

The New President of the NY Chapter of the AMHE Acceptance Speech

In the name of all the members of this newly elected executive committee of the New York Chapter of the Association of Haitian Physicians Abroad, I would like to thank the election committee for organizing these elections. It took two tries but it is the end result that matters. We want mostly to express our gratitude to all of you for giving us the privilege of serving you. We realize that trust and confidence must be earned and we intend to do just that.

This association is not ours. It does not belong to any particular individuals. It will endure and survive long after we will be gone. This association belongs to its members. It is yours. Every accomplishment and every success can only be the result of our joint effort.

Our purpose is not to compete or outperform previous administrations of the chapter. Our purpose is to build on what has been accomplished before us and I would like to take a moment to thank all those who have served before us, selflessly. We want to continue what you have started and hopefully go beyond, since we have to make some progress.

As your leaders, we promise to work hard, to be transparent and to always represent our association with honor and dignity. In return, we will ask your generous cooperation. Every one has something to contribute: some can teach, some are great organizers, some are great communicators and some have a lot of energy and a lot of great ideas. Everyone can and must contribute in his or her field of expertise. Our strength will be in our togetherness and we will rise or fall together.

We urge you to volunteer in all the committees according to your talent. We want you to participate in the general assembly meeting. We want you to talk about the association and the good things that we do and invite all your friends to join the oldest Haitian professional organization of the Diaspora.

If you do, we will be successful.

Thank you.