

2011 NUSA CONVENTION MINUTES

Los Angeles, California.

Day 1 – Friday, July 1, 2011.

Meeting was called to order at 10:55 a.m., by the vice president, Dr. Grace Odunukwe-Anosike.

A. Opening Prayer

Opening prayers was said by Reverend Nnamdi Ahanotu. He asked that God make the convention a success, and also guide those on their way to the convention so that they would arrive safely.

Dr. Grace Odunukwe-Anosike, the presiding president for the convention, thanked pastor Ahanotu for the opening prayers. She also thanked the host chapter members for their wonderful welcome party at Chidi Metu's residence, the night before. She went over the day's agenda items, before calling on host chapter president to give his welcome address.

B. Host Chapter President's Opening Remarks

The hosting chapter president, Reginald Obiamalu, welcomed all convention attendees, and assured them that the Los Angeles chapter would do its best to make their stay in Los Angeles a memorable one. He, Reginald Obiamalu, asked for positive understanding from members, and that any misgivings during deliberations be handled constructively and positively toward an amicable resolution.

C. Introduction of Dignitaries

The following Nnewi dignitaries were introduced by the NUSA secretary/host president, Reginald Obiamalu: Chief Ajulu Uzodike (Ozi-Uzo Nnewi), Chief Chike & Ethel (Arunne) Momah, Mazi Emeka & Adora Obi, from San Francisco. Mazi Emeka Obi informed convention attendees that they have Nnewi neighborhood meetings in San Francisco, and they are interested in joining NUSA as a local chapter.

Mrs. Ekwegbalu was introduced as the convention Keynote speaker, while Dr. Okonkwo from Southern California chapter was introduced as the moderator for the entire convention.

D. Chapter Roll Call

1. Boston Chapter acknowledged its presence through Bassie Nwosu
2. Chicago Chapter was absent
3. North Carolina was absent
4. Washington DC/Maryland: we were told they were no longer member of NUSA
5. At-Large was acknowledged by Chidi Agba from Mississippi
6. Los Angeles acknowledged its presence through Ike Mbelu
7. Houston chapter acknowledged its presence through Iheanacho Okeke
8. Dallas chapter was acknowledged by Ethel Momah
9. New York-New Jersey Tri-State chapter was acknowledged by Ossy Okeke
10. Atlanta Chapter was acknowledged by Onyi Ekwegbalu

E. Reading of the Last NUSA Convention Minutes

After much deliberations on whether to read out the minutes on the floor of the convention, or not, due to want of time, a vote of convention members present was taken and results were as follows:

- a. Those who wanted the minutes read privately by members.....18
- b. Those who wanted the minutes read on the floor of the convention.....4
- c. Those who abstained from voting.....5
- d. Total participants in the voting.....27

Meeting Adjournment for the Bus Tour

The first session of the convention was adjourned at 11:14 a.m. in preparation for the convention bus tour of Los Angeles

F. Convention Bus Tour of Los Angeles

The scenic bus tour of Los Angeles was undertaken between 1:25 and 4:30 p.m.

Day 1 Session II

A. Kola-nut Presentation

Host chapter president, Reginald Obiamalu, apologized to members for the omission of not presenting the traditional kola nut at the beginning of the convention. The local chapter vice president, David Okonkwo, first presented the kola nuts to the NUSA convention stirrer, Grace Odunukwe-Anosike, then to the NUSA elder statesman, Chief Chike Momah (Nnabuenyi), before presenting same to the four arms of Nnewi – Otolu (Dan Mogbo as rep), Umudim (mazi Eke as rep), Uruagu (Eke?), and Nnewichi (Sam Okeke as rep). Kola nut was finally blessed by Chief Chike Momah, Nnabuenyi Nnewi, who amongst other things asked for the Good Lord's blessings during the convention. He minded members that as brothers and sisters, we should relate well with one another. He prayed for our leaders, most especially our NUSA president, Nathan Momah, who was conspicuously absent due to illness.

B. Deliberations and Adoption of 2010 NUSA Convention Minutes

The only comments on the NUSA 2010 convention minutes came from Chief Chike Momah, who referred members to page 5 of the minutes and asked to know why NUSA account balance was just \$58,792.59. Grace Odunukwe-Anosike responded that the account was not accurate and was short \$50,000 which was the amount transferred to Nigeria.

Ethel Momah congratulated the former NUSA secretary, Susan Odunukwe, for a well-written convention minutes.

Osy Okeke referred members to page 13, and suggested that the organization look into establishing [poor audio] just like Indians do. His suggestion was well received by members in attendance.

Ethel Momah moved for the adoption of the minutes, and was supported by Chi-Chi Orizu, and minutes was adopted.

C. Matters Arising from the Minutes

Members were informed that the 2010 medical mission Nnewi was shelved due in part to security problems in Nnewi, and insufficient volunteers/participants who had previously agreed to participate.

Amaka Machie asked for some clarification on the said letter to the governor of Anambra State, and was told that a letter was prepared but was not sent/delivered to the governor as agreed. Amaka Machie then advised that the organization should always endeavor to make good on any issue agreed to be undertaken. Grace Odunukwe-Anosike added that the said letter to the governor was not sent due to the advise of the so-called stakeholders at Nnewi.

Chief Chike Momah suggested we start using prominent Nnewi people who are always present at our conventions, like Chief Ajulu Uzodike (Ozi-Uzo Nnewi) to do our bidding in Nnewi/Nigeria.

D. Chapter Reports

1. Atlanta report was presented by Onyi Ekwegbalu:

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- Atlanta visited the homeless last year. Donations, like sandwiches, were made. Very successful.
- Atlanta Christmas party, also very successful
- Nnewi Day 2011: Held in May, 2011. Theme:[Speaker not audible on tape]. Had guests from Nigeria and all over the world. Very successful event. Will be making announcement very soon once everything is tallied. Had a lot of support from other chapter members, NUSA, Tri-State, Eddy Ukatu, Chidi Metu, Eddie Nnadi, Arunne and Chike Momah, Dr. Mike Anazodo,. Did not hear from NUSA as a body. Chief Dr Eugene Ojukwu , Ekesson, all the way from Nigeria came and supported them
- Participated in the Nigerian Independence Day event last year, and will also participate this year

They hope to do better next and add on their success so far. They called on those Nnewi citizens residing in Atlanta who are not participating with them to join them.

2. Boston report presented by: Chike Nwosu, vice president Boston

- Boston had a Christmas/End of Year celebration for 2010. Children who were graduating from various institutions were recognized. They plan on doing same in 2011.
- There were about six families from the Boston chapter who came to the convention.

3. At- Large report was presented by: Leo Okoli:- Asked that we clap for At-large for doing so well within the organization. Leo stated that they were growing more in number and age.

- He told members that it was at-large that donated hospital beds through Eddie Ukatu to NUSA
- Also, Chinwe Enemchukwu donated wheel chairs to NUSA through at-large chapter
- He asked that all other chapters emulate at-large for their exemplary contribution to NUSA
- Finally, he assured members that At-large will host NUSA convention one day

4. Dallas report was presented by: Mrs. Ethel Momah:

- Dallas Issue: Mrs. Momah informed members that despite last year's NUSA 2010 intervention in Houston, etc, including their unity party, no one wanted to assume the position of president. There were too many declines to head the chapter, so she accepted the position after so many declines. She stated that her presidency was by "default". There were over 70-something members, yet, not all are showing. Meetings are late and at the end only about 16 show up to meetings
- There are three families with new born babies, Ofodile's father's death (mkpata)

- three families with high school graduation, two families with higher degrees
- Ejike Arinze
- Celebration of birthdays (Ike Ofomata's mother 75, Chike Momah, 80, Mrs. Ethel Momah, 77 years)
- State of Texas recognized Nnabuenyi Nnewi, with their highest honor bestowed to its citizens. This elicited a standing ovation
- Nnabenyi Nnewi has also written five books so far, gives books away to our youth.
- July 16, 2011, an Nnewi citizen will be ordained a priest in Dallas, and Dallas will support him

5. **Chicago** report by: Mrs. Ileka:

- Attendance is still poor at meetings
- High level of apathy amongst members
- After the 2005 convention which was hosted by Chicago, NUSA had not yet refunded the local chapter their expenses, and they were still waiting

6. **Southern California** report by: Chy Uba:

Welcomed all to Southern California. Southern California members were doing well in the local chapter.

The women had started emulating their male counterpart in keeping issues within the meeting

All of our energies were channeled towards the hosting the 2011 NUSA convention. The local president, Reginald Obiamalu, thanked NUSA for their financial support towards hosting the convention

7. **New York-New Jersey/Tri-State** report by: Osy Okeke:

Introduced Tri-state members in attendance- Onochie Nmadubuko, Alex Nwejido, Vin Okeke, and Chioma Okeke.

New York-New Jersey Tri-state has been moving forward with supporting NUSA in all of its cause, including medical mission chapter contributions. Apart from Atlanta chapter, Tri-state was the only contributor to the said medical mission levy.

- The chapter had a Cook-out at Dr Adulfos Anosike's residence. It was well attended and successful
- It also had its Christmas party at Ngozi Anosike's residence, and was successful. Gifts were given to children at the party.
- The chapter supported Atlanta chapter towards a member's medical issue
- The chapter donated 20 seats to Mbuli hospital totaling N450,000 (four hundred and fifty thousand Naira)
- Chapter resolved to help in local charitable projects
- The chapter holds its Annual Cook-out activities in second week of August, and all are invited.

8. **Houston** report by: Ifeanacho Okeke:

- Iheanacho noted that it was at the Houston convention that the Dallas issue was resolved
- *[Audio was very poor, and could not get all info]*

Summary Report by Vice President

- Thanked all for their participation
- Reminded members of the cultural night activities coming up later, and

- Informed members that the next day's session would start at 9:00 a.m.
- She assured members that the next day's issues will be uncomfortable but will be discussed and ended amicably,
- Also, slated for Day 2 were - Constitutional Amendments, financial report, town hall discussion, medical mission, keynote speaker forum, nkwo triangle project, after that we get ready for the gala-night

In closing, Reginald Obiamalu went over some house-keeping information. He reminded members that Room 1016 – was the staging area room, Pacific B - the venue for cultural night activities, time at the moment was 8:15 p.m. and all will assemble for the cultural night activities in about 1 hour (at 9:15 p.m.)

Mrs. Ekwegbalu moved the motion to adjourn the meeting for the day, and Mr. Dixon Nwosu supported the motion. And meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m..

Day 2 July 2, 2011

A. Grace Odunukwe-Anosike: Welcomed all in attendance and stated that the following will be the order of activities for the day:

- Hosting chapter kola presentation
- NUSA Financial Report from the financial secretary, Ifeanacho Okeke
- Constitutional amendment
- Keynote speaker forum
- Lunch break for 1 hour
- Town Hall: Library Project, Medical mission, Host chapter for 2012 convention, matters arising,
- Fund raising
- Host chapter vote of thanks
- Gala-night activities

B. Opening Prayers:

Said by Rev Nnamdi Ahanotu. Asked the good Lord to lead through our various discussions on the way forward for our town Nnewi. He asked that the good lord guide those still on their way to the convention.

C. Kola Nut Breaking:

Reginald Obiamalu, host president, called on David Okonkwo, chapter vice, to do the customary kola-nut breaking ceremony. He called on the youngest arm (Nnewichi) member, Osy Okeke, to present the kola nuts. Nnabenyi Nnewi (Chike Momah) was given the elder kola nut. The representatives of the four arms of Nnewi were also given kola nuts. The various reps of the arms of Nnewi were given the opportunity to bless the kola nut, after being blessed by Nnabuenyi Nnewi.

D. Financial Report by NUSA Financial Secretary, Ifeanacho Okeke:

Ifeanacho Okeke told members that he would go over the report and if there are any questions after, he would try to answer the much he knew and where he had no response, would try to seek answers from those who could answer them. He went on to say that there are three major accounts he would be talking about, and they are: 1) Main Account (here in the US), 2) Library Account (here in the US), 3) Nnewi Account (account in Nnewi).

Below, is the NUSA Financial account as presented by the financial secretary:

Nnewi USA, Inc.

Statement Of Income & Expenses

From: July 2010 - May 31st, 2011

As Reported By: Ifeanacho Okeke

		Inflow	Outflow
A	Balance Brought Forward From Eddie Ukatu's Statement		
	Main Account	\$29,738.24	
	From Atlanta chapter: Donation at 2009 convention	\$50.00	
	Total	\$29,788.24	
	Library Account \$68,197.42		
	Add Deposit on May 15, 2010 \$1,000.00		
	Less Amount Wired to Nnewi for Library Project (\$50,000.00)		
	Less Wire Fee (\$45.00)	\$19,152.42	
	Nnewi Account in Naira 1,163,000.00		
	\$50,000 Wired for the Library Project @150 7,484,095.00		
	Less Amount Given to Ike Mbelu for Library Project (4,000,000.00)		
	Given to Ruby for the Igwe and the 3 Obis (80,000.00)		
	Bank Charges and COT (24,146.45)		
B	Total, Less Bank Charges 4,542,948.55	\$30,286.00	
	Receipts From Houston Convention 2010		
	Convention Registration \$14,450.00		

C	Donations and Women Dance \$9,216.00		
	Chapter Dues \$9,600.00		
	Donation from Alex and Uju Nweje, Library Pledge in 2008 \$300	\$33,566.00	
	Medical Mission Donations		
	Atlanta Chapter \$1,200.00		
	Tri State \$ 500.00		
	S Anya \$200.00		
	Ethel Momah \$200		
	Pathy Ubah From California \$100.00		
D	Astruzenela Pharmaceutical Co \$1,000.00		
	Expenses/Outflow		
	Eddie Ukatu for Shipment of Medical Equipment \$203.35		
	Margarate Anaba For Shipment of Medical Mission Equipment \$388.71		
	Olalf Sunny For moving Med mission equipments to Ruby's house \$110		
	Oni Tony for Shipping Medical Mission Equipment to Nigeria \$1,350.00		
	Ruby Nnadi for Coolers for package of Eye glasses to Nig for safety \$138.84		
	Chinwe Enemchukwu, moving Med Mission wheel chairs to Ruby' house \$150		
	Dr. Ike Ofomata for Med. Mission Medications \$1,500.00		
	John Momah for shipment and clearing of Med. Mission Equipments \$2,237.00		
	Nathan Momah for Dhl, Sending mails to Nig \$722.39		

	Check to Houston Chapter for Saturday Lunch and Gala Nite \$8,043.44		
	Check for seed money to Southern California \$3,000.00		
	Refund to Nathan Momah for Trucking 25 beds from Minnesota- New Jersey \$1,900.00		
	Total Expense/Outflow		\$22,343.73
	Refund		
	Refund from Dr. Ofomata for medication, due to Med Mission Cancellation	\$1,500.00	
	Total Inflow – Outflow = \$117,492.66 \$22,343.73 = \$95,148.93		
	Main Account \$45,710.51		
	Library Account \$19,152.42		
	Nnewi Account \$30,286.00		
	Total Cash, Main Account, Library and Nnewi Account \$95,148.93		
	This Account is based on information made available to me, and is subject to further review.		

Mr. Iheanacho gave the balances in the three major NUSA accounts as follows:

Main Account in the US: \$45,710.51

Library: \$19,152.42

Nnewi account: \$30,286

He explained that he had converted the Nigerian Nnewi library account from Niara to dollars for easier accounting and reporting.

In conclusion, Iheanacho Okeke appealed to members to please desist from making unfulfilled pledges and forthwith, any pledged funds in the organization should be redeemable and real, because the account has a lot of “current receivables and non-current receivables”

Dr. Okonkwo was asked by Grace Anosike to moderate the questions and answer session

Osye Okeke had two questions: 1) Page 2, “refund to Nathan Momah and Vincent Okeke” funds are showing the different numbers for the same activity and wanted to know if they were different or the same? ; Iheanacho Okeke responded that they were different activities, hence the two checks issued;

2) Page 1, on library project: money advanced to Ike Mbelu for Library project, has it been refunded or is still with Ike Mbelu?

Grace Odunukwe-Anosike responded that as of time of convention, money had not been returned. President said to her (and gotten also from Financial secretary) the money will be returned at the convention for the sum of \$24,691, but when she approached Ike for the money, he(Ike) stated that he did not have any money. She approached both NUSA financial secretary and treasurer, they stated that they did not know about the money. She further added that Ike was in attendance at the convention, and could answer for himself, and that he(Ike) told him that the money was in another account in Diamond bank in Nnewi.

Ruby Nnadi – stated for point of correction. She knew about the money given to Ike Mbelu but did not know that it was to be returned at the LA convention. At the last delegate meeting, it was voted that the money should be returned.

Osy Okeke asked a clarifying question on whether the said money was in NUSA account or not.

She was aware that they had been placed in account in Nnewi and it was for the library project but, at the 2010 NUSA December meeting with Nzuko-Ora Nnewi, it was disclosed that the project had been stopped. In order for the money to be returned, we(NUSA) needs to decide whether we are moving forward with the project or not. Money is in account in Nigeria but not in NUSA account.

Osy Okeke asked for clarifying question on whether the money was in NUSA account or not.

Grace Odunukwe-Anosike – account in question is not NUSA account. Was unaware that money had been moved to any account other-than NUSA account. Financial report given did not indicate/recognize the said account.

Kingsley Uba had a point of correct. He stated that we should first of all move a motion to either adopt or reject the financial statement as presented by Ifeancha Okeke, before we can start discussions on the financial statement.

Alex Nweji moved a motion to adopt the financial report as presented by Ifeancha Okeke. This was supported by Mrs. Chy Uba. The motion was unanimously adopted by members.

E. Comments on Financial Statements

Chike Momah(Nnabuenyi Nnewi) stated that Ike Mbelu was present to answer concerns raised about the library project funds in the said private account, and that the meeting should give the mike to Ike Mbelu so that we can hear it first hand from him rather than skirting around the issue.

Ajulu Uzodike (Ozi-Uzo Nnewi) pleaded with members to seize discussions on the issue of whether the money is in a private account or not for that may discourage others who may want to assist us in the future. He cited an instance when he assisted with opening an account in Union account for NUSA. He pleaded that if there has been any little amount spent so far from the said account, it should be forgiven in lieu of future voluntary services for the organization by members. He advised that the organization open a domiciliary account and transfer the amount into it for the Naira currency is devaluating every day.

Grace Odunukwe-Anosike acknowledged what Ajulu Uzodike said, and restated that no one on the table knew anything about the private account. She reiterated the fact that she was not aware of any money until she was made aware of it when the president told her that he(president) would not be coming to the convention and asked her to collect money from Ike and Ike told her that it was in the Diamond Bank private account.

Ajulu Uzodike (Ozi-Uzo Nnewi) Added that the proper thing to do is to return the said money by into the NUSA Nnewi account pending the time the library project would commence, but we should be aware that some money would have been spent for miscellaneous activities, so it would not be intact when it is returned.

Leo Okoli- Agreed with Ozi-Uzo's advise. Asked that we postpone comments on the said library advance and hand it over to the executive with the president come up with amicable resolution to the issue. Also, that we should observe a few minutes silence for our sick president who was not with us at the convention due to illness.

Ethel Momah – First made a correction on the said financial support to the Atlanta Nnewi Day by her. It was supposed to read Mr. and Mrs. Momah not just Mrs. Momah. She went on to say that she thought that it was voted at an earlier delegates meeting that the money be kept in Nigeria, rather than bring it back to the United States. On “receivables” stated by our financial secretary, some people who pledged money at previous conventions have refused to make good on their pledges.

Grace Odunukwe-Anosike thanked Leo Okoli and Arunne Momah for their suggestions, and on Leo Okoli's on having a few minutes silence for our sick president. She also corrected the notion by Ethel Momah, that it was voted in a previous delegates meeting to leave the library money in Nigeria. The money the delegates' meeting was referring to was the money in the Nnewi account, and not the advance on library project.

Mrs. Chy Mbelu asked for some clarifications on the said check that was supposed to be collected from Ike Mbelu at the convention.

Grace Odunukwe-Anosike deferred answer to the question and called on NUSA financial secretary to respond to the question.

Ifeanacho Okeke stated that on reviewing the NUSA account in preparation for the NUSA financial statement, noticed some disparities in previous balance and current balance with the Nnewi account. He then called the president, Nathan Momah, who then told him that the sum of N4,000,000 was given to Ike Mbelu to start work on the failed Nnewi library project, and that the check will be returned to NUSA at this convention.

Chidi Metu, expressed dissatisfaction with the way the discussion was going regarding the check given to Ike Mbelu for the library project. He went on to say that executive would have handled it at the executive level rather than bring it out. He also narrated the experience he and the previous administration went through in the hands of the Nzuko Ora Nnewi to get the library project going. He asked if anyone had asked Ike Mbelu what his transportation and other costs to Nnewi were before asking for a refund check.

He concluded by saying that there's a way one posits an issue and it would look like an insult.

Grace Onunukwe-Anosike – point of correction. When she was asked to collect the check from Ike, she called Ike in private and asked him a meeting in private. Ike told her he would be coming from afar and will meet with her but never did. Secondly, Ike is present here in the meeting and had been asked to speak on the issue but declined.

At this point, Ike Mbelu walked up to the executive podium and snatched the microphone off Grace Odunukwe-Anosike's hand. He then dropped the microphone on the table and walked back to his chair. His action elicited heated verbal outburst from various members and it was generally agreed that the issue of the library project advance given to Ike Mbelu be suspended and deferred to the executive to handle.

Grace Odunukwe-Anosike reiterated the issue about the N4,000,000. And deferred further discussions on the money, despite Osy Okeke's protest.

[Izundu's comment was not audible in the tape he apparently was not speaking inside the microphone]

Ajulu Uzodike (Ozi-Uzo Nnewi) – advised that we don't leave the issue hanging as is because that would generate more controversy. Bringing up Ike's name in the issue and then deciding not to conclude the discussion is not a good decision. He advised that the organization look into how the money was given out and if necessary admonish those involved if the "cut corners" in opening the account. Account statements of that account should be reviewed to make sure that proper procedure had been followed in running the said account. The organization should review the said account in Diamond bank to see if it was opened and handled as a project account. The organization could wait to see if the library project is a go or not. If it is not a go, the money could be used to open a new domiciliary account in Diamond bank since Union bank where the organization's money is, even though is one of the old banks in the country, could be shaky and unreliable.

Grace Odunukwe-Anosike's responded by reiterating that some of the current executive members were unaware of the opening and removing money from organization, and that if proper procedure was followed she would not had been asked to collect a check from Ike [Mbelu], and the financial secretary would have been apprised of it, and wouldn't be asking where the N4,000,000 was.

Ruby Nnadi – stated that the reason why the current executive including her was unaware of the library project issue is because it was initiated by the previous administration and the former treasurer, Emma Izundu could clarify the issue and put the debate to rest. She then took the mike and started walking toward Izundu to have him speak on the now thorny issue.

The action by Ruby Nnadi generated yet another heated reaction from various members. The convention hall was thrown into another chaotic scene with uncoordinated back and forth comments from various members.

Osy Okeke made an open apology to all who felt his words were accusatory. He asked that members forget about emotions, and suggested that since the library project has been suspended, that the organization put the money right back into NUSA domiciliary account as suggested by Ajulu Uzodike.

Madam Ekwegbalu opined that issues regarding money be open and thoroughly discussed so as to avoid unnecessary innuendoes. She recalled her experience at the December 2010 NUSA meeting with Nzuko Ora Nnewi, where the Obi of Nnewi lamented his desire for a modern Nkwo Triangle for Nnewi.

Emma Izundu stated that he found it offensive that the members at the table are acting like they have no idea about the said funds on the Nnewi Library. He recalled his experience with Eddie Ukatu and how Ike Mbelu was summoned to go Nnewi to start the library project due to the eminent advent of the rainy season. And concluded by saying that the executive could not sit where they were and pretend that they did not know anything about the money advanced Ike Mbelu. If they (executive) are feigning ignorance of the money advance to Ike Mbelu, then, there is a problem.

Grace Odunukwe-Anosike called for order in the hall and reiterated her earlier assertion that she was not aware that money (N4 million) was removed from NUSA account and given to Ike Mbelu

Ozi-Uzo interjected and said we had made some progress, "enyi" had clarified that \$50,000 was approved and sent to Nnewi, Osy jumped the gun and asked for clarification on who authorized the money given to Ike Mbelu, then stated that if some members of the executive claim that they were unaware of the money issued to Ike Mbelu, others stated that they were, it then means that the present executive is dysfunction, and should be cained. It showed that the president and his vice are not working together.

Ike Mbelu stated that members should adhere to the phrase “Odinma Nnewi” concept. Stated that he had assisted with the guests transportation to the reception the night before, and at 7:00 a.m. Reginald Obiamalu (Nwadiana Ma) called him to say that Grace wanted to speak to him, and handed the phone over to Grace. Money that I have spent going to Nnewi, and spent on NUSA cannot be discussed in the convention forum. He personally went to CostCharis’ house to solicit for the library funds.

Money is in Zenit Bank and it is a project account. When he was called “the contractor” he stated to NUSA that it cannot afford him, and that no one here for that matter could afford him. He only wanted to serve as a consultant where he could render his expertise free of charge. He accused “some elements” within the organization for giving out invitation to those opposed to the library project. Peter Obi(governor of Anambra state) saw the master plan and approved it. Yet, some of us here are claiming that they had no clue of the goings-on of the project and the account.

Ruby Nnadi told members that the president told her that Ike Mbelu and Mbadiwe Okongwu opened the said account because they were not signatories to NUSA account and needed to have easy access to funds in order to execute the said library project.

Samson Nmeje, accountant, CPA, pastor, lived in Chicago, asserted that money causes problem. At last year’s convention, he was brought in because there was some monetary issue. I handled the issue. He went on to quote the bible “God is not the author of confusion but that of peace” and went to posit two other quotes. He advised that we could not be fighting each other and asked that we find a way to resolve the issue and preach restoration rather than condemnation, and that money cannot be compared to life.

Grace Odunukwe-Anosike reiterated the fact that some of the members of the executive, like herself and the financial secretary had no idea about the transfer of the said money. Rather than asking for motion on the transfer of the Nnewi funds to the United States, she would wait till the deliberations on the library project before deciding on that.

On the library project, Ike Mbelu stated that he (Ike) was not a major contractor for the library project in Nnewi, and went on to say that he was just a volunteer to assist in the execution of the said project. He further stated that contrary to Grace Odunukwe-Anosike’s earlier assertions, NUSA cannot afford to pay him, and he was neither a major nor minor contractor in the library project. His job was solely to coordinate the project without pay.

Osy Okeke asked that NUSA gets a couple of competing bids for the said library project so as to choose the best competitive price for the said project.

Grace Odunukwe-Anosike added that it was the president, Nathan Momah, who brought in Ike Mbelu as the major contractor, not her.

Ike Mbelu stated that he had actually gotten three bids for the library project but felt that NUSA could do better, so, he (Mbelu) decided to handle the project himself in order to save the organization money.

Izundu opined that the said \$50,000 sent to Nnewi was agreed upon by members at a meeting, and not a unilateral decision of the president, Nathan Momah. He added that it was wrong for anyone to insinuate that the said money was sent without legitimate approval.

Mrs. Ekwegbalu wanted the organization deliberate on the Nkwo triangle issue, but was told by Grace Odunukwe-Anosike that the issue had been slated for discussion during the town hall meeting.

Before starting the constitution amendment segment, David Okonkwo, from the southern California chapter, made an announcement that members who had not paid convention registration fees should step outside and see him for their payments.

F. Constitutional Amendment(Full text of actual sections can be obtained from NUSA website)

Eke Okeke introduced other members of the constitution amendment committee, Chidi Metu from Southern California chapter, and Onochie Nmadubuko from New York chapter. Dr. Okonkwo was asked to be the returning officer for votes. He stated that according to the constitution, only delegates are allowed to vote. He intoned that the amendments to be deliberated upon have been given to all chapter presidents for prior deliberation in their local chapters.

He reviewed the ground rules as follows:

Article 9.01& 9.02 stated that we will have 2/3 majority for the vote to carry

Reginald Obiamalu was asked to call up all delegates to sit in the front and be recognized, they were as follows: 1) Atlanta, 2)Boston, 3) Chicago, 4) North Carolina, 5)Washington-Maryland, 6)At-Large, 7) Los Angeles, 8) Houston, 9) Dallas, 10) New York- New Jersey Tri state. The following chapters were not represented: Chicago, North Carolina, & Washington-Maryland.

Article 1.01C Admendment: All local chapters shall henceforth bear Nnewi-USA, then followed by the chapter location.

Kennedy Arinze: Atlanta chapter felt that they were older than NUSA and should not change its name but subsequent new chapters can adopt the new name.

1.Atlanta- no, Boston yes, Chicago abstained, Washington absent, At-Large yes, Los Angeles abstained, Houston- abstained, Dallas - no, New York New Jersey- no

Result: Did not pass. Remain as is in the constitution

Article 2.01(Membership) add (d) – for the sake of inclusiveness, and to ensure uniformity and practice, all members of the local chapters shall automatically..... Annual due should be \$85 single and \$170 for couple

Clarification by Onochie Nmadubuko. There are two motions: membership and dues

1Automatic membership local & national: Atlanta yes, Boston yes, Chicago abstain, At-large yes, LA Abstain, Houston abstain, Dallas yes, New York New Jersey no,

Results: Yes 4, No 2, Abstain 1 Motion on Carries

Annual Dues: Atlanta no, Boston no, Chicago absent, at-large yes, la abstain, Houston abstain, Dallas, no new York new jersey no

Results: Did not pass. Remain as is in the constitution

Article 2.05b There shall be no convention fee for NUSA members

Leo Okoli pleaded with members and made the case for convention fees to be applied to all members

Article 2.03 to be modified to read: **Each member shall apply to NUSA through his/her local chapter and members shall be considered in good standing if they have paid their annual membership fees as of the last national convention**

Atlanta yes, Boston yes, Chicago absent, At-large yes, LA Abstain Houston Abstain, Dallas, yes, New York New Jersey –yes. Yes – 5, no – 2, abstain - 2

Result: Motion for amendment Carries

Article 3.02 b The House of Delegates shall include chapter presidents to become retroactive since it has been our practice

Atlanta yes, Boston yes, Chicago absent, At-large yes, LA Abstain, Houston ABSENT, Dallas, no, New York-New Jersey yes. Yes – 4, No – 1, Abstain - 2

Results: Motion for amendment Carries

Article 3-02c The spouse of a sitting chapter president shall not be a member of

Atlanta, yes, Boston, yes, At-large yes, LA Abstain, Houston, Dallas, no, New York-New jersey Tri state, no

Results: Motion for amendment **Fails**

Article 3.04: Elections(in the local chapters):

1 all active members in good standing..... 2candiadates shall inform his/her..... 3candidates shall submit.... & 4elect

Atlanta yes, Boston yes, at-large yes, LA Abstain, Dallas, yes, New York New Jersey yes

Results: Yes 5, Abstain 2, Absent 3

Motion for amendment Carries

Article 3.05a to be replaced by a & b

1, 2, 3, 4,5,

Atlanta no, Boston, no, At-large yes, LA abstain, Houston abstain, Dallas no, New York New-jersey Tristate yes

Results: motion for amendment **Fails**

Article 3.06 Tenure of Office: a)All officers shall be limited to 3 2-year terms, but an officer can run for 3 consecutive terms

Atlanta yes, Boston yes, At-large yes, LA Abstain, Houston Abstain, Dallas, no, New York New Jersey yes

Results: motion for amendment Carries

Article 3.06b Duties of Officers: The portion requiring

Atlanta yes, Boston yes, At large yes, LA Abstain, Houston abstain, Dallas, yes, New York New Jersey yes

Result: motion for amendment carries

Article 4.01 -4.05 a) Chapter presidents are to be added

Because we have chapter presidents participating with delegates,

Atlanta yes, Boston yes, At-large yes, LA abstain, Houston Abstain, Dallas yes, New York New Jersey yes

Result: Carries. Yes 5, abstain 2, absent 3

Article 4.05:

Atlanta yes, Boston yes, At-large yes, LA Abstain, Dallas, yes, New York New Jersey yes

Result: Motion for amendment Carries

Article 6.02 a,b,c, Redundant- carries

Article 6.03a): An officer that is under investigation:

Atlanta yes, Boston, yes, At-large yes, LA abstain, Dallas, yes, New York New Jersey yes

Result: Motion for amendment Carries

Article 6.03:

Atlanta yes Boston yes, At-large yes, LA abstain, Houston abstain, Dallas yes, New York New Jersey yes

Motion for amendment Carries

Article 7.01: Mute already voted on

Article 8.01: Quorum: Attendance of 33% of delegates, executives, and chapter presidents. Executives – at least 4 officers

Atlanta yes, Boston, yes, At large yes, LA abstain, Houston abstain, Dallas yes, New York New Jersey no.

Results: Yes 4, No 1, abstain 2, absent 3

Motion for amendment Carries

Article 8.04: Hosting of national convention: Ration 60/40 NUSA/Host, At the conclusion of convention proceed realized shared on 60/40

Atlanta yes, Boston yes, At-large yes, LA abstain, Houston abstain, Dallas yes, New York New Jersey no.

Results: Yes 4, No 1, abstain 2, absent 3

Motion for amendment Carries

Article 8.07: Third Line Addition: “in the absence of the president.....” “at least quarterly”

Atlanta yes, Boston yes, At-large yes, LA abstain, Houston abstain, Dallas yes, New York New Jersey yes.

Results: Motion Carries

Article 9.01: Constitution and By Laws may be altered, changed or amended by a simple majority as opposed to 2/3 majority

Atlanta no, Boston yes, At-large yes, LA abstain, Houston abstain, Dallas no, New York New Jersey no,

Results No 3, Yes 2,

Motion for amendment did not carry

Article 9.02: Notice of proposed amendment must reach the executive council and the house od delegates at 90 days before.....” the amendment “the notice.....in writing....”

Atlanta yes, Boston yes, At-large yes, LA abstain, Houston abstain, Dallas no, New York New Jersey yes

Results: Yes 4 Carries

Article 9.03: “....which may be amended by the delegates at a convention or at a special meeting called for this purpose...”

Atlanta yes, Boston yes, At-large yes, LA abstain, Houston abstain, Dallas yes, New York New Jersey yes

Result: Carries

Article 10.01:Dissolution of the organization: 2/3 non weighted of all active members required to pass a motion calling for dissolution of organization

Atlanta no, Boston no, Tri-state no, At-large no, LA abstain, Houston abstain, Dallas no,

Results: No 5, Yes 0, abstain 2, absent 3

The constitution stays as is

Article 12: A new Provision:This constitution with any new provisions made today should commence retroactively

Atlanta yes, Boston yes, Tristate yes, At-large yes, Dallas yes, LA abstain, Houston abstain

Motion Carried

Eke Okeke concluded by thanking the committee members for a stellar job in putting the amendments together. He promised to have the full text of all amendments to constitution available to members in a few weeks.

Grace Odunukwe-Anosike thanked the constitution amendment committee members for good job. She also thanked chapter delegates and the rest of the participants for their participation in the constitution amendment process.

Day 2: Afternoon (After Lunch) Session

A. Keynote Speaker Forum:

B. Townhall Meeting: (i)Library project,(ii) medical mission, & (iii)Next convention host

A. Keynote Speech(A Brief Summary): Full Text Copy Could be Obtained from Mrs. Ekwegbalu

Barrister Onyi Ekwegbalu introduced the keynote speaker, his mother married to the late engineer Chukwukelu Ekwegbalu. Onyi Ekwegbalu expressed joy at being asked to introduce his mother as the keynote speaker. He spoke eloquently about her mother who was a mother of seven children. He stated that his mother was an accomplished journalist, author, community leader, and an attorney, amongst other accomplishments.

Mrs. Ekwegbalu: Asked permission from her “husbands” to be given permission to “get up” and address the delegation. She started with defining the acronym NNEWI which stands for Noble Nation Endowed With Intellectuals.

She went on to say that the theme: “Meeting Nnewi development challenges”, was quite appropriate for the present convention, because she saw our challenges in Nnewi as “Race against time”. There are indeed challenges facing us in Nnewi. Listed a host of exceptionally successful accomplished professionals chief late Odumegwu senior, his son Ikemba, Nwafor Orizu, Ilodibe, etc, yet today, education is heavily de-emphasized. Has nothing to show for its unrivalled economic clout. With basic infrastructure grossly lacking, she challenged Nnewi to “wake up” from its slumber. She opined that if development is a process, Nnewi should go back to the proverbial drawing board and begin to have faith in our selves. She opined that our biggest challenge in NUSA today is coming together as brothers and sisters to plan for our collective future. She identified lack of education as one of the pivotal factors hindering the progress of Nnewi and its indigenes. She also listed the issue of security as yet another factor hindering Nnewi development. She enjoined the citizens of Nnewi to come together to solve its kidnapping and armed robbery problems. She challenged NUSA to define its success parameter and have an annual assessment of such parameter. NUSA’s resolve to development Nnewi should be seen as a race against time. She asked that NUSA to come up with a youth empowerment project, and not straddle the fence but be very decisive with any objective embarked upon. She ended with the “we shall overcome” song, and was joined by members in its rendition.

Grace Odunukwe-Anosike asked that members give Mrs. Ekwegbalu a round of applause.

(Bi)Library Project Presentation

Before Ike Mbelu started his library project presentation, Grace Odunukwe-Anosike stated that all members of the organization needed to know was if we were still moving forward with the library project.

Ike Mbelu started by saying that one cannot have chaos without tracing the genesis of the said chaos. He stated that the issue of the library project started several years prior. Fundraising for the said project was carried out in

New Jersey, and Detroit. It was in Detroit that Innosson Cosmas Maduka gave the organization \$50,000. Ike narrated how he went Nnewi three times and met with the chairman, Nzuko Ora Nnewi, Agu Onyeka, and showed him pictures and slides of the plan for the development of the Nkwo Triangle. He also stated that in December of 2010, he was in Nnewi with the NUSA delegates comprising of the president, Nathan Momah, secretary, Reginald Obiamalu, Treasurer, Ruby Nnadi, Leo Okoli, including Mrs. Ekwegbalu, and Diame Etiaba, and met with the Igwe and the three Obi's with Nzuko Ora Nnewi. He stated that he was asked by the above group if he had a plan for the Nkwo Triangle, and that they all saw the plan and approved it.

According to Ike Mbelu, the plan contained amongst other attributes, a mall, banks, cultural center, and a library. After they had reviewed his plan, they then asked Ikechukwu Obiora to stop whatever he was about to do at the Nkwo Triangle at the time. The plan was neither paid for by NUSA nor Nzuko Ora Nnewi.

According to Mr. Mbelu, by the time Agu Onyeka took him to the Nkwo Triangle to show him where the library was to be built, NUSA had already sent the money to Nigeria. He stated that a letter was written by Nzuko Ora Nnewi, and signed by the Igwe before NUSA was to proceed with the said library project.

The Nkwo triangle had a total of 5.7 acres of land, of which NUSA was allotted only 2 plots for the library.

Ike Mbelu continued that he was all of a sudden summoned to Nnewi in November of 2010, for an emergency meeting on the library project, and that Oso-Orji (Onyeabo Obi) called him and asked him what his intentions were about the library project, vis-à-vis building the said library in the Nkwo triangle, and he(Mbelu) told him that everything was a go, and yet, he(Oso-Orji) told Nzuko-Ora Nnewi in the presence of the Igwe and the three Obi's that NUSA had no money to execute the said project.. He even went ahead and stated that NUSA had no master plan for the Nkwo triangle.

The Igwe had stated that if the library is not built in the Nkwo triangle, then it should not be built anywhere else. He (Igwe) had expressed frustration with the turn the library project had taken and wondered why Nnewi could not move ahead with any project promised. Mr. Mbelu went on to assert that Nzuko Ora Nnewi saw the wedge between the Igwe and the three Obi's and capitalized on it. And went on to say that Nzuko Ora Nnewi was collecting rent on the Nkwo Triangle without the knowledge of the Igwe and the three Obi's.

Ike Mbelu also informed members that the Obi's of Nnewichi and Umudim had also stated that if the library is not located at the Nkwo triangle, it should not be built anywhere else.

He then concluded that no money was asked from NUSA for the said library project and that all the money for the project was from fund-raising, and that if the organization wanted to move forward with the said library project, we should do so, and if not, so be it.

Chidi Metu opined that NUSA was dealing with a very corrupt leadership (referring to Nzuko Ora Nnewi) in Nnewi. He stated that some of them are "very dirty" and they want people to "leak their asses". He went on to say that Agu Onyeka called him several times on the phone insulting Nathan Momah, saying that the ground breaking for the library project had been done and wondered what was keeping us (NUSA) from moving forward with the said project. Despite the fact that the letter of intent was signed by the Igwe, all of a sudden Agu Onyeka was asking NUSA delegates at the December 2010 NUSA meeting with Nzuko Ora Nnewi (at the Igwe's palace) whether they knew who stopped the kidnapping in Nnewi.

Grace Odunukwe-Anosike made a point of correction, and stated that she (Grace) was not asked to write any letter to anyone, and in fairness to Oso-Orji, he Oso-Orji(Onyeabo Obi), wrote letters as far back as in 1998, protesting the sighting of the library at the Nkwo Triangle. He (oso-Orji) had always stated that building a library in the Nkwo Triangle was not a good thing with the antecedent noise associated with the Nnewi market and the motor parks all around the triangle. She went on to say that even our very own Chike Momah,(Nnabuenyi), who is a librarian by profession, had advised that building a library in the triangle was not

advisable, and that the triangle was not a good area. NUSA was given alternatives to the triangle to build the said library, her sister, Chinwe, and former NUSA president from Atlanta (Emefo), were part of the team who went to Umudim to seek out alternative sites for the library.

Grace Odunukwe-Anosike stated that she had proffered three suggestions when the said 2010 December NUSA visit to the Igwe, Obi's, and Nzuko-Ora Nnewi was discussed at both the executive and delegates meetings. A) The July 2010 medical mission to Nnewi was too late since the organization was not ready because all of the logistics had not been taken care of; B) If the organization wanted to build a library in the Nkwo Triangle, the required ground work had not been done; and C) If the NUSA organization went about the issue of building a library in Nkwo Triangle the way they were thinking, it would boomerang on us. She stated that NUSA has three levels of government, namely the executive, delegates, and the board of trustees. She stated that NUSA had often negated the third arm which is the board of trustees of which Ozi-Uzo happened to be the chairman. She was opposed to the suggestion of sponsoring our president, Nathan Momah, to Nnewi in December 2010, for the said meeting with Nzuko –ora Nnewi. She had argued that a dicey and thorny issue such as building a library in Nkwo Triangle should have been routed through our board of trustees who were on the ground and were much more familiar with the terrain, politics, and nuances of our Nnewi brethren, and that if NUSA went about the library project without first going through our board of trustees, what was currently happening would happen. After positing her view to both the excutuve and delegates, she was accused of having an agenda, but the truth would always come out in the end.

She ended by saying that the decision before us was whether we were moving forward with building the library at the Nkwo Triangle, or look for alternative site, and that no matter what we decide, we still have to get “Ogidi”(Obi of Uruagu) back on the negotiating table.

Osy Okeke added that speed and expediency should govern whatever we decide to do. He went on to suggest we seek alternative site to build the said library since we have been on this project for over 6 years. He then moved the motion to seek alternative site for the building of the library, and he was supported by Mrs. Ethel Momah (Arunne)

Elias Okonkwo moved a counter motion for NUSA to still pursue the library project at the Nkwo Nnewi Triangle with the view to building it within the civic center concept. His motion was supported by Mrs Ekwegbalu.

Mr. Ethel Momah (Arunne) asked to clarify issue with her brother, Oso-Orji(Onyeabo Obi) viv-a-vis the building of the said library at the Nkwo Triangle. She told members that Onyeabo Obi had never had any interest in the Nkwo Triangle, and that the Nkwo Triangle project had never been a NUSA project except for the building of the library.

Emma Izundu added that NUSA has no right as to what happens in the Nkwo Triangle, and so we could not sit in the convention and decide on what happens there. He (Izundu) then moved a third motion to suspend all discussions on the said library project and defer such to the next convention. This motion was supported by Kingsley Uba.

Voting Results of the three motions

1. Motion 1 by Osy Okeke (Alternative location other than Nkwo Triangle).....4 votes
2. Motion 2 by Elias Okonwo (continue with Nkwo Traingle library project).....22 votes
3. Motion 3 by Emma Izundu (postpone deliberation on library project till next convention).5 votes
4. Abstinance from voting.....2

Those who were in support of continued pursuit of the Nkwo Triangle library project with the view to locating such in the proposed civic center project were in overwhelming majority.

At 6:00 p.m., David Okonkwo made the announcement that those who had not paid their registration fee to see him outside and also that convention souvenirs were still at the entrance and waiting to be purchased.

(B ii) Medical Mission 2011

Grace Odunukwe-Anosike stated that it was not possible to go on a medical mission in August 2011 due to logistical reasons

Onyi Ekwegbalu esq asked if chapters were mandated to contribute to the medical mission

Grace Odunukwe-Anosike responded that it was not a mandate for chapters to come up with \$1,200, but that chapters were charged and encouraged to raise \$1,200 locally towards the mission.

Onyi Ekwegbalu expressed disappointment that other local chapters were not coming up with the medical mission levy

Chike Momah's comment (poor audio, couldn't clearly decipher comments)

Reginald Obiamalu informed members that the apprehension expressed by members of the medical mission team led by Dr. Ofomata, came as a result of the spate of kidnappings that were prevalent in Nnewi at the time.

Ike Mbelu suggested that Dr. Ndubueze Okonkwo and any other person who wants to go and represent us at the medical mission, should be encouraged to go.

Leo Okoli assured members that he spoke to the president, Nathan Momah, and that the medical mission team led by Ndubueze Okonkwo is ready to go, and that whether or not the organization decides to go or not, Dr. Okonkwo and his team will be going.

After much deliberation, it was resolved that NUSA should encourage anyone or group planning on a medical mission to Nnewi, and that if any volunteers are willing to support the team, they should go ahead.

Atlanta vice president, attorney Ekwegbalu, asked that if for any reason the medical mission does not take place, Atlanta should be refunded their mission levy of \$1,200.

Amaka Machie asked why Nnewi-USA could not follow ASA-USA during their medical mission to Anambra State.

Grace Odunukwe-Anosike explained that ASA-USA always started their planning for medical missions months ahead, and that prior arrangements were always made with the Anambra State government for security, transportation, accommodation, etc and that it was already too late to ask to join the ASA-USA medical mission.

Discussion on Hospital Beds to Nigeria

Chioma Okeke asked if anyone knew how much it would cost to ship the medical beds to Nigeria, and who decided that the organization ship the beds to Akwudo hospital

Grace responded that it would cost \$4,500 just to transport the beds from Minnesota to New Jersey, and that it would cost much more to ship from New Jersey to Nigeria.

Grace Odunukwe-Anosike spoke exhaustively on why she was opposed to sending NUSA stuff to a private hospital (Akwudo hospital) without first going through our board of trustees

Reginald Obiamalu added that he was the one who asked the question “why Akwudo?” at an earlier teleconference when the issue was raised, and was told by the president, Nathan Momah, stated that it was because the organization has a good working relationship with Akwudo hospital

Ruby Nnadi stated that she spoke to president, and he told her that they had tried using the Mbuli Hospital before and was told that Mbuli was a federal hospital, and that secondly, Akwudi hospital is now a neighborhood hospital that serves all

Vincent Okeke came up and added that Dr. Odunukwe told him personally that the reason why the organization chose to work with Akwudo hospital was because in 2006 when they had under taken an earlier mission and went to Mbuli hospital, they were given the run around and became highly frustrated as opposed to Akwudo

Vincent Okeke came up and told us that he had shipped some materials to Nnewi on behalf of NUSA and those items had arrived and he did not charge NUSA. He narrated how he negotiated the prize of hauling the beds from Minnesota to New Jersey, and how he assisted the organization in averting serious financial waste

Leo Okoli moved a motion that the executive meet and come up with a cost-effective way of freighting the beds to Nigeria. The motion carried without opposition

(B iii) Hosting of Next Convention

Discussions were varied as to who to host next convention. Boston reps made a case for not hosting due to high cost of living and location. Atlanta through Barrister Ekwegbalu made the case for Atlanta not being able to host. He made a plea that all should contribute bear the burden of the association including hosting convention, collectively. Ike Mbelu suggested that we go to Las Vegas and do away with our traditional ways of hosting and eating Nigerian foods. His suggestion was well received by some members.

Grace Odunukwe-Anosike had opposing view about Vegas due to logistics and distractions. She suggested that Dallas meet and let us know if they could host the next convention.

Leo Okoli suggested that Tri-State meet and let the organization know if they would host the next convention.

Grace Odunukwe-Anosike disavowed the notion of Tri-State hosting with her Oklahoma travel experience. She concluded by saying that Dallas and Tri-State will meet and get back to us as to who will be hosting next convention.

C. Matters Arising

Kingsley Uba opined that his suggestion on hosting the NUSA conventions once every two years

Donations to be auctioned by Nnabenyi Nnewi (Chike Momah)

Mr. Okonkwo from Clear Essence introduced some beauty products from his wife’s company for gala-night fund-raising.

Ike Mbelu suggested we auction the bags of clear essence so as not to stifle donors motivation

Reginald Obiamalu called for anyone willing to purchase any of the donated books from Chike Momah

Grace Odunukwe-Anosike thanked all for the spirited contribution to the debate and asked that all get prepared for the gala-night.

Onochie Mmadubuko moved motion to adjourn, and supported by Alex Nweji

Ethel Momah, in closing, thanked the southern California chapter for playing host. She thanked Grace Odunukwe-Anosike for steering the weekend event, the president of Southern California and host members for playing host, and all who made to the convention.

Ozi-Uzo Nnewi: There is a Vacancy in the board of trustees, and recommended Mrs. Ekwegbalu

Grace called for any opposition to the suggestion, and there was none. Members formally accepted Mrs. Ekwegbalu as a member of board of trustees of NUSA.

Osy Okeke suggested that a formal “thank you” letter be sent to the former trustee who had relocated to the East Coast.

Ruby Nnadi stated that Atlanta chapter was still blazing the trail by making their chapter dues payment of \$2,500

Grace Odunukwe-Anosike said closing prayers and meeting officially adjourned for the gala-night activities at 8:00 p.m.