
THE CONSTITUTION

OF

**THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT
COLLEGE IKOM OLD STUDENTS
ASSOCIATION (FEDIOSA)**

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PREAMBLE

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

ARTICLE 1: NAME

The name of the Association shall be “**FEDERAL GOVERNMENT COLLEGE IKOM OLD STUDENTS ASSOCIATION**” (FEDIOSA).

ARTICLE 2: MOTTO

The motto of the Association shall be “pro-unitate.”

ARTICLE 3: SYMBOL OR LOGO

The symbol or logo of the association shall be designed to incorporate elements of the logo of the Alma Mater and shall be as presented in Schedule 1 to this Constitution.

ARTICLE 4: ADDRESS

The address of the Association shall be its registered office as contained in its incorporation documents filed with the Corporate Affairs Commission, or wherever the National President is domiciled.

ARTICLE 5: STRUCTURE OF THE ASSOCIATION

1. The Association shall have one parent body headquartered in Abuja and shall have Chapters in the states of the Federation and in the Diaspora – in the latter case, where the number of members present in each foreign country makes it desirable for the members to hold regular meetings.

2. The Association shall, in addition to its division into State Chapters, be further divided into subunits of graduating sets for ease of computation of membership data and for welfare purposes.

3. The parent body shall be the regulating body for all State Chapters and sets and shall be entitled to request for the membership list of such Chapters and sets from time to time.

4. The affairs of the State Chapters and sets of the Association shall be conducted by an Executive Committee the membership of which shall be elected in accordance with this Constitution; and the Executive Committee shall report to the parent body headed by the National President.

ARTICLE 6: AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

The aims and objectives of the Association shall be as follows:

1. To create a sense of abiding affection and affinity between former and present students of the College;

2. To develop, encourage and foster friendship, fellowship and comradeship among the members of the alumni, students and staff;

3. To raise funds for various welfare and schemes in the College;

4. To raise funds for the benefit of the Association by way of donations, contributions, aids, grants, membership fees and subscriptions;

5. To foster good rapport between the management, staff and students on the one hand and the public on the other for the promotion of the positive image of the College and its growth and development;

6. To promote the aims and ideals of the College as spelled out in its prospectus and other relevant publications;

7. To extend help to economically backward and deserving students in the form of scholarships, financial grants and the establishment of endowment funds.

8. To enrich the library of the College by donating books and also by subscribing to journals;

9. To organize programs on personality and leadership development for students of the College and for members;

10. To extend every possible help to the college authorities for the overall progress of the institution;

11. To mobilize members for collective action so as to achieve meaningful development of the College;

12. To provide a forum for the alumni to exchange ideas on academic, cultural, educational and social issues of the day;

13. To arrange social, educational and cultural functions and open State Chapters of the Association in various parts of the country and across the world and perform all other acts in furtherance of the objectives of the Association;

14. To promote and vigorously pursue and cater for the welfare and other interests of the members.

ARTICLE 7: MEMBERSHIP

1. Membership of the Association is open to all ex-students of Federal Government College Ikom resident at home and in the Diaspora who are willing and capable of contributing their moral/material quotas to the development of the association and have registered with the Association by

paying a registration fee of ₦1000 (One Thousand Naira).

2. Before an alumnus of the College qualifies as a member of the Association, they shall register with their respective sets based on their year of graduation and in accordance with criteria to be spelt out by the National Alumni Executive Committee.

3. All members of the Association shall pay a monthly dues of ₦500 (Five Hundred Naira), and this dues shall be collected by each set and forwarded to the parent body through its bank account. Members shall also pay their Chapter and set dues and levies as fixed by their respective Chapters, and sets.

4. Every student of Federal Government College Ikom shall upon graduation pay a registration fee of ₦1000 (One Thousand Naira) which will be remitted to the Association.

5. As a means of identification, a subscription number shall be given to all registered members of the Association.

6. Honorary Membership shall be accorded to any person(s) who, though not being an alumnus of the College,

has shown a special interest in the activities of the association and has manifested this by some overt acts in furtherance of the aims and objectives of the association

7. The Honorary Member shall be of good repute and commendable character and shall be nominated by the National Alumni Executive Committee or a State Chapter(s) or by any member subject to the approval of the General Meeting.

8. An honorary member shall loose his membership if he:

- i. Relinquish same
- ii. Becomes insane,
- iii. Is officially declared bankrupt
- iv. Is convicted of a criminal offence involving dishonesty by a Court of competent jurisdiction.
- v. Ceases to agree with the aims and objectives of the Association.

ARTICLE 8: RIGHTS, OBLIGATIONS AND BENEFITS OF MEMBERS

(1) Every member shall have a right to make use of the Association's properties subject to any regulation made by the National Alumni Executive Committee and approved by the General Meeting.

(2) Every member shall have a right to vote at every election of the Association and with regards to any motion brought before the house subject to the provisions of paragraph 4 below.

(3) Every member shall have a right to hold any office in the Association subject to the provisions of Article 6 of this Constitution.

(4) A person's right to vote may be breached where –

(a) A person has breached any of the standing orders contained in Article 11 (6) of this Constitution.

(b) A person is the subject matter of any motion or resolution.

(c) A person has been disqualified by any other provisions of this Constitution.

(5) **BENEFITS:** At the death of a member who was ACTIVE, such a member shall be entitled to:

(a) A delegation of not less than two members to attend the funeral on behalf of the Association;

(b) Payment of a condolence visit to the family by the

delegation where conferring the benefit in paragraph (a) is not practicable.

(c) The Association shall attend such burial or condolence, as the case may be, with such an amount of money as may be determined by the National Alumni Executive Committee based on the prevailing economic circumstances.

(6) The Association shall share with every member in every circumstance.

(7) There shall be no discrimination in the administration of the benefits above.

ARTICLE 9: THE TRUSTEES AND COMMON SEAL

(A.) The Trustees of “**FEDERAL GOVERNMENT COLLEGE IKOM OLD STUDENTS ASSOCIATION**” for the purpose of the Companies and Allied Matters Act No. 1 of 1990, Part C, shall be appointed at a General Meeting charged with the responsibility of selecting the Trustees with 2/3 majority votes of members present.

(B.) Such Trustees (hereinafter referred to as “The Trustees”) shall be at least **10 (Ten)** in number and shall be known as “**THE REGISTERED TRUSTEES OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT COLLEGE IKOM OLD STUDENTS ASSOCIATION**”

(C.) The Trustees may hold office for a fixed term of 7 years (subject to extant provisions of the Companies and Allied Matters Act), but a Trustee shall cease to hold office if he:

i. Resigns his office

ii. Ceases to be a member of the Registered Trustees of **“THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT COLLEGE IKOM OLD STUDENTS ASSOCIATION”**

iii. Becomes insane,

iv. Is officially declared bankrupt

v. Is convicted of a criminal offence involving dishonesty by a Court of competent jurisdiction,

vi. Is recommended for removal by majority vote of members present at any general meeting of the association, or

vii. Ceases to agree with the aims and objectives of the Association.

(D) Upon a vacancy occurring in the number of Trustees, the National Alumni Executive Committee shall nominate an eligible member for appointment as a Trustee which appointment may be ratified by the association at its next General Meeting.

(E) The Alumni Present shall be a member of the Board of Trustees within his tenure in office.

MEMBERSHIP OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES

- i. BOT shall be made up of all past and serving presidents and of the association
- ii. Persons who have contributed immensely to the growth of the association and found suitable by the Board of Trustees
- iii. Each member with good moral standing;
 - Must have met all his/her financial obligations
 - Must have spent a minimum of 15 years from graduation from the college
 - Must have attended at least 50% of the association's activities
 - Be elected from a State Chapter

ARTICLE 10: COMMON SEAL

(A.) The Trustees shall have a common seal.

(B.) The common seal shall be kept in the custody of the **National President** who shall produce it when required for use by the Trustees.

(C.) All documents to be executed by the Trustees "shall" be signed by the *BOT Chairman and the Secretary* and sealed with the common seal – except where there is need for all trustees to sign the said document.

ARTICLE 11: MEETINGS

For effective administration of the Association, there shall be meetings held at the State Chapters and sets in the country culminating in the Annual General Meeting.

1. "ANNUAL" GENERAL MEETING "(AGM)"

(i.) There shall be a meeting of all officers and members of the Association to be known as **"Annual General Meeting" (AGM)**.

(ii) The Annual General Meeting of the Association shall be held on a date, time and location agreed upon at the preceding AGM.

(iv) The AGM shall be presided over by the National President and in his absence the Vice President or any National Officer present, provided that where such National Officer are absent, members present shall nominate from amongst themselves a presiding officer.

(v) Notice of AGM shall be published at least 21 days prior to date of the meeting through the various platforms.

(vi) Members in the diaspora who wish to participate in the AGM shall connect via a platform recommended by the National Executive Committee (NAEC).

2. EMERGENCY MEETINGS

(i.) The Association may hold emergency meetings whenever the need arises for such a meeting.

(ii.) Emergency meetings shall be held when the President requests a meeting to address a matter of urgent importance which will not survive the Next AGM or at least six (6) Executive Members address a petition to the President requesting such a meeting.

(iii.) The Notice of meeting shall disclose the agenda of the meeting being requested and the reason for requesting it.

3. MEETING BY REQUISITION

(i) Where the National Executives have failed to call for a meeting for a period of 1 year, a meeting may be held by requisition by at least 15 members representing a minimum of 8 graduating sets and 3 state chapters.

(ii) The notice of requisition shall be published at least 14 days to the date of the proposed meeting and shall contain the date, time and venue of such meeting.

(iii) Members present at such meeting shall nominate a person present to preside over the meeting, but where the National Executive Committee intervenes at such meeting, the meeting shall be presided over by the National President or any of the National Executive Officers present.

(iv) The Agenda at the meeting shall boarder on chatting a way forward for the Association.

4. NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

a. The Executive Committee shall hold at least one Executive Meeting every quarter – without prejudice to the Board holding a meeting as regularly as the need arises.

b. The Executive Committee may take major policy decisions affecting the Association but such decisions are subject to ratification by the General Assembly.

c. The quorum for Executive Committee meetings shall be formed when at least four members are present.

d. Notice of the Board meetings must reach members at least 2 weeks before the date of the meeting.

5. BOARD OF TRUSTEES' MEETING

(a) The Board of Trustees shall meet at such times and places as shall be directed by the Chairman Board of Trustees provided it is acceptable to all members.

(b) A minimum of 3 members shall form a quorum and the Board shall appoint other officers and regulate its own procedure at the meetings.

(c) The President shall, if the need arises, summon an emergency meeting of the Trustees.

6. QUORUM

The quorum for the meetings shall respectively be –

1. For General meetings: A minimum of 50 members with at least one representative from each graduating set of the registered members of the Association present inclusive of four (4) members of the executive committee.

2. For State/chapter meetings: At least **five members** of the registered members of the Association present inclusive of 3 (three) members of the executive committee.

3. For Emergency Meetings: A minimum of 20 members representing at least 50% of the graduating set

4. For Meeting by Requisition: A minimum of 15 members representing at least 10 graduating sets.

7. DECORUM

1. ORDER AT MEETINGS

(a) All remarks and comments shall be addressed to the President impersonally. The President shall call to order any person who fails to observe this rule.

(b) At the commencement of any meeting, the President shall read out the standing orders of the association.

(c) No person shall address the meeting unless he is recognized and/or authorized by the President.

(d) No person who has had the floor on a particular topic shall be allowed a second chance unless every person who wishes to speak has had a turn.

(e) Any member who speaks acts or conducts himself in a manner which ridicules or tarnishes the image of the association shall be arraigned before the Disciplinary Committee of the association which shall recommend appropriate sanctions.

(f) All members shall be absolutely accountable to the General Meeting.

2. RESOLUTIONS/VOTING

(i) Resolutions of the house shall be decided by a simple majority vote.

(ii) Every member present shall have a right to vote where the need arises except where the issue leading to casting of vote has to do with his/her conduct.

(iii) Voting shall be by show of hands except where the house decides otherwise.

(iv) In case of a tie, the President shall have a casting vote.

- (v) Every resolution shall be binding on all members.

3. MOTIONS

- (i) Every Motion brought before the general house shall be in positive terms and capable of being decided by a 'Yes' or 'No' vote.
- (ii) Every Motion shall be discussed on the floor of the house (except where it is referred to any committee for advice).
- (iii) Where a motion is referred to a committee for advice, any advice or decision of the committee shall be subject to ratification by the general house.

4. INTERRUPTION OF MEETING

- (i) A meeting shall only be interrupted by a member on the following grounds:
 - a. POINT OF ORDER: this is where the comments of a member addressing the house are becoming insulting or where the house is becoming rowdy.
 - b. POINT OF INFORMATION: this shall be made to substantiate or clarify an issue under discussion.
 - c. OBSERVATION: this shall be made where the person addressing the house is deviating from the issue under discussion, this must be taken immediately so as to tailor the mind of the person addressing the house in the right direction.

- (ii) Any person who interrupts the meeting for any reason other than those stated above shall be given a note of warning but where such conduct persist, he/she shall be walked out of the meeting.

ARTICLE 12: ORGANS OF THE ASSOCIATION

(1) THE ALUMNI GENERAL MEETING

The Alumni General Meeting shall consist of the National Alumni Executive Committee and every bona fide member of the association and shall be charged with the following duties:

- (a) Be the final decision-making body of the Association.
- (b) Ratify the decisions of the Executive Committee of the parent body.
- (c) Receive and consider reports submitted to it by various committees.

(2) THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

1. The Executive Committee of the Association shall comprise of all elected Officers of the Association, Chairmen of Chapters and 3 (three) ex-officio members drawn from the floor of the general house without

prejudice to their discretion to co-opt Patrons when the occasion demands.

2. The executive powers of the Association are hereby vested in the National Alumni Executive Committee, and all other sub-committees and State Executives set up are accountable to it, while the Executive Committee is accountable to the Board of Trustees of the Association.

3. Subject to the provisions of this constitution, the National Alumni Executive Committee shall from time to time draw up internal bye-laws and subsidiary regulations to govern conducts of members during meetings and for the smooth running of the General Meeting.

4. No member of the Association shall hold more than one Executive Office simultaneously.

(3) OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

A. the Association shall elect from among its registered members the following officers:

(i) President

(ii) Vice President

- (iii) Secretary General
- (iv) Assistant Secretary General
- (v) Financial Secretary
- (vi) Treasurer
- (vii) The Publicity Secretary
- (viii) Director of welfare
- (ix) The Provost
- (x) Legal Adviser

B. QUALIFICATION FOR ELECTION

1. To qualify to stand for elections and be voted for, a person must have -

a. spent a minimum 10 years from graduation for the office of President, Vice President and secretary and in the case of other elected officials a minimum of 5 years from graduation.

b. shown sufficient interest in the activities of the Association and attended at least 50% of the Association's activities.

c. met all his/her financial obligations to the Association.

2. All officers shall be eligible for re-election for a maximum of 2 tenures.

3. In the event of death or resignation or removal from office of an officer, his/her Assistant, if any, shall assume the office, until the next Election.

4. Where there is no such Assistant in paragraph (3) above, the President shall appoint any member to fill the vacancy on a pro term basis.

C. DUTIES OF THE ELECTED OFFICERS:

I. THE PRESIDENT

There shall be a President for the Association whose duties shall include:

i. The overall co-ordination, supervision, monitoring and control of the policies, programs and activities of the Association on all matters.

ii. Presiding over all General, Executive and Emergency Meetings of the Association and Vetoing, where necessary, and shall have a casting in cases of any tie.

iii. Determination of general and specific policy guidelines and directives for the realization of the objects of the Association.

iv. Setting up of the National and International Advisory Committees and such other Committee(s) of the Association as may be necessary and assigning to them such functions as shall be deemed necessary.

- v. Directing the Secretariat and other organs of the Association in the discharge of their functions.
- vi. Heading delegation and being the official spokesperson delegations of the Association.
- vii. Upholding and protecting the Constitution of the Association and interpreting the constitution where necessary.
- viii. Signing the minutes of the meetings of the National Executive Committee and the general congress as an accurate record of proceedings of such meeting after ratification by the members present.
- ix. Counter-signing all correspondences emanating from the Association.
- x. Acting on behalf of the Association on matters of emergency as far as such actions are not contrary to the provisions of the Constitution and reporting same to the general congress for ratification.
- xi. Approving and signing all financial transactions of the Association in conjunction with the Treasurer or the Secretary.
- xii. Being a signatory to the Association's bank accounts.
- xiv. Soliciting for and receiving grants, donations and other resources for the use of the Association in the pursuit of its objectives and entering into such agreements as are

beneficial to the association after due consultation with members of the National Executive Committee.

xv. Determination and regulation of the relationship of the Association with governments, institutions, or other organizations nationally and internationally.

xvi. Exercising such other functions and powers which may be necessary for the realization of the objects of the Association or as may be conferred by this Constitution.

II. THE VICE PRESIDENT

There shall be an executive Vice President for the Association whose duties shall include:

i. Assisting the President in performing his duties as stated above.

ii. Deputizing for the President in the President's absence.

iii. Performing such other duties as the President or the Board of Trustees may from time to time assign.

III. THE SECRETARY GENERAL

There shall be a Secretary General for the Association whose duties shall include:

i. Summoning all meetings of the Association at the

directive of the President.

ii. Taking down and keeping the minutes of both the executive committee and the general meeting and dealing with the Association's correspondences.

iii. Presenting and reading the minutes of meetings of the executive committee and the general congress.

iv. Preparing the progress report of the Association every year and, in conjunction with the President, preparing and signing any correspondence generated by the Association.

v. Keeping in his custody the Association's minutes book, a typed copy of the constitution, and other documents and making same available to members on request.

vi. Implementing the decisions of the Association.

vii. Ensuring the prompt and successful execution of all projects of the Association.

viii. Ensuring regular networking by the Association with other organizations and institutions nationally and internationally.

ix. Monitoring and recording events and developments in the Association's area(s) of focus and ensuring the publication and circulation of reports and other periodic publications.

x. Maintaining a modern database, equipment and facilities necessary for the effective realization of the objects of the Association.

xi. Making necessary preparation and arrangements to ensure the success of all meetings and other programmes of the association.

xii. Being a co-signatory to the Association's Bank Accounts.

xiii. Performing such other functions as may be directed by the President.

IV. THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY GENERAL

There shall be for the Association an Assistant Secretary General who shall –

i. Assist the Secretary General in all his functions and act in the stead of the Secretary General in the event of the latter's absence.

ii. Enjoy all the privileges accorded to the Secretary General while so acting; and

iii. Do such other duties as may be assigned or directed by the Secretary General, Executive or the General Meeting.

V. THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY

There shall be for the association a Financial Secretary who shall –

i. collect all dues and all other monies due to the Association and remit same to the Treasurer within twenty-four hours of such collection, and he shall collect receipts thereof; and in the absence of the treasurer deposit same into the Association's bank account.

ii. Maintain a day-to-day financial account of the Association.

iii. Keep a memo book and receipts of all payments made to the Treasurer.

iv. Keep records of all the incomes and expenditures of the Association.

v. In conjunction with the Treasurer prepare and present to the general meeting the financial records of the association at every AGM and end of tenure financial statement for the duration of the tenure.

vi. Acknowledge all deposits made into the Association's bank account.

VI. THE TREASURER

There shall be a Treasurer for the Association whose primary duty shall be to head the finance section of the Association and to ensure that the Funds of the Association are accurately disbursed and accurate accounts are kept.

Thus, he shall:

- i. Be a person who is financially viable.
- ii. Receive all monies from the Financial Secretary, issue receipts to that effect and deposit such monies in the Association's bank account.
- iii. Keep an up-to-date account of the Association's financial affairs.
- iv. In conjunction with the President and Secretary of the Association operate the account of the Association and be a signatory thereto.
- v. Keep receipts, passbook and letter for payments made to the association's account.
- vi. Perform any other duty that may be assigned to him by the President or the General Meeting.

VII. THE PUBLICITY SECRETARY

There shall be for the association a Publicity Secretary who shall:

- i. as may be directed by the Secretary General or President summon meetings by distributing circulars for all executive, general and emergency meetings, which shall reach members at least 7days before the date of meetings except in an emergency.

- ii. Issue press release in conjunction with the President.
- iii. Publicize the activities of the Association on the directives of the President.
- iv. Be the Association's image-maker, advice the association on publicity issues.
- v. Be responsible for media communications, adverts, and planned public relation programs and shall relate with the press on behalf of the Association.
- vi. Perform other duties as may be directed by the President.

VIII. THE PROVOST

There shall be for the association a Provost who shall –

- i. ensure that members are not late to meetings and maintain peace, decorum and orderliness at both executive and general meetings.
- ii. Promptly collect all fines imposed on defaulters during meetings and pay same to the Financial Secretary at the end of the meeting.
- iii. Moderate proceedings and permit any member wishing to address the congress to do so after due consultation with the presiding officer.
- iv. Report issues of discipline to the disciplinary committee and suggest disciplinary measures to them.

IX. THE DIRECTOR OF WELFARE

There shall be for the association a Director of Welfare who shall:

i. See to the general welfare of members of the association.

ii. In case of reunions or general meetings, see to the arrangements of accommodation, housekeeping and other welfare related issues.

iii. Attend to members of the association and students of the alma mater who need any form of assistance.

iv. Perform any other duty as may be assigned to him by the President or the General Meeting.

X. THE LEGAL ADVISER

There shall be for the association a Legal Adviser who shall:

i. Be a Legal Practitioner, and called to the Nigerian Bar;

ii. Be of good repute and have at least five years Post-Call experience.

iii. Advise the association and the executive on all legal matters

iv. Administer Oath of Office on all elected Officers of the Association.

v. Perform any other legal related duty as may be

assigned by the President or the General Meeting.

ARTICLE 13 Election & Bye-Election

A. ELECTION

- i. The Executive Members of the Association shall be elected at the annual general meeting of the Association and shall serve for a term of 3 (Three) years.
- ii. Election shall be held 30 days before the dissolution of the National Executive Committee.
- iii. If at the end of the life of an Executive Committee, for some reason, the Association is unable to conduct elections to form a new executive committee, a caretaker committee shall be set up by the Board of Trustees to take care of the Association and shall conduct elections and handover within a maximum period of 3 month.
- iv. Only regular and financially committed members of the Association shall have the right to vote or be voted for.
- v. A person who has indicated his willingness to vie for a post but is absent on the day of election shall be disqualified, except he has written to express his willingness to contest in spite of his absence.
- vi. Elections shall be conducted through an open-Secret

ballot system.

vii. Where there is proof beyond reasonable doubt of partiality in the conduct of an election, the election shall be declared null and void and another organized.

viii. There shall be an Electoral Committee which shall be made up of a Chairman and at least 2 (two) members appointed at a General Meeting, the Committee shall conduct elections into the various positions in the Executive Committee with the Chairman as the returning officer. The electoral committee shall take over the affairs of the Association during the time of the election. The Chairman of the electoral committee shall not be eligible to vote and shall not contest for any position. If he/she is nominated for a position and he/she wishes to contest, another member of the Association shall be appointed to replace him/her as Chairman of the Electoral Committee and Returning Officer. In the event that there is a tie in an election into any position, the Chairman of the Electoral Committee shall cast the deciding vote.

ix. The Returning Officer shall be a bona fide member of the Association and shall appoint the Secretary from among the members of the Committee.

x. The Returning Officer shall set the election in motion by announcing the election procedures and thereafter calling for nominations of the candidates using the bottom-up

method.

xi. The nomination of any candidate shall be acceptable if supported by at least one member other than the sponsor.

xii. The candidates with the highest number of votes shall be declared elected by the Returning Officer.

xiii. All positions may be contested for.

xiv. There shall be no canvassing of votes on the day of elections.

B. BYE-ELECTION: In the event of vacancy occurring in any position due to death, resignation, incapacity, removal from office or any other reason other than dissolution at the end of a tenure, a bye-election shall be conducted at a general meeting called for a prefixed date and it shall be conducted according to the electoral guidelines to fill the posts.

B. OATH OF ALLEGIANCE: Successful candidates at the elections shall swear to an oath at their inauguration as members of the Executive Committee, and the oath shall be administered by the Patron of the association, the Chairman of the electoral committee or any member appointed for the purpose.

ARTICLE 14 DISCIPLINE OF OFFICERS AND MEMBERS

A. IMPEACHMENT/VOTE OF NO CONFIDENCE:

(i) A vote of no confidence may be passed on an officer or a committee where an officer or the committee fails to discharge the duties of their office or violate any provisions of the constitution; and on the passing of such a vote the officer or committee shall stand removed or dissolved, as the case may be.

(ii) For the purposes of impeachment, a motion for a vote of no confidence on any officer(s) or committee shall be moved by a member in a general meeting and shall be supported by at least 3 (three) financial members.

(iii) The person moving the motion for impeachment shall state the grounds for impeachment and the officer(s) sought to be impeached shall be given an opportunity to respond at the meeting. If necessary the case shall then be referred to a committee set up for the purpose and if the decision of the committee finds in favour of the motion, the officer(s) or Committee(s) shall be impeached by a simple majority vote of the members present at the particular meeting.

ARTICLE 15: SOURCES OF INCOME

The Association shall derive its revenue from the following sources:

1. (a.) Registration fees (applicable to new members only)
 - (b.) Annual dues
 - (c.) Fund raisers/Launchings
 - (d.) Levies
 - (e.) Donations or grants for specific or general projects and purposes, and
 - (f.) Other lawful avenues that may be approved by the Board of Trustees.
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2. The Association may receive grants, gifts, and or donations from governments, associations, agencies, individuals, philanthropic or other source(s) provided that the objective(s) of such source(s) are not inconsistent with the objectives of the Association.
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3. The amount payable as annual dues shall be determined by the Executive Committee and ratified by the General Meeting.
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4. The Executive Committee may decide any other lawful

means of fundraising.

5. All dues, levies and fees shall be reviewed from time to time in line with economic trends and prevailing circumstances - subject to ratification by the General Meeting.

6. Sales of symbols of identity of the association such as stickers, etcetera.

7. The Association shall have power to receive, hold and disburse monies received from pledges, donations either by members or respectable non-members, provided always that the disbursement of the monies shall be in line with the budget and spending procedures of the association.

ARTICLE 16: DISBURSEMENT AND APPLICATION OF FUNDS

- i The Association shall at the beginning of each year have and operate an annual budget which shall be approved by the Executive Committee and ratified by the Board of Trustees.
- ii Disbursement of funds and gifts shall be approved by

the President.

- iii The president, secretary general and treasurer shall be signatories to the account.
- iv The Executive Committee shall present financial reports to the General Meeting at every **AGM**.
- v The General Meeting shall constitute a three-man audit panel which shall submit its report within two weeks of its formation.

ARTICLE 17: AMENDMENT OF CONSTITUTION

1. This Constitution shall not be amended within 2 years of its coming into force.
2. Any member proposing that any section(s) of the Constitution should be amended shall send a memorandum stating the proposed section(s) to the Executive Committee at least 1 month before the next AGM.
3. The Executive Committee shall send copies of the memorandum alongside notice of AGM to members through the various platforms.
4. The Association may, by a resolution passed by a two-third majority of its members present and voting

at the meeting, alter, amend or review this constitution at its General Meeting.

ARTICLE 18: SPECIAL CLAUSE

1. The income and property of **“FEDERAL GOVERNMENT COLLEGE IKOM OLD STUDENTS ASSOCIATION”** shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objectives of the body as set forth in this CONSTITUTION: and no portion therefore shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly, by way of dividends, bonus or otherwise howsoever by way of profit, to the members of the Association - PROVIDED that nothing herein shall prevent the payment, in good faith, of reasonable and proper remuneration to any officer or servant of the Association in return for any service actually rendered to or expenses properly incurred on behalf of the Association.

2. If in the event of a winding-up or dissolution of the Corporate body there remains after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities, any property whatsoever, the same shall not be paid or distributed among members of the Association, but shall be given or transferred to some other institutions having objects similar to the objects of the Association, such institutions to be determined by the

members of the Association at or before the time of dissolution.

4. If effect cannot be given to the aforesaid provisions, then the remaining property shall be transferred to some charitable objects.

ARTICLE 19: INTERPRETATION

In this Constitution, except where it is expressly stated otherwise:

“Constitution” means “CONSTITUTION OF FEDERAL GOVERNMENT COLLEGE IKOM OLD STUDENTS ASSOCIATION (FEDIOSA)”

“Financially Committed Member” means “a member who is not indebted in any way to the national body or his Chapter or set.”

“He” is used to represent both masculine and feminine gender.

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