Eno Udo, Architect, Elected President of Akwa Ibom, New York

Eno Udo, architect, has been elected president the New York Chapter of Akwa Ibom State Association of Nigeria USA at the chapter's end of the year meeting in New York.

Elected without opposition, Udo succeeds Eniang Inyang, whose tenure of office ended with the election.

As President, Udo, the Plymouth University trained architect and director at one of the city's leading architectural firms, said, during his post-election address, that he will concentrate on raising awareness about the chapter, restoring the status of the once vibrant Akwa Ibom Community in New York, promoting unity, providing opportunities for members to come out, and inspiring more people to get involved in building their community.

He is also concerned about promoting and enhancing the image of the homeland, Nigeria, stating that he would work to give the Akwa Ibom community in New York prominence in the Annual Nigerian Independence parade through greater participation in the activities of the Parade Planning Committee.

Eno Awotoye (Mrs.), vice president and a retail chain executive, was among the nine officers elected unanimously without opposition to run the affairs of New York Chapter. Other officials elected during the meeting, include Ubong Jonah, Secretary; Okon Mbaba, Treasurer, and Deborah Sekyere, Financial Secretary, who are holdovers from the previous administration. Ms. Queen Enidiok of the prestigious Sloan Kettering Cancer Center was elected as youth leader, and Iboro Umanah, a nutritionist, as Director of Welfare and Socials.

The Akwa Ibom State Association of Nigeria USA, New York (AKISANY), a 501 (C) (3) non-profit organization, is one of the Chapters of the Akwa Ibom State Association of Nigeria. The umbrella association of Akwa Ibom Diaspora in the US has chapters in nearly 31 states in continental USA.

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