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In every human conflict of claim, truth is always the first casualty. The conflict between the two Efik associations in the USA has not been spared the calamity of falsehood preceding the truth. For three years, the other side of the conflict (ENA) has bombarded the Efik community with less than truthful information. ENA-USA is a law abiding corporation whose members were able to stick to the truth of the matter and we allowed time for all people to follow the falsehoods and misrepresentations to their source.

We obtained all the documents that were filed (since 2005) by the other side in the office of the Texas Secretary of State. Also in our possession, are the documents disseminated through the internet, and those distributed by hand delivery. Included among these documents is the infamous narrative presented by the other side to the Obong of Calaber Executive Forum (OCEF). The inflammatory embodiment of falsehood misled the OCEF and allowed the other side to gain unjust favor. The narrative succeeded in its intent and purpose by causing the OCEF to stage a lopsided arbitration with an outcome of impossible propositions. The writers, collaborators and signees of the 65 page document sent to the OCEF knew that the contents of the document were injurious to the human spirit and dignity, yet they maliciously submitted it.

We have been able to keep our civility despite all forms of character assassinations, including libel and slander. Despite the pain and emotional distress, ENA-USA members have waited patiently for the perpetrators to retract their documents of defamation, but none has done so. We have examined the conflict between the two entities, the individuals involved, the pain and emotional distress intentionally inflicted on our members, the public image of the Efik community, and most importantly the way forward to emerge from the shadows of the conflict.

In every conflict, there are active participants and passive followers. It is not our intent to paint every person who did not lean towards ENA-USA with a one-size brush. Those who have followed the conflict over the years have identified the different players and their level of participation. It is not our place to pass judgment on their acts, but only to give them the opportunity to **make peace with those whom they have wronged**.

Those who used the internet to spread false propaganda with outright disregard for human decency have the opportunity to mend the broken fences through the same medium so that they may enjoy peace. The writers, collaborators and signees of the 65 page narrative to the OCEF, there is also an opportunity for them to seek forgiveness from the individuals they maligned in their narrative and peace will be theirs.

The individualized approach to closing this conflict is the most tractable because the individuals concerned were trying to use the name of an organization to carry out personal vendetta against members of ENA-USA and in doing so committed infractions against the state, our association as a group, and specific individuals. This approach is taken because the Efik community in the USA, (and ENA-USA in particular), will not tolerate individuals hiding under the umbrella of an organization to harm other individuals for no just cause.

Advisory Board of Directors:

To our brothers and sisters who were just passive followers, the burden of peace is not on you. Out of sympathy with the murkiness of the false information that was disseminated, it is very likely to be on the wrong side of the conflict. We are reaching out to you at this time. You are welcome to join the ENA-USA Inc. community. Since membership in the ENA-USA is only through our local chapters, reclaim your membership by signing up with one of the five ENA-USA chapters.

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There are membership forms to fill and dues to be paid to become a full fledge member. With available technology for phone conferencing, you can join as an at-large member and participate in the activities of your chapter. Accept a prominent role in your chapter, be an avenue of peace, be an instrument of progress, be your brother's keeper, and most of all love your neighbor as yourself.

Stay Blessed

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