secretary and all disbursements shall be properly retired with documentation through the Financial Secretary. He/she shall keep all records of the finances with the comprehensive report. He/She shall maintain NUSA financial records and render proper and accurate accounts of the NUSA's financial position at all executive and general meetings. He/she is the Organization's bookkeeper. This recommendation obviates the necessity of turning the bank statement to someone else, it restores the BANK STATEMENTS to the custody of the official who deals with the banks, the treasurer. It allows for separation of the two money-handling officials whose records must be independent, yet reconcilable by any objective third party (an auditor) when required. The moment we allow the paperwork to be shared or mutually reviewed by these two officials, we create a zone of unclear responsibility and room to accuse one or the other of impropriety when a mistake is made. Down the line, if any one wishes to engage in impropriety, he/she will easily implicate the other party and the issue can never be resolved. **RESULTS:** Proposal #6 was rejected as proposed; However, Assembly amended last sentence in subparagraph (E) TREASURER to read: He/She shall render an independent, proper, up-to-date and accurate account of the NUSA's bank balance (instead of financial position) at all executive and general meetings.

PROPOSAL #7 AMENDMENT SUBMITTED BY CHIKE ODUNUKWE (MASSACHUSETTS CHAPTER)

1. Article Three, Paragraph 3.06 B. Swearing In of Officers. The newly elected officers shall be sworn in at the next scheduled convention as follows: I -----, do solemnly ... In the first sentence of the paragraph, delete the phrase "at the next scheduled convention and shall read "and In lieu of the deleted phrase add "at the conclusion of the election" The amended sentence shall then read thus: "The newly elected officers shall be sworn in at the conclusion of the election as follows: I -----, do solemnly..." **RECOMMENDATION:** This amendment should be adopted to rectify an anomaly in Article Three, Paragraph 3.06B **RESULT:** Proposal #7 passed unanimously.

PROPOSAL #9 AMENDMENT SUBMITTED BY Dr. BENJI ANOSIKE, NEW YORK

TRI-STATE

Amend Article Seven by Adding Paragraph: A 7.05 Pursuant to the aims and objectives of NUSA, each chapter shall be tasked for a set amount to be paid by the Chapter into the coffers of the NUSA treasury by or at each Annual Convention. The amount allocated to each Chapter shall be calculated by weighted average of the membership, in accordance with each Chapter=s Delegate voting power under Article 3.05(C) of the Constitution, EXCEPT, however, that in no case shall a Chapter pay less than \$1,000 or more \$5,000 for any given year. The Annual Convention for each current year shall, by a vote of the House of Delegates at that Convention, set the specific amount payable by each chapter for the next year. A chapter MUST make prompt and full payment of the amount allotted to it, in lump or in installments, except that any Chapter which fails to meet a given year =s obligation in full by the next immediate Convention, shall be there from be deemed suspended and shall lose all NUSA membership rights and privileges to which it is entitled under this Constitution until and unless the allotted obligation is fully paid up. The House of Delegates shall have the authority, from time to time at its discretion, to fix the overall money amount at a higher amount beyond \$5,000, or any amount at which the ceiling is fixed at the time.

RECOMMENDATION: This amendment should be rejected. It does not conform with the structural setup of NUSA. It is not in the best interest of NUSA. [If we ignore the fact that some chapters may actually represent one family in some year (eg. Mississippi and Michigan at one point, may still be the case), the minimum \$1000/chapter will definitely squash some members while the \$5000.00 ceiling may be "muffin" to large chapters (NY/NJ). We think it will always be disproportionate and unfair to set minimum ranges for work (money contributions) without setting minimums and maximums for chapter membership numerical strength. But how can we set any maximum limit for chapter strength when we need all Nnewians to join us? This proposition totally negates the previous submission for choosing the Executive Council from the General Assembly with no regards to delegate representation. Long John Silver said, "if it comes to hanging, hang all" (Treasure Island by?) If weighting is good in one area of representation, then weight all.] RESULTS: Proposal #9 was rejected.

PROPOSAL #10 AMENDMENT SUBMITTED BY CHIKE ODUNUKWE (MASSACHUSETTS CHAPTER)

Article Eight - Meeting, Paragraph 8.01 8.01 NUSA shall hold conferences within the months of July through October. The date, place and time of the conference shall be recommended by the Executive Council and ratified by the House of Delegates. In the first sentence of Paragraph 8.01 add the word "biannual" after the word "hold" in the sentence. The amended sentence shall read thus: "NUSA shall hold biannual conferences within the months of July through October."

RECOMMENDATION: This amendment should be considered. It was introduced last year by Boston and Houston, but not in time to be considered. All we seem to be doing is planning and attending Conference/Conventions. Shifting to a two-year schedule will give us a breathing room to plan and execute projects before convening to spend the little money we do not have. To reconcile the other Paragraphs of Article Eight with the amended Paragraph 8.01, delete the word "Annual" from Paragraphs 8.02, 8.03 and 8.06. Restructure Paragraph 8.05: The election of officers shall be held during the Annual conference in an election year. To read: "The election

of officers shall be held during the conference"

RESULTS: Proposal #19 was rejected

PROPOSAL #11 Amendment Submitted By Nnewi Association Of Southern California (NASC) 8.01 NUSA shall hold conferences within the months of July through October. The date, place and time of the conference shall be recommended by the Executive Council and ratified by the House of Delegates. Change 8.01 to read 8.1 The NUSA shall hold convention within the month of???. The Executive Council will recommend dates within the aforementioned month, subject to ratification by the House of Delegates.

RECOMMENDATION: This should not be adopted; the goal of this amendment is to restrict NUSA to a particular month for the conference/convention. The restriction will be an unnecessary hardship on host Chapters in securing a venue for the Conference & Gala.

RESULTS: Proposal #11 was withdrawn by proposing chapter.

DAY TWO: SATURDAY, JULY 7, 2001

MODERATOR: Ugo Uzodike (New York/New Jersey)

SCRIBE: Chris Ulasi (Houston)

PROVOST: Leo Okoli (Mississippi)

Opening Session

The meeting commenced at 8:00 a.m. EST with a prayer, said by Arunne Momah. Chike Odunukwe (Boston), chairman of the Convention Committee, thanked every one for coming to Boston –"where America got started." Boston has planned a great convention and, mindful of the historical significance of this city in US history, change (for NUSA) will also start here in Boston.

OPENING REMARKS BY THE PRESIDENT

Dr. Obiora greeted the General Assembly through the traditional "Anaedo Kwenu – Odinma Anaedo"! He piggybacked on what Chike Odunukwe said about starting anew to reinvigorate the spirit that spurned NUSA. He greeted the special guests who came all the way from Nigeria and elsewhere outside the United States. Among them: Chief Emeka Odumegwu Ojukwu (Ikemba Nnewi); Chief Amobi Chikwendu, Chairman, Nnewi North LGA; Chief D. V. C. Obi, Chief Ajulu Uzodike, Chairman, NUSA Board of Trustees; Chief (Mrs.) Nonye Mojekwu-Chukwujema; Senator Onyeabo Obi; Chief George Muoghalu, Nat'l Secretary APP; Dr. J. O. S. Okeke and Dr. Nlogha Okeke.

ROLL CALL Chris Ulasi conducted a roll call of participating chapters. The following chapters were present: Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, Dallas, Houston, Minnesota, Michigan, Miami, North Carolina, New York Tri-State, Southern California, and Washington, D.C.

HOST CHAPTER PRESIDENT OPENING REMARK

Mbanefo Obienu, host chapter president, gave his opening remarks by thanking everybody present for coming and promised a successful convention. He urged all to be diligent in reckoning of our collective agenda and purposeful deliberations.

FINANCIAL REPORT/BUDGET

Henry Mbonu (North Carolina), NUSA Financial Secretary, gave his annual financial report. He took questions from the floor on aspects of the report. In regards to outstanding pledges, he noted that his effort –letters and phone calls – to collect these monies were in vain. The house adopted his report by unanimous acclaim. Comments from the floor such as by Tony Ndum (Washington, D.C.) suggested calling out the names of those owning NUSA in the open. The president concurred with Tony Ndum’s suggestion and promised to read out the names of those owing NUSA.

SCHOOL REHABILITATION PROJECT REPORT

Nnaerika Okonkwo (Dallas), committee chairperson, identified the other committee members: Tony Ndum (Washington, D.C.), Chike Odunukwe (Boston), Benji Anosike (NY/NJ Tri State), and Henry Mbonu (North Carolina). He distributed copies of the committee’s report.

EROSION COMMITTEE REPORT Chike Odunukwe, committee chairperson, (committee members include: Ike Mbelu, Nnaerika Okonkwo, Tony Ndum, and Chike Momah) gave the report. He highlighted the significant and disastrous consequences of erosion in Nnewi. NUSA must endeavor to educate elected officials both on the local and state levels and including national to generate action on the problem. Dr. Nlogha Okeke (Ugwu ka aku) briefly informed the house of a detailed erosion report done by Nnewians which was about to be implemented with the help of the Japanese government but for the government of Late Gen. Abacha. *** Pictures of the Nnewi schools were on display.

GUEST SPEAKER #1: Chief Ajulu Uzodike.

Dr. Chris Ulasi, NUSA Gen. Secretary, introduced Chief Uzodike, after which Uzodike gave his presentation. In addition to being the Board Chairman NUSA Board of Trustees, Chief Uzodike is President/CEO Cutix Cable, PLC and Chairman Nnewi Chamber of Commerce and Industry. He gave three reports to the president of NUSA: List of companies in Nnewi, School Rehabilitation Report. (see his paper). Uzodike’s presentation was exhaustive and grounded in Nnewi’s needs and development problems. He praised the efforts of NUSA and adjoined the organization to aim bigger and higher because, in his mind, NUSA is following in the foot steps of a great philanthropic tradition pioneered by their forebears.

GUEST SPEAKER #2: Senator Onyebor Obi.

Chike Momah (New York Tri State) introduced the Senator (as his brother-in-law). Senator Obi began his presentation by thanking NUSA and everybody present for organizing the convention. He extended felicitations to all the distinguished guests from Nigeria and elsewhere outside the United States. He noted that, as of last December 2000, peace returned within Nnewi tradition structure. He gave credit to Nzuko - Ora Nnewi. He presented a copy of the new Nnewi Community Rules and Regulations (Marriages/Funeral Ceremonies) authored by Nzuko –Ora Nnewi. He touched on the rotational chairmanship of the Nnewi North Local Governor, an idea initiated by Nzuko-Ora. He supported the rotation idea as temporary political arrangement for the interest of stability. Bakassi issue. He emphatically stated that, Nnewi invited Bakassi Boys to Nnewi, not the Governor, as is claimed. He touched on the issue of environmental waste and its impact on the health of the town. How will the industrial waste in Nnewi be addressed. He invited Ajulu Uzodike to focus on this issue. He encouraged women to participate in NUSA administration.

GUEST SPEAKER #3: Chief George Muoghalu

Attorney Okey Chidolue (Houston) introduced George Muoghalu. Muoghalu is the National Secretary of All People's Party (APP). Following Chidolue's introduction, Chief Muoghalu thanked the organizers of the convention and paid homage to the distinguished guests present. He sketched the political landscape of Nigeria, punctuated by anecdotal incursions into the role of key political actors and institutions. He continued with a comprehensive critique of the lapses and missteps of the present PDP government. On Nnewi, he stressed the need to develop power generating plant to serve an industrial Nnewi. The dividend of democracy is nothing but the pronouncements of leaders with action to show for it.

LATE KOLA NUT PRESENTATION

An earlier oversight –presentation of kolanut -- was make good when Mbadiwe Obieniu presented kolanut to the assembly. Kolanut was presented to Otolo, Uruagu, Umudim, and Nnewi-Ichi. Dr. Nlogha Okeke said libation and prayer for breaking of the kolanut.

DISCUSSION ON SCHOOL REHABILITATION PROJECT Moderators: Sylvan Odubulu, NUSA PRO (Dallas) and Ugo Uzodike (New York Tri - State), NUSA Assistant PRO New York Tri-State). The questions covered Here is where the floor engages the presenters. Miss Oraka inquired on how donations to institutions in Nigeria can be cleared to avoid bottleneck at the ports. Dr. Nlogha Okeke spoke on how community efforts by Nnewians resulted in the take over of the Nnamdi Azikiwe University Teaching Hospital Nnewi by the federal government during the administration of Gen. Ibrahim Babangida. He admonished that, Nnewi sons and daughters in government must endeavor to help in the meaningful development of the town. Daniel Mogbo asked about the activity of Ohaneze Ndigbo and the various talks of alliance (across geo-political zones) going on right now in Nigeria. Senator Onyeabo Obi noted that Ohaneze should not form a political party or mushroom into one. He is not of the opinion that this will happen.

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER #4: Chief Amobi Chikwendu

Chief Amobi Chikwendu, Chairman Nnewi North LGA began his address by congratulating Nnewians in the USA for their foresight in forming NUSA, which he characterized as a dynamic and purposeful organization that has brought great benefits to the residents of Nnewi. He acknowledged the various development projects –school rehabilitation, among others-- being undertaken by NUSA in Nnewi and urged the organization to continue their laudable goals. He then went into the matter of Nnewi local government affairs; lack of fund continues hamper the execution of important projects such as roads and water in the city of Nnewi, the chairman lamented. On construction of roads in Nnewi, the chairman noted with an air accomplishment the tarring of a major street in Nkwo Edo Market. The chairman stressed that peace has returned to Nnewi (a point emphasized earlier by Senator Obi during his address). Peace and stability can only help facilitate consensus on important decisions after the Nnewi welfare, he observed. Again, he thanked NUSA for inviting him as a special guest speaker.

CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDRAISING

Isaac Emefo (Atlanta) moderated the fundraising drive which resulted in the raising a total of \$33,000.00 in donations and pledges. With this effort NUSA Boston 2001 surpassed a similar effort during NUSA Houston 1998 which raised about

\$28,000.00. Full report of the fundraising exercise is available from the financial secretary.

ELECTION OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

The election of new members of NUSA Executive Council is conducted every two years as per the Constitution. The summary of nominees and elected officials are presented below.

President: Dr. Michael Obiora (Michigan)

Vice President: Isaac Emefo (Atlanta)

Gen. Secretary: Ossy Okeke (New York Tri-State)

Assist Gen. Secretary: Achebe Anosike (Boston)

Treasurer: Henry Mbonu (North Carolina)

Fin. Secretary: Sylvan Odobulu (Dallas)

PR Office: Ugo Uzodike (New York Tri-State)

Assist. PRO: Emmanuel Nsoedo (Houston) Provost:
Leo Okoli (Mississippi)

The newly elected executive council was sworn into office by Mr. Chike Momah (New York Tri-State) who executed the oath. The president made a brief statement on behalf of the newly elected officers. He thanked the General assembly for the confidence they have bestowed on the new officers by this election. The conference was adjourned at approximately 6:30 P.M.

DAY THREE: SUNDAY, JULY 8, 2001 DELEGATE, CHAPTER PRESIDENT & NEW/OLD EXECUTIVE MEETING

Dr. Mike Obiora moderated this session although the meeting did not hold as planned. However the president used the occasion to recognize three members of the out-going executive counsel, namely: Dr. Chris Ulasi, General Secretary, Prince Ogo Orizu, Treasurer, and Henry Mbonu, Financial Secretary. The three were presented with plaques in recognition of their service and contribution to NUSA.

Respectfully Submitted:

Dr. Chris Chinwe Ulasi General Secretary, Nnewi USA