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The 2009 2<sup>nd</sup> National Council Meeting hosted by San Francisco Chapter in Oakland, California was a tremendous success by all accounts. Gone are the days when meetings ran into the wee hours of the night and crossed over into Sunday. With full collaboration from all parties; Chapter Presidents; BOT; National Secretariat; and guests, the meeting started at 9:45am and ended at 5:30pm. Most significant, was the landmark pledge for unity and continued collaboration between Chapter Presidents, BOT and National Secretariat, to work together for the interest of all AKISAN stakeholders and beneficiaries.

Specifics of the Council Meeting will be published in the minutes, to be released by June 15<sup>th</sup>, (bookmark [www.AKISAN.org](http://www.AKISAN.org), and check on a regular basis for it) however, meeting notables include:

- Scholarship Chair presented a project update, which prompted spontaneous donations totaling \$2500 to be added to the previously approved funds to increase the number of recipients (Eme Isok-Nsuk, \$1000; Godwin Enyong, \$1000; Eti Umana, \$500)
- 20 out of 26 chapters were seated at the meeting on Saturday
- A platform was established for Chapter President Representatives to present ideas and discuss challenges / issues
- Collaborative handling of AKISAN Finance Manual, through the decision to staff an implementation committee with two members from the BOT, two Chapter Presidents and two National Secretariat members.
- Closing the meeting with several group photos of AKISAN leaders and general members in attendance

Again, special thanks to Madame Janet Isong, Mrs. Esther Ekong and members of the San Francisco Chapter for graciously hosting the council meeting. We look forward to continued collaboration with Chapter President and the BOT to maximize efficiencies in all aspects required in transforming AKISAN from good to GREAT. Finally we thank the Legal Counsel, National Auditor, Chapter Presidents and Representatives, and the BOT for their continued service and commitment to AKISAN.

**Akwa Ibom Isongo oooo!**

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Akwa Ibom State Association of Nigeria, USA Inc. is a 501C(3) non-profit organization with the following sets of objectives:

1. To promote, encourage and foster unity among the citizen of Akwa Ibom State of Nigeria both at home and abroad
2. To promote economic, educational, cultural, scientific and social progress of Akwa Ibom State within the framework of one Nigeria
3. To cooperate with and support bona-fide Nigerian Associations in the United States of America and encourage members of the Association to join Nigerian Associations and participate in promoting the interest of Nigeria both at home and abroad.
4. To encourage and support the educational, professional and legitimate business aspirations of all Akwa Ibom State citizens, provided those aspirations are consistent with the best interest of Akwa Ibom State of Nigeria and its citizens
5. To act as a liaison between our government, and others, including other organizations both government and non-governmental, and the members of this Association and citizens of Akwa Ibom State of Nigeria in the United States of America
6. To support and promote various charitable organizations by cooperating with any such organization, participating in its activities or contributing to such an organization.



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