



GBAKOR IKWERRE USA, INC.

**2018 Annual National Convention, Detroit Metro Airport
Marriott, 30559 Flynn Drive, Romulus, MI, 48174. Friday
May 25th – May 28th, 2018**

A National Organization of Ikwerre People in the United States of America, and Canada

January 20, 2018

Dear Members of Ogbakor Ikwerre USA/Canada:

Please accept on my behalf & that of the EC our sincere compliments of the season for a Happy and prosperous New Year. We remain very appreciative of God's divine intervention in all things concerning us so far and hopeful that the New Year will bring us abundance of good tidings.

I am happy to announce formally that **OIUSA 2018 National Convention will take place at the Detroit Metro Airport Marriott, 30559 Flynn Drive, Romulus, MI, 48174 on Friday, May 25th. – Sunday May 27th.** Michigan happens to be my (Mr. President's) home state and I look forward to seeing you all. The EC agreed to host the Convention in May because the Memorial weekend always had the Monday as holiday and so gives you one extra day to travel. Although you have earlier received information of the venue and Hotels information, we still urge you to start making arrangements to travel to Michigan now, because May is just around the corner.

This year's Convention Theme, **“Accelerating Community & Youth Empowerment Projects in the Niger Delta, through private and public sector initiatives,”** is aimed at calling all public and private business institutions that have footprints in Ikwerre land and beyond to consciously consider the impacts of their economic and environmental activities on their Ikwerre “landlords. The overall goal is to use the potential partnership agreement to enact specific remedies to mitigate the obvious negative impacts on our teeming but restive young population.

The Michigan Convention will feature three speeches. Two of those speeches will be from private sectors representatives on how they can partner with OIUSA/Canada to support and sustain our programs through grants, donations and expert advice. The two organizations are the NDDC and The Ford Foundation. Our programs: The Obi Wali Research Endowment funds, the Skills Acquisition and craft center, scholarship awards and Health Outreach will be the focal points. These programs address the problems that impact our teeming young population and enact ultimate potential measures to enhance their upward mobility while discouraging their restiveness. A successful partnership initiative with both organizations will keep OIUSA solvent, thereby eliminating obvious funding problems.

The third speech, our **Keynote Address titled “Protecting Ikwerre Identity (Unity) in an era of toxic political power play” will be delivered by our premier President, Darlington Didia, Ph.D.** Dear brothers and sisters you’ll agree with me that this topic which touches us most, and have remained largely ignored must be addressed. I appeal to all to come prepared and ready to tune in into this presentation.

METHOD OF RESERVATIONS

Please make early hotel reservations, by clicking on the link Book your group rate for OIUSA or calling +1-800-228-9290 or 734-729-7555 for our discounted rate of **\$109 for Deluxe room, \$109 for rooms with double beds and & \$99 for rooms with King sized beds +applicable taxes per night.** Please Note: All reservations must be made on or before 12PM, Friday, May 11, 2018 (the “Cutoff Date”). If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at cpchuku@yahoo.com or by calling +1-248-565-6378 or BobLuke Wejinya @734-678-5258.

CUTOFF DATE

Reservations by attendees must be received on or before 12PM, Friday, May 11, 2018 (the “Cutoff Date”). At the Cutoff Date, Hotel will review the reservation pickup for the Event, release the unreserved rooms for general sale, and determine whether it can accept reservations based on a space- and rate-available basis at the OIUSA, Inc. group rate after this date.

Release of rooms for general sale following the Cutoff Date does not affect OIUSA, Inc. obligation, as discussed elsewhere in this Agreement, to utilize guest rooms

GROUP ROOM RATES

Hotel room rates are subject to applicable state and local taxes (currently 14%) in effect at the time of check-out. **Each Guest Room Rate will include breakfast for up to 4 people/per day/per room.**

GUARANTEED RESERVATIONS

All reservations must be accompanied by a first night room deposit or guaranteed with a major credit card or by OIUSA, Inc. Hotel will not hold any reservations unless secured by one of the above methods.

NO ROOM TRANSFER BY GUEST

OIUSA, Inc. agrees that neither OIUSA, Inc. nor attendees of the Event nor any intermediary shall be permitted to assign any rights or obligations under this Group Sales Agreement, or to resell or otherwise transfer to persons not associated with OIUSA, Inc. reservations for guestrooms, meeting rooms or any other facilities made pursuant to this Group Sales Agreement.

Convention Pre-registration: We encourage you to register early and the guidelines for doing so remain the same as in previous years as follows:

In order to simplify members' convention registration process OIUSA has existing established early registration by mail. The NCPC encourages members to complete registration by mail in order to avoid queuing up in a possible long line at the registration desk during the convention. Receipts will be mailed for checks or money order received on or before May 10th, 2018. To ensure that members receive their registration receipts everyone is advised to provide the followings: name, mailing address, telephone number and email address. This early registration is for current members and those who were absent at past conventions. The aim is to help reduce the burden of paying past dues all at a time. **Call our Financial Secretary Dr. Jonathan Asuru to find out your debts and plan to settle them.** If you plan to take advantage of the early registration, make your checks or money order payable to: **Ogbakor Ikwerre USA, Inc. and mail to our financial secretary – Dr. Jonathan Asuru, 124 Silver Dr., Pelham AL 35124 or call him @ 205-531-8083.** You can also pay via our PayPal account at oiusa.org. **Membership and Convention Annual Dues:** The table below is a breakdown of the approved membership and convention dues.

CATEGORY-NEW MEMBERS	SINGLE	COUPLE
REGISTRATION FEE	50.00	75.00
CONVENTION FEE	100.00	200.00
ANNUAL FEE	80.00	80.00
TOTAL FOR NEW MEMBERS	230.00	355.00
RETURNING MEMBERS	SINGLE	COUPLE
CONVENTION FEE	100.00	200.00
ANNUAL FEE	80.00	80.00
TOTAL FOR RETURNING MEMBERS	180.00	280.00

Convention Advertisements: The NCPC is soliciting advertisements, congratulatory goodwill messages, and greetings from our members, friends and supporters to help defray the cost of printing the convention brochure. Please use the Order Form below for advertisement solicitation and follow instructions as indicated. Collectively, let us support members of the National Convention Planning Committee (NCPC) in their efforts to solicit funds for the convention. **Many of you took ads in last year's convention program booklet and have not paid for it. We have drawn up a comprehensive list of all outstanding collectible fees owed the organization. Please be prepared to make good on this outstanding balance.**

The EC has decided and the NCPC has been instructed to ensure that all ads for 2018 program booklet are paid upfront to be included. The cutoff date for receiving advertisement is April 30th, 2018.

**Again, UNLESS APPROVED BY THE PRESIDENT ONLY PAID ADS WILL
BE PUBLISHED IN THE CONVENTION BOOKLET**

ADVERTISING IN CONVENTION PROGRAM BOOKLET

Contact information		
Name of Company/org/Family		
Name of Contact Person		
Full Address		
City, State, Zip Code		
Telephone Number + Area code		
AD SIZE	DESCRIPTION	PRICE
8.5x11	Back Cover Determined by postmarked date	\$300.00
8.5x11	Inside Back Cover Determined by postmarked date	\$250.00
8.5x11	Inside Middle Page Determined by postmarked date	\$300.00
8.5x11	Full Pages	\$100.00
8.5x5.5	Half Page	\$80.00

- ❖ All requests from individuals or organizations in USA, Canada and Europe must include full payment in US dollar. Please make your check or money order payable to:

**Ogbakor Ikwerre USA, Inc;
ATTN: BobLuke Wejinya,
7082 Streamwood Dr., Ypsilanti, MI 49197**

- ❖ The deadline for all advertisements and payments is May 18, 2018. No advertisements will be published in the program brochure without full payment.

For questions and additional information please contact the 2018 National Convention Planning Committee Chairman: BobLuke Wejinya **at 7082 Streamwood Dr., Ypsilanti, MI 48197.**

Finally, I look forward to meeting you and your family as we prepare to receive our visitors from home in Detroit Metro, Michigan. I will be available to answer any questions or suggestions on how to improve our events and organization, please do not hesitate to contact me at 248-565-6378 or BobLuke Wejinya, Chairman, NCPC at 734-678-5258

Children’s Tour: We have concluded plans for our children to visit a historic place – The Museum of African Arts & Culture and The Detroit Science Center in Detroit. Both sites are within the popular Wayne State University.

Our Gala night STARTING AT 7:00 PM PROMPT on Sunday, May 27th. It's expected that our women will be decked out in their ever colorful Ogbakor Red blouse, head tie and Blue (ntorica) to participate in their "Award winning" women's dance. For those women that have not purchased this colorful ensemble of women's wrapper plus head tie is \$120.00, please contact Mrs. Patience Igwe (614-260-3630) for attires.

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to OIUSA mission. OIUSA wishes you and your family a safe trip to and from Metro Detroit, Michigan USA.
PLEASE STAY TUNED FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AS THEY BECOME AVAILABLE.

Chile P. Chuku

President OIUSA/CANADA

