

**Minutes of NUSA Convention,
New York/New Jersey - Tri State
Friday July 4 2008 Morning secession**

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Arunne who told us that Igwe will be with us by 10:30 am. She stated that before the breaking of the Kola-nut we would observe a moment of silence in respect of Obi Umudim who passed away recently. She then called on Rev. Dr. Oramasionwu to say the opening prayer. In his prayer, among other pleadings the Rev. thanked God for sustaining NUSA and for safely guiding the Igwe Nnewi who is here with us today. Thereafter, Arunne thanked all who made it to this Convention for their efforts. She also thanked her brothers who came from Nigeria including her baby brother Zik Obi. Continuing, she also thanked Ozi-Uzo Nnewi for coming as usual. At this point she was interrupted and told that there are no programs of events at the venue. She then read the program she had aloud, explaining that the programs were included in the registration package. Thereafter, she yielded to the President of the host chapter Mr. Nathan Momah. Mr. Momah thanked all for coming requesting that NUA is for the good will of all Nnewi and promising that his chapter is poised to deliver a great convention. After his address, Arunne informed all that the guest speaker for tomorrow is Her Excellency Ms. Ogwu of the United Nation. The General Secretary, Achebe was then requested to make the roll call and the result is at follows :

Chicago: On their way

Houston: Chris Ulasi

LA Chidi Metu

NY/NJ: Nathan Momah

North Carolina: On their way

Ohio: At large not here

Washington/Maryland On their way

Mississippi Leo Okoli- at large

Florida Chinwe Enemchukwon- at large

Minnesota Eddie Ukatu- at large

Oklahoma CJ & Susan- at large

The President differed his report stating that he would wait and see if more people would come in because we were only 17 persons total in the meeting.

Chapter Report

Atlanta: Innocent Izundu stated that their chapter is waxing strong and wishes to host the next convention.

Boston: Achebe stated that Boston is intact as usual and reminded all that Boston is the first NUSA Chapter established in the US.

Dallas: Sam Azubogu thanked the host NY/NJ for a wonderful job so far. He stated that Dallas is still struggling with the the Ike Anazodo cancer problem. He informed us that as daunting as it is his situation is improving. He explained that Ike was getting better and has started going to court. That indeed he had wanted to come to this Convention but was advised otherwise by friends. He also informed us that Nnabuenyi recently had a surgery. After Azubogu's presentation Chinwe Enemchukwu thanked them for writing their brochure presentation in Igbo. Thereafter, Chidi Metu wanted to know from Azubogu whether the Dallas issue has been resolved. In answer he stated that they only had a difference of opinion and God is bringing them together. Leo Okoli reminded us that the issued continues and that Dallas should not confuse us as to their situation. At this point Ugo Uzodike made a point of correction stating that during chapter reports their should be no question and Answer.

Houston: Raymond Azubogu and Chris Ulasi. Chris Ulasi told us theat their new President is Raymond Azubogu and that Houston continues to be the most stable chapter. He reminded us that Houston was the 1st Chapter that seat stuff to Nnewi and followed up with a big book shelf.

He also stated that Houston is going to support the coming Igwe's Ofalla and called on NUSA to join in the effort.

LA: Chidi Metu stated that he is a delegate and that they are doing well. He told us that they bought fridges and TVs to the Nnewi motherless home and that they also hired two staff for the Home for two years. They procured have Okrika wears which are still sitting on his garage. They also have plans to ship Dialysis machine to Nnewi. He invited all to their Nnewi Iri-ji day but did not state the date. He voiced his concern that no one in their chapter is willing to lead as the Chapter President.

NY/NJ: Ugo Uzodike stated that he is the Vice President and welcomed all to the convention. He told us that a member of his Chapter has stepped up to become the next NUSA President with overwhelming support from the Chapter.

N. Carolina: On their way.

Maryland: On their way.

At-Large: CJ Odunnkwe told us that the At-large group does not have a formal chapter but they conference with their city membership on the phone. He reminded us that the at-large group was the pillar of the just concluded medical mission.

After doing the papper, Dr. Oramasionwu told the gathering that the reign of the Igwe started long before Christ. He told us that the Igwe is a very important part of our tradition. Thereafter, the VP, Arunne reminded us that Nnabuenyia recently had a surgery and could not make it here. She told us that Nnabuenyi donated a book to the talent contest. Continuing, the VP proceeded to report members who have not paid up their pledges. The Igwe then appealed to those donors to please pay up for the progress of NUSA. At this point the Ozi-Uzo Nnewi walked in and there was greeting all around.

President's Remarks:

The President told us that his official opening speech would he made after the Igwe's arrival scheduled at 10:30AM.

He stated that he wishes to talk about our money situation. He thanked all for the support they have given him over the four and half years of this Administration with Arunne, Achebe, Chinwe, Izundu, Gladys oramassionwu, Grace Anosike and Leo Okoli. He went on to thank all those who participated in the Home coming event especially medical team doctors, nurses etc. He thanked Mr. and Mrs. Nwizu for the eye glasses drive. He also thanked the relevant committees. He then lamented that certain chapters like LA, Atlanta etc have not paid their home coming dues. He however thanked the NY/NJ for paying up with a little more. He also lamented that we have a huge unpaid pledges and appealed to delegates and all present to bring it up with their chapters. He then appealed to all to pay their outstanding pledges.

At this point, CJ Odunukwe pointed out that some donors were not listed on one brochure-like Ethican, a branch of Johnson which donated surgical material to the medical mission. As result of the success of the medical mission the President stated that we needed to decide weather we would be doing the medical mission every three years or every two years. At this point CJ advised that given that only few members are present such important decision should be deferred. Ossy Okeke then told us that regarding the Home coming T shirts, only about 4 people have so far paid. He called on to pay up. Gladys suggested calling out the names of those who are yet to pay at the main meeting.

At exactly 10:35 am, the Igwe and Ifediezemma were ushered in and all stood in respect. Ike Mbelu explained that the Igwe would not be long but would pray on the Kola for us. Just before that, the VP requested that all stand in a moment of silence for the Obi Umudim. That done, and

with the Kola in hand, the Igwe thanked the President and his executive for their work and prayed God to bless NUSA reminding us that the convention is a time for us to gather, exchange pleasantries and focus on the greater work for the people. He prayed God to guide and bless all and give us the insight to remember the less fortunate who are at home. He then prayed for long life, prosperity and Forgiveness were we have erred. He ended by saying that he was sure that God will hear our prayers today.

After Igwe's Kola prayer, Ose Orji Nnewi, Chief Onyeabor Obi was called upon to make the kola pepper. He then held the Kola pepper behind him on a traditional posture, reminding us that the Igwe has said the main prayer but that his is only a humble addition. After his kola-prayer CJ requested to know why the hand at the back posture for the Kola pepper. The Igwe then explained that Ose-Orji does not venture on a shameful fighting attack. After the Igwe's explanation Ose-Orji Nnewi stated that the other reason was as respect to the Ose-Orji (mustard seed) so it does not attack and pepper a bad person.

Town Hall Meeting: The President opened the Town Hall Meeting by continuing to thank the Igwe for the support he gives us all the time, requesting to consult the Igwe's Ofala speech where he devoted several pages to NUSA. He called on all to continue the support of the Nkwo library and the Triangle project which he said was the brain work of the Igwe himself. He told us that the Igwe has special interest on 3 main areas, Stadium, Cemetery and a Civic Center.

After his speech Ossi Okeke wanted to know if there has been any progress in securing the Nkwo Triangle, that is, whether it has been approved or not. In answer, the Igwe explained that there are no ownership issues. That Nnewi owns the Triangle. He stated that the only issues are the social problems associated with evicting the traders on that land. Continuing he stated that the Nzuko Ora Nnewi is currently planning the tenants' relocation. The Igwe also stated that he would reach out to Nzuko Ora and other relevant quarters to secure the place.

Chidi Metu-LA, signaled that he had two questions: (1). Whether Nnewi can carve out a GRA for development. (2). Bakassi Aguleri vigilante how long they would be in Nnewi, since they are doing a good job. The Igwe answered that the present Anambra Government is doing a master plan for the state which will determine the question on GRA. On the vigilante group the Igwe explained that it is a different outfit, not the Bakassi group which is banned. He however stated that the federal and state Governments allow community vigilante services which are what is in place in Nnewi at this point. He explained that prior to their formation the armed robbers were beginning to gain upper hand, raiding banks and other places with ease. He informed us that Nnewi people sank over 10 million in this vigilante group and they are doing a wonderful job in securing Nnewi. He continued by stating that Nnewi is now known throughout the state as a fortress impenetrable by armed robbers for now and with God's help forever.

At this point, Rev. Dr Oramasionwu told us that Nkwo triangle as a sacred symbol of all Nnewi and appealed to all to keep secret. He talked about Ikwu-aruru and Itisi-Okpa. The Igwe explained that Ikwu aruru is a ceremony to Edo and that he stopped it. He informed us that Ikwu-aruru was an exhibition of wealth in fulfillment of the promise to wife of Edo. Alex Nweji touched on the Urban planning suggesting that the local government could at least attempt a garbage trash disposal. Stating that manufacturing and industry is good, he however opined that Ibeto, Chikason, Ofordene etc., should commit to an environmentally good plan of disposing their waste products.

The Igwe in answer commented that disposal planning is an area for government but that government officers mostly think about enriching themselves. He wondered when persons from America who are not selfish can come into government. At this point, Oziuzor Nnewi advised us to write to our representatives, Igwe, the Governor and deputy governor that NUSA demands garbage disposal, incinerator and waste management regarding hazardous waste. Copy to Anambra state Govt.

Ike Mbelu advised that in prosecuting a master plan by the state government, Nnewi should be a part of it using zoning to protect Nnewi. He explained that if we don't participate others would

decide our faith for us.

Osorji thanked all for the honor given his family by the position occupied by Arunne, his elder sister. He complained about the scanty number in this morning's gathering, lamented that no information regarding this convention is on the web. He stated that our web site has no information. He also lamented that at Nnewi forum NUSA members are strong on abusing themselves and that the only good thing about that forum is "talk of the day". Regarding the library he stated the engine of any library are books. We advised that we should not look for the ultimate, only seek what is practical. He opined that if members donate \$500.00 each the library may be achievable, the down side being his discovery that since members pledges since 1999 have not been paid, such prospects would be a problem. He however advised us to lead the charge on planning and environmental projects. Margaret Anaba, nee Okoli Ozuomba, observed that NUSA's Conventions appear to be an exercise on intellectual discussion with not much more to show. She suggested that our membership should first challenge all Nnewians in the US to make a difference towards NUSA's progress by reaching all our people for donation.

Chidi Metu asked about the Nwafor-Orizu statue at the NKWO rotary and asked if we could have the federal government give Nnewi a befitting Post office. Igwe answered that the statue is his brother's and he could never find fault with that. On the post office issues, he said that it is the duty of elected officials to request that. Talking about the incinerator once again, Chioma Okeke stated that incinerator is not so expensive and wondered why the local government or other quarters cannot set it up stressing that our people at home are actually wealthier than we in the US are. Leo Okoli concurred, that NUSA membership is not a money pot and that stadium project is important.

The Igwe explained that the state of Anambra promises to become partners with community projects along with local government in 3 ways. Community, State and local govt. He stated that the traditional rulers mainly advise while the Nzuko Ora Nnewi is charged with developing the town. Uche Odiliafors canvassed that she wants the stadium to be cited in Nnewi-ichi. She went on to pollution in Nnewi stating that her chapter (NCOWA) has already raised some money towards dealing with it. He pointed out that the health and hygiene hazard of pollution which kills a lot of our people in our community. She then call for all chapters to coordinated effort on pollution advising all to contact NCOWA with their moves. In his speech, Zik Obi thanked all and stated that this is his first time to NUSA. He told us to always play the right politics advising that if we are not with the government we cannot make progress pointing at the present division APGA; a division that is spear headed by Nnewi people. He called on people in America to lead the way. At about 12:30 PM, the Igwe and lfediezemma left and we briefly resumed our meeting which eventually ended with Washington/ Maryland Chapter report.

Washington/Maryland: Ms. Odulatu stated that they are happy to be here with us today. He informed us that they had a successful NCOWA day, 2008. She informed us that their chapter had earlier donated 60 beds and beddings to the Nnewi Motherless Home. She said that NCOWA is also planning on donating big water tank and a food cabinet with covers to protect Babies' food from mice and rats. She informed us that out of 22 children in the home at some point 12 died from what they said was lack of quick emergency response sometimes even from common high temperature. Nnaerika suggested that those chapter projects be incorporated into NUSA projects. Ms. Odiliafor continued by informing us that their chapter now has life insurance. At this point, Dr. Ebube stated that upon information as a delegate most of the issues including insurance cooperation with NUSA have been discussed and adopted. The President then underlined Ebube's position. He advised chapters to inform NUSA on their projects. He advised NUSA officials and delegated to always report delegate discussion to their chapters. With that, Arunne announced the NUSA Raffle draw and requested members to buy. The the President then called for a recess and requested Arunneto say the closing prayer. When asked about adjournment he said it was only a recess and did not think a motion for adjournment is required. After Arunne's prayer and upon a second thought the President changed his mind on adjournment and called on Sam Azubogu who moved for adjournment second by Gladys Odelatu and the Meeting ended at 12:51 PM. Recess, Bus tour and then cultural night

July 5, 2008 Morning session:

The president called the meeting to order at 10:25am and the VP requested Rev. Dr. Ngozi Obi to lead us in prayer. After the prayer the secretary was called upon to do the recap of the previous day's activities. Upon completion of the Recap, the Secretary was called upon to read the minute. He then started and at some point during the reading the Igwe came down and the reading stopped as the Igwe was ushered in. Thereafter the reading of the minute continued. There was however, a small part of the Minute recorded by others in Michigan while the Secretary was away on a brief emergency. That part was not in the Minute and as a result there was a mild debate about adopting the minute since it was obviously incomplete. The President overruled those who wanted it adopted as is, and suspended the adoption of the minute. Thereafter, Kola nuts were presented and Igwe Nnewi said the kola-nut prayers. After the breaking of the Kola the President requested all to stand and introduce ourselves especially since the Igwe is here. The introduction was a prolonged but an interesting one. At the conclusion of the introduction there were questions mainly for the Igwe and answers. The questions were numerous and mostly on adoptions in Nnewi and who was the prior diokpala of Nnewi, the questioner, obviously an Umudim indigene suggesting that Umudim was the diokpala. On that question the Igwe said it was true but that something occurred and as a result of our custom they lost that right. On the question of adoption the Igwe explained that adoption is good and welcome to our community. Senator Ose-Orji a well known lawyer also explained that inheritance occurs at the point of death. On the issue of Igwe/Eze/chieftancy tussle by our neighbors the Igwe told us that it stems from how those communities organize themselves. A repeat question on diokpala Nnewi was insisted on by Chidi Metu and the Igwe explained that he does not "gbuwa-aku-oyibo nsuagbe". He went on to explain that the issue of Okpala Nnewi usually stems from activities revolving on Ikwu-ahu when the "ofor" Okpala Nnewi is produced as are other "ofors".

The question of Osu was asked of the Igwe who explained that the Osu caste has been outlawed in Nnewi. On a follow-up the Igwe stated that the Osu caste began by bullied people who were pressured to taking refuge and protection from the Edo in those days. once such a person declares his intention to be protected from the Edo. In those days once such a person declared his intention to be protected by Edo by publicly eating "nzu", he was left alone for the fear of what Edo would do to the bullies. In his contribution the Ose-Orji explained that it was a social issue like sexism, racism etc. and explained that it would be completely eradicated by social education and evolution which would be a question of time. He urged all to go ahead and ignore the OSU caste for the complete abolition of the caste. Regarding Igwe's succession, he stated that in Nnewi it is a fee tail. On that note the Igwe left us at 1:39PM

Thereafter, the secretary was called upon to complete the minute. It was then time to correct and to amend the minute. Starting from page 1 "Home coming" not home coming convention. Page 6 that Gas Anyadegwu should be Goz Anyadiegwu. P.12, Dr. Anazodo (not clear). Also that Arunne did not "argue" but "explained. Nnaerika presented the library committee report which was accepted in Michigan. On the Ndum-Page 12 "Tony" Ndum not "Leo" Ndum. Page 6 "Ijeoma" Enendu, not just "Enendu". With that, Tony Ndum moved for the adoption of the Minute, seconded by CJ Odunkwe. After the reading there was a spontaneous standing ovation led by Rev. Dr. Ngozi Obi who stated that the Secretary needed to be applauded for a wonderful job. The president then reminded the chapters to register their membership stating the obvious importance and warning that electoral officers would be strict on that .

Budget and Finance Report:

Mr. Eddie Ukatu presented his report stating that our cash at hand as at July1, 2006 was \$41,033. Our Receivable as at 6/30/06 was \$79,455.01. For the 2008 financial year, cash at bank was \$82,794.12. The Budgeted Revenue was \$178,995.00. The total estimated expense is \$23,600. For further information on this matter please see the financial Secretaries Statement of Revenue and Expenses which is hereby incorporated by reference into this Minute. After his presentation Dr. Susan Odunkwe wanted to know whether the Financial Secretary received the list of donors

generated at the home coming event at Nnewi.

Thereafter, the Financial Report was moved to be received by Arunne and seconded by Sylvan Odobulu. Back to Susan's question, in answer, Ukatu said that he had the list. Odobulu wanted to know whether the Receivables on medical mission levy is reported since only \$6,300.00 of that has been collected. Ukatu then explained that their was a decision by the delegates to replace medical mission levy with 2007 chapter annual dues. He explained that since there are chapters with very few membership coupled with the fact that who a chapter is, has not been completely resolved, he was unable to make the Receivable determination on the medical mission levy.

In his contribution, Henry Mbonu commended the financial Secretary and implored all to applaud his effort. There was applause. Henry then moved to receive the financial report seconded by CJ Odunkwe. Okey Agbasi also moved to receive the budget seconded by Uche Odulatu. At the conclusion, the President informed us that an election is coming and a Town Hall meeting. Lunch was not ready at 3:06PM

Guest Speech:

Our guest speaker Rev. Dr. Oramasionwu stated that his 1st contact with Nnewi was in 1948 when he returned to Nnewi. In 1950 he became a student at Okongwu Memorial Grammar School. He subsequently become impressed with Nnewi perhaps as a result of the caliber of its leaders. They were trail blazers in their different fields especially in business. Peaople like Okoli "Agwu-agwu", L.P. Ojukwu, Z. C. Obi, Okonkwo Kano, Muojekwu who founded Okongwu with Nnewi Patrotic association and others. He told us that these trail blazers made Nnewi proud. He stated that the Nnewi Student Union was very powerful in those days and praised NUSA as an incarnation of the Nnewi student union where he met Ose Orji Nnewi for the 1st time.

Citing our theme he spoke of fire and light. As for light, which is the logo of Okongwu he told us that light is Christ. He said that Plato taught us that education is light and by extension education is Christ and makes use strive to become God like. Stating that "Mmuta" in Igbo leads to "Amamife" and those who use their brains for "Ogu gu isi" as in Calculation and Mathematics. He continued by saying that Mmuta is science and Art. He told us that education leads to light and success. He said that man when born is already programmed to be able to acquire knowledge. All he needs is some form of stimulation. He stated that Informal education begins at home as the family is the basic social structure and the father is usually the head. He advised that unity is family based and parents should ensure that. "Ukwu Usuke" as in "oga rukwu usuke" means that traveling is in Igbo a major part of education. He deposed that in the olden days in Igbo land, those who "kotalu nna ha-akpa" as in travelers were usually very wise. The Rev. Dr. stressed that there is so much in our culture that needs to be revitalized, perhaps reformed but a must to put back in place. He called on all to join hands to move our people forward and told us to "bunu-bunu, ibu anyi danda", stating that "Nwa zor okpa na ana nnaya, obi esie ya ike". He praised the 2007 Home Coming stating that apart from its concrete achievement, he also had a fun Christmas as a side benefit. His speech was cut short at about 3:15PM to the disappointment of this writer as a result of schedule and time constraint. We then left for launch.

After lunch the meeting was flagged of by Arunne at 4:30 pm. She informed us that the next item is the presidential Recap. Before the President's address the VP warned all to procure their ticket to guarantee smooth admission to the Gala night and other activities. Thereafter, the President started his Recap by thanking NY/NJ tri state for a wonderful Convention. He also thanked Arunne for successfully chairing and planning this year's convention. He stated that He hoped that Atlanta would match their efforts. He also went on to thank the Home coming committee members. Also he thanked the fund raising committee and the medical mission team especially the chair Dr. CJ Odunkwe. Ebube, Afam Ikejiani and Dr. Nkemdilim. He continued to offer thanks to Igwe Nnewi and his counsel of chiefs, Nzuko-Ora Nnewi, Ozi-Uzo Nnewi and Ose-Orji Nnewi who helped us see the governor. At some point the President asked if we could adopt one missionary hospital in Nnewi, to at least help put one such hospital to adequate equipment status. After his speech he announced that we are now on our

Town Hall meeting.

Town Hall Meeting: Before we actually started the town Hall Odobulu's birthday was announced and a birthday song was sung. The cake was cut and distributed to the membership. Thereafter, CJ Odunnkwe told us that Dr. Nkemdilim and his staff were of great help during the medical mission. He stated that many Nnewi doctors numbering at least 20 from different part of US who were informed did not show up. He asked NUSA to find a way to get these doctors and other Nnewi professionals to join us on any future Medical Mission.

Commenting on the power summit Ozi Uzo Nnewi stated that it was Maduabum that started the summit and named senator Obiora to join him for the purpose of gathering political strength. Ozi-Uzo became a member of that summit to muster economic strength. He stated that the Summit was extremely successful. The power summit targeted electrical generation and drove down the cost to N18 per kilowatt hour in Nnewi which is comparable to what obtains in Aba. Prior to the Summit Aba enjoyed the singular lowest cost of generation per kilowatt hour. Before production begins, the stake holders wanted to do a formal power design and signing of all the contract documents. It was promised that the time from signing of contract to the production of electricity would not be more than two years with electrical production on a 24/7 basis in Nnewi. After his presentation Rev. Dr. Oramasionwu told us that a young cousin of his in Abidjan requested that he let us know that NUSA foot print has been sighted in Abidjan and it is encouraging, and that we should find a way to continue our good deeds.

Regarding ASUTEC being held hostage by the federal government, NUSA was advised to write the appropriate quarters to resuscitate it. In her speech, Lillian Okoye thanked the pioneers of the NUSA. She thanked all the participants of medical mission stating that toward the 6th day of the Mission, she almost past out. At the end and upon arrival in the US, her son thanked her for taking him home. In his speech Odhobula thanked all that came to Nnewi. He suggested that we agree to a tri-Annual medical mission. He appealed to all and requested anyone that might have been wronged in anyway to forgive. Dr. Chris Ulasi also thanked the entire executive for a job well done. He told us that he is the Vice president of ASAUSA reminding us that Barrister Zik Obi's advice is for us to learn to play the right politics. He then informed us that ASA USA is on its way to a medical Mission which would also be stationed at Akwu-udo. He called on us to always support the project as it benefits us as well. Ike Mbelu thanked the President and his executives for leading us through the Home coming stating that by that we achieved a great deal. Tony Ndum thanked the outgoing Administration advised them to always lend a helping hand to the incoming Administration he told them not to be in a hurry to retire. He warned NUSA about its neglect of our children advising it to integrate them in our programs.

In his speech, Ose Orji Nnewi quoted Shakespeare on great expectation telling NUSA that the challenge is on us. He talked about Nnewi Ichi nightings informing us that historically Nnewi Ichi has held Nnewi together. He reiterated the need for being politically correct to achieve our objectives. He advised us to always have plans A B C etc., but to always start from our last option with eyes on our first option. He stated that we need to reduce our political temperature to get developmental achievement. He told us that in spite of our marginalization the development in Igbo land is much more than what obtains in the North. He said that during Igwe Nnewi's last pilgrimage to Israel, he nominated Eze-Ogidi to go with him stating that Nnewi's peace is now here to stay. At this point members were requested to volunteer to the election committee.

Lilian, Ebube and Mrs. Mbelu volunteered and were asked to retire and produce their modalities Sam Azubogu then resumed with the Town Hall Meeting and thanked all for coming reminding us that he is author of quote of the day on the Nnewi forum. He who sows her soul bountifully will reap bountifully and everyone that can afford giving to others is also giving to God. Leo Okoli said that "nti amalụ ama eji ya anu ife Kama ara kpani orji naya". He urged all to also thank Moi, Mike Ike for his initial support. He then touched on the Boston issue and its resolution. He eventually talked of Dallas and appealed to them for a resolution. Susan Odunkwe stood to acknowledge Issac Emefo and the sacrifice he made during the Home coming. She also praised Mr. Nwaeje for

his effort in procuring, storing and transporting medical materials and equipments. She also commented the cost of Home Coming on members including the cost of this Convention on members.

Nnaerika thanked the Executive for essentially embracing a thankless job. He also thanked members for showing up especially those from Nnewi including Mrs. Anazodo Mabel. The president announced convention in Atlanta 2009, Huston 2010 and Perhaps LA 2011 but to be ratified by the coming Administration.