

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT COLLEGE IKOM OLD STUDENTS ASSOCIATION

1st ALUMNI DELEGATE CONGRESS HELD ON 10TH FEBRUARY 2018

DRAFT CONSTITUTION AMMENDMENT PROPOSALS

PREAMBLE

We, the members of “**FEDERAL GOVERNMENT COLLEGE IKOM ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**” (**FEDIKOM**) have jointly agreed to formulate a constitution that will guide the activities of the alumni Association hence the registration of “**FEDERAL GOVERNMENT COLLEGE IKOM ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**” (**FEDIKOM**). The Association hereby makes and sets up this constitution.

Amendment: Federal Government College Ikom Old Students Association was adopted as the official name of the Association.

1. Article (1) should be changed to reflect the new nomenclature in the Preamble
2. Article (2) should be retained
3. Article (3) should be retained
4. **ARTICLE 4: ADDRESS** should be replaced and amended to read wherever the National President is domiciled

Article (5) should be retained since it has already been addressed under the Alumni Structure

Article (6) should be retained

7. ARTICLE 7: MEMBERSHIP

part (2) and (3) should be amended since these clauses are the same. It was suggested that on the issue of dues and registration we need to be specific. We need to be certain what the dues we are agreeing on here will be.

Delegates agreed that:

- 1) Every Alumni shall register with the Association with a sum of ₦1000
 - 2) Every individual shall pay dues to the Association (the clause was amended and the term ‘membership card’ was replaced with ‘subscription number’)
 - 3) Dues should be paid through the sets and remitted to National Executive Committee through the Association’s bank account. (The word ‘Levy’ was expunged and replaced with ‘Annual Dues’). Individual sets will pay levies when necessary on pro-rata basis.
- 7 (4) Honorary membership should be given to anyone deserving of it. Article 9 sub C on Trustees for Honorary Membership was reproduced for this sub-section
1. Honorary Membership shall be accorded to any person(s) who has shown a special interest in the activities of the association and has manifested this by some overt acts in furtherance to the aims and objectives of the association. (Delegates requested that the criteria for Honorary Membership be defined)

2. Honorary membership should be given to anyone deserving of it and not restricted to Old Students alone. However it was suggested that we reproduce Article 9 sub C on Trustees for Honorary Membership.
3. we cannot leave honorary membership open to everyone for life and it was suggested we include 7(6) (a sub-section on withdrawal of Honorary Membership and take what is applicable to trustees at 9 (c) 1, 2, 3 and 4)

ARTICLE 9 C (4) should be expunged

ARTICLE 8: RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS

(1) Every member shall have a right to make use of the Association's properties subject to any regulation made by the Executive Council and approved by the general meeting 'since a decision by the Executive Committee is not binding until approved at a General meeting'. Council was changed to Committee and the underlined clause was added.

(a) (5) The association shall attend such burial/condolence with such an amount of money as may be determined by the Executive Council based on the prevailing economic circumstance. This clause was retained and Council was changed to Committee

ARTICLE 9: THE TRUSTEES AND COMMON SEAL

(b) It was agreed that we increase the number of Trustees from five (5) to ten (10)

(c) The issue of trustees holding office for life was raised and it was unanimously agreed that trustees cannot hold office for life.

(d) It was agreed that the trustees should be elected to serve a fixed term of 7 years each which is renewable

(e) It was agreed that The National President should be made a member of 'Board of Trustees' to serve as the link between the Board of Trustees and National Executive Committee

It was agreed that a clause that sets the criteria for becoming a Trustee be added

Article 9 sub (c) on who declares a Trustee bankrupt was rephrased and

iv. should be amended to read: Is officially declared bankrupt **By a court of law**
It was agreed that the Executive Body be addressed as National Executive Committee and every other nomenclature contrary to this should be expunged.

Article 10: COMMON SEAL is fine and it was agreed that the common seal be kept in the custody of the National President. This article should be retained

Article 11: MEETINGS

It was agreed that for effective administration of the Association there shall be meetings held at State Chapters. The terms 'Branches/zones' were expunged

GENERAL MEETINGS

- (i.) There shall be a general meeting of all the officers and members of the Association. The general meetings shall be held at least once every year. the term 'and zonal meetings' was expunged
- (ii.) The date and venue of the general meetings shall be agreed upon by members of the Association. The term 'each zones of the association' was expunged.
- (iii.) The National President shall chair the general meeting while the State Chapter Chairmen shall chair the meetings at their respective State Chapters. The terms 'Branch heads' and 'branches/zones' were expunged.

1. EMERGENCY MEETINGS

the term 'Chairman' was replaced with **President**

2. NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- (2) (a, b, c and d) the term 'Executive Board' was replaced with **Executive Committee** and the term 'General Assembly' replaced with **General meeting**.

3. BOARD OF TRUSTEES' MEETING

- a. National President was replaced with **Board of Trustees Chairman**

4. QUORUM

- 1. **For General meetings:** At least **two third (2/3) or ten** (depending on which is less) of the registered members of the Association as present inclusive of four (4) members of the executive. 'At least **two third (2/3) or ten** (depending on which is less)' was expunged and replaced **with a Minimum of 50 members with at least a representative from each set in attendance.** and The cost of attending the general meetings shall be borne by individual members
- 2. **For State/chapter meetings:** At least **five members** of the registered members of the Association should be present inclusive of three (3) members of the executive.

For Emergency Meetings: At least two third (2/3) or ten (depending on which is less) of the registered members of the Association are present. 'At least two third (2/3) or ten (depending on which is less was expunged and Replaced **with Minimum of 20 members with at least 50% of all sets represented.**
- 3. **For Board of Trustees Meetings:** A minimum of 3 members shall form a quorum and the Board shall appoint other officers and regulate its own procedure at the meetings.

The CDC committee was tasked to draw up issues that may constitute emergency situations and 'Add Clauses to reflect this provision'

6. RULES AND REGULATIONS OF GENERAL MEETINGS

Article 6 (This is fine and does not require amendment) It was retained

6(g) the term 'Executive Council' was replaced with **Executive Committee**

ARTICLE 12: ORGANS OF THE ASSOCIATION

1) **THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY** the term 'General Assembly' was replaced with General Meeting and 'Executive Council' changed to Executive Committee

(a) the term 'Executive Council' was replaced with Executive Committee

2) **THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL** (replaced with Executive Committee)
'Chairmen of zones' was replaced with Chairmen of State Chapters
'Branch Executives' **was** replaced **with** State Executives

A) OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

all the terms written 'General Secretary' was changed to Secretary-General

It was agreed that the position of The Legal Adviser and The Auditor of the Association should be based on appointment and not election

B) QUALIFICATION FOR ELECTION

1. The person must have spent at least one year in the association and must have been of good conduct. The underlined was replaced with '**at least a minimum of 10 years from graduation**' for the offices of President, Vice President and Secretary. '**Every other elective position shall be a minimum of 5 years from graduation**'.
4. Must have been of reasonable constant attendance to the activities of the Association was replaced with '**must have shown at least 50% commitment in all Alumni activities**'.
5. All officers shall be eligible for re-election. The clause only for two consecutive terms was added and **b5** expunged entirely as it has been captured elsewhere.

Provost

- i. Under Duties of the provost: (3) Shall permit any member and/or members wishing to address the congress to do so. **Attn:** Only the Presiding officer can permit any member wishing to address the floor to do so. This clause was expunged

Legal Adviser

- i) Be of good repute and must have been in the profession for a reasonable period of time. the underlined was expunged and replaced with 'and must have at least 5 years post-call experience'.

- ii) A last clause (iv) that the legal Adviser shall administer the oath of office on all elected Officers of the Association. was Included.

A. **OTHER ELECTORAL PROVISIONS:**

- A. The Executives of the Association shall be elected at an Annual General Meeting of the Association and shall serve for a 5 (five) year period after which their tenure expires. It was agreed that elected officers will serve Three (3) years.
- B. At the end of each executive's tenure they shall be dissolved and an election shall be held within 30 days of the dissolution. No individual officer shall serve in the executive for more than two consecutive terms. The underlined was replaced with '**30 days before expiration of tenure**'.
- F. Elections shall be conducted through an open-ballot system. The underlined was replaced with '**Open- Secret Ballot System**'.
- R. BYE-LAW was changed to BYE-ELECTIONS

ARTICLE 14: DISBURSEMENT AND APPLICATION OF FUNDS

- (iv) Financial reports shall be presented at the end of every tenure to the General Assembly. The underlined was replaced with '**yearly at a General Meeting including the report of all standing Committees**'. Expunged General Assembly.

ARTICLE 15: AMENDMENT OF CONSTITUTION

Delegates agreed that this section is scanty and needs to be reworked. The Constitution Drafting Committee should include a **cut-off date** for amendment of the constitution and include a specific timeframe.

It should also make provision to allow members send memoranda on sections that needs to be amended alongside notice of general meeting at least two weeks before the meeting to provide ample time for members to make their inputs.

ARTICLE 16: SPECIAL CLAUSE

This section should be retained as composed.

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