

CONSTITUTION OF IJEBU IGBO DESCENDANTS (OMO ORIMOLUSI) NORTH AMERICA).

PREAMBLE

In recognition of the need for our people to come together for the common good, development and progress of our father/motherland, we, the people of Ijebu-Igbo origin living in the continent of North America, do hereby come together as an entity with common goals for the unity, progress and development of our birth place – Ijebu Igbo in Ogun state, Nigeria and wish to be called and referred to as “Association of Ijebu Igbo Descendants (Omo Orimolusi) North America; and we also give ourselves this document (hereafter referred to as “The Constitution” as a guide to govern our relationship within the association as well as our relationship with other bodies outside the association.

SECTION ONE: NAME & DESCRIPTION

- 1.1 The association shall be called Association of IJEBU IGBO DECSENDANTS (OMO ORIMOLUSI) NORTH AMERICA, AIID (Omo Orimolusi North America, herein after referred to as “The Association”.
- 1.2 The association shall be UNIQUE, separate, and distinct body created by Ijebu Igbo descendant’s resident in the continent of North America, subject only to the laws of the continent and accountable to her members and patrons only.
- 1.3 The Association shall be a non-partisan entity, but notwithstanding this non-partisanship, members can be of any political persuasion based on individual free choice and could discuss, debate or comment on political issues relating to Ijebu Igbo, in particular Nigeria and other countries in general.
- 1.4 The motto of the Association shall be “TO HONOR PAST HEROES AND EMPIWER OUR FUTURE LEADERS”
- 1.5 The logo of the Association shall be the symbol of a “Golden Crown in a circle on a royal blue background with the inscription: IID (Omo Orimolusi)

SECTION TWO: AIMS & OBJECTIVES

- 2.1 To foster unity, peace, justice, and progress among the Ijebu Igbo community in North America and Nigeria.
- 2.2 To promote cultural (including but not limited to Ijebu language, dressing, food and our cultural heritage), educational, commercial and the general welfare of the Ijebu Igbo people in North America, Nigeria and the world over.
- 2.3 The Association shall seek to render assistance ro private and public institutions in Ijebu Igbo in as much as they privately contribute to the development of Ijebu Igbo community.
- 2.4 The Association shall protect the rights of ordinary citizens of Ijebu Igbo as a community in all aspects of general welfare within the provisions of the laws of Canada and The United States of America, the countries where IID has branches/ chapters and indeed the Federal republic of Nigeria
- 2.5 The Association shall seek to promote and sustain the unity of Ijebu Igbo indigenes in North America and other countries where she has branches/ chapters as well as the Federal republic of Nigeria.

2.6 The Association shall co-operate with individuals and groups whose aims, and objectives are similar to those of the association as enshrined in this constitution

2.7 The Association shall promote and harmonize the traditional and cultural ethics of Ijebu Igbo as exemplified by the Yoruba "Omoluwabi" ethos

2.8 The Association shall initiate and support projects which will be beneficial to Ijebu Igbo community in Nigeria, within and outside North America and countries of IID branches/ chapters

2.9 The Association shall encourage co-operation with and among Ijebu indigenes and Yoruba people at large throughout North America and Nigeria.

2.10 The Association shall organise cultural, educational and social fundraising events as may be deemed necessary by the general membership in line with our constitution.

SECTION THREE: MEMBERSHIP

3.1 Membership of the association shall be opened to all Ijebu Igbo descendants, be it by birth, marriage or length of stay, as long as they are responsible law-abiding individuals who share the association's goals, ethos and objectives.

3.2 All intending members shall apply by completing and submitting the membership application form to the membership committee for vetting and upon approval, pay the membership due annually.

3.3 A bona fide member shall be deemed to have paid up annual subscription, dues; and completed an official membership form and be approved by the membership committee.

3.4 Any member in default of payment of annual subscription as provided for in this constitution, shall for as long as they remain in default, forfeit the right to vote and or be voted for, at all meetings and events of the association.

3.5 Any suspended member shall, for as long as they remain under suspension, forfeit their right to vote at all meetings and events of the association. Provided that a member who has paid at least four installments shall not be so affected if the circumstances leading to the default in payment is made known to the welfare officer or other members of the executive in writing not later than the date of the next due installment payment.

3.6 Honorary Members: They shall be non Ijebu Igbo descendants. A nomination for honorary members hip shall be made to the membership committee who shall then recommend to the executive committee. Such recommendation must be ratified at the next Annual General Meeting.

3.7 Honorary Members shall have the right to attend all Annual General meeting in the capacity of observers. They may neither vote nor be voted for.

3.8 Honorary Members shall support the association to enhance the attainment of her aims and objectives.

SECTION FOUR: PATRONS AND MATRONS

4.1 The executive committee shall recommend the appointment of Patrons and Matrons of the association at the Annual General Meeting. Every nominee shall be subject to general membership approval by a simple majority of the members present at the Annual General Meeting.

4.2 The Patrons and Matrons shall primarily be required to support the association in any way possible to enhance the smooth running of the association.

4.3 The seating paramount ruler of Ijebu Igbo (The Orimolusi of Ijebu Igbo) shall be the Grand Patron while all the sectional Obas of the Igbo marun – The Sopenlukale of Oke Sopin, The Olokine of Ojowo, The Keegbo of Atikori, The Abija Parako of Japara and The Bejeroku of Oke-Agbo.

4.4 The Orimolusi of Ijebu Igbo as well as any other traditional ruler in Ijebu Igbo shall be recognized and accorded their rightful honours and privileges by the association.

SECTION FIVE: ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION/ DUES

5.1 Members' annual subscription rate shall be US\$240 or C\$240 according to the country of primary residence of members. This shall be reviewed by the executive committee and ratified annually at the Annual General Meeting.

5.2 Members' annual subscription shall be paid in either one lump sum, monthly or quarterly instalments as convenient for the member.

5.3 The executive committee may from time-to-time request members to make other contributions in addition to annual subscription as at when necessitated by the association's need from time to time.

5.4 Any individual member, can at any time, make special donations to the association for any reason whatsoever.

SECTION SIX: ORGANOGRAM OF THE ASSOCIATION

6.1 The general assembly of members at annual general meeting (AGM) shall elect an Executive Committee (EXCO) officers to carry out the business of the association for a two-year tenure which is renewable for one more tenure for any member.

6.2 The general assembly shall also elect a five-man Board of Trustee members (BOT) who shall have supervisory and advisory roles.

6.3a. Any bona fide member shall be qualified to be nominated, vote or be voted for at the association's elections.

6.3b. Executive committee elective positions shall comprise of the following:

- I. President
- II. Vice President
- III. General secretary
- IV. Assistant general secretary
- V. Treasurer
- VI. Assistant Financial Secretary

- VII. Public Relations Officer
- VIII. Legal Secretary
- IX. Auditor
- X. BOT Chair
- XI. BOT Secretary
- XII. BOT Members
- XIII. Any other positions as deemed necessary by the association.

SECTION SEVEN: DUTIES OF ELECTED OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

The executive committee shall be responsible for the day-to-day functions of the association while the Board of Trustees shall be in the advisory/ oversight/ supervisory role as the trustees of the association.

7.1 The President

- 7.1a. the president shall preside over all the executive committee and general meetings.
- 7.1b. the president shall maintain law and order at meetings and has the tie breaker vote at such meetings.
- 7.1c. The president shall uphold and maintain the unity of the executive committee and the general meeting.
- 7.1d. the president shall be the principal head of delegates to other meetings and conferences involving the association.
- 7.1e. The president shall be a signatory of the association's membership cards and bank accounts.
- 7.1f. The president shall be responsible for the conduct of the executive committee including the general co-ordination of all executive actions.
- 7.1g. The president shall give annual report of the association's activities at the end of the year to the general assembly at every annual general meeting (AGM).
- 7.1h. The president shall be empowered to delegate any of his functions with the approval of the executive committee.

7.2 The Vice President

- 7.2a The Vice President shall fulfill the role of the president at the executive or general meetings, where the president is absent, or where this is impracticable, any member agreed by the members present at the meeting.
- 7.2b The Vice president shall assume the full role of the President, where the position become vacant or the president becomes incapacitated or delegated the Vice President to act on his behalf, pending a bye-election as provided for in this constitution.
- 7.3c. The Vice President is jointly responsible for the conduct of the executive committee.
- 7.3d. The Vice President shall carry out any duties delegated or assigned to him/her by the President

7.3e. The Vice President shall meet and receive visitors arriving from abroad whenever such receptions are official and sanctioned by the executive committee.

7.3f. The Vice President shall be the Chair of the disciplinary committee.

7.4 Assistant General Secretary

7.4a The Assistant General Secretary shall assume the responsibility of the General Secretary where the latter is absent or incapacitated for any reason whatsoever.

7.4b. The Assistant General Secretary shall assume the full post of the General Secretary where the position becomes vacant pending a bye-election as provided for in the constitution.

7.4c The Assistant General Secretary shall carry out duties delegated to him/her by the General Secretary to ensure the smooth running of the association secretariat.

7.5 Public Relations Officer

7.5a Shall be responsible for the public relations and image of the association in accordance with the aims and objectives of the association and provisions of this constitution.

7.5b Shall promote the association's services, events and activities and organize equipment necessary to disseminate the association's information.

7.5c. shall undertake other duties assigned by the president within the provisions of this constitution.

7.5d. Shall work with the General secretary to form editorial advisory committee that shall be responsible for and plan an appropriate information package for the association.

7.5e. Shall manage the social media platform – Facebook, twitter, YouTube and any emergent social media technologies for the association in consultation with the General Secretary and the President.

7.5f. Shall organize representation of the association at social events of other associations and be the chief promoter of the culture of Ijebu Igbo community within and outside the association in North America and beyond.

7.6 Treasurer

7.6a The treasurer shall collect all monies due to the association and deposit same into the Association's account(s) no later than three working days after collection.

7.6b. Shall ensure that proper accounts and records are kept and produce such books for periodic inspection and audit.

7.6c. Shall be a signatory to the association's accounts together with the president and the General Secretary and reports to the approval of the executive committee.

7.6d. Shall provide monthly, quarterly and yearly reports of the Association's financial position to the Executive committee and the general assembly.

7.6e. Shall prepare and distribute annual financial statements on the Association's financial position.

7.7 Assistant Financial Secretary

7.7a. Shall receive and pay all monies collected by the Treasurer into the association's account(s) within two working days.

7.7b. Shall keep track of all the Association's Financial records in the absence of the Treasurer.

7.7c. Shall be saddled with preparing vouchers and other source documents.

7.7d. The Assistant Financial Secretary must ensure that proper accounts and records are kept and shall provide such books for inspection as required.

7.7e. The Assistant Financial Secretary shall not make any payments from the association's funds without the completion of a payment voucher, approved and signed by the Treasurer and the President.

7.7f. Liability to the association's account(s) is unlimited.

7.7g. The Assistant Financial Secretary shall assist the Treasurer to prepare the Association's Annual financial statements.

7.8 Legal Officer

7.8a The Legal Officer shall be the adviser to the association on constitutional and legal matters. In the event that no member of the Association is a qualified and practicing Attorney. The Association shall through her EXCO retain the services of a qualified attorney on ad-hoc basis.

7.8b. The Legal Officer shall provide necessary professional advice to the association in the performance of his duties.

7.8c. The Legal Officer shall advise other officers on the Legal implications arising from the execution of their duties.

7.8d. The Legal Officer shall be a member of the Constitution review committee.

SECTION EIGHT: ELECTIONS AND TENURE OF OFFICE

8.1 Elections shall be held every two years at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) and or at any other times as may be recommended by the EXCO and ratified by the General Assembly of members.

8.2. A bona fide member may nominate himself/herself or be nominated by another bona fide member to contest for a position. Such nominations must be seconded by a bona fide member on the date of the election.

8.3. A candidate nominated in absentia must have issued a written consent of such nomination to the returning officer before the election date.

8.4. Voting shall be secret ballot, the result of which shall be determined by a simple majority.

8.5. Three returning officers shall be elected on the election day for the purpose of conducting the election. The returning officers shall not be eligible to be voted for in respect of the election for which they were constituted but can exercise their right to vote for any candidate of their choice if they are bona fide members.

ELIGIBILITY

8.6 To be eligible for election as an officer of the association, an aspiring candidate must have been a member for a calendar year and have attended 60% of the association's meetings and functions.

8.7. To be eligible to hold any office, the aspiring candidate must be a bona fide member, as provided for in section 3 of this constitution.

8.8. The aspiring candidate must have attended 60% of the general meetings in the calendar year preceding the election; or as may be decided by the Executive council or the general meeting.

8.9. Without prejudice to section 8.6, 8.7 and 8.8 above, an aspiring candidate who is a new bona fide member by virtue of section 3, may be eligible to contest for any office provided that such a candidate has attended all six general meetings up to the Annual general Meeting at which the elections are to be held; or as may be decided by the Executive Committee Council or the Annual General Meeting.

SECTION NINE: VACANCY OF OFFICE

9.1. An office shall become vacant through expiration of term, death, revocation, removal or resignation.

9.2. A motion for the removal of an officer shall be brought to the Disciplinary Committee through the General Secretary.

9.3. The committee shall investigate the allegations and report to the general meeting.

9.4. The Disciplinary Committee's report shall state all mitigating and blameworthy circumstances of the officer concerned.

9.5. The motion for the removal of the said officer will then be formally moved by the chair of the disciplinary committee. Removal of any officer found guilty of any alleged offence shall be by a vote to support such with not less than a two thirds majority of members present.

9.6. A motion for vote of no confidence shall be brought to the general meeting for the dissolution of the new executive committee where at least no less than ten (10) financial members or ten percent (10%) of the association's membership duly signed and submit a petition to that effect to the disciplinary committee.

Such petition must include provable allegations (with evidence) including but not necessarily limited to: constant disruptive/ destructive disagreement, lack of cooperation, misappropriation of funds, fraudulent activities or any other unbecoming conducts attributable to the EXCO that might bring the association's name into disrepute.

9.7. The chairperson of the disciplinary committee or any member of the committee present shall oversee the conduct of a motion of no confidence during a general meeting to address allegations against the EXCO.

9.8. Provided such a motion is moved and seconded by at least two bona fide members, ratification will be made two-thirds majority of the general meeting and the executive council will become dissolved if the vote succeeds.

9.9 i. The chairperson of the disciplinary committee or any member of the committee present shall take over the affairs of the association pending the appointment of a caretaker committee that would steer the association until the general election is concluded.

ii. Any officer tendering his/her resignation shall do so in writing to the president through the general secretary who shall call an emergency EXCO meeting as provided for in this constitution to determine the acceptance or refusal of such resignation.

iii. Where the resigning officer is the president, the vice president shall assume the particular responsibility of summoning the meeting.

SECTION TEN: TERM OF OFFICE

10.1 An officer shall hold office for two years as prescribed in this constitution. Except in respect of Section nine above, no term of office shall be varied unless by resolution at a general meeting.

10.2 An officer shall be elected to serve a full term of office as stated in Section Seven but shall be eligible to contest for the same office only for another term.

SECTION ELEVEN: BYE-ELECTION

11.1 A bye-election shall be held within sixty days of a vacant position occurring in the executive committee and an acting officer appointed by the general meeting where immediate bye-election is impossible.

11.2 Where the vacancy occurs sixty days before the next scheduled AGM, no bye-election shall be necessary but an acting officer shall be appointed to serve until the said AGM.

11.3 Bye-elections shall be held by secret ballot at general meetings. A simple majority shall determine the outcome of such elections.

SECTION TWELVE: ACTING OFFICER

12.1 In the event of any vacant office(s), the executive shall be empowered to fill such a vacancy. Such officers so appointed shall be acting officer for a period no longer than sixty days pending a bye-election.

12.2 The executive council shall nominate three bona fide members, one of which shall be ratified at a general meeting to fill the vacancy.

12.3 The officers so appointed shall be an Acting Officer.

SECTION THIRTEEN: FINANCE

13.1 The source of revenue for the association shall be this listed below:

a. Membership fees – recommended by the Executive committee and determined annually at the general meeting.

b. Voluntary donations by members.

c. Donations of cash, properties, legacies and other material assets from whatever source, provided no expressed or implied expectation of preferential treatment be attached which may infringe upon this constitution.

d. Proceeds from fund-raising activities organized by the association from time to time.

e. Investment income

f. Advertising revenue from the association's newsletter.

g. Other viable avenues as may be determined by the Executive committee and or general assembly from time to time.

13.2 All monies, properties, legacies and other material assets received on behalf of the association shall be transferred to the Treasurer who shall within the period provided for in this constitution deposit same in the appropriate bank accounts of the association.

13.3 The monies of the association may be invested by the Executive committee in stocks, shares or investment plans promoted by recognized and reputable companies provided such decisions are duly authorized by the association at a general meeting.

SECTION FOURTEEN: BANK ACCOUNTS

14.1 The Executive committee shall decide from time to time and with the general assembly of the association, open such bank accounts as may be necessary for the activities of the association.

14.2 Such accounts may include current accounts for general administration, capital expenditure accounts, fixed deposits, investment accounts and such other accounts as may become necessary from time to time.

14.3 The Treasurer shall lodge all monies of the association in the appropriate bank accounts of the association.

SECTION FIFTEEN: SIGNATORIES TO BANK ACCOUNTS

15.1 The following officers shall be signatories to the bank accounts of the association.

i. The president or Vice President

ii. Treasurer

iii. General Secretary

15.2 At any time the three officers should be made aware of any expenses to be incurred by way of an email communication. Any two of the above shall sign or approve any bank document provided that the Treasurer prepares relevant vouchers

SECTION SIXTEEN: DISCIPLINE

16.1 Any officer or member of the association found to have been guilty of any form of misconduct shall be subjected to the disciplinary procedures of the association as recommended by the disciplinary committee.

16.2 a. The disciplinary committee may recommend that any or combination of the following penalties be imposed on the officer(s) or member(s) proven to be guilty of misconduct:

- * Removal as officer(s) of the association
- * Suspended for a stated period of time as officer(s) or member(s) of the association.
- * Expelled as a member(s) of the association.

b. An act of misconduct is any act which brings the association to disrepute.

16.3 The disciplinary committee shall comprise of a chairperson, secretary and a member appointed by the EXCO from time to time and shall be empowered to recommend discretionary financial penalties in addition to or instead of penalties provided for above.

16.4 Such a recommendation by the disciplinary committee shall be submitted to the EXCO for execution, however, such recommendation may be subject to debate and ratification by the general meeting on the advice of the Executive committee.

The association as a body shall have the competence under this constitution to take any action including instituting legal proceedings for the recovery of any fund or asset misappropriated, stolen or commissioned for unauthorized purpose by any individual, person or body corporate.

SECTION SEVENTEEN: OATHS OF OFFICE

17.1 Every officer elected or appointed as an officer of the association shall subscribe to the oath of office before assuming duty.

17.2 The form for the oath shall be administered by anyone so appointed by the general house on such occasions, or in case of a general election, by a returning officer.

17.3 The form for the oath shall be as below, or in a traditional manner approved by majority of the house:

I,....., do solemnly swear by the almighty God and the deities of Ijebu Igbo, to serve the association of Ijebu Igbo Descendants "Omo Orimolusi" to the best of my knowledge and ability, without fear or favour, to preserve the confidentiality of any matter which shall be brought to my attention as an officer of the association, except as may be required for the due discharge of my duties, to be loyal to the said association, and to carry out the terms of the supreme instrument – the Constitution of the Association.

17.4 The oath of membership shall be set down in the membership form.

17.5 The form for the membership oath shall be:

I, do solemnly affirm that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to the Association of Ijebu Igbo Descendants "Omo Orimolusi" and that I will preserve, protect and defend the constitution of the association, so help me God.

SECTION EIGHTEEN: MEETINGS

The meetings of the association shall be of the following four types:

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- 18.1 i. The annual general meeting, hereinafter referred to as AGM of the association shall be held on the last Sunday of the Month of August each year.
- ii. 1/3 of the total documented number of bona fide members shall form a quorum at the AGM.
- iii. AGM's shall require a minimum of two weeks notice.

GENERAL MEETINGS

- 18.2 i. The general meetings of the association shall be held once in a month. On the second Saturday of every month. Where necessary additional meetings may be convened by the executive council.
- ii. The meeting shall start within 10-15 minutes of the scheduled time irrespective of numbers of attendees.
- iii. Any extra-ordinary general meeting shall require a minimum of one week notice.

EXECUTIVE MEETINGS

- 18.3 i. the members of the executive committee shall carry out day to day running of the association's affairs.
- ii. The members of the executive committee shall meet as frequently as required, but at least once every month to enable the association achieve its aims and objectives promptly and efficiently.
- iii. The executive committee shall meet a month before the Annual General Meeting to plan for the smooth running of the meeting.
- iv. The quorum for the Executive committee meeting shall be 1/3 of the total members of the executive committee.
- v. Executive committee meeting shall require a minimum of one week notice.

EMERGENCY MEETINGS

- 18.4 i. The president shall be empowered to call an emergency meeting through the General secretary.
- ii. Such a meeting shall require 1/3 of the executive council.
- iii. Emergency meetings shall require at least 24 hours' notice.

NOTICE OF MEETINGS

- 18.5. i. The general secretary shall ensure that the requisite notice of all meetings are strictly adhered to.
- ii. The notice of an emergency meeting shall be complied with by the general secretary.

18.6 The president shall preside at all meetings unless the vice president is presiding in accordance with the relevant sections of this constitution.

SECTION NINETEEN: SUB-COMMITTEES

19.1 Recommendation of all sub-committees, hereinafter referred to as “Committee” are subject to ratification by the general meeting on the advice of the Executive Committee.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

19.2 The assistant general secretary shall act as chair including four other members of the Executive Committee.

Their duties shall be:

- i. Canvassing for requirements of Ijebu Igbo community to the association.
- ii. Processing of membership applications and using google docs to establish member applications.
- iii. Collection of initial membership application.
- iv. Issuing membership cards
- v. To handover all monies collected from above to the Treasurer by the next meeting.

DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

19.3 i. To determine the association’s disciplinary procedures on all offences and appropriate sanctions.

ii. To investigate any allegations levied against any member of the association and refer it to the Executive committee.

iii. To recommend penalties to be imposed on officers or other members of the association.

iv. There shall be a chair, secretary and one member of disciplinary committee.

CONSTITUTION REVIEW COMMITTEE

19.4. The constitution review committee shall be a standing committee with the following duties:

i. Taking note of constitutional related issues during meetings, relevant arguments or debates that might constitute amendments to the constitution.

ii. Liaising with the Legal officer on general issues as it affects the association’s constitution.

iii. Recommending procedures on constitutional matters as it affects operations of the association and its members particularly, the executive council when necessary.

iv. The legal affairs officer shall be a member of the four member CRC. Two members from Canada and two members from the United States of America.

V. The Chairperson shall be chosen by the members of the committee.

BOARD OF TRUSTEE

19.5 The Board of Trustee shall serve as a policy and monitoring unit for the association with the following responsibilities:

- i. To ensure that the association's aims and objectives are properly focused.
- ii. To analyse problems, identifying new opportunities and formulating goals.
- iii. Regularly liaise with the executive committee on matters of interest without losing track of original objectives.
- iv. The chairperson shall be chosen by the five members of the committee.

PUBLICITY ADVISORY BOARD

19.6 The publicity advisory board shall comprise of the Public Relations Officer, General Secretary of the editorial unit of any association publication and two other members of the association.

The editor of any AIID publication, where and when there is any AIID publication, the editor of the publication shall be a member of the committee with the following duties:

- i. To serve as the association's advisory committee on publicity.
- ii. To coordinate the production of any of the association's publication.
- iii. To present the association matters relating to the media.
- iv. To advise the Executive Committee on the most prudent way of achieving positive public image for the association.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

19.7 Members of the Finance Committee shall include the Treasurer, Assistant Financial Secretary and two other members of the association. Charged with the following duties:

- i. To provide means and avenues for generating funds for the association.
- ii. To sit as advisory committee on financial matters.
- iii. To prepare annual budget and other relevant financial statements
- iv. To liaise with the members of the public advisory committee on common matters of interest.

WELFARE COMMITTEE

19.8 The welfare officers shall define to what extent the primary responsibility of the welfare committee and other issues that may be secondary as the case may be. The welfare officer and three other members of the association shall be members of this committee. They shall be saddled with the following issues:

- i. To provide beneficial means and avenues to solving members' problems within the context and approval of the constitution.
- ii. To serve as the advisory committee on general welfare issues of the association and its members.

SOCIAL AND CULTURAL COMMITTEE

19.9 The social and cultural committee shall be made up of the social secretary, cultural officer and including three other members of the association with the following duties:

- i. Organizing all social, cultural and traditional events.
- ii. To serve as advisory committee on all social, cultural and traditional matters.
- iii. To liaise with the Board of Trustees on common matters of interest.

SECTION TWENTY: STANDING ORDERS

20.1 All motions shall be proposed and seconded by another member before any democratic process could follow subject to this constitution. Points of order and Points of Information shall take precedence over all the other forms of motion.

“Points of order” may be raised if:

- i. The speaker is digressing from the subject matter of the motion.
- ii. The speaker is repeating him/herself or others.
- iii. The speaker is using uncivilised language,
- iv. The speaker is infringing on the provisions of the constitution.

20.2 A “point of information” shall strictly contain information relevant to the subject matter under discussion.

20.3. The president’s decision on “Point of Order” shall be final provided the decision is reasonable and fair.

20.4. Voting may be by show of hands, except when a ballot is mandatory as in elections and removal of officers and in a vote of no confidence.

20.5. The executive committee shall be empowered to recommend an observer to address an Annual General meeting, where necessary.

20.6. Members shall address the Chair and the Chair shall reply to the member except where otherwise permitted by the chair.

SECTION TWENTY-ONE: AMMENDMENTS, CONSTITUTION AND STANDING ORDERS.

21.1. The powers to amend, suspend vary or add to this constitution or standing orders shall be vested exclusively in the general meeting, specially constituted for that purpose on the advice of the Constitution Review Committee.

21.2. Any section of this constitution or standing order may be amended, varied or added to at the general meeting by two-thirds majority of the total members present, subject to provisions of this constitution.

Such amendments shall have been communicated to the constitution review committee in writing at least seven days in advance of the date of the general meeting and not later.