**2024 ANUPA AGM ENDS IN A GRAND STYLE, ELECTS NEW NATIONAL EXCO**

The National President of the Association of Nigerian University Professional Administrators (ANUPA), Dr. Victor Mkuma Bem has expressed the determination of the National Executive Committee of ANUPA to remain committed towards the realization of her goals despite the obvious challenges the University system has continued to face.

Speaking while presenting first term report at the just concluded 2024 Annual General Meeting of the association, Dr. Bem applauded the ANUPA family, including the National Executive Committee (NEC), National Council(NC), Branch Executives and all members of ANUPA family for their resilience in keeping ANUPA moving in the face of instability in the University system occasioned by several factors.

Dr. Bem whose report covered many areas of the association’s activities, reiterated that the bill to Charter ANUPA remains the top priority of his administration and pleaded with branches to submit their revalidation list which will help speed up the process of the Charter.

The AGM also featured the recognition and presentation of award of excellence to two distinguished Nigerians, namely-the Chairman, Association of Registrars of Nigerian Universities (ARNU), Mr. Joseph Ife Oluwole and the Vice-Chancellor of Joseph Sarwuan Tarka University, Makurdi (JOSTUM), Engr. Prof. Isaac Nathaniel Itodo, for the exemplary way they have continued to pilot the affairs of their institutions.

Responding after receiving the award, the Vice-Chancellor of JOSTUM, Prof. Itodo, described the award as one that is very dear to his heart and affirmed that University professional administrators in his university have continued to exhibit high sense of humility, dedication, and commitment in the discharge of their duties.

He stated that he approved that staff who were due to be promoted to the rank of a Director, be accorded their due status, stressing that these set of staff have worked hard to merit the position.

Prof. Itodo reiterated his commitment towards the goals of ANUPA, especially in training and re-training her members who are staff of the University and pledged that his University will continue to support the national leadership of ANUPA, currently headed by Dr. Victor Bem, a Director in the University and member of her Governing Council.

The highpoint of the 2024 AGM was the election of the new National Executive Committee, who will pilot her affairs of the association for the next two years. They include the following: **Dr. Victor Mkuma Ben (President),** **Mrs. Francisca I. Ayodele (Vice President I),** **Mrs. Jallabah M. Sheikh (Vice President),** **Dr. Roseline Iruoma Ojinta (National Secretary),** **Mr. Stephen Dantani Ibrahim (Assistant National Secretary)**, **Dr. Mrs. Seiyefa Taylor-Harry (National Treasurer) and Umar Shehu Jabo (National Financial Secretary)**. Other officers elected were: **Miss Kemisola Abidemi Obabire (National Training Officer),** **Ayuba Adinoyi Yahaya (National Editor-in-Chief),** **Onyinye Ralph-Nwachukwu (National Public Relations Officer), Barr. Isaac Adinya Ataben (National Legal Adviser), Barr. Titus I.Igwe (Ex-Officio I) and Mr. Okey Ikegbunam (Ex-Offiocio II)**.

It is important to note that the 2024 ANUPA Annual Conference and Annual General Meeting attracted the attendance and active participation of University Professional Administrators drawn from over forty-two Universities across Nigeria.

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