

1. INTRODUCTION

Whereas the Global Executive Committee and the Incorporated Board of Trustees in furtherance to the review of the constitution of the Federal Government College Ogbomoso Old Students Association, in 2019 constituted a constitution review committee made up of representation of all Class chapters, Charged with the review of the constitution-To coordinate, debate and collate views of Class chapters, Location chapters and entire membership of the Association with respect to the review of the constitution.

Whereas the constitution review committee benefitted from the receipt of large volume of memoranda and presentations from Class chapters and members of the Association in Nigeria and Diaspora; and submitted its proposals for amendment in 2021 to the Global Executive Committee for consideration and presentation to Congress.

Whereas the Global Executive Committee, the Global Executive Council, the Incorporated Board of Trustees, Fegocoosa members with legal background and independent legal practitioners, deliberated on the proposals for amendment, objects and subjects of the constitution and recommended amendments for Congress adoption, ratification and promulgation.

Whereas the document (proposed/draft constitution) has been further reviewed, after taking further inputs and considerations and now presented by the Global Executive Committee (whose tenure is year 2024-2026).

Whereas this draft constitution is hereby adopted by Congress of the Federal Government College Ogbomoso Old Students Association this 30th day of April, 2025 as the Constitution of the Incorporated Trustees of the Federal Government College Ogbomoso Old Students Association (Fegocoosa) and shall come into force at the filing with the Corporate Affairs Commission.

NOW THEREFORE CONGRESS HEREBY ADOPTS, RATIFY AND PROMULGATE THIS CONSTITUTION OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT COLLEGE OGBOMOSO OLD STUDENTS ASSOCIATION, THIS 30th DAY OF APRIL 2025.

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2. RESOLUTION

We, the **Old Students of Federal Government College Ogbomosho**, have resolved to come together on a non-partisan basis to advance the following objectives:

- A. To establish an Association to bring together all Old Students of Federal Government College Ogbomosho (hereinafter also referred to as the school).
- B. To promote continued good relationship and welfare of Old Students of the school.
- C. To promote the development and image of the school.
- D. To cooperate with other Associations and Organizations of similar objectives in advancing the development of the education sector in Nigeria.

We have therefore resolved, to give to ourselves the following Constitution.

3. CITATION

This Constitution shall be known and cited as the Constitution of the Incorporated Trustees of Federal Government College Ogbomosho, Old Students Association, with the acronym FEGOCOOSA.

4. DEFINITION

In this Constitution, unless the context states otherwise the following interpretations apply.

4.1.1 **‘The School’** shall refer to Federal Government College, Ogbomosho.

4.1.2 **‘Old Student(s)’** shall mean the following only:

- i. All persons that have studied at the school for a minimum of one (1) academic session.
- ii. Such persons that Congress confers an honorary membership on the recommendation of the Global Executive Committee.

4.1.3 **‘He’, ‘Him’ and ‘His’**: shall refer to both male and female members of the Association.

4.1.4 A **‘Financial Member’**: is a person who has fully paid his annual membership dues/subscription and levies. A financial member for the purpose of contesting an election is as described in the relevant sections of this constitution.

4.1.5 **‘Chartered Chapter’**: means any Chapter that has been officially inaugurated and its pioneering officers sworn in at a ceremony conducted by the Global Executive Committee or its accredited representative(s).

4.1.6 **‘Simple Majority’**: refers to more than 50% (fifty percent) of the total number of financial members present and/or delegates voting in any given election, meeting or matter. The total number of persons/delegates present and voting shall include all persons and/or delegates physically present at a meeting and those attending the meeting by/through approved remote communication platforms, online platforms and other approved electronic/tele-conferencing platforms when such types/kinds of attendance of

meeting has been previously approved and advertised by the Global Executive Committee. Simple majority shall also refer to more than 50% (fifty percent) of the total numbers of Financial members and/or delegates present and voting in any given election, meeting or matter that is solely, exclusively, entirely, completely, totally and or wholly conducted via approved online platforms, approved remote communication platforms and other approved electronic/teleconferencing platforms which election, meetings and or matter (s) is previously advertised as such by the Global Executive Committee.

- 4.1.7 **‘A two thirds (2/3) majority’** vote of Financial members means two-thirds (66.67%) or more of the votes cast. This voting basis is equivalent to the number of votes in favor being at least twice the number of votes against.
- 4.1.8 **‘A four-fifths (4/5) majority’** of financial members means at least four times as many votes in favor than opposed or 80% of total votes cast.
- 4.1.9 One third (1/3) of the votes of delegates present at the electoral congress means one part of all delegates present and voting at an electoral college of delegates if all delegates present and voting is divided into three equal parts or nearest approximate. Mathematical fractions approximated to nearest whole numbers.
- 4.1.10 **‘Congress’**: is a formal meeting of Financial members of the Federal Government College Ogbomosho Old Students Association gathered to discuss issues or make decisions pertaining to the Association; amend the constitution; elect Global officers of the Association and/or ratification of Trustees.
- 4.1.11 **‘Global Executive Committee’**: are the elected officers of the Global Association as enunciated in article 7.2 of this constitution. It is the primary body responsible for the implementation of policies and strategic direction of the Association as may be directed by the Board of Trustees.
- 4.1.12 **‘Global Executive Council’**: consists of all members of the Global Executive Committee, all Past Presidents, all Class Ambassadors, all Class Coordinators, and all Location Chapter Coordinators. It is an advisory body that advises the Global Executive Committee of the Association, on how it shall successfully achieve its primary responsibilities of the implementation of the strategic objectives of the Association. It is also saddled with the responsibility of harmonizing the annual activities of the Association based on the strategic direction prescribed by the Board of Trustees. It relies on the enormous and profound experience of past presidents.
- 4.1.13 **‘Honorary members’**: are persons, to whom such honor is conferred on, by the Global Executive Committee. Persons who include but not limited to friends of the Association, past principals, teachers and staff of the school. An Honorary member shall not be required to pay any subscription, dues or levies, and shall not be entitled to participate in any form, contest, vote or be voted for in any election or be appointed as an officer of the Association.
- 4.1.14 **‘Special election/bye election’**: is an election that is called earlier than scheduled and used to fill an office that has become vacant between congressional/general elections.
- 4.1.15 **‘Legal Adviser’**: is an Ex-Officio member of the Global Executive Committee nominated/appointed by the Global Executive Committee. His/her primary duty is to

advise the committee on legal issues. He/she participates in deliberations on legal issues and may offer other advice that are not on legal matters/issues but does not have a voting right. A person nominated or appointed to the office of Legal Adviser shall be duly enrolled at the Supreme Court of Nigeria as a Legal Practitioner.

4.1.16 **‘Global Association’**: Means and refers to the Association, its membership, chapters (Class Chapter & Location Chapter), Set Councils and its branches worldwide/Globally.

4.1.17 **‘Class Chapter’**: Means and refers to a collection of members who belonged to the same form while they were students of the school. A class chapter shall be made up of members based on year of graduation. There shall be only one (1) class chapter for every set/class.

4.1.18 **‘Class Ambassadors’**: means Male and Female old students appointed by the Global Executive Committee for each class to act for and on behalf of the Global Executive Committee on all matters.

4.1.19 **‘Class Coordinators’** are head of all elected officers from and for particular Class chapters. They shall Coordinate the activities of the Class Chapter, Represent the Class Chapter on the Global Executive Council and chair the class chapter Meetings or as he/she may delegate.

4.1.20 **‘Location Coordinators’** are the heads of all elected officers for particular location chapters –They shall Coordinate the activities of the location Chapter, Represent the Chapter on the Global Executive Council and chair the Location chapter Meetings or as he/she may delegate.

4.1.21 **‘Set Councils’**: Means and refers to a collection of class chapters in lots of ten class chapters per set council/group excluding the pioneer set council/group which shall consist of a collection of eight sets and all Higher School Certificate (HSC) classes. The set councils/groups at the time of making this constitution shall be as listed in schedule I (First Schedule):

- 1 *Class of 1982-class of 1989 & all Higher School Certificate (HSC) Classes;*
- 2 *Class of 1990-class of 1999;*
- 3 *Class of 2000- class of 2009;*
- 4 *Class of 2010- class of 2019;*
- 5 *Class of 2020- class of 2029*
- 6 *And the sequence continues infinitely.*

4.1.22 **‘Location Chapter’**: Means and refers to chapters in the different cities/towns thirty six states of the Federation; in the FCT Abuja and in cities and towns globally (outside of Nigeria) or in a tertiary education institution in Nigeria.

PART 2. ARTICLES

ARTICLE 1. NAME AND NATURE

- A. The name of the Association shall be The Incorporated Trustees of Federal Government College, Ogbomosho Old Student’s Association, with acronym FEGOCOOSA, hereinafter referred to as the ‘Global Association.’

- B. The Association shall be strictly governed in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution and shall be non-religious, non-profit, non-political and non-governmental organization.
- C. This Constitution is supreme and its provisions shall be binding on all Members, Class Chapters, Set Councils, and Location Chapters of the Association.
- D. The motto of the Association shall be “PRO UNITATE” (For Unity/Oneness).

1.2 SUPREMACY OF THIS CONSTITUTION

This Constitution is supreme for the purposes of regulating the activities of the Association, subject only to the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Federal and State enactments and its provisions shall have binding effect on all Members, Class Chapters, Set Councils and Location Chapters of the Association.

ARTICLE 2. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

- A. To promote and encourage close relationships and good fellowship amongst members.
- B. To create a platform for the enhancement of the welfare of members and encourage members to develop themselves to become self-reliant and act as role models in their respective careers, homes and society.
- C. To mobilize resources to support efficient and effective teaching and learning in the school.
- D. To rekindle, promote and sustain the founding vision, ideals, welfare and infrastructure of the Federal Government College Ogbomosho.
- E. To provide a national platform to enable all alumni of the Federal Government College Ogbomosho contribute positively towards the progress of the School.
- F. To advocate and influence policies and enactments in manners favourable to the School at all levels of government in the Federal Republic of Nigeria.
- G. To undertake anything or project that is reasonably incidental or consequential to the furtherance of these aims and objectives.

ARTICLE 3. HEADQUARTERS

- A. The Headquarters of the Association shall be Federal Government College Ogbomosho.
- B. Secretariat:
 - i. The Secretariat shall serve as the primary contact and administrative office of the Association.
 - ii. The location of the secretariat of the Association shall be as determined by the Incorporated Trustees of the Association.

ARTICLE 4. MEMBERSHIP

Membership of the Association shall be open to all Old Students of the School and as stated in this constitution, provided that:

- i. Such Persons have studied at the School for a minimum of one (1) academic session.
- ii. Such Persons have been conferred with honorary members his on the recommendation of the Global Executive Committee. Such persons shall be known as honorary members.
- iii. All Members (excluding honorary members) shall pay an annual membership fee/subscription as recommended by the Global Executive Committee and ratified by the Congress. The Payments of annual membership fees/subscription shall confer financial membership status and associated privileges.

ARTICLE 5. RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBERS

- A. All members are obliged to pay the prescribed annual dues/subscription on or before the 31st day of March every year and shall also honour/satisfy other compulsory financial commitments (levies) to the Association, as congress may from time to time determine/impose.
- B. The performance of the obligation(s) stipulated in clause 5A above shall in conjunction with other requirements stipulated in there relevant clause(s)/paragraph(s) of this constitution be the basis by which members shall be entitled to the Right to be voted for into any office of the Association.
- C. Any member who fails/neglects to pay the prescribed dues/subscriptions and contribute to other financial activities of the Association or remains in default after March 31st each year, shall be denied the following as long as they remain in default:
 - i. Right to use the facilities of the Association in accordance with laid down procedures.
 - ii. Right to vote at the congress of the Association, that is strictly for the purposes of electing officers of the Association; proposing amendments to the constitution and amending the constitution; ratification of members of the Board of Trustees.
 - iii. Eligibility to represent the Association at any event.
 - iv. Recognition to speak, make contributions at meetings, events and congress of the Association.
 - v. Priority consideration for welfare and other issues.
 - vi. Privilege of access to spouse, children or other family members to the Association's activities
 - vii. Right to vote in meetings.
- D. The rights enumerated in clause 5C above are automatically restored when members meet their financial obligations, except clause 5C (ii) of this constitution, which shall endure for the given financial year.

ARTICLE 6. POWERS AND FUNCTIONSOFTHE ASSOCIATION

In pursuance of its aims and objectives, the Association shall have powers to:

- A. Engage in any activity or undertaking for the purpose of mobilizing resources to be applied exclusively to the fulfillment of the aims and objectives of the Association as set out in this Constitution.
- B. Solicit donations, gifts and other forms of material aid acceptable to the Association for the purpose of meeting the financial requirements and other needs of the Association.
- C. Make rules prescribing:
 - i. the rates and modes of payment by members which shall apply from time to time in respect of membership fees/subscription and other contributions, donations, levies towards the funds of the Association.
 - ii. the circumstances in which and the conditions upon which membership of the Association may or shall be suspended or terminated; and
 - iii. Such other conditions relating to membership as may be necessary or desirable to ensure the integrity, independence, honour and dignity of the Association as well as efficacy in its operations.
- D. Exercise any other power, perform any other function or do any other activity that may lawfully be so exercised, performed or done by the Association for carrying out, or giving effect to, the purpose for which the Association is established.

ARTICLE 7. STRUCTURE OF THE ASSOCIATION

The Association shall have the following structure:

- i. The Board of Trustees;
- ii. The Congress
- iii. An elected Global Executive Committee
- iv. Class Chapters with elected officers;
- iv. Set Councils coordinated by class ambassadors.
- v. Location based chapters with elected officers; and
- vi. Global Executive Council, which consists of all members of the Global Executive Committee, all Past Presidents, all Class Ambassadors and all Class and Location Chapter Coordinators.

7.1 BOARD OF TRUSTEES

There shall be a Board of Trustees known as the Incorporated Trustees of Federal Government College Ogbomosho Old Students' Association.

7.1.1 COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Board of Trustees of the Association shall have at least five (5) but not more than

seven (7) members who shall, for the purposes of the Companies and Allied Matters Act ("the Act") be nominated as provided in clause 7.1.2 below; provided always that there shall be an office of the Chairman and Secretary of Board of Trustees respectively.

Provided always that The Board of Trustees of the Association shall always reflect national spread as far as practicable and have membership representative of the Association's diverse Ethnic Nationalities and Gender.

7.1.2 NOMINATION INTO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

- A. Only a member who has met the requirements and provisions of Section 826 of the Company and Allied Matters Act and the qualifications as stipulated for the Global President at clause 8.1.1 shall be eligible for nomination into the Board of Trustees.
- B. Only a Financial member who has served on the Global Executive Committee shall be eligible for nomination to the Board of Trustees.
- C. The members of the Board of Trustees shall be nominated by the Global Executive Committee in collaboration with the current serving members of the Board of Trustees, and presented to members at a Congress of the Association for ratification and adoption.
- D. Upon a vacancy emerging in the number of Trustees on the Board, the Global Executive Committee shall in conjunction and collaboration with the current members of the Board of Trustees nominate an eligible member for ratification by simple majority of members voting at a general meeting specially constituted for this purpose or at congress provided that the provision of article 7.1.2 A & B of this constitution is adhered to in addition to the provisions of section 834 of Company and Allied Matters Act.

7.1.3 TENURE OF OFFICE:

A Trustee shall hold office for a tenure of ten (10) years but shall cease to hold office if he or she:

- i. Resigns his or her office/position.
- ii. Is declared medically unfit or mentally incapacitated by a certified medical practitioner.
- iii. Is officially declared bankrupt.
- iv. Is convicted of a criminal offence by a court of competent jurisdiction.
- v. Is recommended for removal from office by other trustees and such recommendation is approved by two third (2/3) majority votes of members present at any legally constituted General Meeting of the Association in which the Trustee has prior notice of the intended removal and after being given opportunity to respond to allegation against him within thirty (30) days.
- vi. Is unable to discharge his duty as a member of the Board of Trustees due to ill health or other unforeseen circumstances.

In a transition situation, the subsisting Board of Trustees (BOT) regardless of its form shall be considered as the nominated Board of Trustees (BOT) and commence its tenure on the approval of the new Constitution. Any vacancy arising in the Board of Trustee under a transition situation shall however be filled in accordance with provisions of this Constitution.

7.1.4 DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Trustees shall:

- A. Apply in the prescribed manner to the Corporate Affairs Commission for Certificate of Incorporation of the Association under the Companies and Allied Matters Act (The Act) and hold same in trust for the Association.
- B. Ensure compliance with all legal requirements for proper documentation of the affairs of the Association as provided by the Act.
- C. Have a common seal; keep the common seal in the custody of the Secretary of the Board of Trustees who shall produce it when required for use by the Trustees and Association.
- D. Have power to accept and to hold in trust all real property belonging to the Association. Acquire and hold in trust all lands belonging to the Association and procure on her behalf real property and chattels subject to the provisions of CAMA and the provisions of this Constitution.
- E. Shall nominate any member of the Board of Trustees to occupy the offices of the Chairman and Secretary of the Board of Trustees.
- F. Advise the Global Executive Committee on policies, programs and activities to be embarked upon to promote the image of the Association.
- G. Meet regularly as it deems fit and shall regulate its affairs by itself.
- H. Review the Financial Accounts as prepared by the Global Executive Committee.
- I. Consider and approve recommendations made to it by the Global Executive Council and Global Executive Committee.
- J. To act as the ultimate Mediation & Reconciliation Body of the Association
- K. Arbitrate in special matters, such as but not limited to unresolved disputes within the Global Executive Committee and Electoral stalemates and Pre and Post-Election matters/stalemates or matters as may be deemed fit by the Board of Trustees.
- L. Consequent to paragraph K above, the Trustees may appoint an Interim/Transitional/Caretaker Management Committee to manage the affairs of the Association for an interim period prelude to a fresh election to any and/or all of the office(s) of the Global Executive Committee.
- M. To dissolve or suspend the Global Executive Committee where there is obvious rancor within the Global Executive Committee that impedes its functionality, and it considers it in the best interest of FEGOCOOSA to do so.

- N. Also, in the event of circumstances of large scale/widespread discord within the Association, the Board of Trustees shall invoke the provisions of (M) above to suspend or dissolve the Global Executive Committee.
- O. Upon the dissolution or suspension of the Global Executive Committee, the Board of Trustees shall have the power to appoint a Caretaker/Interim Committee to manage the Association for a period not exceeding One Year (12 calendar months). The appointment of the Caretaker/Interim Committee shall be subject to ratification by a simple majority of the members at an Extra Ordinary or General Meeting to take place within 90 days from the dissolution or suspension of the Global Executive Committee.
- P. Nominate competent auditing/accounting professionals who are financial members of the Association to audit association books at the end of every financial year and such nomination shall be ratified by congress of the Association.
- Q. At the beginning of the year, the Global Executive Committee shall place before the Board, its annual budget and strategic plan for consideration and approval. The Board of Trustees shall Consider, and if satisfied, approve recommendations made to it by the Global Executive Committee.
- R. The Board of Trustees in conjunction with the Global Executive Committee shall appoint the vendor(s)/service providers that shall deploy electronic, online and/or other remote devices /facilities to be used for the seamless conduct of the elections and /or amendments of the constitution/ dissolution.
- S. Decisions of the Trustees shall be by simple majority of members present.
- T. The quorum of the Trustees shall be not less than three (3) of the members when there are five (5) members and shall not be less than five (5) members when there are seven(7)members.
- U. The Trustees shall make such rules as they deem necessary for proper conduct of their meetings.
- V. The Trustee shall act in good faith and at all times in the interest of the Association.

7.2 GLOBAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

There shall be a Global Executive Committee of the Association, which shall be the primary body responsible for the implementation of policies and strategic direction of the Association as may be directed by the Board of Trustees.

The Global Executive Committee shall be made up of the under listed Officers.

- i. Global President.
- ii. Global Vice President.
- iii. Global General Secretary.
- iv. Global Assistant General Secretary.

- v. Global Financial Secretary.
- vi. Global Treasurer.
- vii. Global Publicity Secretary.
- viii. Global Social Secretary.
- ix. Global Welfare Secretary.
- x. Ex Officio member Number 1-Legal Adviser.
- xi. Ex Officio member Number 2-Immediate Past President.
- xii. Ex Officio member Number 3-Immediate Past General Secretary.

All the officers of the Global Executive Committee shall be elected at the Biennial Congress of the Association or in the appropriate circumstances in special/bye elections, excluding the EX-Officio members. Viz (1) Legal Adviser (Who is the Ex- Officio member Number 1, (2) the Immediate Past President of the Association, who is the Ex-Officio member Number 2 and (3) the Immediate Past General Secretary, who is the Ex-Officio member Number 3.

EX- Officio member Number 1 shall be appointed by the Global Executive Committee.

EX- Officio members Number 2 and 3 occupy their office in the Global Executive Committee Ipso Jure in accordance with the provision of clause 8.4.11 of this constitution.

Provided always, that the Global Executive Committee may appoint any of its members or a suitable member of the Association to temporarily filling and/or perform the duties pertaining to a vacant Global Executive Committee office on an interim basis pending a special/bye-election, which shall hold within two months of the office becoming vacant.

7. 2.1 POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE GLOBAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Global Executive Committee shall implement the general policy direction of the Association and shall have responsibility for the day-to-day running of the affairs of the Association in accordance with provisions of this Constitution and shall exercise and execute the following powers and functions:

- i. Management of the finances of the Association including the appointment of suitable banks for that purpose.
- ii. Any matter of general interest to the Association.
- iii. Meetings of the Association.
- iv. May appoint one of their members or a suitable member of the Association to temporarily fill in and/or perform the duties pertaining to a vacant Global Executive Committee office, which said vacancy occur in accordance with the provisions of the constitution.
- v. Generally to exercise all the powers vested in the Association subject to the powers conferred on the Board of Trustees so as to promote and carry out the aims and objectives of the Association as contained in this Constitution

and in particular when the need arises, to apply for and receive donations on behalf of the Association.

- vi. The aim of the Global Executive Committee shall be to attain consensus but if it becomes necessary to put any question to vote, then a simple majority vote based on a show of hands shall decide it PROVIDED however that the Global Executive Committee may resolve to decide any specific issue by secret ballot.
- vii. Any officer of the Global Executive Committee who is absent from three (3) consecutive meetings of the Global Executive Committee shall cease to be an officer of the Global Executive committee unless he shows reasonable cause for such absence to the satisfaction of the Global Executive Committee. PROVIDED always removal from office is ratified by congress.
- viii. Appoint two Class Ambassadors, one Male and one Female for each class chapter to act for and on behalf of the Global Executive Committee in all matters as prescribed by the Global Executive with respect to any particular class chapter.

7.3 CHAPTERS

- A. Affiliation to the Association shall in all instances be through Chartered Chapters and the Association shall recognize only validly constituted (chartered) chapters in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution.
- B. There shall be three (3) distinct types of affiliated/chartered chapters in the Association-
 - i. Class Chapter: A class chapter shall be made up of members on the basis of year of graduation. There shall be only one (1) class chapter for every set.
 - ii. Location Chapter: A location chapter shall exist in any place (city or country) within or outside Nigeria or in a tertiary education institution in Nigeria.
 - iii. Set/(Class) Councils, refers to a collection of class chapters in lots of ten class chapters per set council/group excluding the pioneer set council/group, which shall consist of a collection of eight sets. The set councils/groups, as at the time of making this constitution shall be as listed in schedule 1 of this constitution. Set Council is as defined in the definition clause.
- C. A chapter shall be inaugurated where there are minimums of fifteen (15) persons who have mobilized themselves and presented an application to the Global Executive Committee
- D. The Global Executive Committee shall review applications for chapter inauguration, determine its viability and make recommendations to the Congress.
- E. The congress shall by simple majority at any duly conveyed General Meeting where there commendation is presented, approve the inauguration of a chapter.
- F. Subsequent to the preceding paragraph, such a chapter shall be officially chartered at an inauguration ceremony where the Global Executive Committee or its accredited representative(s) shall officially swear in the officers of the chapter and constitution of

the Association handed over to them.

- G. The provisions of this constitution shall bind every Affiliated/Chartered Chapter. Whilst chapters may have rules and regulations guiding them, such rules and regulations are inferior and subordinate to the provisions of this constitution. Any law, rule, regulation that is inconsistent with the provisions of this constitution, this constitution shall prevail and the other rule, regulation shall to the extent of the inconsistency, be void.
- H. The Global Executive Committee shall after investigation recommend to the Congress, the suspension of any chapter whose activities are considered contrary to the objectives and provisions of this Constitution.
- I. The suspension of a chapter shall be by simple majority of members present at any duly conveyed Congress/Meeting.

7.3.1 OFFICERS OF A CHAPTER

Every chapter shall have the minimum complement of officers prescribed below and are free to appoint others as they may deem fit:

- i. Class Coordinator for a Class Chapter and Location Coordinator for a Location chapter – these persons shall coordinate the activities of the chapters, represent the chapters on the Global Executive Council and Chair the meeting of the chapters or delegate someone to chair the meetings in their absence.
- ii. A Secretary: who shall keep records of meetings and other activities of the chapter and make available reports, the Global Executive Committee may require.
- iii. A Welfare Secretary: who shall report, monitor and lead mobilization efforts to address the welfare needs of members.
- iv. Financial Secretary: – who shall keep financial records of the Chapter.
- v. The Class Ambassadors shall jointly coordinate or at their discretion nominate one of their lots to coordinate the meetings, activities and matters of the Set councils.

7.3.2 ACTIVITIES OF CHAPTERS AND SET COUNCILS

- A. Hold regular meetings as deemed fit but not less than once in a year.
- B. Be primarily responsible for the welfare of members of its chapter.
- C. Host General Meetings of the Association as the Global Executive Committee or Congress may request.
- D. Undertake projects in conjunction with the Association.
- E. Remit annual dues/subscriptions and prescribed levies of its members to the Association.
- F. Levy its member's additional subscriptions as may be deemed appropriate to cover its expenditure.

- G. In coordination with the Class ambassador, submit a list of its registered members to the Global Secretariat as jointly coordinated by the Class Coordinator and the Class Ambassador.
- H. Notify the Global General Secretary of its activities.
- I. Hold a Delegate Election for the 'Electoral College of Delegates' coordinated and supervised by the Class Coordinator and the Class Ambassador.
- J. Only financial members can be nominated 'Delegates' who can vote in any 'Delegate Election'.
- K. The Executive officers of a Class Chapter acting in coordination with the Class Ambassador, shall conduct and/or supervise the Election of the Delegates who shall represent their Class Chapters in the 'Electoral College of Delegates'. The Class Coordinator and Class Ambassador shall jointly transmit the list of elected delegates to the Global secretariat for onward transmission to the Electoral Committee.
- L. Nomination Of Aspirants or Candidates for 'Electoral College of Delegates' shall be proposed by a financial member of a Class Chapter, seconded by another financial member of the Class Chapter.
- M. The top three candidates with the highest votes shall be returned as Delegates representing the Class Chapter in the 'Electoral College of Delegates' that will vote for the candidates in the election of Global Executive Committee.
- N. Only Class Chapters shall present Delegates for the purpose of electing officers of the Global Executive Committee.

7.4 GLOBAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

There shall be a Global Executive Council of the Association who in addition to its general advisory role is saddled with the responsibility of harmonizing the annual activities of the Association based on the strategic direction prescribed by the Board of Trustees.

ARTICLE 8. ESTABLISHMENT OF GLOBAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES

Global Executive Officers shall be persons with proven integrity, administrative skills and demonstrable capacity to serve without expecting or having consideration for pecuniary rewards and/or remunerations.

8.1 OFFICE OF THE GLOBAL PRESIDENT

- A. There shall be for the Association a Global President, hereinafter referred to as the President.
- B. The President is the Chief Executive Officer of the Association.

8.1.1 QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE OFFICE OF THE GLOBAL PRESIDENT

A person shall be qualified for election as President if:

- i. The person has as at the date of his nomination fully paid all annual subscriptions/dues and levies as at when due (on or before the 31st of March each year) for a minimum period of three consecutive years inclusive of the year of the election at hand.
- ii. The person has attended at least two activities out of six activities of the Association within three years preceding the election. Activities of the Association for the purposes of the election consist of the two annual activities stated in the constitution, which are (i) Congress, (ii) Annual meeting(s) of the Global Association, and (iii) the Global Convention, (in a Convention year).
- iii. The person has verifiable work or voluntary service experience.
- iv. The person has been a member of the Global Executive Committee.
- v. Provided always that the person has twenty - five (25) years post- secondary education and that the person was educated the school (Federal Government College Ogbomosho) for a minimum period of three (3) years.

8.2 OFFICE AND QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE GLOBAL VICE- PRESIDENT.

There shall be for the Association a Global Vice-President with the same qualifications as the President except for the minimum number of post-secondary school graduation, which shall be twenty (20) years.

8.3 QUALIFICATIONS FOR OTHER OFFICES

8.3.1 A person shall be qualified or election into the above-named offices if he:

- i. Has as at the date of his nomination fully paid all annual subscriptions/dues and levies as at when due (on or before the 31st of March each year) for a minimum period of two consecutive years inclusive of the year of the election at hand.
- ii. Has been educated up to at least school certificate level or its equivalent.
- iii. Has attended at least two activities out of the six activities of the association within the preceding three years of the election. Activities of the association for the purposes of the election consist of the three annual activities stated in the constitution, which are (i) Congress,(ii) Annual meeting(s) of the Global Association and (iii) the Global Convention, (in a Convention year).
- iv. Must have served as an Officer of a chapter.

8.4 RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE GLOBAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

8.4.1 The Global President

- A. Chair/Preside meetings of the Global Executive Committee, Global Executive Council, General Meetings, Extraordinary/Emergency Meetings and the Congress.
- B. Authorize use of the funds of the Association according to the budget approved by

the Congress.

- C. Supervise and coordinate activities of the Secretariat of the Association.
- D. Co-ordinate the activities of other officers of the Association in the performance of their duties.
- E. Appoint members into standing and Ad hoc Committees in conjunction with the other members of the Global Executive Committee.
- F. Confer other duties on any officer or member of the Global Executive Committee as long as such duties are not inconsistent with the provisions of this Constitution.
- G. Shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Association.
- H. Shall be responsible for liaising with the school.
- I. Direct all other Officers of the Association in the performance of their duties.
- J. Provide direction and leadership to all Committees of the Association.
- K. Present at the Congress a presidential address in writing to highlight the accomplishments, problems, prospects and future direction of the Association.
- L. Act as the principal spokesperson of the Association.
- M. With the assistance of other Global Officers ensure efficient use or prudent investment, acquisitions and disposal of assets as may be necessary from time to time, subject however to the overall approval of the Board of Trustees and members in Congress.

8.4.2 The Global Vice President

- A. Carry out functions delegated by the Global President.
- B. In the absence of the President, shall perform functions of the President.
- C. Shall serve as the chairman of any special projects committee.
- D. Shall encourage and supervise the formation of new branches in line with the guidelines set out in this constitution.
- E. Shall perform such other duties as may be assigned by the Global Executive Committee or Congress.

8.4.3 The Global General Secretary

- A. Shall be in charge of the Global Secretariat and perform all the secretarial duties of the Association including –
 - i. Convene meetings at the instance of the Global President.
 - ii. Record and keep the minutes of all meetings of the Association.
 - iii. Produce annual and special reports on the activities of the Association and its organs/chapters.

- B. Shall act as custodian of all the records of the Association except the records of the incorporated Trustees.
- C. Shall monitor activities of the Association and the different offices accordingly.
- D. Shall perform such other duties as may be assigned by the Global President, the Global Executive Committee or the Congress.
- E. Shall write and dispatch circulars, letters and other correspondences of the Association including that of the Global Executive Committee and Global Executive Council.
- F. Shall keep a roll of members and an up-to-date list of chapters of the Global Association.
- G. Shall furnish Special Reports of the activities of the Association or any of its organs at the Congress, General Meetings, Extraordinary Meetings, Emergency Meetings, Meetings of the Global Executive Committee and Global Executive Council.
- H. Shall be an ex-officio member of all Committees of the Association.

8.4.4 **The Global Assistant General Secretary**

- A. Shall assist the Global General Secretary in the performance of his duty.
- B. Shall carry out functions as may be delegated by the Global General Secretary.
- C. Shall perform functions of the office of the Global General Secretary in his absence.
- D. Shall perform such other duties as may be assigned by the Global President, Global Executive Committee or Congress.

8.4.5 **The Financial Secretary**

- A. Prepare the draft annual budget of the Association in liaison/collaboration with the Treasurer and forward to the Global Executive Committee for review and approval.
- B. Keep accurate financial records of the Association.
- C. Shall be in constant touch with members, class and location chapters for the purpose of soliciting and collecting their annual dues, subscription, levies and all monies due to the Association as at when due and promptly hand over same to the Treasurer.
- D. Shall compile and circulate a list of members who have paid or are in default in respect of such dues/subscription and levies each year and take steps to circulate such lists to the Congress and the Global Executive Committee.
- E. Collect and pay all monies of the Association to the Global Treasurer and Keep an up-to-date account of all monies so collected and paid to the Treasurer or the Association's bank accounts, including all receipts, disbursements and transfers, duly signed by both the Global Treasurer and Global financial secretary.
- F. Shall make the books of account available to the Global Executive Committee on request.

- G. Shall submit end of year financial report to the Global Executive committee for approval and all the books of account annually to the Association's audit committee /appointed external auditor(s) not later than 15th of March yearly.
- H. Shall have direct access to the bank statements of the Association. At his written request, the Treasurer shall promptly provide the bank statements of the Association.
- I. Shall perform all other duties as may be assigned to him by the Global President or the Global Executive Committee or Congress.

8.4.6 **The Global Treasurer**

- A. Shall be responsible for the management and disbursement of funds of the Association.
- B. Shall make financial transactions on behalf of the Association.
- C. Shall interface with the Association's bankers, receive, collect and promptly pay to the Association's bankers all monies collected for the Association or paid to the Association from any source whatsoever.
- D. Shall be the custodian of the financial inventory for the Association and audit its records.
- E. Shall prepare and report to the Global Executive Committee, the Association's regular financial documents and statements in respect of Treasury activities.
- F. Shall lead in the preparation of the draft annual budget of the Association in liaison/collaboration with the Global Financial Secretary and forward to the Global Executive Committee for review and approval.
- G. Shall circulate to every member of the Global Executive Committee the audited accounts and balance sheet for each preceding financial year.
- H. Shall submit an Annual Report to the congress to which shall be attached the Audited Accounts and Balance Sheet for each preceding financial year.
- I. Shall perform all other duties as may be assigned to him by the President or the Global Executive Committee and the Congress.

8.4.7 **The Global Publicity Secretary**

- A. Shall publicize all meeting(s) of the Association using relevant media.
- B. Shall publicize all the activities of the Association, issue press releases/ statements on behalf of the Association after consultation with the Global President and/or Global Executive committee.
- C. Shall assist the Global Social Secretary with logistics relating to Association's activities.
- D. Shall promote appositve image of the Association at all times.
- E. Shall liaise with the public on behalf of the Association.

- F. Shall perform such other duties as may be assigned by the Global President, Global Executive Committee or Congress.

8.4.8 **The Global Social Secretary**

- A. Shall be in charge of organizing all social activities of the Association.
- B. Shall coordinate and arrange, in liaison with Chapters; Tours, Excursions, and Reunions for the Association.
- C. Shall coordinate alumni awards or prizes sponsored by or through the Association.
- D. Shall be responsible for the social, cultural and entertainment activities of the Association.
- E. Shall perform all other duties as may be assigned to him by the Global President, the Global Executive Committee and Congress.

8.4.9 **The Global Welfare Secretary**

- A. Monitor, oversee and coordinate the welfare of the members of the Association and report to the Global Executive Committee for necessary actions.
- B. Encourage good fellowship among members.
- C. Enhance the welfare, standard and good name of the school and Association through career development.
- D. Shall be responsible with liaising with Chapters.
- E. Shall bring to the notice of the Global Executive Committee any matter concerning the welfare of any member with a view to protecting and preserving their rights, privileges and welfare.
- F. Shall be responsible for managing the program of assistance for incapacitated or aged members of the Association.
- G. Shall be responsible for supervising the Association's cooperative society, insurance and endowment programs of the Association.
- H. Shall perform all other duties as may be assigned to him by the Global President, the Global Executive Committee and Congress.

8.4.10 **Ex-Officio Member, (Number) 1- Legal Adviser**

- A. Legal Adviser is a member of the Global Executive Committee nominated/appointed by the Global Executive Committee.
- B. He shall advise the Global Executive Committee on all legal matters.
- C. He participates in deliberations on legal matters but does not have a voting right.

8.4.11 **Ex-Officio Members, (Numbers) 2 & 3**

- A. Advise the Global Executive Committee of the Association and do not have voting rights and shall perform duties as may be assigned by the Global President, Global

Executive Committee or Congress.

B. In the advent of the re-election of a current Global President and / or a current Global General Secretary:

- i. The immediate past Global President and/ or immediate past Global General Secretary who are individually occupying the office of Ex-officio members Numbers 2 and 3 shall continue to occupy such office until a current Global President and / or a Global General Secretary vacate such office.
- ii. In the event that a current occupant of the office of Global President and/ or current General Secretary being not re-elected (The persons occupying the offices of Global President and Global General Secretary at the time of the election, being not re-elected):
- iii. The immediate past Global President and/ or immediate past Global General Secretary who are individually occupying the office of Ex-officio members Numbers 2 and 3 shall automatically vacate the position and cease to be Ex- Officio members in order for the outgoing Global President and Global General Secretary to fill in and become the next Ex- Officio members Number 2 and 3.

8.5 TENURE OF OFFICE FOR MEMBERS OF THE GLOBAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

A. Subject to the provision of this Constitution elected persons shall hold office in the Global Executive Committee until:

- i. A successor is elected and takes an undertaking to serve the Association, provided always that when and while an office is not filled via elections and or a vacancy occurs due to resignation, ill health or whatever reason, the Global Executive Committee shall nominate/appoint any of its members or a suitable member of the Association to temporarily fill in and/or perform the duties pertaining to a vacant Global Executive Committee office on an interim basis (save for the position of Global President where the Global Vice President shall temporarily fill in by operation of law) until a special/bye election is held to fill the vacancy. Such election to be held within two months of such office becoming vacant.
- ii. Office becomes vacant due to disciplinary decisions, ill health, infirmity or death.
- iii. Agreed date of resignation takes effect.
- iv. He ceases to hold office in accordance with the provision of this Constitution.

B. Subject to the provisions of subsection (A) above, an elected officer shall vacate his office at the expiration of a period of two years, commencing from his election at the Electoral Congress.

C. An officer of the Global Executive Committee elected at a special/by election shall

conclude the term of office of the person he has replaced.

- D. In the event, any office is not contested for at the Electoral congress but is subsequently filled in a special/bye election; the tenure of office of any such person elected to a Global Executive Committee office in the special/bye election shall by operation of law align with the tenure of officers of the Global Executive Committee elected at the previous immediate Electoral Congress.
- E. An officer elected into any particular office in the Global Executive Committee may serve for a maximum of two (2)terms in that particular office. This provision is without prejudice to a person being elected into a different office subsequently.
- F. Subject to the provisions of this Constitution, a member may seek to be elected into a different office in the Global Executive Committee provided he serves only two terms in a particular office.

8.6 VACANCIES AND REMOVAL FROM OFFICE(S) OF THE GLOBAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

8.6.1 An office shall become vacant if:

- A. The office holder resigns.
- B. The office holder is incapable of performing the functions of the office- if medically certified unfit.
- C. The office holder is absent from the Global Executive Committee meetings on three (3) consecutive occasions without justified reasons.
- D. The office holder is absent from General meetings on two (2) occasions without justified reasons.
- E. A petition or motion for the removal of the office holder is presented in accordance with the provision of this constitution and the provision of Article 14.1(B)(ix) is successfully activated.

8.6.2 No such officer shall be removed unless he is given a prior written notice by the General Secretary (by the Assistant Global General Secretary, in the event the complaint is against the Global General Secretary) at least five days after the receipt of the complaint by the Global Executive Committee. The officer shall be given at least twenty one (21) days to prepare a defence and is thereafter given an opportunity of a fair hearing by the Ethics and Discipline Committee.

8.7 NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION OF GLOBAL EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

Nomination shall be as prescribed elsewhere in this constitution and in accordance with the qualifications enunciated in the provisions of sections 8.1, 8.2 and 8.3 of this constitution.

Notwithstanding the stipulations contained in other provisions elsewhere in this constitution with respect to nomination and qualification for the Global Executive Committee offices, no class chapter shall present and/or endorse candidates for more than

a single (one) Global Executive Committee office. Where there is more than one intending Aspirant from a class chapter seeking election into the Global Executive Committee, the class chapter shall determine the Aspirant to endorse as candidate for the election by any lawfully democratic process. In the event of a dispute in endorsing a candidate, the class chapter may refer the matter/issue to the BOT for mediation, arbitration and resolution.

ARTICLE 9. PROCEDURE FOR ELECTIONS

9.1 Electoral Committee

The Global Executive Committee shall appoint for the purpose of conducting elections in to offices of the Association, an Electoral Committee consisting of four(4) members and a chairman (a total number of five persons), all of who shall be financial members of the Association with impeccable character.

- A. The Electoral Committee shall be responsible for the following:
 - i. Receiving nominations from interested candidates.
 - ii. Conducting elections and presenting the election results.
- B. The Electoral committee in conjunction with the Global Executive Committee, with the express approval of the Board of Trustees shall ensure that (financial) members who are delegates participating in elections and entitle to vote, whether or not physically present may vote by means of telephonic, electronic, online device or other remote communication facilities that the Association shall provide for elections.
- C. The Electoral committee shall ensure that the votes are gathered in a manner that permits the verification and that permits the tallied votes are presented to the Association without it, being possible for the Association to identify how individual delegates voted.
- D. Nominations of candidates/persons shall be made to the Electoral Committee by the members of the Association or by self-nomination, in writing, subject to the endorsement of prospective candidates by their class chapters. Endorsement by a class set shall be transparent and democratically undertaken.
- E. The Electoral Committee shall put up Notices on the Association's website, Secretariat Notice Board(s) and send same to all members of Association listed on the Association's Database, Class Ambassadors, Class and Location Chapters Coordinators listed in the secretariat's directory, requesting nominations into the Global Executive Committee offices of the Association, not less than thirty (30) calendar days before the elections.
- F. Any member nominated for election by other member(s) shall publicly accept such nomination and officially inform the Electoral Committee of his acceptance before commencement of the election.
- G. An honorary member shall not be eligible to nominate person(s) for election, vote or be voted for.
- H. Members of the Electoral committee shall not be eligible to nominate person(s) for the election and shall not vote or be voted for at the election.

- I. The Electoral Committee shall have the power to enforce provisions of relevant sections of this constitution pertaining to elections. It shall also have power to mete out sanctions to any candidate who contravenes any of the provisions of this constitution with respect to the elections. The decision of the Electoral Committee in all matters relating to the Association and conduct of the elections including the declaration of the winners and handing out of corrective and disciplinary measures to all candidates is Subject to appeal by the aggrieved candidates to the Board of Trustees.
- J. Candidates MUST obtain and complete an Intention-to-Contest Nomination Form that shall be designed by the Electoral Committee, requesting detailed information about the candidates, including a 5''x 7'' Passport Photograph, Names and class-Sets of the Proposer(s) and Second(er) (s) of the candidate.
- K. Only financial members of the Association shall be entitled to propose/nominate and second candidates.
- L. Only financial members of the Association who are nominated delegates can vote in an election.
- M. Only financial members of the Association can be voted for in any election.
- N. The Electoral Committee shall receive from the secretariat and publish the list of all eligible delegates (who shall be financial members, as there are no waivers for eligibility to vote) on the Association's website and its other social media platforms, fourteen calendar (14) days before the date/day of the election. After the publication of the list of eligible delegates, the Electoral committee is constrained from including any further names to the list of eligible delegates unless it can show that such persons/members whose names are intended to be included on the list paid their annual dues/subscription and or levies within the period stipulated by this constitution and their names were inadvertently omitted or was omitted as a result of clerical errors.
- O. Nominations SHALL close 0.00 HRS Nigerian Time, seventeen (17) calendar days before the date of the election. Thereafter the electoral committee shall immediately publish a list of qualified candidates sixteen (16) calendar days before the date/day of election.
- P. Subsequent to successful appeal by aggrieved candidates over failed nomination(s), the electoral committee shall publish a final list of qualified candidates fourteen (14) calendar days before the date/day of election.
- Q. The duly completed Intention-to-Contest Nomination form of each candidate SHALL be displayed on the Association's website and the other social media platforms of the Association from the close of nominations till 0.00 HRS on the day of Elections.
- R. Campaigns shall open 0.01 HRS Nigerian Time, fourteen (14) calendar days before the date of elections and close 0.00 HRS Nigerian Time on the day of election.
- S. Mode of campaigns shall be limited to the use of the Internet, social media, telephone and personal interactions and SHALL under no circumstances take place on the college/school premises, Radio, Television, Newspapers and Magazines.

- T. Candidates SHALL maintain Decorum and Decency before, during and after the elections.

9.2 VOTING AT ELECTION

- A. A delegate shall have only one vote at any election.
- B. Election to the Global Executive Committee shall be by 'Electoral College of Delegates' nominated from each class chapters who are financial members of the Association / have paid up their annual subscriptions and levies.
- C. The 'Electoral College of Delegates' shall consist of three Delegates from each Class Chapter. The manner of appointment of the Delegates from each class chapter (graduating class of the college/school) shall be as set forth/ provided in article 7.3.2 of this constitution.
- D. Only the members of Electoral Committee shall count votes cast.
- E. Voting methods, which includes but not limited to show of hands, Secret Ballot, Telephone, Electronic, Online voting and/or a combination of all these voting methods shall be as determined by the Electoral Committee subject to the approval of the Board of Trustees.
- F. The candidate who scores the highest number of votes for any office/position shall be declared the winner and duly elected.
- G. In an election involving two candidates, in the event of a tie between the two candidates, the winner shall be decided by a second ballot, if there is still a tie on the second ballot, the chairman of the Electoral committee shall inquire from the candidates if any is willing to step down for the other, if none of the candidates is willing to step down for the other, he shall determine the winner by drawing a lot.
- H. In an election involving more than two candidates, in event of a tie in the highest number of votes, there shall be a runoff election between the candidates whose votes tied. If there is still a tie, the chairman of the Electoral committee shall inquire from the candidates if any is willing to step down for the other, if none of the candidates is willing to step down for the other, he shall determine the winner by drawing a lot.
- I. In an election involving a lone candidate. The lone candidate is required to obtain one third of the votes of delegates present at the electoral congress, to be declared elected.
- J. The Chairman of the Electoral Committee or his nominee who MUST be a member of the Electoral Committee SHALL announce the results of the elections to delegates present at the elections at the close of polling and results MUST also be posted on the Association's website and other social media platforms of the Association thereafter.
- K. Appeal can only be entertained from aggrieved candidates and not agents, supporters, sympathizers etc.
- L. All Objections and Appeals to and against the result announced and winners declared shall be made to the Board of Trustees whose decisions, taken not later than seven (7)

working days shall be final.

- M. In event of elections being postponed, it shall not be more than Eight (8) weeks from the initial date of elections.

ARTICLE 10. STANDING COMMITTEES

- A. There shall be constituted Standing and Ad hoc committee(s) for the Association as deemed relevant by the Global Executive Committee.
- B. The tenure of such committee (with the exception of the audit committee who shall be appointed by the board of trustee) shall be tied to the tenure of the Global Executive Committee that constituted it. The succeeding Global Executive Committee may however renew or extend its tenure.
- C. Standing Committees include-
- i. Global Convention Committee & Awards Event.
 - ii. Special Projects.
 - iii. Ethics and Discipline.
 - iv. Audit.
- D. The members of the Audit Committee (which shall be a committee of no more than three persons in/of good standing) shall be appointed by the Board of Trustees to audit the Association's accounts. The constitution of the audit committee shall as much as practicable include person (s) who are professional accountants; person(s) with audit experience/engaged in audit related activities and or person(s) with reasonable knowledge of accounting and financial matters. The team lead of this committee shall be a professional accountant or auditor who is professionally licensed to prepare and certify audited financial report(s).
- E. The Audit Committee shall ensure checks and balance in the financial reports of the association, audit the accounts/financial statements of the Association and present a written report thereof at the next general meeting. The Board of Trustees may also direct the audit committee to present a bi-annual financial report for the purposes of compliance with the Act.
- F. The Global Executive Committee shall provide all relevant books, documents and bank statements to the Audit Committee to examine for the purposes of compliance with the annual audit of the association's account and submission of the bi-annual statement of affairs, as stipulated in the Act.

ARTICLE 11. CONGRESS OF THE ASSOCIATION

- A. This Constitution provides for a Congress (Annual) to be held in the month of April every year.
- B. Congress Agenda
- i. *Report on activities of the Association in the outgoing year.*

- ii. *President's Annual Report.*
 - iii. *Financial Report.*
 - iv. *Secretariat Report.*
 - v. *Chapter Report*
 - vi. *Election of officers/members of the Global Executive Committee in an election year.*
 - vii. *Any other business that may have been previously slated for discussion as presented by any organ of the Association or financial member of the Association presented in writing to the secretariat not less than fifteen (15) calendar days before the Congress. The Global General Secretary shall within Fourteen (14)- calendar days notify members of the issue(s) to be so presented by the said organ or member(s) of the Association. The fourteen calendar days is deemed to have commenced on the day the General Secretary send out the notice on the Association's website, its social media platforms and to members email addresses.*
- C. The quorum for the Congress shall be twenty-five (25) financial members, provided those members include:
- i. *A member of the Board of Trustees (BOT);*
 - ii. *The Global President or the Vice-President;*
 - iii. *The Global Secretary General or the Assistant Global Secretary General; and*
 - iv. *Two (2) other elected members of the Global Executive Committee.*
 - v. *Any two (2) other members of the Global Executive Council*

ARTICLE 12. MEETINGS

12.1 GENERAL MEETINGS

- A. General Meetings of the Association shall be held, in September every year or in the event of unforeseen circumstances on a date to be determined by the Global Executive Committee. This provision does not hinder the Global Executive committee from scheduling any other General meetings annually for good reasons. Class chapters, Location Chapters and Set Councils are encouraged to hold frequent meetings of their own. The focus of this constitution is to hold plenty Class chapters, Location chapters and Set councils meetings annually as these are the fulcrum of the association.
- B. There shall be a Global Convention and Awards event of the Association in the month of December every three years from the commencement of this constitution, in the school premises at Ogbomosho. The purpose is to bring members and their families, friends, current students and staff of the school to felicitate, celebrate, galvanize fellowship, camaraderie, deepen bonding, cordial relationships and confer awards on deserving members or any other person as may be deemed fit by the

Association.

- C. Notwithstanding Clause B, herein above, 'Class Chapters', 'Set Councils' and 'Location Chapters' may celebrate Annual or Bi-annual reunion events as they deem fit; however these must not clash with the Global Convention and Awards event.
- D. Decisions at any General Meeting and/or Emergency Meeting shall be by a simple majority on a show of hands of financial members present and voting and/or by tallying/computation of votes from financial members in attendance by means of remote communication except where this constitution expressly require more than a simple majority and on the election of Global Executive Committee Officers, which mode shall be as stated else wherein this constitution.
- E. Attendance at the Congress, General Meetings and Emergency/Extraordinary Meetings shall be open to all members of the Association save for those under sanctions by the Association. Only financial members have the right of audience and the right to vote on issues discussed at Congress and/or meetings, in accordance with the provisions stipulated in this constitution.
- F. Business to be transacted at General Meeting(s) and Emergency/Extraordinary Meetings shall be as tabled by the Global Executive Committee.
- G. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this constitution, the Global Executive Committee may with the express approval of the Board of Trustees, determine at any time that the Annual Congress, the Biennial (Biannual) Elective Congress, General Meetings, Emergency/Extraordinary Meetings, Global Convention and Award Event and/or Committee Meetings be held by means of remote communication and at a physical location simultaneously.
- H. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this constitution, the Global Executive Committee may with the express approval of the Board of Trustees, determine at any time that the Annual Congress, the Biennial (Biannual) Elective Congress, General Meetings, Emergency/Extraordinary Meetings, Global Convention and Award Event and/or Committee Meetings be solely held by means of remote communication if there are any exigent circumstances which makes physical participation by members in Meetings/Gatherings of any kind impossible and or unsafe or due to any Government actions, rules, protocols, laws, epidemic, pandemic, natural disaster, war, riot set prohibiting any or large gathering.
- I. In accordance with the provisions of this constitution, all financial members of the Association are entitled to participate and vote at such Meetings as provided for in the immediate preceding paragraph even though they are not physically present at such meetings.
- J. All requisite notices of Meetings/Congresses as provided elsewhere in this constitution are applicable to paragraph 12.1 (F) and 12.1(G) of this constitution.
- K. Where financial members participate through a communication facility in Congress/Convention/Meetings/Events that is chaired by the Global President or his representative in a physical location, the members participating remotely are

deemed to be present at the Congress/Convention/Meeting/Event and accordingly will count towards the quorum requirement for the Meeting.

- L. The communication facilities may be by way of Teleconference calls, Virtual, Videoconference, and Webinars etc. The Global Executive Committee shall with the express approval of the Board of Trustees determine the form, type and kind of the remote Meeting- the service provider(s) and or platform(s). The remote communication facility/platform must permit all members to communicate adequately with each other during the Meeting.
- M. The Global Executive Committee with the express approval of the Board of Trustees shall publish and circulate periodically to all the members of this Association in reasonable time before meetings; a Protocol/Guidance notes on good practices for remote communication meetings- such inexhaustible items as meeting management, conduct of members unacceptable at meeting, different time zones, Attendance, Quorum, Screen sharing, Communication between members, and the Global Executive Committee during meetings, Private communication during a meeting, Clarity of decision making, IT and Technical considerations.

12.2 GLOBAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND GLOBAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETINGS.

- A. The Global Executive Committee shall meet before any General Meeting or Congress and not less than three (3) times in a year.
- B. Five (5) of the members of the Global Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum.
- C. The Global President or in the absence of the Global president, the Global Vice President shall chair meetings of the Global Executive Committee.
- D. The Global Executive Council shall meet at least two (2) times a year. The Global Secretariat shall determine the place and time of the meetings and shall underwrite the cost of the meetings. Nothing in this provision prevents any member of the Global Executive Council from requesting in writing for a meeting of the Global Executive Council. Such request shall be made to the Global President and give clear details of the agenda of the proposed meeting. The Global President shall consider the merits of the request with the Global Executive Committee and take an appropriate decision.

12.3 EMERGENCY/EXTRAORDINARY MEETING

- A. On the receipt by the Global General-Secretary, of a written requisition signed by two-third of the members of the Global Executive Committee or by not less than twenty-five (25) financial members of the Association from a minimum of five (5) chapters calling for an Emergency/Extraordinary Meeting which shall state in clear details of the matter that needs to be deliberated upon, the Global President shall direct the Global General-Secretary in writing to summon an Emergency/Extraordinary Meeting to hold within four weeks of the date of the receipt of the requisition at such place and time as may be decided by the Global Executive Committee to deliberate upon the matter(s) stated in the requisition.

- B. Fourteen (14)-calendar days' notice with the proposed agenda of the meeting shall be provided to members before an Emergency/Extraordinary Meeting can hold. The fourteen calendar days is deemed to have commenced on the day the General Secretary send out the notice on the Association's website, its social media platforms and to members email addresses.
- c. The quorum for an Emergency/Extraordinary Meeting shall be same as for a General Meeting or Congress of the Association.
- D. The Global Executive Committee shall not be obliged to act on any other request or issue not be in a part of the clear details of the matter that needs to be deliberated upon as provided in clause 12.3 (A) herein above.

ARTICLE 13. FINANCE

- A. The financial year of the Association shall commence from the first (1st) day of January of each year and terminate on the thirty-first (31st) day of December of each year. Consequently the annual subscription/dues shall become due/payable on the first (1st) day of January of each year and shall be paid not later than thirty-first (31st) day of March of each year. The range of sanctions stated in this constitution shall apply to members whose annual subscription/due are not paid by the thirty-first (31st) day of March each year and/or remains in default after March 31st each year.
- B. The Association shall generate its income from:
 - i. *Annual dues to be fixed by the Congress on the recommendation of the Global Executive Committee.*
 - ii. *Donations and Sponsorships.*
 - iii. *Voluntary contributions by members.*
 - iv. *Special levies as may be approved by the Global Executive Committee.*
 - v. *Gifts.*
 - vi. *Endowments.*
 - vii. *Investments of any kind provided always that the proceeds would solely be for the benefit of the Association.*
 - viii. *Grants and Aids.*
- C. The funds of the Association shall be lodged with reputable bank(s) to be appointed by the Global Executive Committee and approved by the Board of Trustees.
- D. There shall be three principal signatories to the Association's accounts namely, the Global President, the Global General Secretary and the Global Treasurer. The Global President and any one of the Global General Secretary or the Global Treasurer may sign on behalf of the Association.
- E. Further to the preceding paragraph, in the event the Global Presidents:
 - i. *Declared medically unfit by a certified medical practitioner.*

- ii. *Declared bankrupt.*
- iii. *Convicted of a criminal offence.*
- iv. *Removed from office.*
- v. *Or resigns from office.*

The Global General Secretary and the Global Treasurer shall sign on behalf of the Association until a new Global President is elected.

- F. In the event that a Caretaker/Interim/Transitional Committee is constituted to run the affairs of the Association, the Principal Officers of the committee shall sign the cheques and operate the Accounts of the Association.
- G. All movable and fixed assets of the Association shall be properly documented and accounted for in the Annual Financial Reports. The income and property of the Association shall be applied solely towards the promotions of the objectives of the Association as set forth in this Constitution and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly, by way of dividends, bonus or profits to its members.
- H. No expenditure shall be incurred for any purpose unless such expenditure has been approved by the Global Executive Committee in the annual budget or any supplementary budget of the Association provided that in cases of emergency, the Global Treasurer in consultation with the Global President and the Global General Secretary may authorize such expenditure in their discretion and afterwards seek approval from the Global Executive Committee, provided in addition always, that the exercise of such discretion shall be limited to the recurrent expenditure of the month immediately preceding.
- I. The Global General Secretary may hold as impress such amount as may be approved by the Global Executive Committee from time to time.
- J. If the Auditor surcharges any officer or member of the Association with the payment of any amount, the Global Executive Committee may serve a notice upon such person to pay the amount surcharged within a period not being less than fourteen days after service of such notice upon him. Upon such person failing to pay the amount, the Global Executive Committee may impose sanctions and authorize that legal proceedings be taken to enforce payment.

ARTICLE 14. DISCIPLINE

Any member who is alleged to have erred or committed any act of impropriety or whose conduct reflect adversely on the Association, or whose act, behavior or conduct bring or is likely to bring the reputation of other individual members and the Association to disrepute or any other type of misconduct with regards to the Association and its activities, goals and objectives will be granted procedural fairness and a natural justice hearing/inquiry as required by this Constitution as follows:

- A. Allegations shall be brought to the Global Executive Committee in writing with full identification of the member(s), or person(s) making such allegations.

- B. The Global Executive Committee shall examine and determine the merit of such allegations and, if found to have a strong basis, shall refer the matter to the Ethics and Discipline Committee for appropriate investigation and determination.
- C. The Process of Investigations and Hearings shall comply with fair hearing procedures.
- D. Report and recommendations from the committee shall be presented to the Global Executive Committee in strict confidence, if it deems it necessary the Global Executive Committee may apply necessary sanctions against erring members including:
- i. *Reprimand.*
 - ii. *Fine.*
 - iii. *Suspension for a period not exceeding four (4) months*
 - iv. *Expulsion.*
 - v. *Barred from holding office.*
- E. APPEAL - Any member of the Association aggrieved by the sanction meted out to him by the Global Executive Committee shall have the right of appeal within Twenty One (21) days of the punishment to the Board of Trustees.
- F. The Appeal shall be in writing and addressed to the Chairman of the Board of Trustees. On receipt of such Appeal, the Chairman of the Board of Trustees shall, within forty-eight (48) hours cause a meeting of its members to be held to decide the Appeal. Such meeting may be physical or virtual medium.
- G. The Board of Trustees shall have the power to reverse, affirm or alter the sanction in accordance with this Constitution.
- H. The Decision of the Board of Trustees shall be by simple majority of its members participating in the meeting.
- I. For the purposes of the Association's internal mediation and conflict resolution mechanisms, the decision of the Board of Trustees shall be final.

14.1 GROUNDS FOR REMOVAL FROM OFFICE

- A. Any elected or appointed member of the Global Executive committee may be removed from office by a simple majority of members voting at a general meeting.
- B. The following shall constitute offences or grounds for removal;
- i. *Misappropriation or embezzlement of funds and/or other assets of the association.*
 - ii. *Violation of the Association's constitution.*
 - iii. *Acts of disobedience to the Board of Trustees, Global Executive Committee and Congress.*
 - iv. *Publication or dissemination of any printed or electronic matter that*

misrepresents the Association or likely to bring or brings its integrity into disrepute.

- v. *Use of member's personal information for personal benefits or fraudulent purposes.*
- vi. *Refusal to pay annual dues for period of six (6) months or any special assessment or levy agreed by the membership.*
- vii. *Consistent refusal to participate or being absent from Meetings and planned activities of the Association without valid reasons.*
- viii. *The grounds stated in clause 8.6.1(C) and (D).*
- ix. *Any active member in good standing, supported by at least any other four (4) members in good standing or by two (2) members of the Global Executive Committee, may request the removal of an officer through a written notice to the Global Executive Committee. Within five day of receipt of the removal request, The Global General Secretary or Global Assistant General Secretary shall issue a notice to the said officer with details of the request of his removal from office to enable him prepare his defense.*
- x. *The Ethics and Discipline Committee shall give any such officer whose removal is deliberated a due fair hearing. The committee's findings and recommendations shall be presented to the Global Executive Committee for proper action and if they come to a decision to remove such officer from office, their decision shall be presented at a general meeting for ratification, by a simple majority of those present in the meeting constituted for this purpose.*
- xi. *Without prejudice to the preceding provision, the Global Executive Committee may reach a decision to impose sanction on the erring Global Executive Committee officer by suspension from the activities of the Associations for a period not exceeding four months. Appeals lie to the Board of Trustees, whose decision is final.*

14.2

- A. A suit shall not be commenced against the Incorporated trustees (Board of Trustees) before the expiration of forty-five (45) days after a written notice of intention to commence the suit is served upon the Incorporated Trustees by the Intending plaintiff or his agent.
- B. The notice referred in subsection 14 2(A) above shall clearly state the-
 - i. Cause of action
 - ii. Particulars of the claim
 - iii. Name, class chapter, location chapter, place of a bode of the intending plaintiff; and
 - iv. Relief sought

ARTICLE 15. DECISION MAKING

- A. Except otherwise provided for in this Constitution, all decisions of the Congress, General Meetings, Emergency/Extraordinary Meetings, the Global Executive Committee Meetings, the Global Executive Council Meetings, Standing committees and Ad hoc committees shall be by a simple majority vote(s) of members present and voting at such meetings.
- B. All decisions of the Global Executive Committee, the Global Executive Council, Standing committees are subject to ratification at the General Meetings constituted for its purpose.
- C. All decisions of Ad hoc committees are subject to the initial ratification of the Global Executive Committee, while the decision of the audit committee is also subject to the initial ratification of the Board of Trustees.

ARTICLE 16. INTERPRETATIONS

- A. Any question concerning the interpretation of this Constitution shall be referred to the Incorporated Board of Trustees who will take appropriate steps to rectify, amend or delete concerns raised.
- B. Any matter, case or issue not specifically provided for by this Constitution shall be referred to the Incorporated Board of Trustees, whose decisions shall be ad interim/pro tempore and subject to ratification by Congress.

ARTICLE 17. SPECIAL CLAUSE & DISSOLUTION

- A. The intent of this Constitution is that the Association be operated as a “not- for-profit” organization. As such, the income and property of the Association shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objects of the Association as set forth in this Constitution and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividend, bonus, or otherwise howsoever by way of profit to any of the members of the Association.
- B. Nothing in this constitution shall prevent the payment in good faith, of reasonable and proper reimbursement, to any officer or servant of the Association, for such authorized expenditures, incurred by said officer or servant on behalf of the Association. There shall be no payment of rent or professional fees for services rendered by members to the Association as such services shall be deemed to be donations. No member/officer of the Global Executive Committee and Global Executive Council shall be appointed or converted to any salaried office in the Association and no Executive office or position of the Association shall be salaried or paid any remuneration, fees or benefits in money.
- C. This Association shall not be dissolved except by four fifth (4/5) majority vote of Financial Members in a Congress and unanimously ratified by the Board of Trustees of the Association who shall consequently transmit this decision to the Corporate

Affairs Commission and undertake the processes of winding up the Association. Any such request for dissolution of the Association shall be advertised in all the association's social media platforms and sent by electronic mail to all members on the Association data base to enable members participated in the decision making for dissolution.

- D. In the event of winding up or dissolution of the Association and there remains after satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities, any properties whatsoever, the same shall not be paid to or distributed among the members of the Association but shall be given or transferred to some other Association or body having objectives similar to those of the Association and the body or bodies are prohibited from distributing its or their income and property amongst its or their members to an extent at least as great as it imposed on the Association under or by virtue of the SPECIAL CLAUSE hereof, such Association to be determined by the Congress of the Association before the time of dissolution and if in so far as effect cannot be given to the aforesaid provision then to the Federal Government College Ogbomosho.

ARTICLE 18. AMENDMENTS

- A. Any provision of this Constitution (except article 17 Dissolution) may be amended by two-third (2/3) majority of all financial member(s) present and entitled to vote at an Annual or Biennial Congress of the Association in April. Provisions of the constitution to be amended and the proposed amendments shall be duly advertised to all members of the Association for the purpose of the amendment.
- B. The constitution shall not be amended at a General meeting, an Emergency/Extraordinary meeting and/or in a Congress of an Election year.
- C. For the avoidance of doubt, two-third (2/3) majority of financial members present and voting shall be approximated to the nearest whole number.
- D. Any proposal of amendment of this Constitution by member(s) shall be sent to the Global General Secretary two (2) calendar months before the date of Congress at which such proposal shall be discussed.
- E. The Global General Secretary shall circulate the text of such proposed amendment to all member(s) through the Association's website and its other social media platforms (thirty) 30 days before the Congress/at which such proposed amendment shall be discussed.
- F. The Global Executive Committee shall appoint an ad hoc Constitution Amendment Electoral Committee, which shall consist of a Chairman and two members (all financial members of the Association) to conduct the votes to Ratify/Adopt or Reject the proposed amendment(s). The Constitution amendment electoral committee shall apply the same ballot process as enunciated in this constitution to conduct elections into the Global Executive Committee.
- G. Eligible Members (Financial) shall at the Congress mentioned in clause 18 (A) and (E) above vote to ratify/adopt or reject the proposed amendment(s).
- H. The Constitution Electoral Committee shall receive from the secretariat and publish the

list of all eligible members (who shall be financial members, as there are no waivers for eligibility to vote) in the Association's website and its other social media platforms, fourteen calendar days before the date/day of the Ratification/Adoption/Rejection of proposed amendment(s). After the publication of the list of eligible voters, the Constitution Electoral committee is constrained from including any further names to the list of eligible voter unless it can show that such persons/members whose names are intended to be included on the list paid their annual dues/subscription and or levies in accordance with the provisions stipulated in the constitution to enable them participate in the Ratification/Adoption/Rejection of proposed amendment(s) and their names were inadvertently omitted or was omitted as a result of clerical errors.

- I. Notice of all such Adopted amendments approved by Congress shall also be forwarded/transmitted to the Registrar-General, Corporate Affairs Commission, Abuja for consequential action.

ARTICLE 19. TRANSITIONAL & MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

A new financial year of the association shall commence on the first (1st) day of January 2026 subsequent to the adoption, ratification and proclamation of this constitution. Consequently, the year 2025 shall have an abridged financial year commencing 1st of May, 2025 and terminating December 31st 2025. The intent and implication of this, is that all current and existing members financial status (financial membership) shall be determined/established henceforth from the first (1st) day of January 2026.

Consequently members who skip the payment of annual dues/subscription and/or levies in any particular year must pay for the missed/skipped year and the current financial year to enjoy the privileges of a financial member.

The financial membership status of all aspiring, intending, prospective and future members shall be determined from the day their names enter into the attendance register in meetings of their Class Chapters and Location Chapters of the Association commencing from (effective) January 2026.

Without prejudice to the foregoing provision, for the purposes of Election into Global Executive Committee offices in year 2026, the financial years referred to in Article 8.1.1(i) of this constitution shall be interpreted as having commenced with the payment of annual dues/subscription and/or levies on or before 31st day of July 2025 for the abridged financial year 2025 and thereafter fit/collapse into the new financial year commencing first (1st) January 2026 as stipulated in this constitution.

20. TITLES AND COMMENCEMENT

This Constitution may be cited as **“THE CONSTITUTION OF INCORPORATED TRUSTEES OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT COLLEGE OGBOMOSO OLD STUDENTS ASSOCIATION”**

EPILOGUE

This Constitution has Twenty (20) Articles only.

- ❖ This Constitution (as Amended) is ratified and adopted by congress, this 30th day of April 2025

SCHEDULE I (First Schedule):

1. Class of 1982- class 1989 & All Higher School Certificate (HSC)

Classes;

2. Class of 1990-class of 1999;

3. Class of 2000- class of 2009;

4. Class of 2010- class of 2019;

5. Class of 2020- class of 2029

And the sequence continues infinitely.

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