

The 2012 ENA President's State of the Association!

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Dear ENA members,

I am beginning my second and final term as your National President with a sobering reminder of what a very challenging year it's been, nonetheless, I also envision a sense of optimism that community service invokes; the hallmark of an unwavering love and sacrifice to serve, no matter the odds.

My journey of this beloved organization started two years ago primarily focusing on creating a "**Community Service Model**" that will serve future leaders. This experiment brought about the following quick changes; a renewed sense of trust with members, accountability, transparency, and above all, an effective management of time and resources. As a consequence of these careful management planning, (1) ENA successfully financed two national conventions in Houston and DC/Maryland respectively; (2) ENA planned its first ever medical mission to CRS with the State government and the Obong's Palace as collaborative partners, last year; (3) In May 2011, ENA launched its new website (www.efikusa.org), visit the site for the 2012 Convention photos; (4) In an effort to begin acquiring vital cultural assets, we purchased a new Ekpe Masquerade costume and six new Nkpaya dance costumes.

These initiatives mentioned above represent some of the important milestones the (2010-2012) National Executive Committees worked so diligently and got implemented within the first 14 months. The second phase of our work just began, and we kindly appeal to each of you to continue to support our efforts with your time and contributions for the next two years.

I am very excited to announce that the 2013 Annual Efik National Convention will be held in the New York Tri-State Area. The ENA congratulates the NY Chapter and looks forward to working with Ette Sam Okon Eniang, President, NY Chapter and his 2013 Convention Planning Committee.

Please, also join me in congratulating the freshmen and returning members of my Cabinet and Subcommittee Chairs for 2012-2014 fiscal years.

THE PRESIDENT'S CABINET

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The 2012 Annual National Convention theme focused on providing College Scholarships to the ENA deserving youths of "**active members**" attending Colleges and Universities and maintaining a GPA of over 3.0. Therefore, in keeping with my commitment of investing in our youths as our future leaders, ENA will be awarding college scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 each to the following recipients for the 2012-2013 academic year:

1. Clarissa E. Efiog

Texas Woman's University; Major: Chemistry

Family: Etim & Katherine Efiog

2. Chelsea E. Henshaw

Rice University, Houston; Major: Sports Medicine

Family: Emmanuel & Catherine Henshaw

3. Lizann Robinson

Princeton University; NJ; Major: Pre-Med

Family: Ms. Ani Robinson

4. Ofure Oviawe

Buffalo State College; NY; Major: Information Technology

Family: Ms. Miranda Eyo

5. Angela Marie Okon

Mankato State University, MN; Major: Communications

Family: Mr. Okon Okon

6. Eteyen Anso

Morehouse College, Atlanta GA; Major: Computer Science

Family: Richard & Faith Anso

7. Cinque Ekanem McCoy

Mount St. Mary's University, MD; Major: Physical Therapy

Family: Vivienne Bassey

8. Ofon-Ime Afiong Ekpo

Southwestern Oklahoma State University, OK; Major: Pre-Physical Therapy

Family: Ms. Lizzy Orok

Join the ENA Executive Committee in thanking the chapter presidents for their diligence and fairness in the selection of our 2012 scholarship award recipients above.

During the business meeting on Friday, July 27, 2012, of the 15th Annual Efik National Convention in Rockville, Maryland, the following resolutions were voted on and passed by the general assembly:

1. The general assembly voted overwhelmingly to accept the Delaware Corporation as its official corporate entity called **The Efik National Association USA, Inc.**
2. The corporation will also serve as “**a membership managed entity**” electing a new President and Treasurer every two years as required by the ENA By-Laws.
3. The Delaware Corporation was correct in re-using and returning to the original name of the 2003 corporation; **the Efik National Association USA, Inc.** Documents presented at the meeting showed that the corporation was first registered by an agent in the State of Nebraska under the direction and leadership of Apostle Sam Akiba Eyo, the duly elected 2nd National President at the time.

We will begin planning for the next **Medical Mission to CRS which is scheduled for October, 2013.** Further announcements will follow in the coming weeks. It will be very refreshing to have many more ENA members sign-up to volunteer this time around and be a part of this second medical mission.

Finally I want to personally appeal to our brothers and sisters, who are the plaintiffs in a lawsuit recently filed against **The Efik National Association USA, Inc.** and against **several members of my Executive Committee including myself** in a Harris County Court, Texas to strongly contemplate a change of heart and drop this lawsuit for the sake of peace. **There are ultimately no winners or losers if this continue to drag on; therefore I wish to extend a hand of fellowship and friendship to everyone in order to begin the healing process that our fragile community desperately craves. I made this public commitment in the presence of our “special guest of honor”; His Eminence, Edidem Ekpo Okon Abasi Otu V, The Obong of Calabar, at the just concluded 15th Annual Efik National Convention at the Hilton DC/Rockville, MD.**

Sincerely,

Paul Orok Bassey-Duke
National President,
The Efik National Association USA, Inc.