



Orlu Senatorial Zone, also known as Old Orlu, was established on February 3, 1976, and is one of the three senatorial zones in Imo State, Nigeria. As of 2024, the region consists of 15 local government areas: Ezinihitte, Ideato North, Ideato South, Ihitte-Uboma, Isu, Njaba, Nkwere, Nwangele, Oguata, Ohaji Egbema, Orlu, Oru East, Oru West, and Unuino.

The region is home to three major rivers—the Imo, Nwangele, and Njaba—and two notable lakes, Oguata Lake and Abadaba Lake. These water bodies enhance the area’s natural beauty, making it a prime spot for wildlife observation and recreational activities.

Old Orlu is rich in natural resources, with deposits of crude oil, natural gas, limestone, lead, zinc, white clay, and fine sand available in commercial quantities. In addition, the zone is an important center for agriculture, producing both cash crops—such as palm produce, cocoa, and rubber—and staple foods, including yam, cocoyam, cassava, and corn.

With a strong influence from Western education introduced through colonial and missionary activities, formal education plays a significant role in this region. There are approximately 200 government and privately-owned primary, secondary, and tertiary institutions in the region.

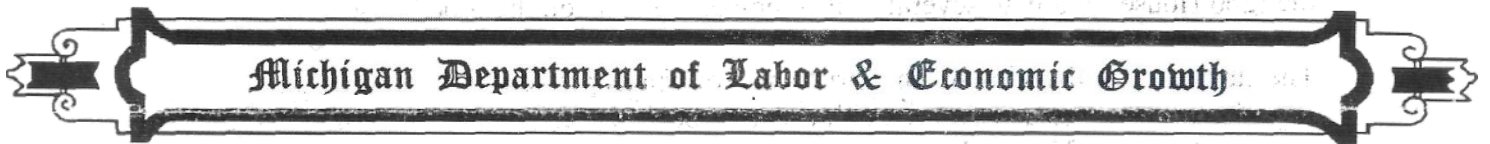
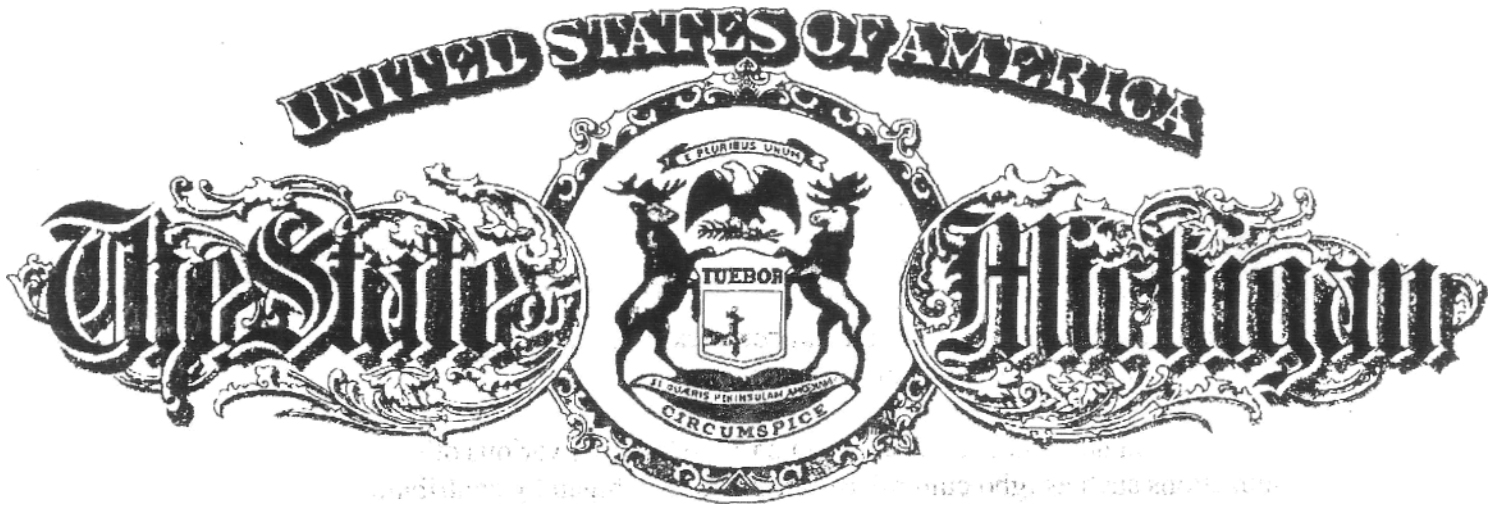
The healthcare system in Old Orlu comprises of a mix of missionary hospitals, private clinics, maternity homes, and government-owned health service clinics and dispensaries operating at the federal, state, and local levels.

Tourism is another important aspect of the region, with the Oguata Lake Holiday Resort standing out as a key attraction. The resort features a one-kilometer-long sandy beach, an 18-hole golf course, and colonial-era architecture, all nestled amidst scenic natural surroundings. Old Orlu’s hills and valleys—

with varying heights, rugged landscapes, and deep valleys—further enhance the region’s appeal to visitors.

The people of Old Orlu are predominantly Christian. The region’s vibrant culture is reflected in various festivals and events, including the New Yam Festival, Ohu Festival, and Ichu Afo, which celebrate the agricultural calendar and traditional customs.

Old Orlu’s combination of natural beauty, rich cultural heritage, agriculture, tourism, and educational focus make it a dynamic and significant region in Imo State.



Lansing, Michigan

This is to Certify That

OLD ORLU EZINWANNE ASSOCIA'TION

was validly incorporated on June 10, 1997, as a Michigan nonprofit corporation, and said corporation is validly in existence under the laws of this state.

This certificate is issued pursuant to the provisions of 1982 PA 162, as amended, to attest to the fact that the corporation is in good standing in Michigan as of this date and is duly authorized to conduct affairs in Michigan and for no other purpose.

This certificate is in due form, made by me as the proper officer, and is entitled to have full faith and credit: given it in every court and office within the United States.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, in the City of Lansing, this 6th day of June, 2008.

 , Director
Bureau of Commercial Services

Mazi Engr Gerald O Dike (Dikemerekwe)



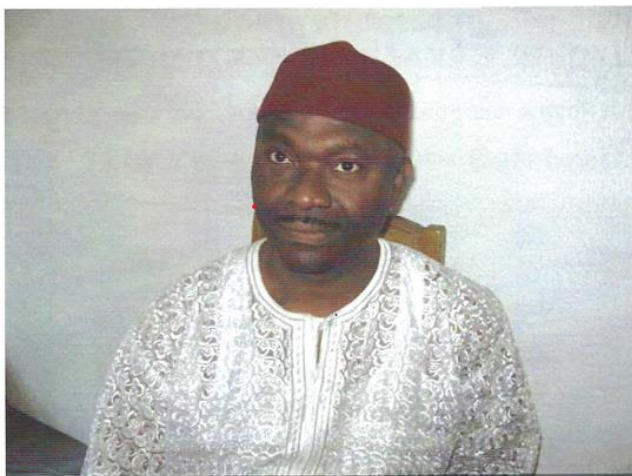
Chairman /Interm President Ezinwanne (1995 – 1996)

Vice Chairman Mr. Boniface Nwaogu
Secretary Mr. Magnus Ndukwe
Financial Secretary Nze Edwin Unaegbu
Treasurer Engr. Damian Onwuzurike
Public Relations Officer Nze Edwin U. Ukegbu
Provost Chief Chris Onwuzurike

Highlights of the administration: Inaugural Caretaker Committee 1995 - 1996:

- Originated the vision in January 1995 to bring all Orlu people in Michigan together.
- Shared the vision with some Orlu people (Kevin Ogbenna, Eugene Ogbenna, Titus Amadi, Alex Amadi , Damian Onwuzurike , and a few others) who supported & encouraged the vision.
- Developed a plan to make the vision a reality; mobilized and worked with some Orlu people (Titus Amadi, Alex Amadi, Edwin Unegbu, Austen Onwudiwe, Magnus Ndukwe, Peter Claver Unaegbu and a few others) in finding and compiling a list of Orlu people present at wedding events, Christening parties etc, in the summer of 1995. These people were the pioneers.
- Worked with Charles Duru to Develop a mailing list and sent letter inviting all Orlu people to a Reunion meeting at his residence in October 1995 during which the association was born and was given a name "EZINWANNE" in November 1995 as proposed by Mrs. Eucharua Osuoha
- Was selected as the first Interim President of the organization in October 1995, along with other officers as follows: Late Boni Face Nwaogu (Vice President), Magnus Nudkwe (secretary). Damian Onwuzurike (Treasury), Eddie Unaegbu (Financial Secretary), Chris Onwuzurike (Provost), Edwin Ukegbu (PRO) who assisted me in running the organization.
- Ran the organization until July 1996 when he handed the torch to Edwin Ukegbu.
- Registered the organization name under "Assume Name" with Wayne County, Michigan
- Obtained required federal tax identification number for the organization
- Established the first bank account for the organization with his own money.
- Hosted the organization's meeting at his residence until June 1996.
- Led the formation & effort of the organization's first constitution drafting committee with such member as Dr. Ernest Ndukwe, Peter Claver Unaegbu, Magnus Ndukwe, Chris Onwuzurike.

LATE NZE EDWIN UKEGBU



President Ezinwanne (1996 -1998)

*Vice President Engr. Obinani Oliver Nwankwo
Secretary General Mr. Magnus Ndukwe
Financial Secretary Mr. Barnabas Damba Odenigbo
Assistant Financial Secretary Mr. Franklin U. Onwenu
Treasurer Nze Edwin N. Unaegbu
Public Relations Officer Chief Chris Onwuzurike
Provost Chief Sir Titus Amadi
Special Event Coordinator Dr. Ernest Amarachukwu Ndukwe*

Highlights of the administration: The first Elected President of Old Orlu Ezinwanne Association

As a servant of the community, I want to begin by expressing with humility my profound appreciation to the membership for affording me the opportunity to be of service to them. Without followers, there will be no leadership. My heart-warmth appreciation also goes to members of my leadership team: Mazi Oliver Nwankwo (Vice President), Magnus Ndukwe (Secretary), Edwin Unaegbu (Treasurer), Chris Onwuzurike (PRO), Damba Odenigbo(Financial Secretary) for without them, our modest accomplishments during those pioneering years could not have been attained.

OUR ACHIEVEMENTS

- *Inaugurated and introduced Ezinwanne into the community as a formidable organization. Not minding the challenges and turbulence that come with a new organization, we were able to enhance the image of our young organization and uplifted her into prominence.*
- *Drafted the constitution of Ezinwanne Association that became the road map for successive administration.*
- *Filed and obtained the 501-C3 for our organization*
- *Initiated the Ezinwanne grand entry that is now part of the program of the larger Igbo community in Michigan.*
- *Introduced group insurance as one of the benefit platform for our young organization.*
- *Maintained the largest membership and attendance base on record.*
- *The list continues.....*

May God be the glory

Chief Chris Onwuzurike (Akanchewa)



President Ezinwanne (1999 - 2001)

Vice President Nze Edwin Unaegbu
Secretary General Mr. Magnus Ndukwe
Assistant Secretary Chief Daniel Dike
Financial Secretary Chief Alex Amadi
Treasurer Chief Chidi Oliver Duru
Public Relations Officer Attorney Donald Mbamah
Provost Engr. Patrick Ohaka
Special Event Coordinator Dr. Ernest Amarachukwu Ndukwe

Highlights of the administration: An Era of Ezinwanne Unity, Pride and Pioneering Achievements

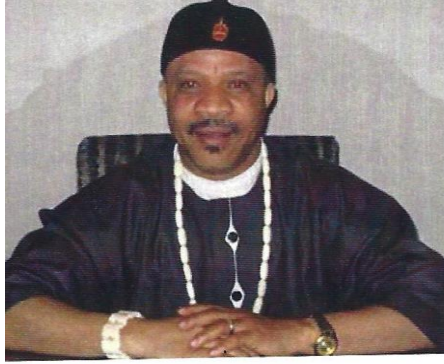
- *Introduced Ezinwanne...I gwebuiké slogan*
- *Guided the ratification and adoption of the first Ezinwanne Constitution, with Dr. Ernest Ndukwe as the Chair of the constitution committee*
- *Produced the first Ezinwanne men and women uniform with the assistance of Mrs. Pauline Okoroh.*
- *Originated the first Ezinwanne women dance group led by first lady, Dr. (Mrs.) Indra Onwuzurike and Lady Doris Anyadoh*
- *Executed the first ever out-of-town (Columbus, Ohio) meeting and special event attendance.*
- *Created and Computerized Ezinwanne membership data-base*
- *Produced and distributed the first printed meeting minutes and financial information at Ezinwanne meeting.*
- *Presided the first Ezinwanne Ikuputa Nwa Ceremony-Initiation of all Ezinwanne Children.*
- *Established the first bank certificate of deposit account.*

I could not have achieved the tasks listed above without the commitment and support of the members of my executive

I personally want to use this opportunity to thank again the above-named individuals and the entire Ezinwanne membership for the trust they bestowed on us.

Long Live Ezinwanne! Long Live Ala Igbo!! Long Live Nigerian!! And God Bless America

Nze Eddy Unaegbu



President Ezinwanne (2001-2003)

Vice President Mr. Boniface Nwaogu
Secretary General Chief Mathias Mgbeafulu
Assistant Secretary Chief Dannel Dike
Financial Secretary Chief Christian Ojimadu
Assistant Financial Secretary Chief Charles Ndukwe
Treasurer Chief Chidi Oliver Duru
Public Relations Officer Chief O. O. Osuji
Provost Chief Joseph Ndupu
Special Event Coordinator Dr. Ernest Amarachukwu Ndukwe

Highlights of the administration:

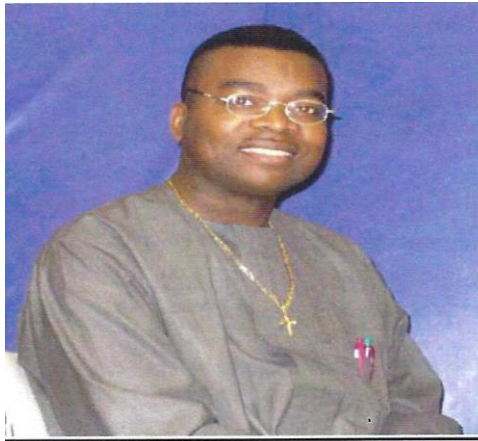
The tenure of Nze Eddy Unaegbu's Presidency in Ezinwanne spurred growth and realization of most of Ezinwanne's aspirations as well as achievement of new goals.

First, Ezinwanne attained full-fledged status as a non-profit 501C (3) organization having satisfactorily completed its probationary period as required by the authorities. Following the attainment of this status, public-spirited individuals and groups began to donate generously to the causes undertaken by Ezinwanne.

Second, Ezinwanne's Group Life insurance program was implemented to give insurance coverage to all members especially those who did not have coverage from their jobs. Thus, Ezinwanne became the first cultural group to purchase insurance coverage at a group rate for its members. From the beginning, Ezinwanne realized that it would be most devastating to lose any of our beloved members. Consequently, a resolution making enrolment in Ezinwanne Insurance program a pre-condition for Ezinwanne membership was pushed by the leadership of Nze Unaegbu and passed by the general membership in 2002.

Third, during the same period 2001-2002 Ezinwanne joined the Orlu Regional Assembly USA (ORAUSA) Inc. the umbrella organization for Orlu peoples in the United States of America. At the first ORAUSA conventional held in Atlanta, Georgia in 2001, Ezinwanne was among the original 13 Affiliates that formed ORA. Ezinwanne has since been playing pivotal role in ORA having produced the first Chairman of the ORAUSA Inc. Board of Directors, Nze Eddy Unaegbu; current Vice President of ORA Chris Onwuzurike; and a former Assistant Secretary, Damba Odenigbo, among other things.

Chief (Dr C. Morgan C. Onwenu,



President Ezinwanne (2003 -2005)

Vice President Chief Joseph Ndupu
Secretary Chief Mathias Mgbeafulu
Assistant Secretary Dr. Okechukwu Maduoma
Financial Secretary Chief Charles Ndukwe
Assistant Financial Secretary Mr. Longinus Iwuoha
Treasurer Mr. Stephen Ndukwe
Public Relations Officer Chief PeterClaver Unaegbu
Provost Mr. Thaddeus I. Onyegbule
Special Event Coordinator #1 Engr. Tony Egbe
Special Event Coordinator #2 Chief Sir Titus Amadi

Highlights of the administration:

Dr. C. Morgan C. Onwenu's administration of the Ezinwanne Association, rooted in inclusiveness, strengthened connections within the community, giving every member a sense of belonging. Notable achievements included supporting women by reviving the Ezinwanne women's dance, establishing a children's dance for Ezinwanne Day 2003, and awarding five academic scholarships to deserving Ezinwanne children that same year.

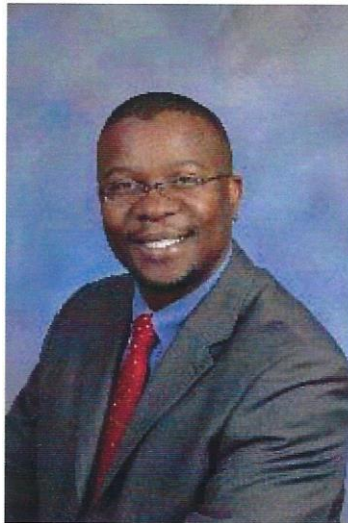
To enhance communication and unity, the administration established the Ezinwanne database, which organized membership information and served as a key communication tool. Additionally, the Ezinwanne e-group was launched, thanks to Mazi Oliver Nwankwo, saving money on mailing and fostering connectivity among members. A Family Almanac was also introduced, allowing members to put faces to names, which further solidified the community's bond. Furthermore, the administration instituted a schedule of monthly meeting hosts and initiated prompt responses for condolence visits and benefits payments to support members in times of loss.

The administration achieved significant milestones in healthcare, economic, and academic areas by facilitating the shipment of containers filled with medical equipment to Imo State University Teaching Hospital in Orlu. This historic achievement was led by Dr. Onwenu and supported by Chief Roger Chidi Matthews, Edwin Ukegbu, Chris Onwuzurike, and Edwin Unaegbu.

Ezinwanne's representation at the ORA USA was also elevated under Dr. Onwenu's leadership. The association produced the first Chairman of ORA USA's Board of Directors, retained the position of National Assistant Secretary General, and nearly captured the Vice Presidency in 2003. Ezinwanne also secured the honor of hosting the ORA USA 2005 National Convention.

Lastly, Dr. Onwenu's administration established a transparent and structured committee system within Ezinwanne, delegating specific tasks to foster an organized approach to community issues.

Attorney Donald E. Mbamah



President Ezinwanne (2005 to 2006)

Vice President Mazi Austeen Onwudiwe
Secretary General Chief Joseph Ndupu
Financial Secretary Engr. Arinze Nwamba
Assistant Financial Secretary
Treasurer Mr. Stephen Ndukwe
Public Relations Officer Chief PeterClaver Unaegbu
Provost Mr. Thaddeus Onyegbule
The Executive Team January 2007 thru January 2009

Highlights of the administration:

Serving as the President of Ezinwanne from 2005 to 2006 has been a privilege. I extend my sincere gratitude to all members for their support and dedication, especially during the memorable ORA convention. Through thorough planning and teamwork, the Detroit convention became one of the most outstanding in ORA's history, and Ezinwanne received its reimbursement with unprecedented speed, thanks to our organized planning committee.

Our work also extended to securing a permanent home for Ezinwanne. Though the Ezinwanne house bid ultimately fell through, I am grateful to everyone involved in the acquisition efforts and those who helped us recover our deposit from the city of Detroit. This initiative showcased our collective commitment and resilience.

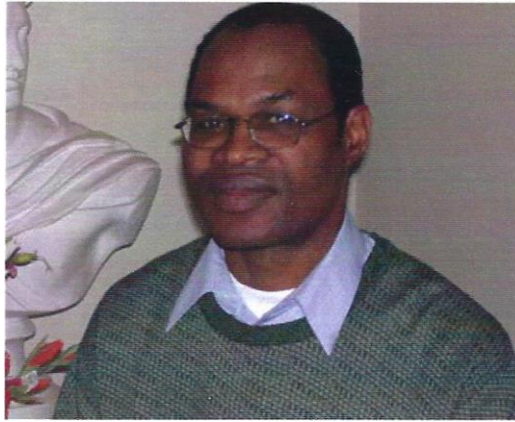
My thanks also go to the executive team for their loyalty and unity, especially Joseph Ndupu, who took over the General Secretary role under challenging circumstances and exceeded all expectations. His leadership filled a critical gap, ensuring seamless operations in that department.

In the interest of financial transparency, the financial and general secretaries collaborated to oversee check-writing and created clear documentation for the association's finances, a first in our history. Additionally, we centralized meetings at the Agiri Building, which encouraged member participation. Monthly gatherings were catered by Chef Missy Uche, whose seamless food service enhanced our gatherings. We hold her in our hearts as she battles cancer, and we pray for her full recovery and well-being.

Finally, I extend appreciation to the Insurance Committee for managing the complex trust agreement. I was honored to provide my support and credit them for their dedicated efforts. Thank you all for

contributing to an impactful and united administration. Together, we strengthened the foundation of Ezinwanne for years to come.

Christian Nwamba, Ph.D



President Ezinwanne (2007 to 2008)

Vice President Mr. Austeen Onwudiwe
Secretary General Engr. Arinze Nwamba
Acting Secretary Dr. Ikenna Duru
Assistant Secretary Engr. Patrick Ohaka
Financial Secretary Engr. Obinani Oliver Nwankwo
Treasurer Mr. Thaddeus Onyegbule
Public Relations Officer Chief Livinus C. Madu
Provost DPO Charles Asomugha

Highlights of the administration:

In December 2006, our organization faced severe challenges: automatic dissolution by the state of Michigan due to unfiled reports since 2004, declining membership morale, and lost trust following disappointing leadership from the 2005-2006 administration. Recognizing the urgent need for transformation, our current executive team took decisive steps to rebuild and re-establish the organization's foundation.

Our initial focus was on restoring legal standing. By filing necessary documents for 2004–2007, we achieved reinstatement by Michigan on June 6, 2008, a major milestone symbolizing our organization's renewal and commitment to accountability. With our administrative duties restored, we embarked on rebuilding member trust and unity. Through outreach, transparency, and an emphasis on mutual support, we re-instilled the "Ezinwanne" spirit of love, cooperation, and shared purpose.

One of our key initiatives was the Mother's Day celebration in May 2007, where male members contributed funds and gifts, and several women, including my wife, volunteered to cook, fostering camaraderie and appreciation within the group. Our administration's bridge-building extended beyond internal improvements to positive networking efforts, re-establishing Ezinwanne's reputation for dignity and community respect.

Today's 12th anniversary celebration and fund-raising event mark a crowning achievement. For the first time, this event combines celebration with community impact, with funds supporting elementary schools in impoverished areas. If we surpass our \$35,000 goal, we hope to provide academic scholarships to local schoolchildren, a lasting investment in the future.

I extend heartfelt thanks to the current executive team, especially Mr. Oliver Nwankwo, our dedicated financial secretary, for his invaluable contributions. His work alongside the team has embodied the Ezinwanne spirit, positioning us for continued success.

Chief PeterClaver Unaegbu



President Ezinwanne (2009 thru 2013)

Vice President Chief Livinus C. Madu

Secretary General Chief Dr. Ikenna F. Duru

Assistant Secretary #1. TBD, Assistant Secretary #2 Chief Dannel Dike 2011 thru

Financial Secretary #1. Chief Dannel Dike 2009 thru 2011, Assistant Financial Secretary Prince Solomon Okwudire

Financial Secretary #2. Mr. Casmir Duru 2011 thru 2013

Treasurer #1. Thaddeus I. Onyegbule , Treasurer #2. Mr. Clement Duruaku

Public Relations Officer Chief Engr. Chinenye Akubukwe

Provost DPO Charles I. Asomugha

Highlights of the administration:

The Executive Team March 2013 thru January 2018

President Chief Dr. C. Morgan C. Onwenu

Vice President Chief Chidi O. Duru 2013 thru 2016.

Secretary General Mr. Uzoma Ben Nwachukwu

Assistant Secretary Mr. Oscar O. Duru 2016 thru 2018

Financial Secretary Chief Engr. Chinenye Akubukwe

Assistant Financial Secretary #1. Prince Solomon Okwudire thru 2016

Assistant Financial Secretary #2. Mr. Samuel Amaechi Agubosi 2016 thru 2018

Treasurer #1. Mr. Clement Duruaku thru 2016

Treasurer #2. Mrs. Ngozi Duruaku Thru 2018

Public Relations Officer Not Applicable

Provost #1. Mazi Samuel Amaechi Agubosi 2013 thru 2016

Provost #2. Mr. Clement Duruaku 2016 thru 2018

Community Relations Officer #1. Chief Mrs. Cecelia Onyebuchi

Community Relations Officer #2. Mr. Stephen Ndukwe

Prince Solomon Okwudire



President Ezinwanne (2018 to 2022)

Vice President Crown Chief Engr. Chinenye Akubukwe
Secretary General Mazi Austeen Onwudiwe
Assistant Secretary#1 Hon. Oscar Odinaka Duru, Assistant Secretary #2. Mr. Ben Okoro
Financial Secretary Mr. Stephen Ndukwe, Assistant Financial Secretary Mrs. Esther Iwuoha
Treasurer #1. Mrs. Ngozi Duruaku Thru 2020 , Treasurer #2. Hon. Oscar Duru 2020 thru 2022
PRO #1. Mr. Samuel Amaechi Agubosi thru 2020, PRO #2. Dr. Obinna Akubukwe 2020 thru 2022
Provost#1. Mr. Odinaka Nwosu thru 2020, Provost #2. Mr. Samuel Amaechi Agubosi 2020 thru 2022
Community Relations Officer Mr. Clement Duruaku

Highlights of the administration:

As I conclude my term as president of Ezinwanne, I reflect with pride on what we've achieved together, strengthening bonds, promoting unity, and making a positive impact in our communities. At the outset, I introduced the "SHOW" standard—Smile and greet, Hear their story, Own their experience, Woo the members—as a guiding principle to promote respect and unity among members. This culture of warmth and inclusivity has become central to our identity as an organization.

Our memorable events, like the grand reunion, celebrated our shared heritage and unity, and we extended this commitment to our roots by supporting elementary schools in Orlu, Nigeria. Ezinwanne's commitment to service was also visible during the COVID-19 pandemic, when we used virtual platforms to keep our members connected and supported.

Reestablishing our ties with the umbrella association, ORAUSA, was a notable milestone, further positioning Ezinwanne as a trusted, community-engaged organization. Through events and collaborations, we strengthened our presence and reputation locally. Increasing membership and deepening engagement were essential goals, and we achieved these by reaching out, valuing members' voices, and fostering an atmosphere of trust and inclusion.

We prioritized transparency, updating our constitution and bylaws, and centered our values on respect, building a dignified and caring family atmosphere. Additionally, the "Ihe anyi na emere onwe anyi" support initiative allowed us to care for members in need. Reintroducing family meeting events brought our children into the fold, helping us cultivate a community that endures across generations.

Finally, to secure Ezinwanne's future, we established Certificates of Deposit to safeguard our financial stability. My heartfelt thanks go to my cabinet and advisors for their invaluable support in our shared accomplishments. Together, we've strengthened Ezinwanne as a place of support, community, and lasting impact.

President Chief Engr. Chinenye Akubukwe

President 2022 to Present

Vice President Chief Engr. Chidi Obua

Secretary General Mazi Uche Andrew Geoffrey Iriele

Assistant Secretary#1. Dr. Mrs. Dorris Nwamba 2022 thru Jan 2024, Assistant Secretary #2. Mrs. Chinedu Agubosi 2024 Thru 2026

Financial Secretary Dr. Obinna Akubukwe

Assistant Financial Secretary #1 Mrs. Chinedu Agubosi , Assistant Financial Secretary #2. Mr. Samuel Amechi Agubosi

Treasurer #1. Hon. Oscar Duru thru 2024, Treasurer #2. Mr. Udochukwu Onwudiwe 2024 thru 2026

Public Relations Officer Mr. Paschal Obua

Provost #1 Mr. Samuel Amechi Agubosi Thru Jan 2024, Provost #2. Udoawujo Obinna Ogike Jan 2024 thru Jan 2026

Community Relations Officer #1. Mrs. Pauline Iroegbulam thru Jan 2024

Community Relations Officer #2. Hon. Oscar O. Duru Jan 2024 thru Jan 2026