



CONSTITUTION OF THE

GOVERNMENT COLLEGE IBADAN

OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION

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1. NAME AND HEADQUARTERS

The Association shall be called “The Government College Ibadan Old Boys Association” and shall have its headquarters at Ibadan.

2. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

The aims and objects of the Association shall be:

- (a) to maintain a close association amongst past students of the Government College Ibadan hereafter called “the College” wherever they may be and to foster the spirit of unity among them;
- (b) to promote and protect the interest, welfare and progress of the college;
- (c) to give financial and other assistance to its members and to any student of the college whenever this is considered necessary by the Association or its Executive committee;
- (d) to encourage and foster among students of the college the spirit of healthy rivalry in all spheres of activities in the College by the award of trophies and prizes in the form of books, money or otherwise

3. MEMBERSHIP

- (i) Membership shall be open to any past student of the college (hereafter called “Old Boy”)
- (ii) Every Old Boy after admission into the Association shall fill and sign a prescribed form which he shall submit to the General Secretary of the Association or either of his assistant.
- (iii) The Executive Committee shall have the power to accept an application for membership of the Association, but the power to refuse admission to any person who is prima facie qualified for admission into the Association shall lie only with the General Meeting.
- (iv) The General Meeting shall have the power to refuse admission to, or if already admitted to expel from, the Association any Old Boy who was dismissed from the College on account of bad conduct or behavior or who

has been convicted of any offense involving moral turpitude or whose conduct or character is otherwise considered inimical to the good name of the Association. Any motion for the expulsion of a member under this provision shall not take effect unless it is supported by at least two-third votes of all the members present at the General Meeting and who are eligible to vote.

- (v) All members of the teaching staff of the College shall ipso factor be honorary members of the Association and shall, as such, be entitled to all rights, privileges and duties appertaining thereto. Such honorary members shall be free to continue their membership of the Association after they have cease to be members of the teaching staff of the College provided they were on the staff of the College for at least one academic year.
- (vi) For the avoidance doubt, it is hereby declared that whosoever is the principal or headmaster of the College shall be entitled to attend and participate in the deliberations at all General Meetings of the Association.

4. PATRONS

- (i) The Executive Committee may nominate for the approval of the General Meeting, not more than three fit and proper persons as the Patrons of the Association.
- (ii) The Patrons shall hold office initially for a period of three years from one Annual General Meeting provide that the Executive Committee may re-nominate any person for the post of Patrons for any number of years in succession or otherwise.

5. OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

The following shall be the officers of the Association.

- (i) a national President
- (ii) two national Vice-President
 - 1st Vice-President
 - 2nd Vice-President

- (iii) a General Secretary
- (iv) a Treasurer
- (v) two Assistant General Secretaries, who shall be called first and second assistant General Secretaries, respectively
- (vi) a Financial Secretary
- (vii) a Social Secretary, and
- (viii) an Auditor.

6. COMPOSITION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

There shall be an Executive Committee of the Association which shall consist of the following persons: -

- (a) all the officers listed in the preceding section
- (b) 5 other persons namely;
 - (i) the immediate past President
 - (ii) four Ex-Officio members
- (c) the current Principal of the College
- (d) Chairman and Secretaries of branches

7. ELECTION

- (i) Subject to the provisions hereinafter contained, the election of all members of the Executive Committee excepting those listed in paragraphs (b) (i) and (c) of Section 6 shall take place at the Annual General Meeting every 2 years and shall be by secret ballot; provided that the General Meeting may by affirmative resolution waive the provisions as to voting by secret ballot and substitute therefore election by a show of hands.
- (ii) Notwithstanding anything contained in the preceding Sub-section of this Section, the General Secretary shall be free to nominate for the approval of the Meeting two persons for the post of the Assistant General Secretaries. If

the General meeting does not approve the General Secretary's nominees, then the posts of Assistant General Secretaries shall be filled as provided for in the preceding Sub-section.

8. DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

(i) The President shall:

- (a) summon, through the Secretary, all meetings of the Association whether general or Executive and preside over such meetings.
- (b) have no deliberate vote at any meeting over which he presides, but shall have a casting vote in the case of a tie.
- (c) be ex-officio member of all Sub-Committees of the Executive;
- (d) be responsible, in consultation with the Executive committee, for the day to day administration of the Association; and
- (e) present an address at each Annual General Meeting

(ii) The Vice-President shall

- (a) assist the President generally in the discharge of his duties;
- (b) be elected as 1st and 2nd Vice-President and shall deputise for the President in that order of preference in the absence of the latter; and have the same rights and powers as the President while deputizing for him.

(iii) The General Secretary shall

- (a) summon all meetings of the Association, whether General or Executive in the manner herein provided.
- (b) keep the minutes of all meetings of the Association whether General or Executive;
- (c) compile and present an annual report to the Annual General Meeting; and

- (d) be generally in control of the activities of the two Assistant General Secretaries, to whom he may delegate any of his duties.
 - (e) be responsible for the day-to-day administration of the Association under the general directive of the President.
- (iv) The Treasurer shall
 - (a) accept all payments on behalf of the Association and deposit them in the account of the Association in the Bank within 14 days of accepting such payments.
 - (b) make payments on behalf of the Association as he may be directed by the Executive Committee or the General Meeting.
 - (c) keep an up-to-date account of all moneys received by him and make his books available to the Executive Committee and/or the Auditor of the Association whenever called upon to do so; and
 - (d) prepare an annual balance-sheet and submit his books to the Executive Committee after they shall have been audited by the Auditor of the Association at least one month before the Annual General Meeting.
- (v) The First Assistant General Secretary shall
 - (a) deputize for the General Secretary in the absence of the latter.
 - (b) generally, assist the General Secretary in the performance of all his duties, and in particular he shall liaise between the college and the Association.
- (vi) The Second Assistant General Secretary shall deputize for the first Assistant General Secretary.
- (vii) The Financial Secretary shall:
 - (a) collect all moneys of the Association and hand them over to the Treasurer within 7 days of such collection;

- (b) carry out in collaboration with the Social Secretary or other officers of the Association such publicity as shall enhance any financial projects upon the Association may from time to time decide to embark;
 - (c) keep an update account of all moneys received by him and those paid by him to the Treasurer;
 - (d) make his books of accounts available to the Executive Committee and/or the auditor whenever called to do so.
- (viii) The Social Secretary shall: -
- take charge of the social activities of the Association under the general or specific directions of the Executive Committee
- (ix) The Auditor shall: -
- have the power to audit the accounts of the Association at any time; provided that for the purposes of the Preparation of the annual balance-sheet of the financial transaction of the Association the Auditors shall give the Treasurer and the Financial Secretary at least 21 days notice in writing of his intention to carry out the audit.]

9. THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- (i) The administration of the Association shall be vested in the Executive Committee.
- (ii) Meetings of the Executive Committee shall be held at least once a quarter and as and when the National President may direct; provided that the President shall cause the meeting of the Executive Committee to be held upon a written request signed by at least 6 members of the Executive Committee which should include at least 3 officers of the Association.
- (iii) Notice of any meeting of the Executive Committee or of a sub-committee shall be given as far as possible to all members of the Committee by letter, telegram, telephone or otherwise, at least seven days before the meeting is to take place, provided that no business transacted at such a meeting after a shorter notice shall for that reason be invalidated.

- (iv) The quorum of the Executive Committee shall be 6 members including at least 3 officers.
- (v) The Executive Committee shall have the power to appoint sub-committee, one third of whom shall form the quorum.
- (vi) No business shall be transacted at an Executive committee or Sub-Committee meeting unless a quorum is formed.
- (vii) The Executive committee and/or any Sub-Committee shall have power to co-opt any members of the Association as and when they consider it necessary to do so.
- (viii) Ad-hoc Committee may be appointed by the General Meeting.

10. Co-ordinating committee

- (i) The Co-ordinating Committee shall compose of: -
 - (a) The National Executive Committee.
 - (b) Chairmen and Secretaries of Branches
 - (c) Chairmen and Secretaries of Class-sets.
- (ii) The Committee shall meet twice a year to provide information to and bridge communication gap with the National Executive Committee.
- (iii) The Committee shall serve both the National Executive Committee and the Annual General Meeting in fulfilling the objectives of the Association.
- (iv) The meeting of the coordinating committee shall be chaired by the National President or the Vice President in the absence of the National President; but in their absence by the oldest class set member in attendance.

The National Secretary shall serve as the Secretary.

11. GENERAL MEETINGS

- (i) There shall be an Annual General Meeting of the Association which shall be held once a year in the penultimate Saturday of October but such that

in any case the interval between one Annual General Meeting and the other shall not be more than 18 months.

- (ii) Notice of an Annual General Meeting which shall be in writing, fax or e-mail shall be sent to all class-sets and branch associations and all members of the Association eligible to vote at the previous General Meeting at least 30 days before the meeting is to take place.
- (iii) Emergency General Meetings may be held as and when the Executive Committee may decide upon a written request signed by at least 25 members of the Association who are eligible to vote at the previous Annual general meeting, including at least 5 members of the Executive.
- (iv) Notice of an Emergency General meeting which shall be in writing or by telex, fax, e-mail or telegram shall be sent to all class sets and branch Associations and all members of the Association eligible to vote at the previous Annual General Meeting at least 21 days before the meeting is to take place.
- (v) A quorum at any General Meeting shall be 25
- (vi) Only specific subjects for which an Emergency General Meeting has been summoned shall be discussed in such a meeting: provided that on the request of at least two-third of all members present at the meeting and who are eligible to vote other matters may be discussed.

12. FINANCE

- (i) The financial year of the Association shall be from 1st November of one year to 30th October of the following year.
- (ii) Every member of the Association shall pay an annual subscription of N50.00 (Fifty Naira) and N1,000 (One Thousand naira) by each class set, or any amount so determined by the National Executive to the National body not later than the 30th of June.
- (iii) Chapters in the Universities and other institutions of higher learning shall be obliged to pay to the Association only the sum of N10.00 (Ten naira)

or any amount so determined by the National Executive per-member per annum.

- (iv) Old boys who are certified financially incapable should be exempted from all or some payments towards the achievement of the goals of the Association.
- (v) The Executive Committee or the General Meeting or the Co-ordinating committee may make levies on, raise loans or ask for voluntary contributions from all members of the Association including Branches and class sets for the lawful purposes of the Association. Orders, cheques or any other moneys for withdrawal from the accounts of the Association shall be signed by the Treasurer and either National President or either or the two vice-presidents or the General Secretary.

13. TRUSTEES

- (a) The Association at a General Meeting shall appoint not less than three (3) nor more than five (5) as Trustees in accordance with the provisions of the Companies and Allied Act, 1990.
- (b) Upon registration the trustees shall referred to as “THE INCORPORATED TRUSTEES OF GOVERNMENT COLLEGE IBADAN OLD BOYS ASSOCIATION (GCIOBA).”
- (c) A trustee shall cease to hold Office if:
 - (i) He resigns,
 - (ii) He becomes insane
 - (iii) He is officially declared bankrupt,
 - (iv) He is convicted of a criminal offence by court of competent jurisdiction,
 - (v) He is recommended for removal from office by a majority of votes of members at an Annual General Meeting

- (d) Upon a vacancy occurring in the membership of the Trustees, the vacancy shall be filled at the next General meeting or at such meeting specifically called for the purpose
- (e) The Trustees shall have a common seal which shall be kept in the custody of the National General Secretary who shall produce it on request by the Trustees.
- (f) All legal documents to be executed by the Trustees shall be signed by all of them and common seal shall thereof be affixed.
- (g) The Trustees shall make application under the relevant laws to register as a corporate body.

14. COMMON SEAL

- (a) The Common Seal of the Association shall be kept in the custody of the National General Secretary.
- (b) The Common Seal of the Association shall be affixed to any instrument or legal document in the presence of all Trustees.

15. DECISION OF THE ASSOCIATION

- (i) Except as otherwise provided in this constitution all decisions of the Association or its committees or sub-committees or the co-ordinating committee shall be simple majority vote.
- (ii) Only members who have paid their annual subscription up to the previous 30th October shall be eligible to vote at any meeting of the Association.

16. BRANCH ASSOCIATIONS

- (i) Where there are at least 5 Old boys in an area, it shall be lawful for them to form a branch association. Any branch association thus formed shall notify the General Secretary of its existence and the names of its officers within 3 months of its formation.
- (ii) There shall not be more than one branch in any town or city.

- (iii) with reference to section 12 (iii) and section 16 (ii) of this constitution, where for the reasons of the existence of institutions of higher learning in any particular area, it is found expedient for such an institutions to establish and function on its own as if it were a branch, such an institution shall be referred to as a chapter and shall be subordinate to the branch.
- (iv) The total membership of any chapter shall be taken as part of its branch.
- (v) Chapters cannot operate independently of the branch to which they belong. Consequently, all activities of the chapters must be carried out subject to the approval of the branch chairman.

17. AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION

This Constitution may be amended at an Annual General Meeting of the Association provided the following conditions are satisfied: -

- (i) that the motion for such amendment shall be proposed and seconded in writing by persons eligible to vote at the Annual General Meeting ;
- (ii) that the motion shall specify the desired amendment and shall have been delivered to the General Secretary or the National President at least 28days before the date of the Annual General Meeting at which the proposed amendment is to be debated;
- (iii) that the notice of such an member shall be sent to all eligible members at least 15 days before the date of the Annual General Meeting; and
- (iv) that the proposed amendment is carried by two-thirds majority of the votes of all members present and eligible to vote at the Annual General Meeting.

18. SPECIAL CLAUSE

The Income and Property of GCIoba whatsoever derived 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 the way of dividend bonus or otherwise howsoever by the way of profit, to the members of GCIoba.

Provided that nothing herein shall prevent the payment in good faith, of reasonable and proper remuneration to any officer or servant of GCIOBA or any member of the Association, in return for any service actually rendered to the Association, nor prevent the payment of interest at a rate not exceeding four percent per annum on reasonable and proper rent for premises demised or let by any member to the Association. Provided that the provision last aforesaid shall not apply to any payment to any company of which a member of the Executive Committee may be a member in which such member shall not hold more than one-hundred part of the capital, and such member shall not be bound to account for any share or profits he may receive in respect of any such payment.

No addition, alteration, or amendment shall be made to or in the constitution for the time being in force, unless the same has been previously submitted to and approved by the Register-General.

In the event of winding up or dissolution of GCIOBA there remains, after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities, any property whatsoever, the same shall not be paid to or distributed among the members of the Association, but shall be given or transferred to some institution or institutions, having objects similar to the objects of GCIOBA and which shall prohibit the distribution of its or their income and property amongst its or their members to an extent at least as great as is imposed on the Association under or by virtue of the SPECIAL CLAUSE hereof, such institution or institutions to be determined by the members of GCIOBA at or before the time of dissolution and if and so far as effect cannot be given to the aforesaid provision then to some charitable objects.