



**Isong Ekpenyong** was born in Akwa Ibom State and has lived in the United States for the past 30 years, primarily in Detroit, Michigan.

He is a Lead Design Engineer by profession and obtained his BS in Vehicle Engineering from Central Michigan University in 1994 and his MBA with concentration in International business in 2004 from the University of Michigan. He currently works for General Motors and has 16+ years of automotive engineering exposure and extensive levels of experience managing projects and people.

Isong Ekpenyong has broad experience serving the Akwa Ibom State community nationally and locally. He is one of the pioneering members of Michigan chapter and on the Executive Team as Secretary for two years before being unanimously elected as Michigan Chapter President in August 2006. During his tenure as Michigan Chapter President, Isong streamlined community based support services for the Akwa Ibom community in Michigan, hosted AKISAN's 2007 2<sup>nd</sup> National Council meeting and fundraising gala night and cultivated a culture derived from Michigan's motto, which is "Mboho Obop Obio".

Nationally, Isong Ekpenyong has attended every convention since 2001 and represented Michigan at five National Council Meetings while serving on the Michigan Executive Team. Additionally, he was a participating member of the National Scholarship Committee from 2005 to 2006; a Member of the National Education Committee, and a participating member of the Convention Planning Committee from 2007 to date. Since joining the National Executive Team, Isong Ekpenyong has been active in numerous committees and has used his educational, personal and professional experiences to help promote the growth and success of AKISAN.

Other affiliations include Mboho Mkparawa Ibibio Michigan Chapter (Member), NIDO America Michigan Chapter (Member), Nigerian Foundation of Michigan (Member), and GM Lead Representative for United Negro College Fund Initiative.

Isong Ekpenyong urges all Akwa Ibomites to get involved in any capacity to support AKISAN. "For those much has given, much is expected." This symbolizes the caring, giving and selfless spirit of Isong Ekpenyong.

He resides in Metro Detroit area with his wife and children.