



## Mboho Mkpawara Ibibio USA, Inc.

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From: MMI USA, INC.  
Board of Trustees

To: All Members of MMI USA, INC.  
c/o Chapter chairmen

**Re: Restructuring of MMI USA, INC. and Election of Interim National Executive Officers**

We wish to remind all members that MMI USA, INC. is a non-profit organization, which was started and duly registered in the United States of America in 2005.

We are writing to clarify issues which started during the June 2011 convention in Houston- TX and lead to the final decision by the CWC of MMI USA, INC. on October 16, 2011.

- The International President representation, Akparawa Dr. Val Attah, read the President's written address at the convention, which included the appointment of new officers in the United States. Members present in the convention hall at that time were surprised and amazed at this news.
- The CWC of MMI USA, INC. reviewed the appointments during its August and September meetings and it was decided that a letter be sent to MMI Headquarters, Uyo, Akwa Ibom State, Nigeria for clarification of the appointments – functions, process used to select the names of the appointees, and if the high commissioner/CWC USA were notified. Requested information was needed within 30 days before the next CWC meeting (please see a copy of the letter attached).
- The reply received from MMI-Uyo stated that we have no authority to ask Mr. President for such information and stipulating a period of time; that if we don't want to belong to the organization we have a choice to secede out; and that we should apologize to the President within 14 days (please see a copy of the letter attached).
- On October 2, 2011, MMI USA, INC. convened an emergency meeting to discuss the response from MMI-Uyo, which many CWC USA members thought was inappropriate. It was decided to reply to MMI-Uyo that we understand their position and we maintain our stand as per their recommendation (please see a copy of the letter attached).
- On October 10, 2011, MMI-Uyo sent an email to Akparawa Dr. Maurice Ekwo of Houston, Texas, that he has been appointed as the new High Commissioner for USA/Canada to represent MMI International President.
- On October 16, 2011, MMI USA, INC. called an emergency meeting to carefully examine the relationship between MMI USA and MMI-Uyo and the way-forward. During the CWC USA discussions, the following situations were apparent:
  1. Despite all efforts, communications from both sides were not sent and received in a mutually beneficial manner;
  2. It is obvious that we belong to a group that we have no say so or the right to express our opinion or be a part of the consultation or any planning process;
  3. It is obvious that MMI-Uyo wants to dictate to us on all important matters, collect/use our limited resources, choose our leaders for us, and we have to seek permission on what to do and how to operate MMI USA, INC.;
  4. The current MMI-Uyo administration has serious political affiliations in politics of Akwa Ibom State, Nigeria, whereas MMI USA INC. does not support or participate in politics because we are a non-political and non-profit organization;

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5. The President and his officers are still very angry with our 2010 open letter to the Governor of Akwa Ibom State on the kidnappings/killings in Akwa Ibom State, which was published in Global Concord; whereas the letter offered suggestions to the State Government on how to resolve the problem; and the letter was mandated by the General Assembly of MMI USA INC. during its June 2010 convention in Dallas (please see copies our letters and the queries from MMI-Uyo attached).


Therefore, based on the foregone situations and communications:

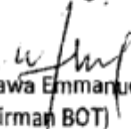
- The CWC of MMI USA, INC., at its meeting of October 16, 2011, voted 12 yes and 1 abstained, to reject the appointment of Akparawa Dr. Maurice Ekwo as the High Commissioner (all chapters were represented at this meeting);
- The CWC voted unanimously to separate MMI USA, INC. from MMI-Uyo (Nigeria), whereas MMI-USA, INC. will continue to maintain its name as duly registered;
- The CWC voted to dissolve the present cabinet and elected an Interim cabinet to handle the affairs of MMI USA, INC. for now, until a duly scheduled elections are conducted;
- The head of MMI-USA, INC. shall be the National President;
- The chapters of MMI USA INC. shall maintain the same structures without any change;
- These resolutions were adopted. Motions to elect interim cabinet members and to dissolve the present cabinet were moved and seconded. After the cabinet was dissolved, the organization and CWC meeting were handed over to the Board of Trustees with unanimous agreement. The Board of Trustees then conducted elections of the interim cabinet and the following members were elected into their respective positions:

- 1) Akparawa Sylvanus Okon – National President
- 2) Akparawa Dr. Philip Udo-Inyang – Vice President
- 3) Akparawa Joseph Ibokette – Gen. Secretary
- 4) Akparawa Dr. Mac Ukpong – Treasurer
- 5) Akparawa Ibok Esema – PRO
- 6) Akparawa Effiong Mbaba - Provost
- 7) Akparawa-anwan Gloria Udoh – Women Leader

Please join us in congratulating these officers and give them all the support to lead our organization. Finally, we request that all members should endorse the approval of the above resolutions and elections by co-signing a letter of approval from their chapters to be returned to the BOT by November 30, 2011.

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

  
Akparawa Eme Nsuk  
(BOT-Returning officer)

  
Akparawa Emmanuel Isong  
(Chairman BOT)

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