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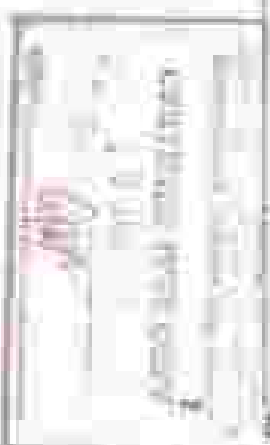


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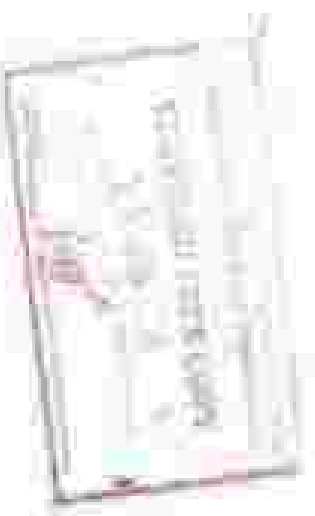
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PART I - ESTABLISHMENT, OBJECTS, MEMBERSHIP

1. Name

The Association shall be called the Nigerian Law Association.

2. National Secretariat

The National Secretariat of the Association shall be situated in the Federal Capital Territory. The Association may maintain liaison offices in other states within the National Executive Councilary Area.

3. Aims and Objectives

The aims and objects of the Association shall be the:

1. Maintenance and defence of the integrity and independence of the legal profession in Nigeria.

2. Promotion and advancement of Legal Education, Continuing Legal Education, Advocacy and International Law.

3. Improvement of the system of administration of justice, its procedures and the management of court business and regulation of the profession.

4. Establishment, maintenance, and operation of a system of discipline and ethical legal aid and assistance for those in need but who are unable to pay for same.

5. Promotion and support of law reform.

6. Maintenance of the highest standard of professional conduct, integrity and discipline.

7. Promotion of good relations among members of the Association and lawyers of other countries.

8. Promotion of co-operation between the Association and other National or International Law Organizations and such other bodies as may be approved by the National Executive Council.

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9. Encouragement and protection of the right of access to courts of reasonably affordable fees and of representation by counsel before courts and tribunals.

10. Encouragement of the establishment of a National Law Library.

11. Promotion and protection of the principles of the rule of law and respect for fundamental rights, human rights, and peoples' rights.



k. A delinquent member may cannot sue, if permitted by the presiding officer, speak at any Annual General Meeting or other meetings of the Association.

l. A delinquent member of the Association shall not be required to pay any subscriptions, dues or fines, and shall not be entitled to vote and be voted for at any election of the Association.

(C) International Membership

a. Any person who is entitled by the Bar or qualified to practice as a lawyer in any jurisdiction other than Nigeria may apply to be admitted as an international member of the Association upon the payment of a prescribed subscription fee.

b. An international member may attend and, if permitted by the presiding officer, speak at any Annual General Meeting or other meetings of the Association.

c. An international member shall not be entitled to vote and be voted for at any election of the Association.

5. ATTORNS

In furtherance of the aims and objectives, the Association may from time-to-time affiliate itself with organizations with which it shares similar aims and objectives.

PART II.—GOVERNANCE, MANAGEMENT & ELECTIONS

c. Supreme Authority

The Supreme Authority of the Association shall be exercised by the General Meeting.

3. General Council of the Bar

(i) Composition of the Representatives of the Association in the General Council of the Bar

(a) Pursuant to Section 1(2)(d) of the LPA, the members representing the Association in the General Council of the Bar shall be appointed as follows:-

(i) The President of the Nigerian Bar Association;

(ii) The General Secretary of the Association;

(iii) Nigerian Members of the Association who shall be elected from each of the



After 2 years for a total of five (5) years. Provided that each year shall produce not less than six members.

(2) Qualification for Election into the General Council of the IBA

Any member of the Association seeking election into the General Council of the IBA shall be qualified for such election if he/she:

- is a full member of the Association provided that at least two of the prospective candidates from each of the Zones, one not less than 10 years past will;
- has first, as at the date of his or her registration, the Practising Exam and Bench Date as and when due, for three (3) consecutive years ending on the year of the election;
- is an eligible legal practitioner;
- has at any time, since he/she has been a member of the Association, been a member of the National Executive Council or served as a National Officer in the National Executive Committee or served as a Branch Executive Officer or Member of Executive Committee/Consulting Council of a Solicitors Firm in the Association, in that he is a Senior Advocate of Nigeria.

(3) A member of the Association can only be elected as a member of the General Council of the IBA for one term only.

II. National Executive Council

(1) The National Executive Council shall comprise the following:

- National Officer;
- All past Presidents and General Secretaries;
- All Chairman and Past-Chairmen of regional Branches;
- Chairman and Secretaries of Residents and Non-Residents;
- Other deserving members of the Association suggested by the National Executive Council provided always that the total number of the ex-officio members shall not exceed 150 (one hundred and fifty) the composition of which shall be as follows:
 - Senior Advocates of Nigeria - 30;
 - Senior Members, other than Senior Advocates of Nigeria, who are more 25 years past call - 20;

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- iii. Active members of 10 years past call but before 25 years past call - 40
 - iv. Past National Officers other than Past Presidents and General Secretaries - 10
 - v. Special interest groups - 20
 - vi. Active members who are less than 10 years past call - 15
- (2) The National Executive Council shall meet at least three times a year and there may be decided by the National Executive Council:
- (i) The quorum for the meetings of the National Executive Council shall be 20% members. PHOS/CHILD shall have shall be representation from not less than one third (1/3) of the total registered branches of the Association at any time.
 - (ii) The President may direct the General Secretary to convene an emergency meeting of the National Executive Council where the situation so demands.
 - (iii) On the requisition of at least twenty-five (25) members of the National Executive Council, the President or the General Secretary shall convene a meeting of the National Executive Council within two (2) weeks of the receipt of the requisition.
 - (iv) Subject to the provisions of the Legal Practitioners Act and other provisions of the Constitution, the National Executive Council shall have the powers to:
 - a. Exercise control and management over the finances of the Association including the appointment of suitable financial auditors; and
 - b. Exercise the powers of the Association with respect to the appointment of representatives to any Seminars, Conferences/Workshop Conferences, or other bodies;
 - c. Express the views of the Association upon any matters of public interest or upon any matters of general interest to the Legal Practitioners;
 - d. Make all necessary arrangements for the Annual General Meeting through the National Secretariat of the Association;
 - e. Cause the accounts of the Association to be audited annually by a professional firm of auditors appointed by the Annual General Meeting;
 - f. Generally, exercise all the powers vested in the Association (except those powers reserved for an Annual General Meeting or Extraordinary General Meetings of the Association) so as to promote and carry out the aims and objectives of the Association as contained in its Constitution, and, in particular, when the need arises, to apply the said reserve fund for or in behalf of the Association;



g. Extensive review and compliance program: in disputes arising from the administration of this book, and rules such decisions or give with directors as may be necessary and

h. Investigation or report and or other assignment persons to investigate the affairs of the Association or any of the Directors of the Association and to report to the Council or the Annual General Meeting or to its immediately General Meeting of the Association. In such matter as the Council may direct.

(17) Council making of the meeting of the National Executive Council shall, subject practically, be by consensus but where it becomes necessary to put any question to vote then it shall be decided by a simple majority based on a show of hands provided however that the National Executive Council may resolve to decide any question, here by secret ballot.

(18) Any member will be absent from three (3) consecutive meetings of the National Executive Council shall qualify as be a member of the Council unless he/she shows reasonably cause for such absence to the satisfaction of the Council.

(19) Attendance at meetings of the Council may be by physical presence, by email means through a designated electronic facilities or may be aided in the Notice of Meeting. And notwithstanding that it is by both in person and virtual means and attendance by virtual means shall be considered as attendance for the purpose of subscription (13) of this section.

4. National Executive Committee

(1) The National Executive Committee shall consist of National Officers of the Association who shall be elected as provided under the Constitution. The simple term of this year:

(2) The National Officers of the Association shall be:-

- a. The President
- b. The Vice-President
- c. The General Vice-President
- d. The Third Vice-President
- e. The General Secretary
- f. The Assistant General Secretary
- g. The Treasurer



N. The Welfare Secretary

i. The Publicity Secretary

1. Assistant Publicity Secretary

(2) Qualifications to hold a National office

A member of the Association shall be qualified to hold a National Office if he/she

a. Is a full member of the Association and has paid, or at the date of his/her resignation, has been paid, dues, and Branch Dues, in full when due, for three (3) consecutive years inclusive of the year of election.

b. With respect to the office of the President, Vice President and General Secretary, he must be a legal person.

c. He/she shall give to his/her employing body a member of the National Executive Council or the Executive Committee of a Branch or Section or Council of the Association as indicated hereafter:

i. For competence for the offices of President, Vice President and General Secretary - he/she shall have been a member of the National Executive Council of the Association for not less than two (2) years at the time of nomination.

ii. For competence for the offices of Treasurer, Publicity Secretary and Welfare Secretary - he/she shall have been a member of the National Executive Council or the Executive Committee of a Branch or Section or Council of the Association for not less than two (2) years at the time of nomination.

iii. For competence for the offices of Assistant General Secretary and Assistant Publicity Secretary, he/she shall have been a member of the Executive Committee of a Branch or Section or Council of the Association or have been a member of the National Executive Council of the Association for not less than two (2) years at the time of nomination.

d. If he/she has the following information specified hereunder:

i. President, Vice President, Second Vice President, Third Vice President and General Secretary - not less than fifteen (15) years (qualify)

ii. Treasurer, Publicity Secretary and Welfare Secretary - not less than one (1) year post-call

iii. Assistant General Secretary and Assistant Publicity Secretary - not less than

five (5) years post-cell

h. In no event shall a person shall be regarded as having incurred a post-cell jail or state detaining temporary of member will be the first and last sentence.

i. The National Officers, and in particular, the President and the Central Secretary, must be persons with proven integrity, administrative skills and experience and with demonstrable capacity to serve without suspecting to having oversteering for pecuniary rewards and/or remuneration.

j. No serving President or other National Officer shall serve or select for appointment in the Government of the Federation or Nigeria or of a State in Nigeria, and if official such appointment, must decline, otherwise he/she shall be deemed guilty of public scandal (misconduct) and shall not stand or speak at any meeting of the Association. Provided that the permission of this sub-section shall not apply to members of the Association who are serving as representatives of the Association in any Commission, Agency or other Executive Bodies established under the Commission of the Federal Republic of Nigeria as well as members serving in non-executive directorate of Statutory Corporations and Government-owned companies.

(4) Disqualification from holding any National Office

A member shall not be qualified to hold any national office in the Association if having-
electoral campaigns.

a. There is evidence that he/she is sponsored by or has received any financial assistance or inducement from the Government of the Federation or any of the States/Provinces/Departments or Agencies of the Government of the Federation, or the Government of a State, or any of the Ministries/Departments or Agencies of the Government of a State, or a local Government Council or any of its Departments, Organs or Agencies, or any public or private organization or body corporate;

b. He/she sponsors or is associated with sponsoring a newspaper or magazine publication or service in any electronic broadcast, including other candidate or candidate in contesting a candidate's venue.

c. Any member who has held an officers' office as a national officer for two (2) terms shall not be eligible to contest for a national officer seat or hold any (10) years after he/she has term of office. Provided that the election into the General Council of the Association shall not be regarded as election into an elective office within the meaning of this

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PROVISION

(5) Powers of Nominal Officer

- a. The President - The duties of the President shall include:
 - i. Directing the administration of Meetings of the National Executive Council of the Association subject to the prior sanction of the Executive Council of the Association;
 - ii. Providing the necessary Committee or on the regulation of the duties of the members of the National Executive Council;
 - iii. Providing of the Annual General Meeting in the Association and when General Meetings of the Association and Meetings of the National Executive Council and the National Executive Committee of the Association;
 - iv. Directing all other officers of the Association in the performance of their duties and supervising the activities of all members of the Association;
 - v. Providing direction and leadership to all Committees of the Association;
 - vi. Presiding at the Annual General Conference of the Association, a Presidential address in writing to highlight the message, aims, problems, progress, and future direction of the Association;
 - vii. Acting as the principal representative of the Association;
 - viii. Meeting with the members of the General Assembly and the Treasurer, the officers and employees of the Association; and to ensure through personal supervision, arrangement and disposal of such as may be necessary from time to time subject to the overall approval of the National Executive Council;
 - ix. Should in an official capacity of all Committees of the Association provided that the President shall not be a member of the Executive Committee of the Association and any of the Executive, Appeal Committees;
 - x. By virtue of his/her election into the office of the President, shall be a member of the General Council of the Association and shall hold such other responsibilities of the Association as the General Council of the Association.

b. The Executive Provision

- i. Shall in the absence of the President preside at all meetings of the Association in



- which the President is empowered to provide by the provisions of this Constitution.
- II. Shall be responsible for the coordination of the activities of the group of Executive as may be assigned to him/her by the National Executive Council or the National Executive Committee or the President of the Association and shall pay prompt sums as necessary under assigned to the Executive as assigned to him/her and shall settle payable reports to the National Executive Council or the National Executive Committee in each year.
 - III. Shall encourage and supervise the formation of new branches within the local and regional, provincial, national and international level in this country.
 - IV. Shall perform all other duties as he/she may be directed by the President or the National Executive Council or the National Executive Committee or the Annual General Meeting of the Association or such other entity which the President is entitled to perform, subject to (i) he/she, not only, should be from the country or any other country.
 - V. Shall be the Chairman of the Honorary Rights Committee of the Association.
- c. The Second Vice President
- I. Shall to the absence of the President and First Vice President provide all the functions of the Association in which the President is empowered to provide by the provisions of this Constitution.
 - II. Shall be responsible for the coordination of the activities of the group of National Executive as may be assigned to him/her by the National Executive Council or the National Executive Committee or the President of the Association and shall pay prompt sums as necessary under assigned to the Executive as assigned to him/her and shall settle payable reports to the National Executive Council or the National Executive Committee in each year.
 - III. Shall encourage and supervise the formation of new branches within the local and regional, provincial, national and international level in this country.
 - IV. Shall perform all other duties as he/she may be directed by the President or the National Executive Council or the National Executive Committee or the Annual General Meeting of the Association.



a. The Third Vice President:

- i. Shall in the absence of the President, First Vice President, and Second Vice President, preside at all meetings of the Association to which the President is empowered to preside by the provisions of this Constitution.

- ii. Shall be responsible for the coordination of the activities of the group of Executive as may be assigned to him/her by the National Executive Council or the National Executive Committee or the President of the Association and shall pay periodic report or necessary status report in the Executive Committee and shall pay periodic report or necessary status report in the National Executive Council or the National Executive Committee as well as:

- iii. Shall encourage and improve the formation of new Branches within the same geographical jurisdiction as: for with the guidelines set out in this Constitution.

- iv. Shall perform all other duties as here may be directed by the President or the National Executive Council or the National Executive Committee or the Annual General Meeting of the Association.

provided that in the absence of the President and the Vice Presidents at any meeting of the Association in which the President is entitled to preside, the most senior member of the Association present and entitled to attend the said meeting shall preside.

v. The General Secretary:

- i. Shall, on the instructions of the President or by agreement with a previous decision of the National Executive Council or pursuant to a resolution made in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution, organize the Annual General Meeting, Advise of the National Executive Council, or other meetings of the Association.
- ii. Shall record and keep the minutes including attendance and summary of all decisions taken thereat.

- iii. Shall write and dispatch circulars, letters and other correspondence of the Association including that of the National Executive Council or the National Executive Committee.

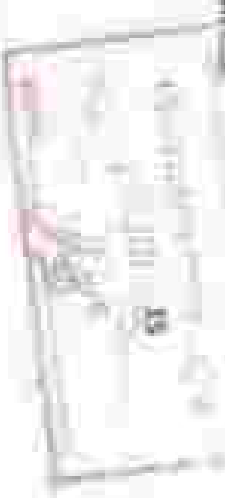
- iv. Shall keep a book of minutes and prepare a date list of Executive of the Association.



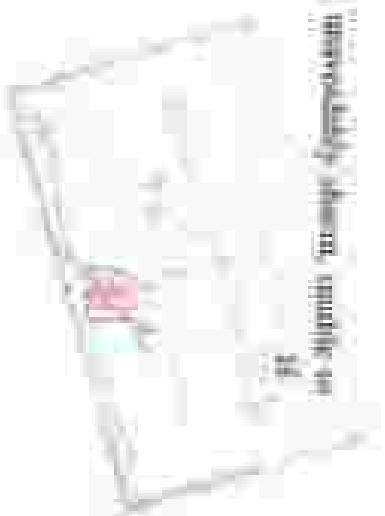
- v. Shall submit an annual report or special report of the operations of the Association or any of its organs at the Annual General Meeting.
 - vi. Shall be the Head of the Secretariat Administration Committee of the Association. Shall be an ex-officio member of all Committees of the Association, provided that the General Secretary shall not be a member of the Finance Committee of the Nigerian Bar Association (NBA) and any of the Election Appeal Committee.
 - vii. Shall perform all other duties as they be assigned to him/her by the President or the National Executive Council or the National Executive Committee of the Annual General Meeting.
 - ix. My office of his/her shall not be the office of the General Secretary, shall be a member of the General Council of the Bar.
- c. The Associate General Secretary,
- i. Shall assist the General Secretary in the performance of his/her duties and shall in the absence of the General Secretary, act in his/her place.
 - ii. Shall perform all other duties as may be assigned to him/her by the President, the General Secretary, the National Executive Council, the National Executive Committee or the Annual General Meeting.

d. The Treasurer,

- i. Shall receive collect and pay all the Association's liabilities all monies collected for the Association or paid to the Association from any source whatsoever and keep records of such receipts and payments.
- ii. Shall carry out any decision or directive of the Annual General Meeting in matters relating to the budget or finances of the Association.
- iii. Shall, on the direction of the National Executive Committee, prepare or cause to be prepared, and submitted to the bar quarterly meeting of the National Executive Committee every Calendar Year, an annual budget containing the estimated revenue and expenditure of the Association for the succeeding Financial Year subjecting the final liability to December of any Calendar Year.
- iv. Shall be a contract topped with the Minutes to ensure that all members of the Association pay their annual practicing fees as and when due.



- vi. Shall invite and circulate a list of members who have paid or are to debate in respect of their presiding fees in each year and take steps to effectuate such list in the Annual General Meeting; the meeting of the National Executive Council, the various Boards of Control in the country, Corporate Affairs Commission and such security bodies as may be decided from time to time by the National Executive Council;
- vii. Shall, in consultation with the National Economic Committee, present the results of the Association's work according as may be approved by the National Executive Council;
- viii. Shall cause to be prepared and presented to the National Executive Council an inventory (including the Management Budget and Accounts of the Association) for the preceding year; the said Quarterly Management Report and Accounts shall be published and circulated to all members of the Association upon admission by the National Executive Council;
- ix. Shall endeavour to every member of the National Executive Council the audited returns and history sheet for the preceding Financial Year;
- x. Shall submit an annual report in the Annual General Meeting to which shall be attached the audited accounts and budgets along with the preceding Financial Year be subject of the following items:
 1. Half-Yearly (Interim) Audited Financial Statements; and
 2. Unaudited Management Report for the period ended one week to the Annual General Meeting date;
- xi. Shall endeavour to every member of the National Executive Council the financial statements and reports attached to sub-paragraph (ix) above prior to the Annual General Meeting;
- xii. Shall be a member of the National Management Committee;
- xiii. Shall perform all other duties as may be assigned to him/her by the President of the National Executive Council or the National Executive Committee or the Annual General Meeting;
- xiv. In the event that the Treasurer is incapacitated, irrevocably absent, unable or



present the audited account to the Members at the Annual General Meeting, the "due Auditor's" report, prepared the account" shall present the audited account at the General Meeting.

A. The Welfare Secretary:

- i. Shall monitor the welfare and interest of members of the Association.
- ii. Shall bring to the notice of the National Executive Council or the National Executive Committee any matter affecting the welfare of any member of the Association whether within or outside the country with a view to protecting and promoting their rights, privileges and welfare.
- iii. Shall be responsible for monitoring the programme of activities for the unaffiliated, aged or other disadvantaged members of the Association.
- iv. Shall be responsible for supervising the multi-media and awareness programmes of the Association.
- v. Shall perform all other duties as may be assigned to him/her by the President or the National Executive Council or the National Executive Committee or the Annual General Meeting.

B. Publicity Secretary:

- i. Shall assist in the promotion and proper publicity of the activities of the Association.
- ii. Shall present a good and professional image of the Association to the public.
- iii. Shall write, collect and arrange on matters of general interest to the Association and the public the communications with the President or the National Executive Council or the National Executive Committee.
- iv. Shall perform all other duties as may be assigned to him/her by the President or the National Executive Council or the National Executive Committee or the Annual General Meeting.

C. Assistant Publicity Secretary:

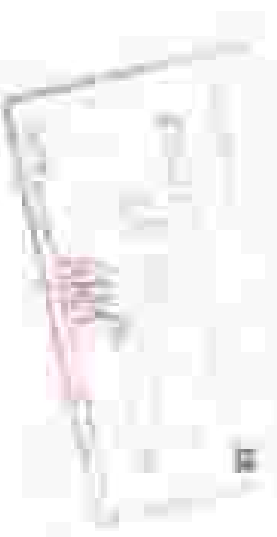
- i. Shall assist the Publicity Secretary in the performance of his/her duties and shall in the absence of the Publicity Secretary act in his/her place.
- ii. Shall perform all other duties as may be assigned to him/her by the President or the National Executive Council or the National Executive Committee or the

Annual General Meeting

(c) Meetings of the National Executive Committee

- a. The National Officers shall meet once in every calendar month or such time and place as the President may direct provided that such meetings may be held via teleconferencing, video conferencing, or by any other electronic meeting, means or platform. Subject to the other jurisdiction of this Constitution, the President shall provide as the National Executive Committee Meetings.
- b. The quorum of the National Executive Committee Meeting shall be five (5) members present in person or attending through any virtual or electronic means.
- c. Decisions of the National Executive Committee shall be by consensus but where not so reached, by simple majority based on a show of hands provided that the presiding officer may vote by secret ballot on any issue. Provided that the President or presiding officer shall have a casting vote in the event of equality of votes.
- d. The National Officers shall have power to take decisions on behalf of the Association in all cases of emergency or when the National Executive Council cannot be conveniently convened and report on the said National Executive Council Meeting for ratification.
- (d) Meetings to National Officers and the General Council of the BIA

- (1) There shall be established an independent body to be known as the General Committee of the Regulation and Administration (hereinafter called "the EXSRA") or conduct elections into National Officers of the Association and election of the representatives of the Association to the General Council of the BIA.
- (2) The Committee shall consist of a Chairman and six (6) other members.
- (3) The National Executive Council shall appoint the Chairman and members of the EXSRA not less than the month of December of the year preceding the election year.
- (4) The procedure for the appointment of the members of the EXSRA, the mode directing the conduct of elections is subject of these and election of the representatives of the Association to the General Council of the BIA, and disqualification of candidates from the elections shall be set out in the Second Schedule to this Constitution.
- (5) For the purposes of this Constitution National Officers and the representatives of the Association to the General Council of the BIA (the entities) shall be divided into three areas as set out



in the Second Schedule in this Constitution.

(10) Director and National Officers shall be by universal suffrage and electronic voting as set out in the Second Schedule in this Constitution.

(11) Election of the representatives of the Association in the Council of the Council of the Club shall be by universal suffrage and electronic voting as set out in the Second Schedule in this Constitution.

(1). National Secretariat of the Association

(12) There shall be by the Association a National Secretariat which shall be an essential organ of the Association.

(13) The National Executive Council shall, in the institutionalization of the Association and Remembrance Committee, appoint an Executive Director for the Association under which and such duties may be performed in furtherance of the Association.

(14) The Executive Director shall be a University graduate with a degree in Law or any of the Social Sciences, with at least 10 years' experience in professional capacity in a reputable organization.

(15) The Executive Director shall be responsible for the day-to-day running of the National Secretariat of the Association under the supervisory authority of the Executive Management Committee.

(16) The Executive Director shall present a quarterly report to the Secretariat Management Committee on the activities of the National Secretariat of the Association and shall also present a quarterly management report to the meeting of the National Executive Committee or at such time as the President may direct.

(17) The duties of management of the Executive Director shall in the first instance be for a period of 4 (four) years commencing upon his appointment but only that additional term of 4 years, upon successful completion of a performance appraisal by the Appointment and Remembrance Committee.

(18) The Executive Director shall stand by fiduciary responsibility towards the Association and shall observe utmost good faith towards the Association in any dealings on behalf of the Association.

(19) The Executive Director may be removed by National Executive Council on



associated. Attendance under this Classification may vary through out the following limits of the Executive Division or a combination of the latter limited to the Executive Division's notice of appointment and are specific and of substantially or improve performance that is important to the success or image of the Association.

- (v) In cases of any action allegations against the Executive Director, the Secretary Management Committee shall have the power to suspend or Executive Director pending the investigation of such allegations by the National Executive Council.

- (11b) The National Secretariat may comprise the following departments:

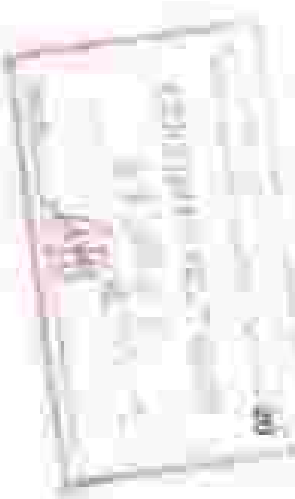
- (a) Finance and Administration;
- (b) Legal and Compliance;
- (c) The Secretary;
- (d) Investigation;
- (e) Classification and Profile;
- (f) Research and Development;
- (g) Human Resources;
- (h) Media and Publicity;

Such other departments as may from time to time be created by the National Executive Committee subject to the approval of the National Executive Council.

- (11) The Appointment and Reconsideration Committee shall be responsible for the appointment and removal of the heads of the departments and such other staff of the Association under the terms and conditions as may be prescribed by their respective letters of appointment, subject to the approval of the National Executive Council.

12. Annual Meetings

- (1) There shall be a General Meeting of the Association held annually called the Annual General Meeting. Any other General Meeting of the Association shall be called an Extraordinary General Meeting.
- (2) The Annual General Meeting or the Association shall be held on such date and place as may be determined by the National Executive Council.
- (3) The following business shall be proposed at Annual General Meetings of the



Associations:

- a. Receive and consider reports of the National Chairman.
- b. Receive and consider reports of Secretary Bodies.
- c. Receive and consider annual accounts and

d. Such other business as has been stated in the notice of the General Meeting.

(10) An Extraordinary General Meeting of the Association is whenever so specified may may be summoned at such time and place as may be decided by the National Executive Council as supplemented to secretaries with information (7) of this Section.

(12) The quorum of any General Meetings of the Association shall be at least three hundred (300) members from at least one-third (1/3) of the registered branches of the Association.

(13) Attendance at the Annual Council Meetings shall be open to all members of the Association, save those in default of payment of their appropriate Forfeiting Fees and Default Taxes as and when due.

(17) Upon the receipt by the General Secretary of a requisition calling for an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Association, which requisition shall state in clear terms the matters that need to be deliberated upon at the meeting and signed by not less than one hundred (100) members of the Association from not less than one-third (1/3) of the registered branches of the Association at any time, the President shall direct in writing, the General Secretary to convene an Extraordinary Meeting of the Association.

(18) Such an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Association shall hold within not less than thirty (30) days of the date of the receipt of the requisition.

(19) The National Secretariat of the Association shall not be obliged to act on any requisition received less than eight (8) weeks before the date of the Annual General Meeting of the Association. It may instead include such matters related to the requisition as part of the business to be deliberated upon at the Annual Council Meeting.

(20) Decisions at General Meetings of the Association shall be by a simple majority on a show of hands of members present and voting. Provided that the General Meeting shall have powers to determine the issues which shall be decided by secret ballot.

(21) Notices of motions or resolutions other than those proposed the amendment of the Constitution shall reach the General Secretary on or before the 14th day of June every year.



(12) Notices of studies of Annual General Meeting and Annual General Conference of the

Associates together with the agenda and proposed resolutions of each Meeting or Conference shall be deposited in the offices of the Association at least 30 days before the date of the Meeting and Conference.

(13) The Standing Order set out in the First Schedule to this Constitution shall govern the conduct and deliberations at General Assembly and Conference of the Association.

13. Annual General Conference

- (1) The Annual General Conference of the Association shall hold so just does as may be determined by the Honorary Executive Council of the Association provided that the Annual General Meeting shall be held in the month of the Annual General Conference.
- (2) The President, in consultation with the Honorary Executive Council of the Association, shall set up an Annual General Conference Planning Committee.
- (3) The Honorary Executive Council of the Association shall determine the honours to be bestowed at the Annual General Conference.

14. Committees

Standing Committee

(1) The Association shall have the following Standing Committees:

- (a) Judiciary Committee;
- (b) Law Reform Committee;
- (c) Code of Law and Human Rights Committee;
- (d) Rules and Disciplinary Committee;
- (e) Legal Education Committee;
- (f) Dispute Resolution Committee;
- (g) Welfare Committee;
- (h) Finance Committee;
- (i) Statutory Front Committee;
- (j) General Purpose Committee;
- (k) Secretariat Management Committee;
- (l) Administrative and Remuneration Committee;



The Electoral Committee of the Nigerian Bar Association (ECNBA).

- (i) National Election Appeal Committee,
- (ii) National Election Appeal Committee,
- (iii) National Election Appeal Committee and
- (iv) Such other committee as may be created, then time to time, by the National Executive Council or the Annual General Meeting of the Association.

Functions of Scrutiny Committee

(2) The Functions of the Scrutiny Committee of the Association shall be as follows:

- a. Scrutiny Committee
 - i. shall ensure maintenance of good relationship between the Bar, the Bench and Judiciary;
 - ii. shall investigate and recommend to the Association through the President any issue of misbehaviour, discipline and grievance against any lawyer by the Bench or other Judiciary staff or vice versa, that may occur however be the cause of their professional activities;
 - iii. shall investigate allegations of corruption or unethical behaviour of any member of the Association and members of the Judiciary;
 - iv. shall carry out any other function that may be assigned to it by the President or the National Executive Council of the Association.

b. Law Reform Committee

- i. shall liaise with and make inputs into law reform committees or constituted by the National Assembly, subject to consultation with the Association;
- ii. shall be responsible for the preparation and support of law reform and advice the National Executive Council on how to be presented to the Federal Government or National Assembly for consideration or action;
- iii. shall liaise with bodies and/or groups working on aspects of law reform;
- iv. shall be responsible for reviewing and advising the National Assembly on the review of laws books.



- (v) shall carry out any other function that may be assigned to it by the President or the National Executive Council of the Association.

g. Rule of Law and Human Rights Committee:

- i. shall promote and protect the principles of the rule of law and fundamental human rights and liberties;
- ii. shall endeavor, from time to time, the prosecution and defense of lawsuits, as they be determined by the Committee with the approval of the National Executive Council of the Association;
- iii. shall provide the legal aid services to suitable executives;
- iv. shall carry out other functions that may be assigned to it by the President or the National Executive Council of the Association.

d. Values and Disciplinary Committee:

- i. shall be formed in each State of the Federation of Nigeria and the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja;
- ii. shall have the responsibility to investigate all cases of complaint or performance misconduct against members of the Association in the different branches of the Association in the State or the Federal Capital Territory or other assemblies of members; make against members of the Association to may be referred to the Committee by the President or the National Executive Council of the Association.

- iii. Shall make appropriate recommendations on any complaint or petition received;

- iv. Shall carry out its functions in accordance with the Tribunal Byelaws for Investigation of Complaints of Professional Misconduct against Members of the Association set out in the Fifth Schedule to this Constitution;
- v. shall carry out any other function that may be assigned to it by the President or the National Executive Council of the Association.

e. Legislative Committee:

- i. Shall be responsible for the promotion and advancement of legal education.

advocacy and jurisprudence.

- ii. Shall organize seminars, workshops, symposia, conferences and promote legal publications including law reports.

- iii. Shall carry out any other function that may be assigned to it by the President or the National Executive Council of the Association.

f. Dispute Resolution Committee

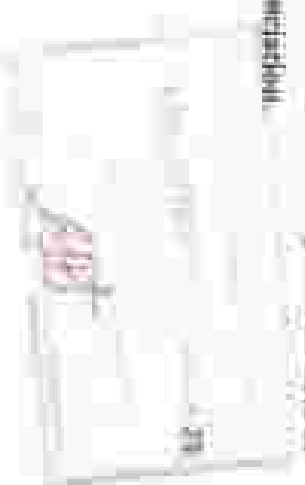
- i. Shall resolve, investigate, and determine complaints by members of the Association applying the principles of arbitration, mediation, and conciliation. Provided that every such complaint of any member shall be determined by the Committee within sixty (60) days of receipt of the complaint.
- ii. Shall carry out any other function that may be assigned to it by the President or the National Executive Council of the Association.

g. Welfare Committee

- i. Shall be responsible for the administration of any Welfare Scheme established by the Association.
- ii. Shall be responsible for other welfare matters.
- iii. Shall carry out any other function that may be assigned to it by the President or the National Executive Council of the Association.

h. Finance Committee

- i. Shall prepare the initial financial proposals for consideration by the National Executive Council of the Association.
- ii. Shall explore ways and means of raising funds for the Association.
- iii. Shall pursue recovery of all dues, debts and payments owed to the Association.
- iv. Shall advise on investment of the funds of the Association.
- v. Shall review and examine the financial statements prepared periodically by the Head of Finance and Administration.
- vi. Shall liaise with external auditors for the audit of the Accounts of the Association.
- vii. Shall carry out any other function that may be assigned to it by the President or the National Executive Council of the Association.



I. **Stashman Fund Committee**

- i. Shall, in conjunction with a professional fund manager to be approved by the Association, recommend to the National Executive Council the approval, the retention, options, and utilities into which the sums standing to the credit of the Fund may be invested;
- ii. Shall invest the sums in the Fund in such securities, options, and utilities as approved by the National Executive Council of the Association;
- iii. Shall develop a framework to protect the Fund from being depleted;
- iv. Shall perform such other functions as may be directed by the National Executive Council of the Association.

J. **The General Purpose Committee**

- i. Shall be responsible for the issuing of prospective candidates for the award of International Senior Advocate of Nigeria in accordance with the Legal Practitioners Act (Cap. L11), Laws of the Federation of Nigeria 2004;
- ii. Shall propose the appropriate before the Chairman of any prospective candidate where the Committee determines that further sponsorship would further the objective of the Committee;
- iii. Shall forward to the International Legal Prospective candidates on the National Executive Council through the President of the Association within seven (7) days of the completion of the identification of the Committee or such time as the President may from time to time specify;
- iv. Shall carry out any other function that may be assigned to it by the President or the National Executive Council of the Association.

II. **Nominating Management Committee**

The Nominating Management Committee of the Association

- i. Shall consist of the General Secretary as the Chair of the Committee, and the Treasurer and the Welfare Secretary as Members;
- ii. Shall exercise supervisory authority over the Executive Director of the Association.

iii. Shall receive and consider monthly reports on the running of the National Secretariat from the Executive Director of the Association.

iv. Shall, upon receipt of the monthly reports from the Executive Director of the Association, report to the National Executive Committee as the monthly meetings of the National Executive Committee or at such place and time as the President shall direct.

v. Shall, with the approval of the President, have the powers to suspend the Executive Director in cases of any serious allegations against the Executive Director pending the collection of such allegations by the National Executive Council of the Association.

1. Appointment and Remuneration Committee.

i. Shall be chaired by the President of the Association.

ii. Shall consist of seven (7) members, comprising the President, the three members of the National Management Committee, the Head of Human Resources Department of the Association and two other members who shall be appointed by the National Executive Council of the Association.

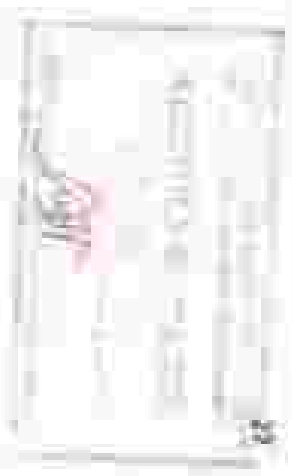
iii. Shall be responsible for recommending to the National Executive Council of the Association, the appointment of the Executive Director for the Association through an open competitive and transparent process.

iv. Shall be responsible for reviewing any application to serve an additional term by the Executive Director and shall forward its recommendations to the National Executive Council of the Association for its approval.

v. Shall be responsible for the recruitment and approval of a remuneration plan in line with competitive and benefits for all employees and officers of the National Secretariat of the Association.

10. Electoral Committee of the Nigerian Bar Association (ECNBA).

i. There is hereby established the Electoral Committee of the Nigerian Bar Association (ECNBA) which shall be independent of the President and National



Executive Committee of the Association.

II. The EC/NMA shall be made up of a Chairman, a Secretary, and five (5) other members of the Association of proven integrity, who shall be appointed by the National Executive Council of the Association on the recommendation of the National Executive Committee of the Association.

III. The Chairman of the EC/NMA would have been a member of the National Executive Council of the Association or a member of a Committee appointed by the National Executive Council of the Association.

IV. The Chairman of the EC/NMA must be a Legal Practitioner/ called to the Bar in Nigeria and must have been qualified for a period not less than fifteen (15) years, while the Secretary of the EC/NMA must be a Legal Practitioner called to the Bar in Nigeria and must have been qualified for a period not less than ten (10) years.

V. EC/NMA shall be responsible for the conduct of elections of National Officers of the Association and election of representatives of the Association to the General Council of the Bar.

VI. The members of the EC/NMA shall be appointed for one year immediately preceding the election into the National Officers of the Association and representatives of the Association to the General Council of the Bar.

VII. Members of the EC/NMA shall remain in office until a new EC/NMA is appointed in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution.

VIII. The EC/NMA shall, when necessary, meet and work with its own personnel in the discharge of its duties.

IX. Completed nomination forms received in respect of election to the national officers and election of representatives of the Association to the General Council of the Bar shall be forwarded to the Secretary of the EC/NMA.

X. The EC/NMA shall, upon consideration of the nominations it receives, conduct a screening of the candidates, and determine whether the candidates meet the constitutional requirements and later shall state (a) other days before the date of the election and

XI. The EC/NMA may reject nominations that do not comply with any of the requirements for nomination and election to officers of the Association, or which are otherwise not duly compliant.

6. National Officers' Election Appeal Committee

- i. Said receive, entertain, hear, and determine complaints, disputes, petitions, appeals, and/or grievances arising from, pertaining to, in relation to, and/or in connection with the election of National Officers of the Association and the election of the Representatives of the Association to the Central Council of the Bar.

- ii. Shall have the power to give such directions and interpretations to guide the conduct of the National Elections and qualification or disqualification of candidates to participate in the National Election.

- iii. The members of the National Officers' Election Appeal Committee shall be appointed in the year immediately preceding the election from the National Officers of the Association and representatives of the Association in the General Council of the Bar.

- iv. The National Officers' Election Appeal Committee shall be made up of a Chairman, an Alternate Chairman, a Secretary, and four (4) other members of the Association of proven integrity, who shall be appointed by the National Executive Council of the Association on the recommendation of the National Executive Committee of the Association.

- v. The Chairman and Alternate Chairman of the National Officers' Election Appeal Committee must be a Legal Practitioner called to the Bar in Nigeria and must have been qualified for a period not less than fifteen (15) years, while the Secretary of the National Officers' Election Appeal Committee must be a Legal Practitioner called to the Bar in Nigeria and must have been qualified for a period not less than ten (10) years.

9. Internal Elections Appeal Committee

- i. Shall receive, entertain, hear, and determine complaints, disputes, petitions, appeals and/or grievances arising from, pertaining to, in relation to, and/or in connection with Internal elections.

- ii. Shall have power to give such directions and interpretations to guide the conduct

of health workers, and the qualification or designation of candidates to participate in the health elections.

iv. The members of the Branch Election Appeal Committee shall be appointed within one month of assumption of office of the National Executive Committee.

v. The Chairman and Alternate Chairman of the Branch Election Appeal Committee shall be Legal Practitioners called to the Bar in Nigeria and must have been qualified for a period not less than fifteen (15) years, while the Secretary of the Branch Election Appeal Committee shall for a Legal Practitioner called to the Bar in Nigeria and must have been qualified for a period not less than ten (10) years.

vi. Branch Election Appeal Committee:

a. Shall receive, entertain, hear, and determine complaints, disputes, positions, appeals and/or grievances arising from, pertaining to, in relation to, and/or in connection with election of members.

b. Shall have power to give such directions and instructions to guide the conduct of such elections, and the designation or qualification of candidates to participate in the elections.

13. Membership of Standing Committee:

i. The Committee shall be constituted by the President of the Association subject to ratification by the National Executive Council of the Association.

a. The Committee of each Constituency shall be a member of the Association not less than 10 years past retirement (Second) shall be a member of the Association not less than 5 years past retirement.

b. Each Constituency shall present a written report to the National Executive Council Meeting of the Association.

c. The members of each Constituency shall be elected by a simple majority, provided that the Chairman or presiding officer shall have a casting vote in the event of equality of votes.

14. Ad Hoc Committee:

a. The National Executive Council of the Association may constitute Committees either

that the Building Committee is deal with such topics and matters as circumstances may thus arise in law there. Provided that the President of the Association shall have powers to convene such Committee subject to satisfaction of the National Executive Council of the Association.

- b. The Committees so constituted shall have such powers and exercise such functions as may be assigned to them in rules framed of this purpose.

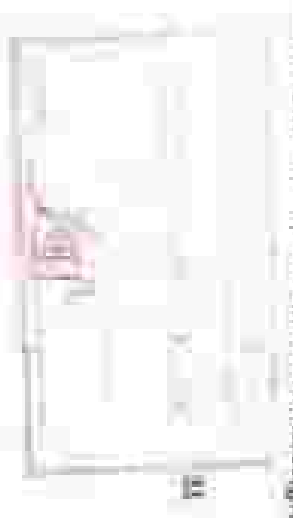
(C) Furthered Board

- (1) There shall be for the Association an Executive Board
- (2) The functions and composition of the Executive Board shall be as outlined in the rules generally in this Constitution.

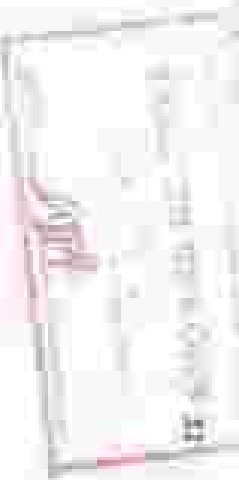
(D) Branches of the Association

- (1) Composition and Membership of branches of the Association
- i. There shall not be more than one branch of the Association in any District/Division of the High Court of any State.
- ii. Nothing in any Constitution shall bar at the initiative of the Association in any State from holding joint meetings/consultations to discuss matters of common interest for the overall good of the Association and its members.
- iii. A Branch of the Association shall consist of not less than fifty (50) registered members who have their principal places of practice or residence within the Judicial Division of the State High Court where the Branch is situated.
- iv. Every branch shall have a Chairman and Secretary and such other officers as provided in the Third Schedule to this Constitution.

- v. A member shall join the branch within the Judicial Division of the State High Court where he/she has his/her principal place of practice or residence, and no member shall belong to more than one branch. Provided that a person who is duly enrolled at the Executive Court of Nigeria as a legal practitioner but resides outside Nigeria shall register and belong to a branch within the geographical jurisdiction of his/her principal place of practice or residence within the Judicial Division of the State High Court where the branch is located.



- vi. A member having twelve years of practice or residence in a Judicial District of the same High Court to which there is no Branch that requires an addition as a District Judge to that Bar.
- iii. The National Executive Council shall witness the recognition of any Branch of the Association when the membership falls below fifty (50) members in any financial standing for two (2) consecutive years.
- (2) Creation of New Branches of the Association
- Any application for the creation of a new Branch of the Association shall be:
 - In writing
 - Supported by the signatures of not less than fifty (50) persons whose numbers of an already existing Branch is the area where the proposed Branch is to be created
 - The application must attach evidence of payment of Branch Dues for three years preceding the year of the application paid to the existing Branch from whence the Branch is to be created.
 - The application shall be submitted to the General Secretary specifying the area that constitute the Branch.
 - A letter from the Chief Judge of the State confirming the existence of a Judicial District of the Area where the new Branch is to be created
 - Upon receipt of the application, the General Secretary shall, with the approval of the National Executive Committee, include same in the agenda and circulate same along with the Notice of Meeting of the next National Executive Council of the Association.
 - The National Executive Council of the Association shall consider and, if satisfied, approve the application for the creation of a new Branch of the Association.
 - Meetings and Programmes of Activities of Branches of the Association
 - Every Branch of the Association shall hold a General Meeting monthly and a General General Meeting at which District Judges should be elected and reports of their work in the District Secretary of the Association.
 - Every Branch of the Association shall forward a programme and record of its activities to the General Secretary of the Association every quarter.



- iii. Every Branch of the Association shall be obligated to carry out the directives of the District Meeting or the National Executive Council, or the President of the Association.
- iv. Therefore, and from the power to impose rules or subscriptions to defray the expenses threatening their status of the Branch.
- v. A member of a Branch is eligible of receiving of prescribed position or subscriptions shall be subject to the same sanction for members of the Association as provided under this Constitution.
- vi. Every Branch shall keep an up-to-date list of its members and forward said list to the General Secretary before the end of July in each year.
- vii. The National By-Laws set out in Part I of the Third Schedule of the Constitution shall be applicable to every Branch. Any By-Laws presently approved for a Branch by the National Executive Council shall cease to have any effect whenever from the commencement of this Constitution.
- viii. No Branch of the Association or an officer or member of a Branch of the Association shall hold itself out as representing the Association in any respect or take any action in the name of the Association without the prior consent and approval of the National Executive Council or the President of the Association give such consent or manner that affect the Branch directly, provided that where the National Executive Council or the President of the Association has already taken a position on any matter, no Branch of the Association shall take any position that is contrary to the position already taken by the National Executive Council or the President of the Association.

17. Articles

- (1) There shall be for the Association such Sections as the National Executive Council of the Association shall establish or authorize the establishment and objects of the Association.
- (2) Every member of the Association shall belong to at least one Section of the Association.
- (3) The National By-Laws set out in Part I of the Third Schedule of the Constitution shall be applicable to every Section of the Association.
- (4) No Section, Section Committee or any of their officers or other representatives of a



Section of the Association, shall represent the Association in both domestic and in representing the Association in any foreign section any action by the name of the Association except as authorized by the National Executive Council of the Association or the Dyed-ans.

- (5) No salary or any fee shall be paid to the same that is the General Assembly or Annual General Conference of the Association, except as may be approved by the National Executive Council of the Association.

18. Insults

- (1) There shall be for the Association such limitations on the National Executive Council of the Association and its members in respect of the same and objects of the Association.
- (2) The Insults established for the Association shall be as outlined in the General Schedule to the Commission.

- (3) No Institute or any of their officers or other representatives of an Institute of the Association, shall represent the Association or people themselves but as representing the Association in any respect, or take any action in the name of the Association except as authorized by the National Executive Council of the Association.

19. For

1. There shall be for the Association each For in the National Executive Council of the Association with authority to authorize the same and objects of the Association.
2. Any member of the Association shall be a liability to belong to a Foreign Institute or Institute may itself.
3. The For established by the Association shall be as outlined in the General Schedule in the Commission.

4. No person, person, committee or any of their officers or other representatives of a For of the Association, shall represent the Association or hold themselves out as representing the Association in any respect, or take any action in the name of the Association except as authorized by the National Executive Council of the Association or the Dyed-ans.

20. Discipline



- (1) A National Officer may be removed from office without notice:
 - (a) economical or business bankruptcy or insolvency;
 - (b) accept appointment from any Government of the Republic of Nigeria or of a State or Nigeria (except as a member of an Ad hoc Committee or Panel);
 - (c) is convicted of any offence by a competent court;
 - (d) breaches any provision of the Code of Conduct the Officers duly approved by National Executive Council of the Association;
 - (e) publicly misrepresents himself/ herself as a candidate for election or as an officer, representative or administrator, or any similar acts;
 - (f) is involved in an act or behaviour that brings or is likely to bring the Association into disrepute; or
 - (g) is found guilty of any of the offences listed in the Association's National Executive Council however that such officer may only be removed from office by a majority of 75% majority of National Executive Council members present in a meeting of the National Executive Council of the Association and after such National Officer shall have been given an opportunity to defend himself/ herself;
- (2) Without prejudice to the preceding provisions of subsection (1) of this section, the National Executive Council of the Association may, at its meeting and meeting, remove members from the President and the Treasurer in the event of a failure by the Treasurer:
 - (a) to prepare and publish any of the financial statement and reports that are submitted upon the Treasurer be publicly under this Constitution; and/or
 - (b) to prepare and present to the National Executive Council the Annual Budget of the Association as mandated by this Constitution;
- (3) Members of the Association shall have the power to investigate reports of professional misconduct against their members and shall send a report of a finding of a professional misconduct against such a member to the Chairman of the Disciplinary Committee established under the provisions of the Constitution and to the General Secretary of the Association;
- (4) The National Executive Council (NEC) shall have the power to receive requests and



Impose disciplinary measures on any member for non-compliance with the regulations of this Commission committed in their capacity as members of the NRC, Branch Executive, Section, Zone, Institute Official, NRC Member, National Officer, etc. Such disciplinary action shall not preclude further action by regulatory authorities.

2.1. Dispute Resolution

- (1) In the event of any dispute or conflict or grievance between or amongst members or any dispute between a member and the Association, in relation to the interpretation and enforcement of the affairs of the Association or in it relates to the rights and obligations of individual members of the Association, such dispute, be coming or otherwise shall first be referred to the Dispute Resolution Committee of the Association for resolution.
- (2) Any registered member shall lodge a complaint with the Dispute Resolution Committee of the Association, not later than Ninety (90) days of the occurrence of such dispute.
- (3) The Dispute Resolution Committee of the Association shall examine and determine any such complaint lodged by any member and deliver its decision thereon within sixty (60) days of receipt of such complaint.
- (4) The decision of the Dispute Resolution Committee of the Association shall be final and binding on the parties, provided that the affected member may challenge the decision of the Dispute Resolution Committee in a Court of competent jurisdiction where there is dissatisfaction with same.
- (5) The Board of Trustees of the Association shall have jurisdiction over disputes between National Officers.
- (6) Such disputes shall be resolved within sixty (60) days of receipt of a complaint from the aggrieved National Officer, and;
- (7) The decisions of the Board of Trustees shall be binding on all parties unless set aside by a competent court of law.
- (8) The Advisory Committee of the Board shall have jurisdiction over disputes between Branch Officers.



- (19) Such dispute shall be resolved within sixty (60) days of receipt of a complaint from the aggrieved Member, Executive, and
- (20) The decisions of the Committee shall be final and all parties parties set aside by a competent court of law.

21. Funds of the Association

- (1) The funds of the Association may be derived from the following sources:
- Annual fee Payable Fee payable by members.
 - Leases to may be approved by the National Executive Council of the Association.
 - Grants.
 - Donations.
 - Endowment funds or may be approved by the National Executive Council of the Association; and
 - Income of the Association.

(2) fee Payable Fee:

- Every member of the Association shall pay annually, not later than the 15th day of March, whether the Payable Fee as may be determined from time to time by the National Executive Council of the Association.
- The National Executive Council of the Association may from time to time and so may be approved by the Annual General Meeting, add to, reduce, amend, or alter the amount the Payable Fee payable by members of the Association.

(3) Other Subscriptions, Through Donor, and Levies

- Other subscriptions payable by members of the Association shall include any and levies may be approved by the Annual General Meeting or the National Executive Council of the Association.
- Any amount of the Association may impose and charge that and levies payable by its members should for the purpose of raising the funds.

22. Finance

- (1) All monies belonging to the Association shall be kept in its bank with such



regulable members on the National Executive Council of the Association shall appoint.

- (12) The authorized signatories to the accounts of the Association at the National level shall be the President and/or the General Secretary and/or the Treasurer.

- (13) Without prejudice to the preceding sub-paragraph (12) of this section, the President shall be the final authority in respect of all electronic and other banking programme provided that all payments, electronic or otherwise, shall be vetted and recommended for payment by the Treasurer and/or the General Secretary prior to the President's approval and subsequent application for the issue of electronic payments) and payment authorisation.

- (14) No expenditure shall be incurred for any purpose unless such expenditure has been approved quarterly by the National Executive Council of the Association in the annual budget or any supplementary budget of the Association, provided that in any case of serious urgency, the President in consultation with either the General Secretary and/or the Treasurer may authorize such expenditure in those situations and afterwards seek approval approval from the National Executive Council of the Association, provided that the exercise of such discretion shall be limited to the restricted expenditure of the funds (initially) providing here.

- (15) The Quoting Secretary of the Association may book or transport, such persons as may be approved by the National Executive Council of the Association (from time to time).

- (16) The National Executive Council may invest the funds of the Association in government securities or such other securities.

- (17) If the Auditor discharges any office or occupies of the Association with the payment of any salaries, the National Executive Council of the Association may serve a notice upon such person to pay the amount outstanding within a period not less than ninety (90) days after service of such notice upon him/her. If such such person failing to pay the amount, the National Executive Council may substitute that legal proceedings be taken to enforce payment.

- (18) Twenty percent (20%) of the annual fee/levy shall be paid by members of each District of the Association shall be credited to the District in the month of April.



and December, respectively, of each year.

54. Stabilization Fund

- (1) There is hereby established a Stabilization Fund for the Association hereinafter referred to as the "Fund".
- (2) The source of income for the Fund shall comprise the following:
 - i. A seed fund of \$51,500,000,000.00 (One billion and 515 Hundred Million Naira).
 - ii. A fixed charge of 10% on Annual Bar Prescriptions to the Association, which shall be deducted at source and paid into the Account of the Fund with designated banks.
 - iii. Profits from investments of sums standing to the credit of the Fund.
 - iv. Interest from the Stabilization Fund.
 - v. Donations.
- (3) Except on approval by the General Meeting, whether at its Annual Meeting or Extra-Ordinary Meeting of the Association, the assets standing to the credit of the Fund shall not be utilized for any purpose other than working and investments.
- (4) On approval by the General Meeting, either at its Annual Meeting or Extra-Ordinary Meeting of the Association, under sub-section (4) of this section, shall not be granted unless the National Executive Council presents a plan for the repayment of any sums taken from the Stabilization Fund within a definite period.
- (5) The National Executive Council shall appoint a professional Fund Manager to manage the Stabilization Fund.
- (6) The professional Fund Manager shall work in conjunction with the Stabilization Fund Committee set up under this Constitution.

25. Trustees of the Association

1. Subject to the directing of the Annual General Meeting of the Association, the National Executive Council of the Association is empowered to appoint Trustees



for the Association.

- ii. The Trinities of the Association shall be one (6) in number, and shall be known as "THE PIONEER/CRATED TRINITIES OF THE NIGERIAN LITE ASSOCIATION" is harmonious with the provisions of Part II of the Companies and Allied Matters Act, Act No. 2009 ("CAMA"), as may be amended from time to time. Provided that each geographical zone of the Association, as defined in the Constitution, shall have an equal number of Trinites.

- (iv) The Trinites of the Association shall hold office for a term of five years and may be eligible for re-appointment for one more term only.

- (vi) A Treasury of the Association shall serve as book office if be/elle:

- a. employs book office as writing;
- b. serves as key member of the Association;
- c. becomes treasurer;
- d. is officially declared book office;
- e. is involved in a criminal offense involving dishonesty for a term of complete probation;
- f. is removed from office by a two-thirds majority vote of financial members present and voting at a General Meeting of the Association;
- g. serves as permanently reside in Nigeria and/or outside territorially from his (/s) conference period meetings of the Association without good cause acceptable to the Association.

- v. All properties of the Association, freedom or handbook, or other intention in fund acquired for the use and benefit of the Association shall be vested in the Trinites of the Association.

- vi. The Trinites of the Association shall deal with the properties of the Association as directed in writing by a Resolution of the Annual General Meeting of the Association.

- vii. Upon a vacancy occurring in the number of Trinites, the National Executive Council of the Association shall make appointment to fill the vacancy pending confirmation by the General Meeting of the Association.

- viii. The profits received in the Trinites of the Association by, or under CAMA shall be consigned wholly in the trinites of the General Meeting of the Association.

- ix. The Trinites of the Association shall have a company and which shall be kept in the custody of the Seretary or such other person as the Trinites may directly.



who shall provide it within required for use by the Trustees.

PART III – Miscellaneous

26. Amendment Procedure

- (1) The Constitution shall not be amended or repealed but restricted except by a resolution duly passed at an Annual General Meeting of the Association by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of members present and entitled to vote provided that two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the Association are represented at such Annual General Meeting AND provided further that at least one (1) day's notice of the proposed amendment or repeal and resolution shall have been given to the Association through the National Executive Committee and the National Executive Committee shall have circulated same to members of the Association at least thirty (30) days before the proposed amendment is voted for (discussion of the Annual General Meeting of the Association);

- (2) For the purposes of Article TWENTY (20) majority of members of the Association present and voting shall be determined as for present membership;

27. Interpretation

(1) In this Constitution –

“Association” means the Nigerian Bar Association;

“Annual Conference” means the conference of the Nigerian Bar Association at a Branch, Section or Forum of the Association held every year;

“Executive Committee” means a committee of the Association as a Section, Branch or Forum of the Association and shall include a sub-committee;

“Executive Committee” means the Executive Committee of the Association or a Section, Branch or Forum of the Association;

“General Meeting” means a general meeting of the Association or of a Section, Branch or Forum of the Association;

“Paid financial meeting” in relation to the National Secretariat of the Association means the payment of Annual Bar Meeting Fee as well within the said Member in good financial standing refers to a member who has paid his/her Annual Bar Meeting Fee as well within the said in relation to a Branch of the Association

means the payment of Annual Dues, Positioning Fee and through once as and when due and a Branch Member in good financial standing refers to a Branch member who has paid his/her Annual Dues, Positioning Fee and Branch Dues as and when due.

"Members living with disabilities" means persons with disabilities as defined in the Constitution/Articles/Bylaws/Regulations/Bylaws/Procedures/Prohibition Act 2018 or any subsequent laws) or any applicable law for the time being in force.

"National Executive Council" means the National Executive Council of the Association.

"Officers" means the elected officers of the Association or of a Section, Branch or Forum of the Association.

"Section" means a Section of the Association established by the National Executive Council of the Association.

"Special Interest Groups" means such institutions of the Association such as the members living with disabilities.

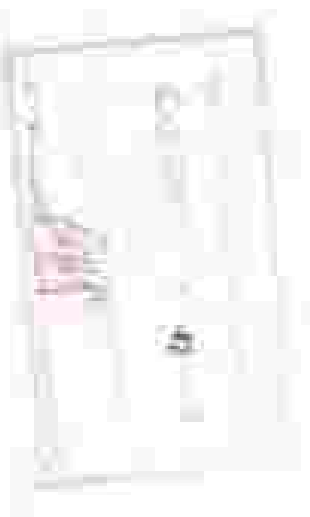
"Young Leaders" means a member of the Association who is between the year of 18 to 25 years (inclusive).

28. Amendments

The Nigeria Bar Association Constitution 2015 (as amended in 2021) is hereby further amended:

29. Children and Condemnations

This Constitution may be read as the Nigeria Bar Association Constitution 2015 (as amended in 2021) and covers the effect that 7th day of August, 2025, upon its adoption by the Annual General Meeting.



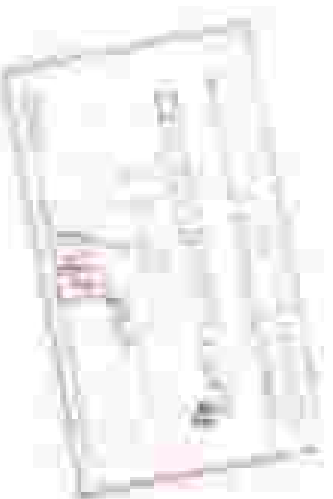
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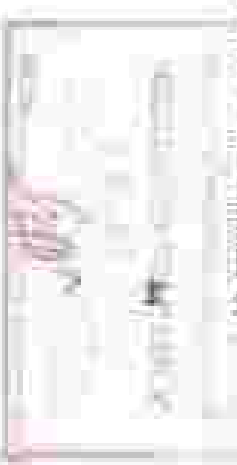
STANDING ORDERS

For the purpose of effective conduct of proceedings at the Annual General Meeting, General Conference or other Conferences of Meetings and matters relating thereto, these Orders shall be read together with the Constitution of the Association.

1. These Standing Orders are made by the Annual General Meeting of the Association in exercise of its powers under Section 5 of the Companies Act of the Association and other enabling powers in that behalf.
2. An Annual General Meeting and Extraordinary General Meeting shall proceed with business as is determined by the Constitution.
3. Notice of meeting shall be issued in advance to every Director of the Association if less than seventy-two (72) days before the date of the meeting which shall only such notice available to the members. Such notice shall also be published on the ANS Website in listed to the members through e-mail, SMS or other electronic media.
4. The President shall preside at the meeting and in the absence the Vice President or shall Vice President then in order of priority preside. During which the members present at the meeting shall physically or virtually, shall elect a Chairman from among themselves.
5. Any member who wishes to speak shall stand up to attract the President's attention.
6. No member shall commence to speak unless he/she has been recognized to do so by the President or presiding officer at the table may be.
7. No two members shall stand up to speak simultaneously during discussion and meeting.
8. The order of speaking shall be determined by the President or any such presiding officer or another member speaking without first or second provided that Order shall give a reasonable opportunity for divergent views to be heard.

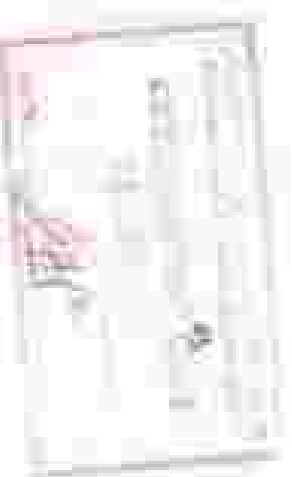


9. The President or any presiding officer at the meeting in his/her absence, may keep debate even when there are members still entitled to speak on the subject if he/she considers that more than two subjects will involve up the matter under consideration.
10. A member who has any relevant and pertinent information to give during the course of a speech by another may raise a "point of information" which he may only proceed to give if permitted to do so by the President.
11. A motion may raise a "point of order" which when raised shall only be sustained by the President unless he/she accepts that there is discussion by a speaker from the subject matter.
12. A member who claims that he/she has been addressed or interrupted may raise the plea of "point of courtesy" and if allowed by the President or any presiding officer at the meeting that concern shall cease.
13. In the event of propositions presented in the past business of the meeting being ignored and sustained, a clerk after the proposal and sustainer of the proposition have been heard, be asked whether there is a valid Counter Motion, or while the Presiding Officer stands for the matter in vote. If carried, the matter will stand and immediately be closed. The matter having been closed, shall not be reconsidered during the meeting.
14. No motion or amendment shall be discussed unless it is pertinent, save the proposals of the National Executive Committee or the report of a committee of the Association which shall be relevant having been moved and seconded. Provided that no second movement of motion shall be voted upon until the 3rd introduction is allowed of.
15. On any issue every member present shall have one vote or a right; but the President or presiding officer shall have a casting vote in the event of a tie.
16. The President or presiding officer shall have power to ask anyone found engaging in disruptive or disruptive acts to leave the Conference without warning.
17. The General Meeting or the National Executive Council shall have the power to appoint Committees or Commissions for the business of its business. Such members of the Committee or Commissions may sit during the General Meeting or the National Executive Council Meeting should it be necessary for them to do so.
18. The President or presiding officer shall give directions as to what business is usually necessary to the interest of the Association or reasonably productive to the interest of



proceedings of any Meeting or Conference. The procedure for calling of any Causative shall be determined by the Committee.

- (iv) The ruling of the President or presiding officer in subject provided for in these STANDARD CONCEPTS shall be absolute.



SECOND SCHEDULE

ELECTIONS (section 10)

PART I

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR THE MEMBERS OF THE ELECTORAL COMMITTEE OF THE NIGERIAN BAR ASSOCIATION (ECNBA)

1. Members of the ECNBA shall conduct themselves and effectively carry out their duties in accordance with the Code of Conduct and Operational Guidelines contained in this Schedule and be accordance with ethical laws, rules and guidelines of the Association.
2. All members of the ECNBA shall be guided according to the highest standards of integrity:
 - A. The ECNBA shall be an independent and effective electoral committee that shall conduct free, fair, transparent, and credible elections for the Association. In particular, the ECNBA shall duty not allow functions free from external control and influence, reject any improper influence, shall accept or provided by the Constitution or any legal framework, refrain from engaging processes relating to the performance of its task from any person.
 - B. The ECNBA shall maintain independence and integrity in all its activities.
 - C. The ECNBA shall ensure that no action or activity is taken in support of any candidate or group of candidates, and shall ensure that every candidate vote and other participants in the election process are treated fairly and impartially in the conduct of the elections.
 - D. The ECNBA shall perform its duties in a manner that is strictly impartial, transparent and professionally impartial.
3. The ECNBA shall disseminate reports for the Rule of Law and effectively with the laws of the Federation of Nigeria.
4. The ECNBA shall display openness and transparency in all its activities and be in relationship with all members, particularly the candidates for the election, and shall ensure the following:
 - (a) Consult with participants in the electoral process on a regular basis, and in relation to specific details, if it is appropriate to do so in the circumstances.
 - (b) Provide an explanation, by response to reasonable requests, for a decision to be

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shall as part of the electoral process, or a decision made as part of the general conduct of the election.

(v) Establish a system that allows interested parties to access, in a timely manner, all critical information, documents, and materials used in the election process, or used in the original inspection of the election administration.

(vi) Disclose fully any deficiencies in the administration of an election when it comes to its execution.

(vi) Allow freely available, and in a timely manner, the information on which each decision was based.

(v) Allow effective and responsible access to relevant, trustworthy, and understandable within the framework of the Constitution of the Association.

9. The information on which the ECNRA's decision is based shall be accurate as well as accurate. The ECNRA shall perform every task on the basis of the highest level of standard of economy of information and objectivity of subjects, to particularly, the ECNRA shall:

(A) Ensure that information is collected, compiled and published in a systematic, clear, and understandable manner.

(B) Do everything necessary, within the Constitution of the Association to ensure that all the information that it collects, uses, or provides has a correct factual basis.

10. The ECNRA shall work to provide every voter the highest quality service required to make voters to exercise their rights with the least possible inconvenience, given the circumstances and Constitution of the Association, and in particular shall:

(vi) Make it as convenient as possible for voters to participate in the election process.

(vi) Ensure that voters adequately understand the election process.

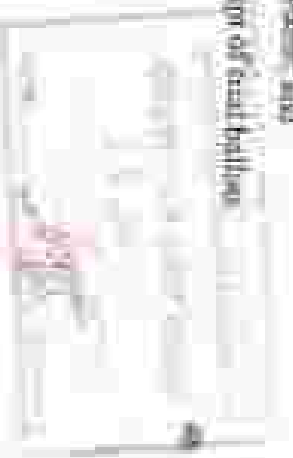
(vi) Do everything possible to provide a way for members with special needs, such as members living with disabilities or voters living in remote areas to vote.



PART II

APPOINTMENT OF ELECTIONS SERVICE PROVIDER

1. The EICNBA shall be solely responsible for the selection, appointment and engagement of all the service providers required in the electoral process.
2. The EICNBA shall engage a Technical Support Committee who shall provide technical assistance to the EICNBA throughout the electoral process and post-election activities.
3. The EICNBA shall, with the assistance of the Technical Support Committee, engage a competent Independent Communication Technology (ICT) service provider, who shall:
 - (a) Plan and coordinate the voters' register generation from the Association's database;
 - (b) Provide and configure the voting portal for use and installation in voters' electronic media including smart, SMS and any other electronic medium to any become applicable, provide voter roll use, database and software for maintaining the database as well as provide a support help desk during the election;
4. The process of selecting the service providers shall be by a competitive bidding, including financial bids and technical bids. Due diligence shall be properly conducted before the engagement/employment of service providers and institutions must be given where in provide that only qualified, experienced, skilled and competent companies with proven integrity and no conflict of interest are engaged.
5. The use of shortlisted service providers and the respective services they provide shall be published in the Association's Website or any other online platform to afford the members the opportunity to object to it. If any complaints against the engagement of such service provider, the decision of the EICNBA in respect of the conduct of service provider shall be final.
6. The service provider shall be accountable to the EICNBA in the resolution of any action of the Association with Electoral.
7. The service provider appointed by the EICNBA shall:
 - (a) ensure that that technology are not the critical, SMS and other applicable electronic platforms, to all eligible voters at least twenty-two (21) days before the date of the election;
 - (b) allow enough time to test and the bidding system; and
 - (c) estimate and resolve complaints of non-receipt of text ballot.



4. The leading platform to be prescribed by the service provider shall also be supported by a security and performance test to ensure it is available and free vulnerability to any compromise whatsoever. Such test shall include but not limited by usability, security, performance, nonfunctional testbed support, and other items that may be deemed necessary for the EC/NDA.

5. Such service provider shall initiate a request of its assistance to the EC/NDA upon the completion of its work. Such request shall be made available to members on request and shall be safety sound.

10. The EC/NDA shall, with the assistance of the Technical Support Consultant, engage a competent Data Protection Officer, who shall:

- (a) Ensure that there is no unauthorised release of members' data
 - (b) Ensure compliance with all applicable data protection laws and regulations;
 - (c) Ensure that the EC/NDA publishes members' data only as protected subjects and platforms with protected access;
 - (d) Prepared guidelines on the best practices of data protection policies, during, and after every election, including the period of debriefing campaigns; and
 - (e) Ensure that all NDA National Executive Committee members and EC/NDA members are trained in data protection, especially with respect to the protection of the data of NDA members.
- (f) Be responsible for any inadvertent release of members' data;



to challenge the legitimacy of a constituted committee itself, not more than seven (7) days after the publication of the list of nominated candidates, submit a petition to the ICESNA.

9. They can use the members of the Association qualified to give data in prediction by the use of them they have to do along before the data of the education.

19. A candidate for executive chairman of the club is nominally proposed in writing by a member and endorsed by society, but if others think he qualified to be voted for in the position sought by the candidate to be nominated, it accords with the provisions of the Constitution for the corporation officers.

11. **Credentialed staff** inform by email, a copy of their Credentials Value of not more than four pages of Aetna pipes, computerized methodology, and other appropriate materials to the Aetna for publication in the Aetna website and on all media supported by the Association.

12. Every Applicant shall submit an Expression of Interest for the Office by internet in January to the P.C.S.Bs at least on the 1st of September of the year preceding the election year in which he intends to contest.

12. The ECSSA shall negatively screen candidates in any election at the National Secretariat of the Association or any other room/venue chosen by the ECSSA and an approved online platform at least once in any election year.

14. Any form of donations and philanthropy received by candidates seeking election this or any other year during the election year is hereby prohibited, and any candidate who violates this provision shall be disqualified from being a candidate in the election.

15. All Brokers, Sellers, and For all prohibited from selling copyrighted materials or otherwise from materials selling software from any copyright infringement the election 2000. Requiring Section, or Terms others are prohibited from selling goods from prohibited copyright in any election.

16. Any Applicant or Candidate who makes or publishes derogatory material against an opponent or who makes or permits derogatory material to be made against an opponent by any election of the Association shall be disqualified from participating in the election.

17. Any applicant or candidate who supplies false information about the qualification for any election shall be disqualified from participating in the election and shall be referred to the Disciplinary Committee for sanction.

18. Any form of financial involvement including paying the annual prospective fees or Hatch Stew for anyone to any private firm except on the one condition authorized by candidates and their supporters in the election year is hereby prohibited, and any candidate who transgresses this provision shall be disqualified from being voted for in the election, PROVIDED that any such payment of the Publishing Fees and Hatch Stew by the candidate for anyone who are in similar direct employment shall not be considered as financial involvement.

19. No Branch, Section, or Form of the Association shall locate prospective applicants or candidates to sponsor their event or programmes in any election year. Any Branch, Section, or Form of the Association or member who violates prospective applicants or candidates to sponsor their event or programmes in any election year by the Association shall be deemed to be guilty of professional misconduct and shall be referred to the Disciplinary Committee for appropriate sanctions. The EC/NRA shall provide a standardized format platform for candidates to engage members across the country.

20. No Branch, Section, or Form of the Association shall endorse any prospective applicant or candidate for any elective position in the Association. Any Branch, Section or Form of the Association or member who endorses or consents to be endorsed any prospective applicants or candidates for any elective position in the Association shall be deemed to be guilty of professional misconduct and shall be referred to the Disciplinary Committee for appropriate sanctions.

21. The KCNRA shall prescribe limits for electoral expenses for candidates in any election. Any candidate who violates the prescribed electoral expenses spending limit shall be disqualified from participating in the election.

22. The KCNRA shall endorse all validly sworn oaths to apply/extend order without regard for the position being sought and publish them in an electronic Election Magazine to be issued on the NRA website at least thirty (30) days before the election.

23. Officers shall be sworn by oath of office at the time of their inauguration, provided or for any other reasonable cause.

PART IV

ELECTION OF NGA MEMBERS STATUTES TO THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE NAR



1. The ECNDA shall immediately conduct election in the month of July of the regular session next to the Representatives in the General Council of the Bar.
2. The ECNDA shall create a list list of properly identified candidates for election as Representatives to the General Council of the Bar as at the Electronic Filing Form, that established by court and other applicable electronic platform, so not to publish the list on the NDA website at least forty-five (45) days before the date of the election.
3. The list list of all members of the Association qualified to vote shall be published by ECNDA at least forty-five (45) days before the date of the election.
4. A candidate for election as Representative to the General Council of the Bar shall be nominated in writing by a signifier and accepted by another, both of whom shall be qualified like the candidate if anywhere with the provision of the Constitution for the judicial office.
5. Election of NDA Representatives to the General Council of the Bar shall be held in the month of July of the election year of the Association or at such time and place as may be ordered by the National Executive Council.
6. Candidates shall submit by email a copy of their Candidate Vouch of no other than from pages of At-see paper, representative newsletters and other campaign materials in the NDA's on publication on the NDA website, and also that the day fixed by the ECNDA.
7. The prohibition, printing or distribution of any campaign material, sign and any other of several references to a candidate or his/her supporters as timely published and any candidate who contravenes this provision shall be disqualified from being valid.
8. Any form of denigration and preliminary questions by candidates seeking election from the General Council of the Bar during the election year is strictly prohibited, and any candidate who contravenes this provision shall be disqualified from being valid for in the election.
9. All branches, Sections, and Units are prohibited from soliciting contributions, donations or membership from voluntarily seeking election into the General Council of the Bar during the election year.
10. Any form of financial interference including paying Actual Paying Fees or branch fees for anyone to carry them from voters in the year whenever by candidate and their supporters in the election year is hereby prohibited, and any candidate who contravenes this provision shall be disqualified from being valid for in the election, PROVIDED that any such payment of the Paying Fee and branch fees by the

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mediation for Justice who may be called upon, confidentially and not to submit an opinion in dissent.

11. The ECNSDA shall submit all materials, writings there to alphabetically order without regard to the position being sought and publish them in its electronic Electronic Magazines to be listed on the NEA website at least thirty (30) days before the election.

12. The election shall be the General Council of the State to be elected by electronic if none death, resignation, vacancy, or for any other reasonable cause.

13. Where a race does not have the full complement of members required to fill their quota in the General Council of the State (GCP), the National Executive Committee (NEC) may appoint a member or members from that race to fill the Quota.

14. In the event of death, incapacity, vacancy of office by resignation, renunciation liability to not owing to bankruptcy, conviction of offences pertaining to fraud or dishonesty or conduct undermining of a legal franchise, incapacity etc., the President shall recommend to the National Executive Council a replacement of the affected representative.

PART V

ELECTRONIC VOTING.

1. The election shall be conducted by electronic voting in accordance with the guidelines adopted by the ECNSDA.

2. The ECNSDA shall, not less than sixty (60) days in the day of election, submit guidelines for conduct of electronic voting, which shall amongst other things provide for verification of voters' data, authentication to be utilized for electronic voting.

3. Each Voter shall receive a unique communication number containing the details of their vote. The number shall serve as an authentication and shall be electronically stored by the ECNSDA for post-election verification. During Verification, ECNSDA shall ensure that the Data Privacy of the Voter is not compromised. Verification of voters shall be made in compliance with relevant laws in force and data protection.

4. The service provider shall, within twelve (12) hours after the close of



meeting, publish the list of voters from each of the townships and shall also transmit same by email to all candidates at the election.

PART VI

PRELIMINARY NOTICE OF ELECTION

1. Preliminary notice of election shall be communicated to all the township committees by email at least 14 days before the election or 120 (One Hundred and Twenty) days before the date of the election.
2. The preliminary notice for the election shall state the following:
 - (a) The election is to be held on such date by vote of the entire electorate.
 - (b) The date, at least 30 (Thirty) days before the date of the election, by which nominations of candidates must be received.

PART VII

QUALIFICATION OF CANDIDATES

Subject to the provisions of this constitution, a member shall not be eligible for election as a Member of the Council of the Township if he or she:

- (a) is not a Nigerian Citizen;
- (b) is a member of a registered political party in Nigeria;
- (c) has been adjudged bankrupt or has made a composition or arrangement with his creditors;
- (d) is adjudged mentally unfit to take up the position by a competent medical authority;
- (e) has been convicted of a crime involving fraud or dishonesty by a court of competent jurisdiction or has been found guilty of malversation or professional misconduct by the Legal Practitioners Disciplinary Committee;
- (f) The power of ELECTION is exclusively a power which vests in the Council and only be the Council specifically conferred in the Constitution.

PART VIII

APPEALS BY ASPIRANTS AND CANDIDATES

1. Any aspirant who is disqualified by the ELECTION in respect of his candidature or



constitutions may within seven (7) days of the communication of the decision appeal to the National Officers Election Appeals Committee.

2. A candidate who believes that his co-contestant is not qualified to contest the election but the co-contestant has been elected by the ECNRA may within seven (7) days of the publication of the list of candidates, petition the National Officers Election Appeals Committee against the clearance of the co-contestant.
3. The National Officers Election Appeals Committee shall, upon receipt of an appeal lodged by an opponent within the timeframe stipulated in paragraphs 1 and 2 above, hear the appeal and make a decision thereon within fourteen (14) days thereof. Such decision may be signed in electronic only, or by physical bearing or hearing via electronic medium.
4. The decision of the National Officers Election Appeals Committee shall be communicated to both the ECNRA and the applicant immediately after the decision has been rendered but not later than fourteen (14) days from the date of the receipt of the appeal.
5. The decision of the National Officers Election Appeals Committee on any appeal lodged by a candidate shall be final and binding on the parties.

PART IX

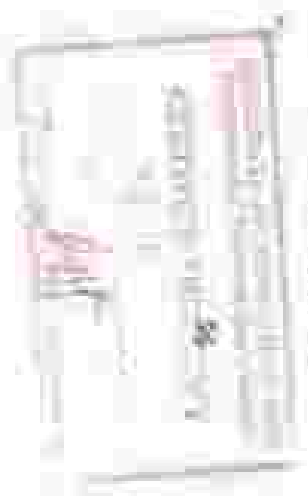
RESULTS OF ELECTIONS

1. The results of election shall be announced within twenty-four (24) hours of the conduct of elections upon certification and verification of the votes.
2. The candidate with the highest votes cast shall be declared the winner of the election.
3. In the event of a tie in an election for any national office, a runoff election shall be conducted between the candidates within seven days of the announcement of the result. If the tie persists, another runoff shall be conducted until a winner emerges.

PART X

APPEALS AGAINST THE OUTCOME OF THE ELECTION

1. Any candidate may, within seven (7) days of the announcement of the result of the election, appeal against the return made by the ECNRA to the National Officers Election Appeals Committee on the ground that:



(a) The election was held by means of correct practices and in compliance with the provisions of this Constitution and/or any Callabus issued by the EC/NTA regarding the conduct of the election; or

(b) The candidate returned did not secure the majority of lawful votes cast in the election.

2. Proceedings of the National Officers Election Appeals Committee in the post-election proceedings shall be either document-based or, where this is not viable, hearing of oral evidence, which could be either virtual or physical.

3. The Parties or their representatives shall be the candidates comprising, who shall be described in the Publication. The Respondent shall be the EC/NTA and the Candidate retained.

4. The Respondents upon receipt of the Petition shall file their answer to the Petition together with any objection they may have of the Petition within five (5) days of the service of the Petition on them.

5. The Petitioner shall file his reply, if any, within five (5) days of receipt of the Respondent's Answer.

6. The processes in these proceedings shall be served electronically via the e-mail supplied by the candidates at the time of the submission of their nomination forms.

7. The Secretary of the National Officers Election Appeals Committee shall be responsible for ensuring service of the processes on the parties.

8. All Petitions shall be filed at the Secretariat of the National Officers Election Appeals Committee together with a signed copy issued in Petition Document Form (PTDF).

9. In computing the number of days, the date of service, including holidays, the Sunday and Public Holidays, shall be excluded.

10. The National Officers Election Appeals Committee shall, upon receipt of the Petition lodged by a candidate, within the timeframe stipulated in paragraph one (1) above, hear and determine the Petition therein within Twenty Eight (28) days from the date of the receipt of the Petition.

11. In respect of a Petition whose ground of complaint is non-compliance, the National Officers Election Appeals Committee shall not hold the election, unless it is shown that the non-compliance substantially affected the result of the election.



12. In respect of a Petition whose ground of complaint is that the candidate returned did not secure the majority of valid votes cast, the National Officers Electoral Appeals Committee, where it finds that the candidate declared by the ECNRA did not secure the majority of the highest valid vote at the election, shall declare the candidate with the majority of the valid votes cast, the winner of the election.
13. The National Officers Electoral Appeals Committee, for expediency, could seat in a panel of three (3) members when hearing a Petition under this Part.
14. The Pendency of a Petition challenging the Return of an elected National Officer shall not prevent the carrying on of such office.
15. Where a candidate fails to explore the dispute resolution mechanism contained in this provision, he shall not be entitled to proceed as the regular voter in challenge the election.



THIRD SCHEDULE

THE NIGERIAN BAR ASSOCIATION CONFORM BY-LAWS FOR BRANCHES

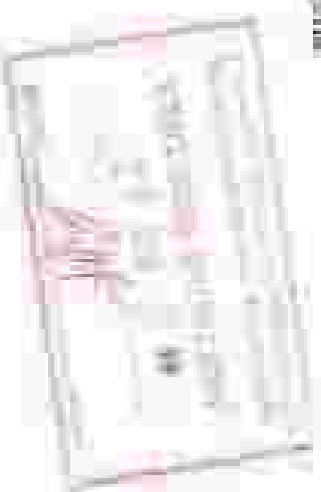
1. Name

The Branch shall be called the Nigerian Bar Association _____ Branch (hereinafter called "the Branch").

2. Objects

The objects of the Branch shall be:

1. The maintenance of the loyalty and independence of the Bar and the Judiciary, and the defence of the Bar in its relations with the Judiciary, the Executive and the Legislature particularly in the State where the Branch is situated.
2. The maintenance and enforcement of the highest standards of professional ethics, conduct, integrity and discipline.
3. The promotion and protection of the public right of access to the Courts and of representation by Counsel before Courts and Tribunals.
4. The promotion of the principles of the Rule of Law, respect for and attainment of constitutional liberties.
5. The improvement of the standards of Justice, the procedures and the administration of court business.
6. The promotion and attainment of legal education, continuing legal education, self-help, jurisprudence, and law reporting.
7. The establishment of the establishment and optimization of a system of prompt and efficient legal advice and aid for those persons in need thereof who are unable to pay for the same.
8. The promotion and support of law centres.
9. The promotion and attainment of highly qualitatively exceptional, and high members of the Branch as well as members living with disabilities.
10. The recognition of such discretion and normal help meeting members.
11. The promotion of cooperation and harmony between the Branch and Lawyers of other States and other jurisdictions within and outside Nigeria.



Drawn for the applicable period of time; and

2. If the fee is the fee for one year or greater, payment is at least three (3) or more advance of the Branch, including arrears at Branch meetings or the immediately thereof. Provided that one or more of these requirements may be waived upon proof of temporary relocation to a place outside the State where the Branch is active, either entire and principal offices.

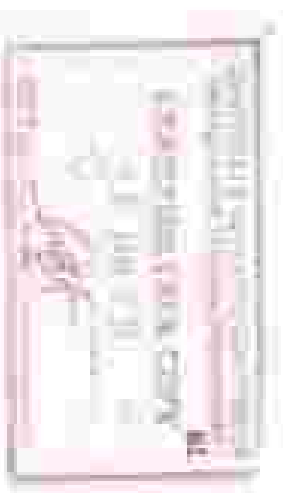
3. Where a Branch refuses to issue a letter of good standing to a member who requests to change that a member has not paid dues then as set when due, the Branch shall have the burden of producing its statements of accounts in support of its claim that the member did not pay his/her Branch dues as set when due. Where the Branch is unable to produce such statements and successful in these two ways shall be deemed to have the letter of good standing for a period exceeding three (3) working days, the member shall be at liberty to approach the General Secretary of the Association who shall thereupon issue such letter within a period not exceeding three (3) working days, provided that the General Secretary shall in the first instance request from the Branch the reason for the refusal and thereafter agree or decline to issue the letter upon being satisfied with the reasons provided by the Branch for the refusal.

5. Annual Branch Due:

Annual Branch dues shall be as fixed by the Board in General Meeting on the recommendation of the Executive Committee of the Branch from time to time. The Annual Branch dues to fixed by the General Meeting of the Branch shall be made payable not later than the 31st day of March of each year.

6. Officers and Membership of the Branch Executive Committee:

1. The Branch Executive Committee shall consist of Officers of the Branch who shall be elected as provided under this Bye-Laws for a single term of two (2) years:
 - a. Chairman
 - b. Vice-Chairman
 - c. Secretary
 - d. Assistant Secretary



e. Treasurer

f. Financial Secretary

g. Board Secretary

h. Publicity Secretary

i. Wellfare Secretary

j. Provost

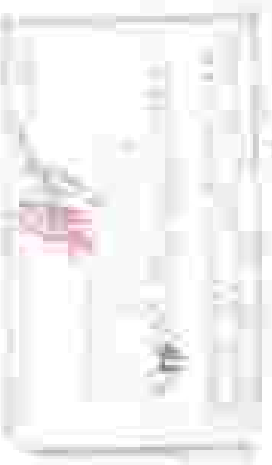
3. No member of the Branch shall occupy the same office for more than two (2) years (two terms) and any member who has held elective offices as a Branch officer for two (2) terms shall not be eligible to continue for a Branch office until at least five (5) years after leaving that term of office.

4. Branch Officers shall be liable by expulsion of their, death or as provided in Section 12 of this By-Laws.

7. Duties of Officers

a. Chairman

- b. To provide at all Annual, General Meetings and other meetings of the Branch and the Branch Executive Committee meetings.
- b. To direct and supervise the Branch Executive Committee and members generally towards the achievement of the aims and objects of the Branch and all branches or societies may be disbanded from time to time.
- c. To provide direction and leadership to all Committees, Officers and members of the Branch, ensure the efficient utilization of the resources of the Branch subject to the approval of the Branch Executive Committee on the General Meeting; and direct all other officers of the Branch in the performance of their duties.
- d. To serve as the official spokesperson for the Branch and shall express the views of the Branch upon any matter of public interest or upon any matter of interest to the Regent profession in relation to the Branch.
- e. To be ex-officio member of all Committees of the Branch.
- f. To cause the submission of the monthly and Annual General Meetings or other meetings to be conducted with the provisions of this By-Laws.
- g. To preside over Chairman's Address at the Annual General Meeting.



- g. To perform such other functions as they see fit in the interest of the Branch.
- h. To represent the Branch at the National Executive Council of the Association.

2. Vice-Chairman

- a. To be the absence of the Chairman, provide at all meetings over which the Chairman by his official has power to preside.
- b. To be chairman of the Finance Report Committee.
- c. To perform all other duties which the Chairman, acting for it, deems or desires to require or prefer or as shall be delegated to him by the Chairman, the Branch Executive Committee, or the General Meeting.

3. Secretary

- a. To ensure, on the instructions of the Chairman or in overruling the monthly and Annual General Meetings, the Branch Executive Committee Meetings, and other Meetings of the Branch to accordance with the provision of this Bylaws.
- b. To record and keep minutes of all meetings including an executive summary of all decisions taken thereat and a register of resolutions thereat.
- c. To write and distribute circulars, notices and other correspondence of the Branch to the Branch Executive Committee and disseminate to all members all information from the National Secretariat of the Association on the instructions of the Chairman.
- d. To keep in up-to-date directory of members of the Branch.
- e. To maintain an register account of an amount to be distributed from time to time by the Branch Executive Committee and under regular routine shared to the Branch Executive Committee.
- f. To arrange annual or special regalia of the activities of the Association and the Branch members.
- g. To perform all other duties which may be assigned to him by the Chairman or the Branch Executive Committee.
- h. To be responsible for the general management of the Secretariat of the Branch and to keep inventory of all properties of the Branch.
- i. To be an ex-officio member of all the Committees of the Branch.



f. To submit a printed report of the activities of the Branch at the Annual General Meeting.

4. Assistant Secretary

The Assistant Secretary shall assist the Secretary in the performance of his/her duties and carry out all such duties as the Secretary may assign in addition to those in the absence of the Secretary; the Assistant Secretary shall act as a liaison person.

5. Treasurer

- a. Shall promptly pay all monies collected by the Branch from subscriptions of the Branch or from any person or body in the Branch's possession.
- b. Shall keep an accurate record, the books files, forms books and all other documents relating to the Branch's financial affairs (and maintain an accurate and up-to-date statement of all monies received or paid in by the Branch and the subsidization for payments for payments).
- c. Shall prepare or cause to be prepared, the annual budget for the Branch for presentation by the Branch Executive Committee and subsequent approval by the Branch in a General Meeting.
- d. Shall carry out any decision or directive of the Annual General Meeting, Branch Executive Committee and the general meeting in matters relating to the budget of business of the Branch.
- e. Shall prepare or cause to be prepared and distribute to every member of the Branch at or before every Annual General Meeting, the Annual Statement of Accounts as at the 31st day of May preceding such Annual General Meeting.
- f. Shall immediately prepare or cause to be prepared the Management/Financial Accounts of the Branch as required by the Branch Executive Committee at the Annual General Meeting.
- g. Shall invest the funds of the Branch in such securities as may be approved by the Branch Executive Committee and/or the General Meeting.
- h. Shall be responsible to all share holders of the Branch.
- i. Shall liaise with external auditors for the audit of the Accounts of the Branch.



6. Financial Secretary

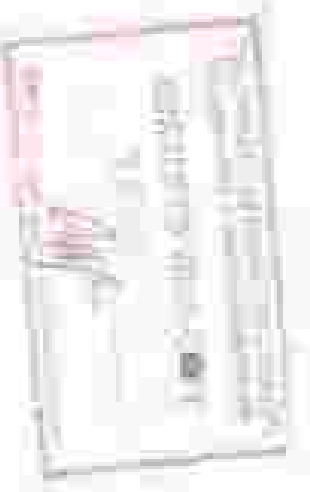
- a. To collect and record all dues, fines and other contributions as they are levied or tendered payments made by the members for any other reasons or body either corporate or incorporate and issue official receipts promptly therefor.
- b. To ensure that all members pay their share dues as prescribed by the Bylaws or as resolved in General Meetings and shall pursue recovery of all outstanding dues, also and pledge credit to the Branch.
- c. To prepare quarterly the list of financial members and subscribers and to present both them to the Branch Executive Committee and circulate same at the General Meetings.
- d. To promptly transmit all receipts collected by him to the Treasurer for deposit into the Branch's bank accounts and keep prompt records of the Branch account balance.

7. Social Secretary

- a. To be responsible for the organization of all social functions of the Branch and to initiate and promote social activities and programmes designed to ensure the mutual interest of the Branch in its aims and entertainment of members at events.
- b. To make arrangements for the provision of recreational facilities for the use of members of the Branch.
- c. To perform such other functions as may be provided in the By-Laws, provided by the Branch Executive Committee at its General Meeting.

8. Publicity Secretary

- a. To publicize the activities of the Branch and its due and make to ensure the Member Publicity Secretary of the Association is initiated relating to every aspect the jurisdiction of the Branch.
- b. To promote a correct and positive image of the Branch to the public.
- c. To, on the direction of the Chairman, issue Press Releases and Statements for matters of general interest to the Branch as approved by the Branch Executive Committee or, in case of emergencies, by the Chairman.



h. Welfare Secretary

- a. To oversee all matters pertaining to the welfare of Legal Residents and practitioners generally in the Branch.
- b. To keep the Branch advised of any threat to the welfare of the legal professionals of members and for this purpose to inform such state as may be deemed necessary from time to time.
- c. To monitor and report up all matters affecting the welfare of members and visitors of concerned state.
- d. To attend and provide the interests of the practitioners in all publications in the Branch.
- e. To perform such other duties as may be provided in this Bylaws or directed by the Branch Executive Committee of the General Meeting.

10. Power

The Branch shall maintain order and discipline at meetings.

6. Executive Committee of the Branch

1. The Executive Committee of the Branch shall consist of:
 - a. All elected officers of the Branch; and
 - b. Five (5) ex-officio members, including the Chairman of the Young Lawyers Forum of the Branch; and
 - c. The Immediate past Chairman and Secretary of the Branch.
2. The Branch Executive Committee shall meet at least once in every calendar month at such time and place as the Branch Executive Committee or the Chairman may direct.
3. The Chairman shall preside at the Branch Executive Committee Meetings and in the absence of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman, will fulfill such the Secretary shall provide. In the absence of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Secretary, the most senior member (in position and age at the time) of the Branch Executive Committee present at the meeting shall preside.
4. The questions of the Branch Executive Committee Meeting shall be voted (7) members present is necessary provided no virtual meeting.

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- b. Should advise the Executive Committee of the Board on any dispute that may be referred by the Chairman or any member of the Board.
- c. Should advise the Executive Committee of the Board on any matter that may be referred by the Chairman of the Board.

2. Research Committee

- a. Shall consist of the Chairman and of seven more have been members of the Board that at least five years. This provision shall not apply to the President.
- b. Shall include the election of officers of the Board at a date in the month of June of an even year or the March Executive Committee may determine and shall, from time to time, undertake the publicity for the election and voluntary direct, the printing of brochures and contributions of the lay of eligible candidates and votes.
- c. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Bylaws By-Laws, shall conduct in affairs with a new Executive Committee to set up for the Board.

3. Qualifying Legal Education Committee

- a. Shall be responsible for the promotion and advancement of legal education, advisory and interference, and shall with the Association to have gather or and when necessary.
- b. Shall organize seminars, workshops, symposia, conferences and process legal publications including law books.

4. Welfare Committee

- a. Shall administer a Welfare Scheme which shall be established by the Board.
- b. Shall be responsible for other welfare matters.

5. Human Rights Committee

- a. Shall promote and protect the principles of the rule of law and fundamental human rights and liberties in each member, including the promotion and defense of human rights as may be demanded by the Committee with the approval of the Board Executive Committee from time to time.
- b. Shall provide free legal aid where it is deemed advisable thereunder.



6. Ethical and Disciplinary Committee:

Shall investigate all cases of complaint of professional misconduct, irregularity or other misconduct made against members and may be referred to the Committee by the Finance, the Branch Executive Committee or the Chairman, and make appropriate recommendations thereon.

7. Law Reform Committee:

- a. Shall take note and make suggestions into laws or systems being contemplated or considered by Local Governments, the State House of Assembly and, in particular, educational, the National Assembly, subject to consultation with the Association.
- b. Shall advise the Branch on laws to be proposed to the State Local Government, State Government, and the Federal Government, subject to consultation with the Association.
- c. Shall meet and work with anybody in connection with reports of law reform.
- d. Shall be supported by the promotion and support of law reform.

8. Law Branch Relations Committee:

- a. Shall investigate any allegations of irregularity or misconduct within the Branch involving any member or members of the judiciary.
- b. Shall create maintenance of good relationship between the Bar, the Bench and Judiciary staff.
- c. Shall investigate and recommend to the Association through the Chairman any case of professional misconduct and offensive conduct against any lawyer by the Bench or any judicial staff or vice versa that may arise however in the course of their professional activities.
- d. Shall carry out any other function that may be assigned to it by the Chairman, the Branch Executive Committee or the General Meeting.

9. Membership of Standing Committee:

- a. The Committee shall be constituted by the General Meeting on the advice of the Branch Executive Committee.
- b. A Committee shall have a member or members that 10 years period is to Chairman while the Secretary shall be a member of the Bar that 5 years period.



- a. Each Committee shall present a promptly written report to the General Meeting.
- b. Each Committee shall have a minimum of 3 members each of whom must be a disinterested member of the Branch.
- c. Each Committee, after submitting an advance report to the Chairman, shall give access to the General Meeting of any money or property obtained by it.
- d. The duties of each Committee shall be taken by a simple majority.

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Add New Committees

1. Chapter Committee

- a. Where a Branch is entitled to a Chapter that makes it impossible for the Branch Executive Committee to function or for the Branch to conduct elections, an emergency meeting of the Branch shall be convened within thirty (30) days of the occurrence of such crisis to appoint a Chapter Committee to administer the affairs of the Branch to the best.
- b. The crisis that shall occasion the appointment of a Chapter Committee shall include a crisis that shall within the Branch, such as a national Annual General Meeting, or where the failure of office of the immediate preceding Branch Executive Committee has equalled and its arrangement could be under the all Annual General Meeting or the occurrence of such crisis is as serious as to render any arrangements for an Annual General Meeting impossible.
- c. Where the crisis is such that makes it impossible to establish a meeting of the Branch, the President of the Association shall appoint a Chapter Committee to administer the affairs of the Branch to the best and further to arrange for the holding of an Annual General Meeting of the Branch wherein new officers of the Branch shall be elected.
- d. The Chapter Committee shall consist of three (3) members of the Association appointed by the President subject to ratification by the National Executive Council. The members of the Chapter Committee shall be drawn among the members of the Branch provided that in appropriate cases, the President may appoint members of the Chapter Committee from other Branches of the Association within the State where the Branch is located or from a neighbouring State of the relevant Branch.



c. Within the Calendar Committee assessing the proposed items presented shall have an initial setting of more (6) months which may be extended by the President (or a further period of no more than three (3) months) by which time the Calendar Committee shall conclude its functions.

2. The Branch and/or the Branch Executive Committee may from time to time appoint one or more ad-hoc committees as they may deem necessary in expedient and may delegate to them such powers and duties as the Branch or Branch Executive Committee may determine.
3. Where an ad-hoc committee is appointed, the appointing body shall ensure the Chairman and the Secretary of such committee and shall report any other members or officers as it deems necessary or expedient for the efficient discharge of its functions.
4. An ad-hoc committee once appointed shall be free to co-opt further members of the Branch into the committee as it deems fit.

11. General Meetings

1. The supreme authority of the Branch shall be vested in the General Meeting whose decisions on all matters affecting the Branch shall be final.
2. The meetings shall be held at such time and place as the Branch, the Branch Executive Committee or the Chairman of the Branch may determine from time to time provided that if for any reason a General Meeting could not be held on the designated meeting day, the meeting shall be rescheduled for another day by the Branch Executive Committee.
3. All Full-Ordinary General Meeting is to ultimately be held in person as may be expedient or such time and place as the Branch Executive Committee or the Branch Chairman may direct.
4. Upon the establishment of a new twenty-five (25) financial members of the Branch, the Branch Chairman shall direct the Branch Secretary to maintain an Extra-Ordinary General Meeting of the Branch within seven (7) days of the receipt of such registration.
5. An Extra-Ordinary General Meeting shall be held at such time and place as may be decided upon by the Branch Executive Committee or the Chairman of the Branch and that minutes such minutes as may be placed before it by the Branch Executive Committee at the Branch General Meeting or the members who requisitioned the Meeting.
6. The Annual General Meeting of our Branch shall be held on such date or dates as may be



determined by the Branch Executive Committee.

7. The Branch Chairman shall preside at the Annual General Meeting and other General Meetings of the Branch and at Branch Executive Committee Meetings and in the absence of the Chairman the Vice-Chairman and finally when the Secretary shall preside. In the absence of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Secretary, the most senior member (by position and age at the date of the Branch Executive Committee) present at the meeting shall preside.
8. Decisions at any General Meeting shall be by a show of hands unless a secret ballot is directed by the presiding officer or determined by at least 10 (ten) financial members of the Branch.
9. The Branch shall so arrange its programme of events as to bring to the notice of the publicity whom the club the days, times and places of its regular (usually) meetings with a view to enabling the cooperation of all singers and Musicians to take advantage of the club and time of such meetings.
10. All Legal Proceedings are enjoined to take the signature of the club and name of Branch Meetings and its general and indeed everyone relevant to their identity to attend all Branch meetings and engagements.
11. The queries at all General Meetings including Annual General Meetings shall be twenty five (25) or one hundred financial members be treated with irrelevance of about any meetings.
12. Meetings of the Branch shall be conducted in accordance with the Standing Orders set out in the Branch Rules here.

12. Finance

1. The funds of the Branch shall consist of annual membership fees, fines, fines, contributions, donations, grants, proceeds from the sale of any items whatsoever, rents and any other moneys as shall accrue to the Branch however and provided that the Branch shall not receive moneys from any source that may be treated as the income of the Branch.
2. All moneys belonging to the Branch shall be kept in bank accounts to be opened in its name with such reputable bank(s) as the Branch Executive Committee shall decide. PROVIDED that the Branch Executive Committee shall not open any new bank account without the approval of the General Meeting of the Branch.

3. Not more than be five (5) signatures in the Branch account money; the Branch



Chairman (who shall be a residing signatory) and the Branch Secretary and the Branch Treasurer, subject to whom shall conform with the Branch Chairman or signatory or other written instructions.

(b) The Branch Chairman shall be the first authorizing person in subject of all deposits and other banking practices.

4. There shall be an account to be opened for the purpose of funding the Hispanic Rights activities of the Branch. This account shall be funded with an amount not less than 10% of the 20% of the RPP credited to the Branch by the Association. The Vice Chairman shall disburse funds from this account for the activities of the Hispanic Rights Committee. The signatories of the account for each Branch shall be as stated in paragraph 3 above. Drawdown from this account shall be provided upon resolution from the Vice Chairman for the advancement of the activities of the Hispanic Rights Committee. The Association will not give the Branches further portion of the 20% RPP except the Branch presents proof that the account is properly utilized for the advancement of the activities of the Hispanic Rights Committee in the Branch as supervised by the Vice Chairman.

5. The Branch Treasurer and the Branch Financial Secretary shall prepare a written report of income and expenditures and the total balance at every monthly meeting of the Branch Executive Committee and of the Branch.

6. No expenditure shall be incurred for any purpose unless such expenditure has been approved in writing by the General Meeting of the Branch as the amount budget or any supplementary budget of the Branch. All expenditures of funds already approved to use without budget (be supplementary budget shall be approved by Branch Executive Committee, provided that in no case of force emergency, the Branch Executive Committee may authorize an unbudgeted expenditure (the limits of which are to be determined from time to time by the General Meeting) and afterwards seek the ratification of the Branch General Meeting.

7. The Branch shall have an expense book, amount to that be approved by the Branch Executive Committee from time to time provided that the said book is passed on of any expenditure incurred.

8. The Branch Executive Committee shall ensure that the Branch comply to insure for all funds received for the Branch from any source whatsoever.

9. The Financial Secretary shall keep records of all income and disbursements of funds received.

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books and enable the keeping of a true record of all income and expenditure of the Branch.

10. When any Committee is asked to move money for the Branch that is better under the Financial Secretary that make available to the Secretary of such Committee a receipt book which shall be issued by the Committee for all moneys received and the Chairman and Secretary of such Committee shall render monthly accounts of all moneys received to the Financial Secretary who shall report same to the Branch Executive Committee.

11. This should always liberally and shall be tried in the General Meeting in the advice of the Branch Executive Committee.

12. The Branch shall in the General Meeting in the month of April of each year appoint a fit and proper person who shall be an Accountant or a firm of Accountants to audit the accounts of the Branch for the preceding year and to present a true report to the Branch in its Annual General Meeting for consideration and approval.

13. Members, Monthly Recognition etc. of Branch Officers

1. An elected officer of the Branch or a member of the Branch Executive Committee shall cease to hold office or authority if he is a member of the Executive of another
a. verified branch office be signed;
b. seems to be a member of the Branch;
c. Member's name;
d. in authority of the Branch;
e. is a member of a central authority of the Branch or of a district or both by a vote of the Branch Executive;
2. In a branch office by a member (or) member of the Branch Executive Committee present and voting at a General Meeting of the Branch;
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3. When an officer of the Branch dies, resigns or is removed from office in respect of which there is no Vice or Assistant in whom the Vice or Assistant is not qualified, a by-election shall be held to fill the position for the remainder of the term provided that the Branch Executive Committee may appoint any qualified Branch member of the Branch to fill such vacancy or the Branch for a period not exceeding sixty (60) days pending the by-election.
4. Any officer or member of the Branch Executive Committee, who wishes to resign his/her office, shall submit his/her letter of resignation to the Chairman of the Branch who shall immediately bring the resignation to the attention of the Branch Executive Committee and thereafter, in the next General Meeting. In the case of a resigning Chairman, he/she shall submit his/her letter of resignation to the Branch Secretary with a copy to the Branch Vice Chairman.
5. The letter of resignation shall be submitted at least fourteen (14) days before its effective date during which period the resigning officer shall submit a successor sign and surrender all documents or property of the Branch under his/her care or possession to the Branch Chairman or Branch Secretary as the case may be.
6. Any proposal or motion to remove any officer or member of the Branch Executive Committee before the expiration of his/her term of office shall be in writing and may be proposed and signed by at least five (5) qualified members and forwarded to the Secretary at least twenty-one (21) days in the Branch General Meeting at which the proposal or motion is to be tabled for discussion.
7. The Branch Secretary shall notify the officer or member concerned in writing of the receipt of any such proposal or motion at least twenty-one (21) days to the next Branch General Meeting and file the proposal or motion on the agenda of the meeting.
8. Any proposal or motion to remove any officer of the Branch shall be considered by the Branch General Meeting which shall have the right in definitive vote or reject the motion by a special conference for investigation.

14. Elections

1. The election of officers of the Branch shall take place in the month of June of the election year, PROVIDED that where the tenure of office of the outgoing Branch Executive Committee has not elapsed to the month of June of the election year, the



election shall take place by the sixth of June and the incoming Branch Executive Committee shall be inaugurated on the second-year anniversary of the inauguration of the outgoing Branch Executive Committee.

2. To be eligible to stand for election into an office, a member shall:

- (a) be validly registered in writing by two members who are eligible to vote herein and who must themselves be qualified for the position of office so provided for in these Bylaws;

(b) have attended a minimum of five (5) monthly meetings of the Branch within the twelve

(12) months prior to the date of nomination for the election. For the purpose of determining attendance at meetings, the Attendance Register of the Branch shall be used in reckoning the number of attendances by members of the Branch.

- (c) The Secretary of the Branch shall, within 48 hours after the meeting, send a copy of the Attendance Register of each meeting to the office of the Vice President under whose purview the Branch falls.

- (d) A copy of the Attendance Register shall be posted at the Notice Board of the Branch and other Social Media Platform of the Branch for one of the members.

- (e) A member, upon payment of the sum of ₦2,000 or such other amount as may be resolved from time to time at the General Meeting of the Branch, shall be entitled to a certified true copy of the Attendance Register.

(c) Within the year-end financial year, the Branch shall prepare for its officers and others in the line of the above, as follows:

- (i) Chairman and Vice-Chairman, for (6) years;

- (ii) Secretary, Treasurer and Financial Secretary, for (7) years;

- (iii) Public Secretary, Publicity Secretary, Welfare Secretary, and Planning, for (7) years; and

- (iv) Assistant Secretary, for (7) years.

(d) The a financial member of the Branch and shall have paid the Year fee pending for and around himself there as and when due for the above (7) years, providing the electronic invoice of the date of election.

3. In reckoning payment, every person shall be regarded as having attended a year-end year on each succeeding anniversary of their call to the Bar and not vice versa.

4. The Branch Election Committee's decision as to eligibility of any candidate to stand for

election shall be subject to the review of its appeal to the Branch Executive Appeal Committee.

5. A candidate for any branch election office shall be considered or proposed as acting by a trustee and accepted by another both of whom shall be qualified like the candidate in connection with the provisions of the Bylaws for the equivalent office and in good standing with their practicing fees and Branch dues.

6. Candidates shall submit by email not more than four pages of A4-size document copy of their Curriculum Vitae, comprehensive curriculum vitae and other campaign material to the Electoral Committee for publication in the Branch website or electronic platform(s) at the consentment of the campaign for the election.

7. Campaigns by candidates in every Branch election shall be the publication of campaign materials online. Candidates are therefore encouraged to publish, print and distribute their campaign materials online, provided that every campaign material for publication or distribution online by any candidate must be approved by the Branch Executive Committee before its publication or distribution. Any candidate who violates this provision shall be disqualified from participating in the election.

8. Any applicant or candidate who makes or publishes derogatory material against an opponent or the causes of persons derogatory material to be made against an opponent in any election of the Association shall be disqualified from participating in the election and shall be referred to the Disciplinary Committee for sanction.

9. Any applicant or candidate who supplies false information about his qualification for any election shall be disqualified from participating in the election and shall be referred to the Disciplinary Committee for sanction.

10. The Branch Executive Committee shall inform all members, arrange them to be educated and/or website opened for the persons being sought and publish them in an electronic election platform to be hosted on the Branch website or electronic platform(s) at their convenience (21) days before the election.

11. Official shall be present by electronic of this, death, resignation, removal, or for any other irrevocable cause.

12. Any vacancy occurring in any office after a Branch General Meeting shall be filled by the



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16. Eligibility to Vote

1. To be eligible to vote, a member shall be a financial member of the Branch and shall have paid before the preceding day and initial results day, as well when due, the fee for (a) fees preceding the election or when available, if less than ten (10) years post-call and shall have attended a minimum of five (5) monthly General meetings of the Branch within the twelve (12) months preceding the date of the election.

2. For the purpose of determining attendance at meetings, the Attendance Register at the Branch shall be used in calculating the number of attendances by members of the Branch.

- (a) The Secretary of the Branch shall within 48 hours after the meeting, send a copy of the Attendance Register of each meeting to the office of the Vice President under whose purview the Branch falls.

- (b) A copy of the Attendance Register shall be posted at the Notice Board of the Branch and other Social Media Platforms at the Branch for use of the members.

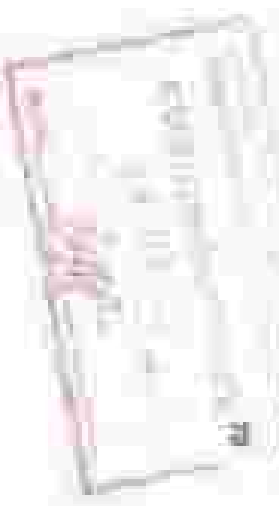
- (c) A member, upon payment of the sum of N3,000 or such other amount as may be resolved from time to time at the General Meeting of the Branch, shall be entitled to a certified true copy of the Attendance Register.

3. The member's name shall appear in the final list of eligible voters as compiled by the Branch Electoral Committee and published not later than, Fourteen (14) days before the date of election.

4. No provision of the By-laws relating to qualification in vote and the vote shall be altered by any person, the Branch, its agents, or committee acting by the Branch.

16. Duties of the Branch Electoral Committee

1. Not later than thirty (30) days to the date of the election, the Branch Electoral Committee shall announce the date of the election as fixed by the Branch Electoral Committee, and shall have responsibility of candidates for the various offices and send publicity and promotion of the By-Laws relating to eligibility to contest and eligibility to vote and shall publicize the names of candidates elected as qualified in general election and



names of candidates disqualified from contesting the election and the reasons for such disqualifications, and also these reasons and appropriate guidelines, provided the on-rolling disqualification committee may form of public enquiry with the strongest guidelines are issued or referred.

2. The Branch Electoral Committee shall consider all nominations to ensure that they comply with the provisions listed and duly notify candidates who do not qualify of the reasons for their disqualification within seven (7) days of any decision to such effect provided that such a disqualified candidate may apply to the Branch Election Appeal Committee for a review of the decision of the Branch Electoral Committee within seven (7) days. The decision of the Branch Election Appeal Committee shall be final.

3. Where there is no qualified candidate in all or either, the Branch Electoral Committee shall fix a date for a by-election whenever of their office and shall call for fresh nominations thereon.

4. Not less than thirty (30) days prior to the election, the Branch Electoral Committee shall ensure that all the candidates for election to public office as he prohibited by some being employed at the Monthly Settlement (Psalms) website or electronic platform and published at the venue of the election and the Notice Boards of the High Courts and such other places as it may deem fit within the jurisdiction of the Branch.

5. Upon the close of nominations, the Branch Electoral Committee shall ensure proper to be printed for the election with final to be provided by the Branch.

6. Any Candidate that seeks to challenge the eligibility of a nominated candidate shall not later than seven (7) days after the publication of the list of nominated candidates, submit a petition with the Branch Election Appeal Committee.

7. Any candidate who is disqualified by the Branch Electoral Committee in respect of his nomination or candidature, may within seven (7) days of the communication of the decision, appeal to the Branch Election Appeal Committee.

8. Any person, not being a candidate, whose petition to the Electoral Committee is allowed, may within seven (7) days of the communication of the decision, appeal to the Branch Election Appeal Committee.

9. The Branch Election Appeal Committee, shall upon receipt of an appeal lodged by a candidate in the manner stated above, hear the appeal and make a decision thereon within fourteen (14) days thereof. Such hearing may be held on documents only, or



by physical mailing or mailing via electronic medium.

17. Procedure at Election

1. Voting at elections shall be either by electronic voting or physical voting by secret ballot, as may be determined by the Branch Electoral Committee.
2. Where electronic voting method is adopted, the Branch Electoral Committee shall arrange the services of computer and suitable voting machines to provide the electronic voting platform and shall comply the election in a transparent and fair manner in accordance with strictly prescribed guidelines.
3. Where physical voting by secret ballot method is adopted, the Branch Electoral Committee shall engage such security and order-keeping personnel as may be necessary to ensure a transparent, fair, free and orderly conduct of the elections in accordance with strictly published guidelines.
4. Votes at elections shall be counted immediately after the close of voting and the result shall be declared immediately by the Chairman of the Branch Electoral Committee.
5. To the extent of their functions, the decision of the Branch Electoral Committee shall be subject to appeals to the Branch Election Appeal Committee whose decision shall be final.

18 Appeals against the Outcome of the Branch Election.

1. Any candidate, may, within seven (7) days of the announcement of the result of the election, appeal against the result made by the Branch Electoral Committee to the Branch Election Appeal Committee on the ground that:
 - (a) the election was invalid by reason of corrupt practices and/or non-compliance with the provisions of this Constitution and/or any Code of Conduct issued by the Branch Election Appeal Committee regarding the conduct of the election; or
 - (b) the candidate returned did not receive the majority of lawful votes cast at the election.
2. Proceedings of the Branch Election Appeal Committee in the post-election proceedings shall be conducted in public.
3. The Parties to these proceedings shall be the candidate complaining, who shall be described as the Petitioner. The Respondents shall be the Branch Electoral



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4. The Respondent, upon receipt of the Petition, shall file their answer to the Petition within five (5) days of the service of the Petition on them.
5. The Petitioner shall file the reply, if any, within two (2) days of receipt of the Respondent's answer.
6. The processes to these proceedings shall be served electronically via the e-mail supplied by the candidates at the time of the submission of their nomination forms.
7. The Secretary of the Branch Election Appeal Committee shall be responsible for sending copies of the processes to the parties.
8. All Petitions shall be filed at the Secretariat of the Branch Election Appeal Committee together with a signed copy sent in Portable Document Format ("PDF").
9. In computing the number of days, the day of service, non-judicial days, the Sundays and Public Holidays, shall be excluded.
10. The Branch Election Appeal Committee shall, upon receipt of the Petition lodged by a candidate, within the timeframe stipulated in paragraph one (1) above, hear and determine the Petition thereon within Twenty Eight (28) days from the day of the receipt of the Petition.
11. In respect of a Petition whose ground of complaint is non-compliance, the Branch Election Appeal Committee shall not nullify the election, unless it is shown that the non-compliance substantially affected the result of the election.
12. In respect of a Petition whose ground of complaint is that the candidate returned did not secure the majority of lawful votes cast, the Branch Election Appeal Committee, where it finds that the candidate declared by the Branch Election Committee did not secure the majority of the highest votes cast at the election, shall declare the candidate with the majority of the lawful votes cast, the winner of the election.
13. The Branch Election Appeal Committee, for expediency, should sit in a panel of three (3) members when hearing a Petition under this Part.
14. The Petitioner of a Petition challenging the Return of an elected Branch Officer shall not prevent the swearing in of such officer.
15. Where a candidate fails to explore this dispute resolution mechanism contained in this provision, he shall not be entitled to proceed in the National Executive Council to challenge the election.



17. Swearing in of Newly Elected Officers/Commissioners of Office and Reading Oath

1. Following the declaration of the results, the newly elected officers shall be required at the Annual Council Meeting of the Branch immediately following the election by the administration of the Oath of Office equivalent to the Sworn-Scholar Oath as given by a serving Judge or Master Public. All elected officers shall be deemed to have assumed office immediately after being sworn in.
2. Except where the involved is a General Meeting, all Standing and Ad Hoc Committees of the Branch shall immediately become dissolved upon the swearing-in of the new elected officers.
3. All serving officers and committee members of the Branch shall meet at an early morning, morning, noon, evening, or any other property of the Branch in their possession in the newly elected Branch Chairman's room (or any other room designated by the meeting office).
4. It shall remain to the discretion of the Branch to determine the day, date, or time of the Branch's next sub-section (C) and any other such date shall be referred to the Executive Committee.

20. Welfare Scheme

1. A Welfare Scheme for the Branch shall be established for the following purposes:
 - a. To encourage active participation of members in the affairs of the Branch.
 - b. To assist the sick, the aged, widows living with poverty and newly qualified members of the Branch.
 - c. To provide assistance to members in case of accidents.
 - d. To provide assistance to families of deceased members.
 - e. To provide satisfactory provision for retiring and be deemed appropriate.
2. The Welfare Scheme shall be managed as follows:
 - a. It shall be funded by direct fees and/or donations from members and from the Branch and by direct donations from organisations or such other source as the Branch shall decide.
 - b. The funds of the Welfare Scheme shall be maintained separately from other funds of



the District in a detailed manner.

- c. Each Branch shall maintain a Written Record for the benefit of its members which shall be formed by 10% of the 20% of the Branch's share of the Annual HPT remittance from the Association and other fees approved by the Branch.
- d. Compliance with this provision shall be condition precedent for the Branch to receive 20% HPT remittance from the Association.

- 2. Eligibility for Services under the Welfare Scheme shall be limited to financial members.
- 4. Decisions on disciplinary shall be taken by the Welfare Committee, and in case of doubt or difficulty, by the Branch Executive Committee and the General Meeting where the latter shall be final.

21.

Amendment

The Byelaws shall not be amended except at an Annual General Meeting or at Extraordinary General Meeting of the Singapore Real Association by a two-third (2/3) majority of those financial members present and entitled to vote. PROVIDED THAT any of such amendments shall have been moved on the General Secretary in line with the procedure for the amendment of the Constitution.

22.

Application

The Byelaws shall apply with the sanction of the Association to the activities of any other Branch.



SCHEMELITS TO THE BYE-LAWS

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STANDING ORDERS

1. All General Assemblies of the March shall discuss such questions as are on the agenda or any business decided by the Council or the District Executive Committee or the Central Committee of the Builders of the Empire, that, by action of the March Executive Committee in the Assembly at the direction of the Chairman.
2. Any member who wishes to speak shall first get up his hand so as to attract the Chairman's attention.
3. No member shall have a conference in speech on any topic and be regarded as doing so by the Chairman.
4. No one member shall stand up to speak simultaneously during deliberations in a meeting. The order of speaking shall be determined by the Chairman in his absolute discretion without fear or favor, but the Chairman shall give a reasonable opportunity to all who present to be heard.
5. The Chairman may use his own discretion to stop a discussion when there are members still anxious to speak on a subject; if he considers that there have been sufficient discussions on the matter under consideration.
6. A member who has any relevant and pertinent information to give during the tenure of a speech by another may take a "point of information". He shall only give such indication if permitted to do so by the Chairman.
7. A member may make a plea of "point of order" which shall stand only be sustained by the Chairman when he accepts that there is a deviation by the speaker from the subject matter.
8. A member who claims that another has been negligent or misrepresented may state the facts of "question of factuality" and it shall be decided by the Chairman, that matter done.
9. He shall stand if a proposition is presented in the next business or for program being moved and seconded. If that when our proposition and resolution of the motion have been heard, be put to vote if agreed to, the matter shall stand immediately be put to vote. Once a subject has been discussed and voted on and put upon, it shall not be re-discussed during the meeting.



12. No motion or amendment shall be discussed unless it is accepted provided that proposals of the Member Executive Committee in the report of any Committee of the Month shall be taken as having been heard and accepted. No second amendment or other shall be voted or filed upon until the first amendment is disposed of.
13. On any issue, every member present shall have one vote but the Chairman shall have voting vote.
14. The Chairman shall have the power to adjourn. Anybody is empowered to interrupt and themselves to have the meeting.
15. The Annual General Meeting shall have the power to appoint Committees or committees for the furtherance of all business and such committees may report at an adjourned date the instructions of the Annual General Meeting or as they may be directed.
16. The Chairman may give directions or adopt measures reasonably necessary to the interest of the Branch or reasonably conducive to the conduct of proceedings of any meeting. Provided that the procedure at a meeting of any Committee may be directed by that Committee.
17. Nothing at proceedings of any Annual General Meeting or any other meeting shall be affected by any other meeting or by any action in the appointment or election of members or subject or by any irregularity in the proceedings.
18. The ruling of the Chairman in all matters shall be final.



SECOND SCHEDULE TO THE PYSCLAW

LIST OF OFFICE OF THE BRANCH OFFICERS

(Referred to in Section 10)

1. _____ (that is to say) do solemnly swear affirm that I will bear true allegiance to the Nigeria Bar Association: ——— myself and discharge my duties faithfully and in accordance with the Nigerian Bar Association Constitution and Branch Pysclaw and always to the best of my ability, integrity and conscience of the Branch and the Association, that I will not allow my personal interest to influence my official decision and I will strive to all circumstances to defend the office of the personnel, the rule of law and the independence of the Bar. NO FURTHER ACTION



100KTH SCHEDULE

THE NIGRIAN BAR ASSOCIATION CONDUCTIVE LAWS FOR SECTIONS

Effective from June of Section 2021

Arrangement of Articles

I. Name

II. Application

III. Rules and Objects

IV. Section Members

V. Annual Date

VI. Duration of Membership

VII. Fees

VIII. Officers

IX. Tenure

X. Management of Section and Administrative Assistant

XI. Executive Committee of Section

XII. Resolutions, Elections and Vacancies in respect of Officers and Executive Committee, and

Constitution of Subordinate Executive Committee Members

XIII. Minutes

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XV. Committees

XVI. General Meetings of the Section

XVII. Building

XVIII. Activities

XIX. Supervision/Report

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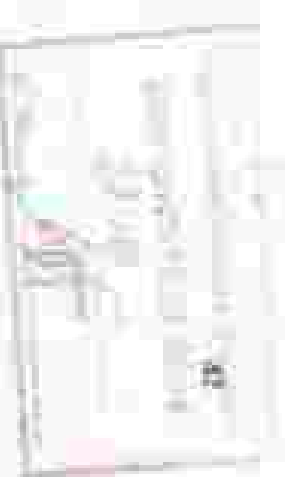
XXI. Amendment

Article 1 Name

The By-Laws of _____ (over Schedule 1 Name)

Article 2 Application

The By-Laws shall be applicable to all the members of the Association and any law that shall be made in the Schedule from time to time. Each Section set out in the Schedule shall apply the provisions in their respective By-Laws, provided that any other provision law, given or interpreted, operating law, from time to time with the NIA is not out in the Schedule from time to time, any other provision of the By-Laws.



Article III: Aims and Objectives

The Aims and Objectives of each Section shall be decided by the Executive Committee of the Section and adopted in the general meeting of members of any such Section.

Article IV: Section Members

Any member of the Association shall be eligible for membership of any Section and upon request and payment of the Annual Dues for the year of application, shall be entitled to the Association as a member of a Section of his choice.

Article V: Annual Dues

- (i) The payment of the Annual Dues may be prescribed from time to time by the Executive Committee of the Section, for the year, each member of the Section shall be entitled to join the Section of the Section. Any member wishing to join additional Companies shall pay such further annual dues as shall be fixed from time to time by the Executive Committee of the Section.

- (ii) All Section's Annual Dues shall be paid into such Account as may be determined by the Executive Committee of the Section from time to time.

Article VI: Cancellation of Membership

Any member who ceases from the Section or whose Annual Dues are in arrears the said period (not being less than six months) by the Treasurer of the Section shall be deemed, after notice to be a member of the Section, such a member can apply the re-admission upon payment of all outstanding arrears.

Article VII: Accounts

- (a) The statements to the Section Accounts shall be the Section's Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and/or the National Treasurer of the Association. An additional Secretary may be added subject to approval of the Executive Committee of the Section for administrative purposes or as they be required in furtherance of its Program.
- (b) Special Accounts may be approved by the Executive Committee of the Section when in collaboration or partnership programs with financial partners and other organizations.
- (c) Annual Reports of financial management shall be presented to General Meeting.



Article VIII Officers of the Section

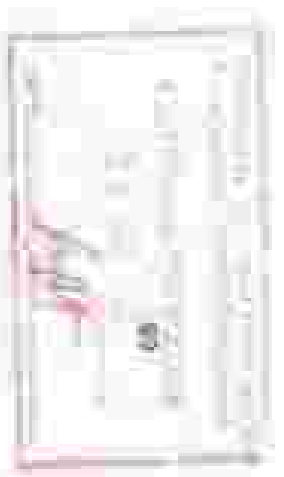
The Officers of each Section be the Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Financial Secretary, Treasurer and Assistant Secretary. The Executive Committee of each Section shall be at liberty to invite into the Executive Committee, after approval, three (3) non-Representative lay representatives with the consent provided by this Constitution, namely Eastern, South, Northern Korea and Western Korea.

Article IX Tenure of Office

- (a) An officer shall hold office for a term of one year and he or she shall not be eligible for reelection to the same office.
- (b) If at the end of the term of office of the President of a Section a new leadership has not been elected, the President of the Association shall set up a three-person Committee from among the members of the Section to administer the affairs of the Section for a period not exceeding six weeks. This Committee shall also begin to conduct elections, during which the President would set up a six-person election committee to conduct the elections with three weeks to elect new officers and report to the National Executive Council.
- (c) Any officer holding a majority of a stated, unpaid or pro-rated office for a period of less than 12 months shall be eligible for election for a further full term of the same office. No member shall be substituted for or eligible to or serve concurrently as more than one officer and no alternate or pro-rated officer of the Executive Committee of the Section.

Article X Management of Section and Administrative Assistance

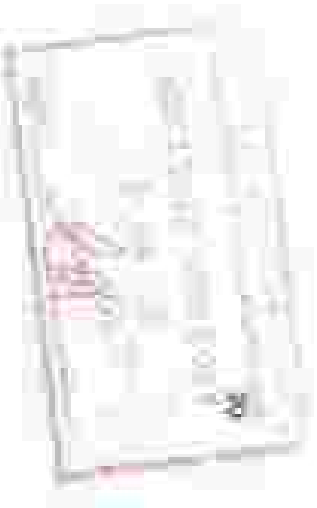
- (a) The Director or any such Officer of the Association shall render to the Section and its Executive Committee all possible administrative assistance.
- (b) The President of the Association shall appoint any senior staff of the Association as a full-time Officer to the Section.



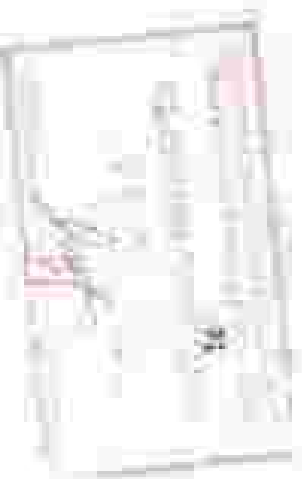
- (v) The Executive Committee shall report to the President of the Association as well as perform the duties required of him or her in accordance with the provisions of the Statutes in respect of that office.

Article XI Executive Committee of the Section

- (a) **Composition:** There shall be five members in Executive Committee which shall consist of:-
- (i) The Officers of the Section;
 - (ii) The immediate past Chairman and Secretary of the Section;
 - (iii) Not more than five (5) elected members;
 - (iv) Not more than five (5) co-opted members; and
 - (v) The Zonal Representatives (where applicable).
- (b) **Terms of Office of the Executive Committee:** Members of the Executive Committee of the Section shall hold office as such respectively for the following terms:-
- (i) The immediate past Chairman and Secretary shall hold office in the Executive Committee of the Section until the conclusion of the next Biennial Conference of the Association in which there is a two (2) office is elected in its place hereafter for all immediate past Chairpersons;
 - (ii) All elected or co-opted members, both office and non-office of the Executive Committee of the Association as well as who is elected shall hold office in accordance with the provisions of the Statutes of the Association and following the five members of the Executive Committee shall be eligible for re-election until the conclusion of the next Biennial Conference. Elected or Nominated members who have served for two years shall not be eligible for re-election;
 - (iii) Persons who are appointed to fill casual vacancies and those persons who are appointed to fill Executive Committee of the Section shall hold office for a single term as the sole members of the Section;
 - (iv) **Resignation:** The Executive Committee of the Section shall have general supervision and control of the affairs of the Section, subject to:-
 - (i) any instructions which the National Executive Council of the Association may from time to time require;

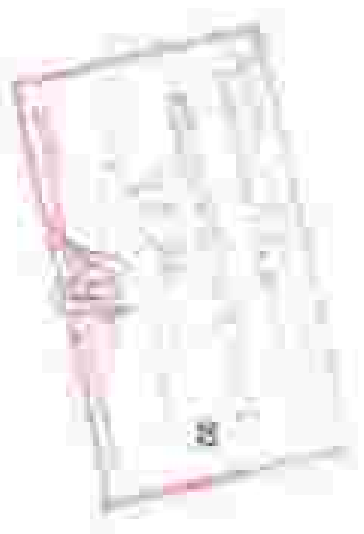


- (i) any decision only taken at the General Meeting of the Section; and
- (ii) these Articles provided that the Board of the Section shall be expected only to introduce into and within the limits of a budget previously submitted to and endorsed by the Executive Committee of the Section.
- (b) **Financing of Section and Services:** The Executive Committee of the Section may make such arrangements as it deems appropriate for the financing of expenses, promotion and services provided for the attainment and advancement of objects of the Section, including without limitation in its power to charge fees or participating in such schemes from beneficiaries of such services.
- (c) **Executive Committee Meetings:**
- (i) The Executive Committee of the Section shall meet at any time before the Annual and Biennial Conferences of the Association; it may, in addition, meet at any other time and place as convened by the Section's Chair or on the recommendation of majority of its members.
- (ii) The Chair and Officers of Committee of the Section shall, except when the Executive Committee of the Section decides to meet in closed session, be entitled to attend and to speak but not to vote in the meetings of the Executive Committee of the Section.
- (iii) **Notice of Meetings of the Executive Committee of the Section:** shall be given to all its members in writing by posting, emailing or handing the notices at least thirty days in advance and shall include the agenda for the meetings and the persons shall consist of at least five (5) members.
- (f) **Person Presiding:** If at any meeting of the Executive Committee of the Section, the Chair or any other Officer of the Section is absent, the Executive Committee of the Section shall direct a person to preside on the meeting from among their members. And if it is impractical, the meeting shall be held virtually.
- (g) **Notice of meetings:** All decisions of the Executive Committee of the Section shall be by majority vote of all members who are present in person. In case of equality of votes the person presiding at the meeting shall have a second or casting vote.
- (h) **General Authority:** The Executive Committee of the Section may act on behalf of the Section with respect to all matters relevant to the Section during intervals between their General Meetings.



Article XII Election of Officers of the Section

- (a) The election of Officers of the Section and other elected members of the Executive Committee of the Section shall take place at the Biennial General Meeting of the Section in the manner herein set out.
- (b) The Executive Committee of the Section shall, not more than ninety (90) days preceding the date of election, appoint an Election Committee consisting of three (3) or more members of the Section with the power and duties conferred upon it by this Article.
- (c) The Election Committee shall not later than sixty (60) days to the date of the election, make nomination of candidates for the various offices and membership of the Executive Committee of the Section and shall publish the provisions of this By-Laws relating to eligibility to contest and eligibility to vote and also those election provisions.
- (d) The Election Committee shall assemble at its meetings to ensure that they comply with the provisions herein and shall notify candidates who will be eligible to the (room(s)) for their scheduled appearance within seven (7) days of any decision by such effect, provided that such a disqualified candidate may appear as the Election Appeal Committee of the Section for a review of the decision of the Election Committee within seven (7) days of the decision where decision shall be final.
- (e) Not less than thirty (30) days prior to the election, the Election Committee shall cause a list of the candidates for election to various offices of the Section to be published by sending same by email to all members in good financial standing or to the website or using electronic printing(s) of the Section.
- (f) The Election Committee shall determine the mode and procedure for the conduct of the election and shall notify the members.
- (g) The Election Committee shall use such other means as it may deem fit before the date of election to compile and publish the list of eligible voters by sending same by email to all members in good financial standing or to the website or using electronic printing(s) of the Section.



Article XIII Eligibility for Election

- (a) No person who is not a member of a Section shall be eligible for election as an Officer of the Section or as an elected member of the Executive Committee of the Section.
- (b) To be eligible to stand for election as an Officer of the Section or as an elected member of the Executive Committee of the Section, a member shall be regularly nominated and shall be a resident resident of the Section and shall have paid his/her Section annual dues for the two (2) years preceding the election. Provided that for the officers of Children, Vice-Chairman, and Secretary of the Section, the rule shall have applied to the Executive Committee of the Section for not less than two (2) years.
- (c) A member shall be regularly nominated in writing by two members of the Section who are eligible to vote as provided for in these Bylaws.
- (d) To be eligible to vote, a member shall be a financial member of the Section and shall have paid his/her Section annual dues for the election year not later than 30 days before the day of the election.

Article XIV Procedure for Election

- (a) It is the duty of any of the Officers of the Section:
 - (i) There be to move that one person duly nominated be elected to an office that person nominated shall be elected to that office if there is no other person elected to that office.
 - (ii) There be to move that one person nominated be elected to an office, the members of the Section present at the election shall elect one of them to that office by written ballot or electronic voting, as he is directed to such a manner as the Electoral Committee shall determine. The person receiving the majority of the votes shall be elected to have term duly elected.
- (b) It is the duty of elected members of the Executive Committee of the Section:
 - (i) the number of persons nominated for election to the Executive Committee of the Section does not exceed the number of members in the Executive Committee of the Section as specified in this Bylaws, more persons shall, on declaration of duly notice,



by the Executive Committee of the Section, be deemed to have been duly elected members of the Executive Committee of the Section, or

(b) there is some provision that the member nominated for election may be Executive Committee of the Section, the members of the Section shall vote from among those persons validly nominated the number required to fill the vacancies sitting by written ballot or electronic voting, or be considered in such manner as the Executive Committee shall determine. The process receiving the majority of the votes shall be deemed to have been duly elected into the Executive Committee of the Section.

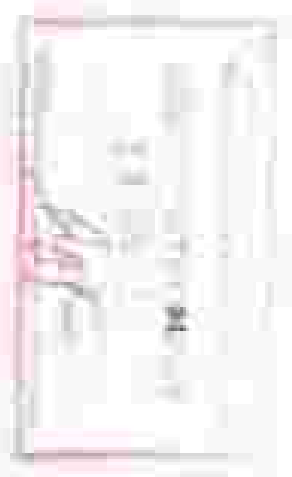
Article XV. Composition of Additional Executive Committee Members.

- (a) The Executive Committee of the Section may, not later than one month after the meeting of the Officers and elected members of the Executive Committee of the Section, co-opt any member of the Section as additional members of the Executive Committee for such term and transacting the same as the Executive Committee of the Section may determine, provided that there shall not be at any one time more than five (5) such additional members.
- (b) Co-opted members shall be eligible for subsequent election as an Officer of the Section as elected member of Executive Committee of the Section and may serve for a maximum of three years.

- (c) Co-opted representation and gender balance of the Executive Committee of the Section shall be same of the Section to be understood by the Executive Committee of the Section as respects the composition of the Section as an Executive Committee Member.

Article XVI. Vacancy.

- (a) Officers of a Section shall be vacated by expiration of office, death, resignation, removal, or any other reasonable cause.
- (b) In the event of any Officer or any additional member of the Executive Committee of the Section ceasing to be a member of the Section, he or she shall serve to hold office in the Executive Committee of the Section and he or she shall automatically fall vacant.



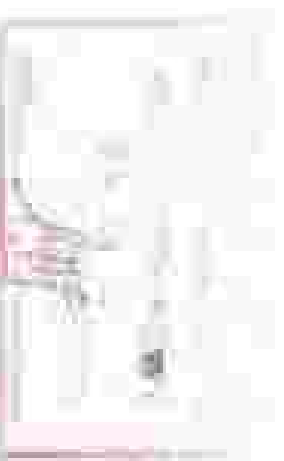
- (d) Any society desiring to participate in a National General Meeting of the Section may be added by Executive Committee of the Section subject to the invitation of the appropriate Meeting of the Section.

Article XXII - Honorary Life Member of the Section

- (a) On the recommendation of the Executive Committee of the Section, a National Meeting of the Section may appoint as an Honorary Life Member of the Section any past Officer of the Section and, in exceptional circumstances, a past Member of the Executive Committee of the Section.
- (b) An Honorary Life Member of the Section shall have the rights and privileges of any member and shall not be required to pay Annual Dues, nor shall he be entitled to stand, vote and speak at General Meetings of the Section. In cases where an Honorary Life Member shall already be elected to an equal member of the Executive Committee of the Section, he or she shall be entitled to stand, speak or vote at the meetings of the Executive Committee.

Article XXIII - Committees

- (a) **Participation of Committees:** In order to promote the participation of members of the Association, the Section shall establish at least two Standing Committees and shall use Committees by such be necessary for the purpose of attaining its aims and objectives.
- (b) **Participation of Members:** The members of the Section may share in joint, any such Committee of Committee as they may wish provided such members pay appropriate dues other belonging to members of such Standing and all the Committees of the Section.
- (c) **Chair of Committees**
- (i) The two (2) Standing Committees shall be elected by Vice-Chair and each sub-Committee or sub-Committee shall have Chair who shall be appointed by the Section Chair after consulting with such other persons, particularly officers and members.
- (ii) **Vice-Chair and other Committee Officers:** The Section's Chair or Vice-Chair shall, after consulting with the approval of the Committee Chair, appoint one or more Vice-Chair and such other Committee Officers as may seem necessary or appropriate.



(10) **Terms of Office**

- (i) Except as otherwise approved by the Executive Committee of the Section, Committee Chairs and Officers shall be appointed for a term not exceeding two years and thereafter be eligible for re-appointment. The said further term not exceeding two years, shall begin at term of office commencing and ending at the conclusion of a Biennial Conference of the Association or a Biennial Conference of the Section.

- (ii) No Committee Chair will be eligible for re-appointment to the same office after a period of two years. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event of a vacancy at any time during term of office, or a Committee Chair may be qualified to fill such vacancy for a period ending at the conclusion of the next Biennial Conference of the Association or Section as the case may be and shall, if that time be eligible for appointment and re-appointment for maximum of two succeeding two-year terms.

- (11) **Meetings of Committees.** Each committee shall meet at the call of each Biennial Conference of the Section and may meet at any time upon the request of its Chair but not so as to interfere the Section in any expenditure unless previously authorized by the Chair.

(12) **Reports of Committees**

- (i) Each Committee Chair shall make a written Report to the Section Chair of the proceedings or activities of the Committee for presentation during the Biennial Conference of the Section.

- (ii) The Biennial Committee of the Section shall from time to time arrange for articles to be submitted for publication in the Journal or Newsletter set up by the Section at least once a year.

Article XIX General Meetings of the Section

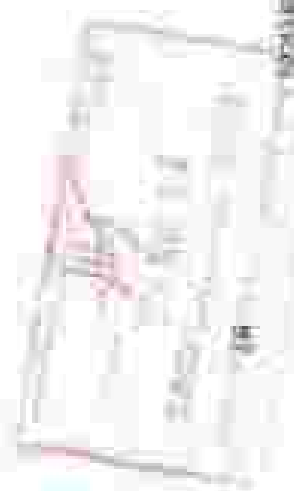
- (A) **Biennial General Meetings.** A General Meeting of the members of the Section shall be held at any time before the Annual General Meeting of the Association, in order Officers and Executive Committee Members in accordance with the provisions set out in this By-Law, and to consider such other business as the said may arise.

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- (b) Extraordinary (Special) Meetings: Extraordinary General Meetings may be held at any time or place as may be called by the Senior Chair or Executive Committee of the Section.
- (c) Notice of Meetings:
- (i) At least 21 days' notice shall be given to the members by the Secretary of every General Meeting stating the date and place of the Meeting and any matter to be considered by the meeting and, in case of General Meetings, the name of those proposed for Election or Officers and as elected members of the Executive Committee of the Section. Such Notice shall be sufficient if published in the Association's Journal.
- (ii) No notice shall be requisite of being put in a vote at a General Meeting unless it shall have been intimated to the Public Secretary by the Secretary or a member of it has been given to the Secretary not less than fourteen (14) days before the day of the meeting. Any other matter raised at a General Meeting may only be referred to the Executive Committee of the Section by consultation.
- (iii) Quorum: Fifty (50) members of the Section present at any General Meeting shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business and the vote of a majority of those present shall constitute the decision of the meeting.
- (iv) Resolutions: Any General Meeting within the Chair may only if the ORDERS be passed, the decision of the Section present shall effect a process to provide those among them members.
- (v) Section not to suppress the Association: The Section shall not take any action to the contrary of or purporting to suppress the Association without prior authority or specific approval of the National Executive Committee of the President.
- (vi) Right to vote: The records of the Secretary shall determine the persons who are members of the Section and entitled to vote. Membership Identity Card shall be issued to members the use to admission to meetings and voting.

Article XX Funding:

The Executive Committee of the Section may make such arrangements as it deems appropriate for the financing of activities proposed and services provided for the attainment and advancement of its objects, including, but without prejudice to the power of the Section itself to raise and expend fees against participants in such activities or beneficiaries of such services.



Article XXII Activities

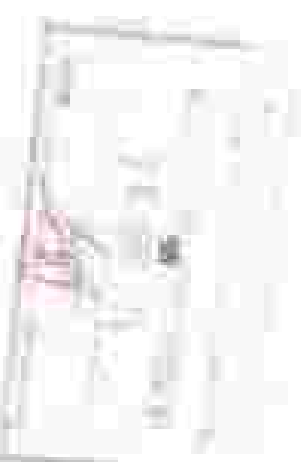
The Section shall design its activities, subject to approval of its Executive Committee, if the Section.

Article XXIII Superintendence/Report

The Section shall be under the supervision of the National Executive Council, and in each such Section, shall present Annual Report to the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Association.

Article XXIV Membership

- (a) Each Year The first year of the Section shall be the year on that of the Association.
- (b) Persons and Expenses
- (c) No salary or other emolument shall be paid to any officer of the Section, besides of the exclusive emolument of the Section or Officer of a Country.
- (d) The Section's Chair or Executive Committee of the Section may, however, sub-organ to themselves from the funds, in accordance with any regulations or guidelines adopted by the Section from time to time, for travelling and hotel expenses, duplicating, printing, postage, fax or double expense, limited by any such general
- (e) Actions of the Section in be reported to the Association
- (f) Any resolution adopted by, or action taken on the authority of a General Meeting of the Section by a majority vote shall be reported by the Section Chair to the National Executive Council.
- (g) No member shall have to fulfill any other duty, that complying with the International League Executive Procedure set out in the Association's Constitution. It shall be an act of disobedience to break this provision.



Article XXIV

Amendment

Any provision of the Uniform Procedure may be amended in a Meeting of the National Executive Council, upon a recommendation by the relevant Section, by a majority of the members present and voting.



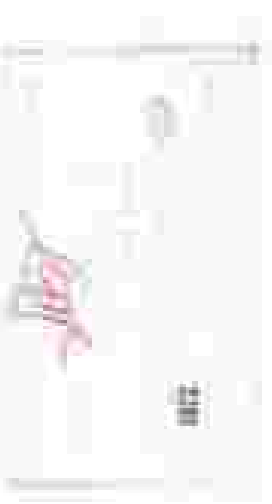
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THE NIGERIAN BAR ASSOCIATION/UNIFORM BYE LAWS FOR INVESTIGATION OF COMPLAINTS OF PROFESSIONAL MISCONDUCT AGAINST MEMBERS THIS

ORDER 1: INVITATION OF PETITIONS

RULES:

1. All Petitions against members on allegations of professional misconduct in consequence shall be submitted to the Nigerian Bar Association (hereinafter referred to as the NBA) in the Branch level through the Chairman of the Branch.
2. The Branch shall not accept any petition not accompanied by or supported by an Affidavit sworn to in accordance with the Oaths Act.
3. Upon the receipt of a petition by a Chairman of a Branch, the Chairman or Member designated officer of the Branch shall acknowledge receipt of the said petition on a duplicate copy of the same and endorse the date, time, and name of the officer that received the petition. The petition shall immediately be forwarded to the permanent Register of Complaints of the Branch established for that purpose.
4. The Chairman shall upon acknowledgment and registration of the petition by the Branch, forward the same to the Registrar of Discipline of the Association at the National Secretariat within seven (7) days of receipt of such petition.
5. The Registrar of Discipline shall, within seven (7) days of the receipt of the petition at the National Secretariat from the Branch, forward same to the Respondent for his/her written response.
6. The Respondent shall forward his/her written response (if any) to the Registrar within twenty-one (21) days of the receipt of the petition from the Registrar.



2. The Registrar shall, within three (3) days of the receipt of the response from the Respondent, forward same to the Complaints for further reply (if any).
8. The Complaints shall, within fourteen (14) days of receipt of the Respondent's reply from the Registrar, forward his/her reply (if any) to the Registrar.
9. The Registrar shall, within seven (7) days of the receipt of the Complaints's reply, compile a the summarizing of the answers submitted, inclusive of the petition, responses, and any answers to the Ethics and Disciplinary Committee of the State where the petition originated from the investigation and report.
10. The Ethics and Disciplinary Committee of the State shall, within sixty (60) days of the receipt of the file from the Registrar, investigate the complaint and forward its report, inclusive of the case file and all other pertinent documents received during its investigation, to the Registrar.
11. The Registrar shall, upon the receipt of the report of the Ethics and Disciplinary Committee of the State, do any of the following as may be applicable:
 - a. If a finding of a prima facie case is established against the Respondent, the Registrar shall file a Petition before the Legal Practitioners' Disciplinary Committee (hereinafter called the Legal Practitioners' Disciplinary Committee) against the Respondent within 30 days of the receipt of the report from the State Panel against the Respondent;
 - b. If the report did not find a prima facie case established against the Respondent, the Registrar shall forward the report to the President of the Association within seven (7) days of receipt of same for further action.



- e. The President shall, upon the receipt of the report of his petition filed case from the Registrar, send the said report for review to a Committee established for that purpose.
- f. The Committee shall review the same within fifteen (15) clear days. If the report of the Committee confirms the finding of the Disciplinary Committee of the State that there is no case established against the Respondent, that marks the end of the matter, and the Complainant shall be informed by a letter from the office of the Central Secretary of the Association.
- g. If the Committee overturns the finding of the Disciplinary Committee of the State, thereby finding that there is a petition filed case established, it shall send its findings to the Registrar for further action.
- h. The Registrar, upon receipt of the review report from the Committee establishing a prima facie case against the Respondent, shall, within Thirty (30) days, file a petition against the Respondent before the Legal Practitioners Disciplinary Committee.
- i. In the event of failure by either party to respond to any correspondence within the specified timeline set out herein, the Registrar shall take the necessary next step as may be expedient.

ORDER 1 SERVICE OF CORRESPONDENCE ON THE PARTIES

RULES:

1. Service of process on parties shall be either personally or by registered post or by email or written to the office or residence or to the last known place of abode of each party to the proceedings or by email (in the case of the Respondent to his registered email address with the Association).



2. Where a party is represented by a Counsel, neither of any correspondence should be the party nor the officer in the Counsel in the matter being provided to both parties, and such service shall be deemed to be good and sufficient.

ORDERS CONDUCT OF PROCEEDINGS

RULES:

1. A Disputing Panel hereinafter referred to as the Panel shall decide how the proceedings of the Panel will be conducted:
 - (a) By holding oral hearings for the presentation of evidence or oral arguments; or
 - (b) On the basis of documents or other materials; or
 - (c) by such holding oral hearings and on the basis of documents or other materials as provided in paragraphs (a) and (b) or (the subsection).
2. A Panel may disagree with the hearing of the parties to a petition if, in its opinion, it can arrive at a decision that a prima facie case has or has not been made out against the Respondent in reliance on the documents before it.
 - a. Where a Panel finds that a prima facie case has been made out against a Respondent in reliance on the documents before it, it must state so, giving a detailed reason of the basis for its decision.
 - b. Where a Panel finds that a prima facie case has not been made out against a Respondent in reliance on the documents before it, it shall discuss the petition, giving a detailed reason of the basis for its decision.

A. WITNESS STATEMENTS ON OATH

- a. If a party to a complaint before a panel has not filed a witness statement on oath, the panel shall direct such party to file the/their witness statement on oath as well as the witness statement on oath of any witness to whom any such oral evidence during the hearing of the matter. The Witness Statement on oath shall be deemed to be a Magistrate Court, High Court of a State, National Industrial Court or Federal

Hill Court or a Notary Public or as may be provided by the Courts Act of the Federation of Nigeria or the Childs Law of a State.

- b. A witness statement as such shall contain a colored passport photograph of the deponent.
- c. The Witness Statement as such shall contain specific and concise statement of material facts which the party will rely on to support of his/her case before the Court.
- d. The statements in the witness statements as such shall be divided into paragraphs, numbered consecutively.
- e. Each party shall attach all documents, books, located to rely on to support of his/her case to the witness statement as such.
- f. Every Legal Practitioner who is a party to a petition shall also state his/her full name as contained in his/her Call to Bar Certificate if different from the current name, Supreme Court Enrollment Number, contact office or home address, email address, phone number(s) in his/her petition or response.
- g. Every statement, document, or other information supplied to the Court shall be communicated to the other party by the party; and any document or other information, and every such statement, document or other information supplied by the Petitioner to one party shall be supplied to the other party.
- h. If a party to a petition fails to file a witness statement as such as ordered by a Court, the Court may take such steps and or make such orders that in its opinion will meet the justice of the case.

4. DATE AND VENUE FOR HEARING OF PETITIONS

- a. On the direction of the Chairman of the Court or any person for the time being acting on his behalf, the Secretary (if any) or any person directed by the Court shall fix a date and venue for the hearing of a motion by the Petitioner and shall serve notice thereof on each party to the proceedings in the manner provided in the Rules.

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- b. The notice of hearing may be served either personally, or by registered post or by courier service to the office or residence or to the last known place of abode or permanent place of business of each party to the proceedings, or by email to the last email address in the case of a legal practitioner against whom a complaint has been brought.
- c. The notice shall contain sufficient details as to the date, time and venue of the sitting of the Panel and reason for being invited to the sitting.
- d. There shall be at least three (3) clear days between the date of any such notice and the date of the sitting of the Panel.
- e. The Secretary or any person directed by the Panel may serve on a party, any regulatory document that by the opposing party, is unable, whether in person or questions that they enter in the course of hearing before the Panel.
- f. Proof of email sent to a party's verified email address, registered post or courier service shall be sufficient proof of service on such a party if a notice before the Panel.

3. APPEARANCE FOR HEARING

- a. If any person fails to appear at the hearing of the Panel, the Panel may upon proof of service on each party of the notice of hearing proceed to hear and determine the matter.
- b. For the purpose of subsequent hearing, every address or knowledge of a date on which a matter has been adjourned at a subsequent sitting shall be sufficient notice.
- c. Any person who was notified of the hearing of the Panel but who failed to appear at the hearing or who previously appeared but subsequently failed to appear may within seven (44) days from the date when the notice of adjournment of the findings of the Panel are given and upon giving notice thereof to the Secretary or any person authorized to receive processes for the Panel apply to the Panel for a rehearing.

d. A party applying for the rehearing of the his matter must furnish the Panel with (except remand) why his/her application for a rehearing will be granted.

e. The Panel, if satisfied that it is just that the matter should be re-board, may grant the application upon such terms as to costs or otherwise as it deems fit.

6. HEARING OF PETITION

a. The Panel may in the proceedings, hear such witnesses and receive such documentary evidence as in its opinion may assist it in coming to a conclusion as to the truth or otherwise of the allegation of misconduct referred to it for investigation.

b. Witnesses appearing before the Panel shall submit their witness statements and simply under any documentary they intend to rely on.

c. Any person who gives evidence before the Panel may be subjected to questioning by members of the Panel and the adverse party or another counsel.

d. In any proceedings, the Panel shall ensure that the parties are accorded equal treatment and that each party is given full opportunity of presenting his/her case.

7. ADOURNNENT

a. The Panel may of its own motion or on the application of any party adjourn the hearing of any matter before it as the Panel deems fit.

b. The Panel may adjourn its sitting from day to day or from place to place, as it deems fit.

8. METHODS OF PROCEEDINGS

a. Notes of the proceedings of the Panel in a manner under investigation shall be taken by writing by the Chairman or by such other designated person or by any electronic process.

b. Any party who appeared before the Panel shall be entitled to be supplied with a copy of the record of proceedings on the payment of any prescribed or assessed fee.

9. The Panel may dispose with any provision of these Rules with respect to testimony, submissions, documents, exhibits, or time, in any matter where it appears to the Panel to be just to do so.

10. The panel may in any given case extend or abridge the time for doing any thing under these Orders.

11. The Panel may direct that any book, paper, or other exhibit produced or used at a hearing be retained by the Panel for onward transmission to the Registrar for further action.

12. JURISDICTION OF A PANEL.

a. A Panel shall be competent to take no question pertaining to its own jurisdiction and on any objection with respect to the existence or validity of any question pending before it.

b. In any disciplinary proceedings on objection that the Panel does not have jurisdiction may be raised on any time after the time of submission of the Response to the Petition.

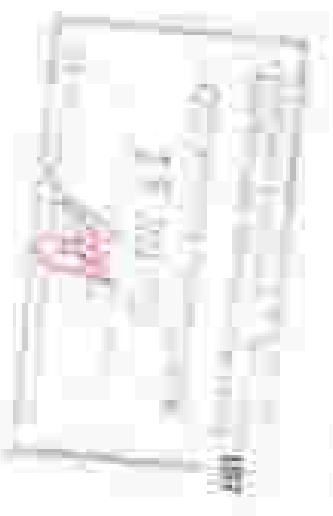
c. In any disciplinary proceedings an objection that the Panel is exceeding the scope of its authority may be raised at any time as the matter alleged to be beyond the scope of its authority is raised during the proceedings.

d. The Panel may, in either case referred to herein, within a later objection, if it considers that the objection was justified.

e. The Panel is not bound to rule first on the objection as soon as it is raised. The Panel may rule on any objection referred to it under this section either as a preliminary question or in its final decision on the merits of the petition.

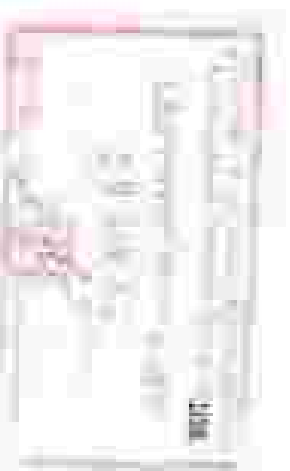
13. The decision of a Panel shall not be invalidated by reason of any member not having participated in all the proceedings leading to the decision.

14. The question of a Panel shall be determined by the appointing authority, provided however that in the absence of such determination a question of the Panel shall be determined by a simple majority of members.



4. AMENDMENT

Any provision of this Charter Bylaws may be amended at a Meeting of the National Executive Council, upon a recommendation of the President or by a majority of the members present and voting.



SEVENTH SCHEDULE

NBA JOURNAL

1. The Association shall have power to publish legal journals in possession of Section 100 of the Constitution.
2. Editorial Board:
 - a) The members of the Editorial Board shall be active members of the Association.
 - b) The National Executive Council shall appoint three (3) but not more than five (5) suitable members of good standing to be board members of the Association's Journal.
 - c) The National Executive Council may remove any member of the Editorial Board for good cause.
 - d) The Board shall endeavor to publish at least one issue of the Journal per annum.
 - e) The National Executive Council shall operate a separate bank account for the Journal.
 - f) The journals to be published shall include the President, Treasurer, and the Chairman of the Executive Board.

EIGHT SCHEDULE

LIST OF INSTITUTIONS

1. NHA Website the Nigerian Law (NHL)
2. NHA Section on Legal Practice (NLP)
3. NHA Section on Public Interest and Development Law (NPD)

NINTH SCHEDULE

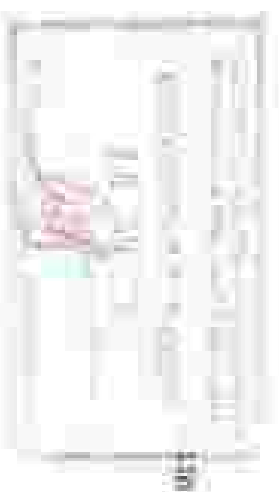
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1. NHA Human Rights Institute
2. NHA Institute of Continuing Legal Education

TENTH SCHEDULE

LIST OF FORA

1. NHA Academic Forum
2. NHA Women Forum
3. NHA Young Lawyers Forum
4. NHA Corporate Counsel Forum



5. NIDA LAW OFFICES Forum
6. NIDA Lawyers in the Military Forum
7. NIDA Lawyers Living with Changing Forum
8. NIDA Lawyers in Defense Forum

This Consensus is subject to the 10th Day of August 2019 by the Annual General Meeting of the Nigerian Bar Association and will effect therewith.



MAZA AFANI OBIGWE, SAN CTI/AM/1110
PRESIDENT



DR. M. O. OTHARA
GENERAL SECRETARY

