



**CONSTITUTION OF  
LA BONE OLD  
STUDENTS  
ASSOCIATION  
(LOSA)**

## **PREAMBLE**

Whereas it has been deemed desirable that we, the old students of La Bone Secondary/Senior High School in the Greater Accra Region of Ghana, organise ourselves into an Association for purposes as specified hereafter, we severally and jointly give unto ourselves this, 25<sup>th</sup> day of January 2025, this Constitution, which shall be the governing document of the said Association. All year groups, persons and bodies mentioned in this document shall be bound to operate in accordance with this constitution

## **NAME, MOTTO AND SLOGAN OF ASSOCIATION**

### **ARTICLE 1**

- a. The Association shall be called the La Bone Old Students Association hereinafter referred to as LOSA.
- b. The Motto of the Association shall be: "LOSA - Always First at Dawn".

Slogans are: "Wuo Gbee, La Gbee" and "Primus Semper Aurora".

## **ADDRESS OF ASSOCIATION**

### **ARTICLE 2**

The registered address of the LOSA shall be care of La Bone Senior High School, P. O. Box OS79, Osu, Accra.

**Website Address.** <https://losanational.com>

**Email Address.** [info@losanational.com](mailto:info@losanational.com)



## AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

### ARTICLE 3

- a. To be the medium through which in diverse ways raise the educational, moral and social standards of the school.
- b. To bring together all the past students of the School with the view to sustaining the interest of all old students in the school's activities, promoting the interest of the school and strengthening the bond of friendly ties existing among members with the view to upholding the good name of the school.
- c. To assist one another individually and collectively to cater for the general welfare of members.
- d. To serve as a body through which to mobilise resources to undertake specific projects within the School and elsewhere, as may be agreed on by the Executive Committee and the School.

## MEMBERSHIP

### ARTICLE 4

- a. Any person who has been a student of La Bone Secondary/Senior High School may become a member of LOSA, but needs to be of good standing to partake in any privileges, duties, rights, and responsibilities under this constitution.
- b. A member shall be of good standing if he has met all obligations imposed by the Association and also its year group, and additionally has been registered online at a fee prescribed by the Association.
- c. The executive shall have the power to confer associate or honorary membership of the Association on any person they deem fit and endorsed at the AGM.

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## FUNDS

### ARTICLE 5

- a. The funds of LOSA may be derived from the following:
  - i. Monthly Dues by Year Groups
  - ii. Interests from Investments
  - iii. Sponsorships
  - iv. Any other source that may provide income or assets to the Association.
- b. Except in the case of authorised imprest and or petty cash accounts, all funds collected by the treasurer shall be deposited in a bank agreed on by the Executive Committee. The choice of Bank shall be ratified at the AGM or the General Meeting.
- c. The executive shall determine the amount of imprest to be kept by the treasurer. This shall be ratified at the AGM or the General Meeting.
- d. Mandate for operation of this Bank Account shall be the President and either the Secretary or the Treasurer.

## ANNUAL DUES

### ARTICLE 6

- a. Annual dues as determined at the AGM shall be paid by members to their Year Group executives.
- b. The year groups shall provide their own modalities for the collection of dues or any other financial imposition by the executive or the Association.
- c. Each year group executive shall pay such dues or impositions collected to the Association through its treasurer or financial secretary.
- d. Year group is meant the year one completed the 'O' level, now Senior High School (SHS), or the year one completed the 'A' at the school; this is a choice to be made by the member. In respect of graduates of only 'A' level in the school, is meant the year one completed the 'A' level in the school. As regards to a member who did not complete his final year in the school, his year group is the year his mates completed the 'O' or "A" levels.



## ORGANIZATION OF MEETINGS

### ARTICLE 7

#### (1) GENERAL MEETING

- a. There shall be a general meeting of all LOSA members hereinafter referred to as The General Meeting
- b. It shall be composed of the general body of members who shall meet at least once every quarter, excluding the first quarter of the year for business
- c. The General Meeting of members shall be convened by the executive body of the Association for such business as specified by the executives or the constitution. It shall be chaired by the President.
- d. Where the executive fails to convene the meeting in accordance with clause (1)(c) of this Article, any member shall have the right to seek an explanation from the executive by a letter addressed to the Secretary.
- e. Where the member finds the explanation from the executive unsatisfactory or the executive fails to respond to the letter, the member shall have the right to compel the convening of the meeting by the executive if he has the consent of 10 others composed of members from at least 3 different year groups
- f. The request for the meeting as specified in (e) above shall be in writing, stating clearly the reasons and the agenda for the meeting, addressed to the President, who shall cause a meeting to be convened within 14 days of the receipt of the request and publish the date and the agenda for the meeting on all the social media platforms operated by the Association.
- g. Any member of the Association in good standing shall have the right to compel the convening of a general meeting.
- h. The quorum for a General Meeting shall be 20, inclusive of the executive, and votes shall be carried by a simple majority of members.
- i. All members of good standing shall have the right to vote at a General Meeting, and decisions shall be made by simple majority.
- j. Any member of the Association has the right to suggest an agenda for the meeting for the consideration of the executive.



## **(2) ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

- a. There shall be an Annual General Meeting to be held within the first quarter of each year, chaired by the President.
- b. The meeting shall
  - i. receive from the Executive Committee the state of affairs of the Association, which shall include all activities in the ensuing year, matters relating to membership, recommendations on the way forward and statement of audited accounts on the activities during the year immediately preceding the AGM
  - ii. election of executive members shall be conducted at this meeting unless otherwise stated in the constitution
  - iii. consider proposal(s) for amendment of any portion of the Constitution.
  - iv. to deal with all matters referred to it by the Executive Committee.
- c. At least two weeks before the AGM or the General Meeting the secretary shall cause to be published the agenda for the meeting on all LOSA media platforms
- d. Members may suggest any matter for the consideration of the executive as part of the agenda for the meeting provided the suggestion reaches the secretary not later than the two weeks of the publication referred to in ( c ).
- e. All members of good standing are entitled to vote at this meeting.
- f. The quorum for the Annual General Meetings shall be twenty (20), inclusive of the executive members.
- g. Except as otherwise provided in this constitution, decisions at AGM shall be carried by a simple majority of votes of members
- h. Where the executive fails to convene the AGM, Article 7(1) in respect of a member's right to call for a meeting shall apply.

## **(3) Emergency meeting:**

- a. There shall be a meeting to be known as an Emergency Meeting.



- b. Any matter of urgency that cannot await a general meeting or an AGM may be dealt with at an Emergency Meeting
- c. An application for an emergency meeting by a member shall be addressed to the President of the Association, stating the reasons and the agenda for the meeting, and the executive shall convene the meeting, provided the request has the endorsement of ten members from three year groups
- d. The date of the said meeting and its agenda, as requested by the member, shall be published by the executive on all communication media of the Association within 7 days of receipt of the request
- e. Any member of the Association in good standing may request an emergency meeting.
  
- f. The quorum for the meeting shall be twenty, inclusive of the executive
- g. All members of good standing shall have the right to vote at this meeting.
- h. All meetings of the Association, unless otherwise stated in this constitution, shall be chaired by the President and, in his absence, the Vice President, failing the Vice President, any member of the executive shall preside.
- i. All meetings of the association and voting shall be in person and, where practicable, online or any other electronic means.

## COMPOSITION AND DUTIES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

### ARTICLE 8

#### 1. COMPOSITION

- a. President
- b. Vice President
- c. Secretary
- d. Assistant Secretary
- e. Treasurer
- f. Financial Secretary



- g. Organising Secretary
- h. Assistant Organising Secretary
- i. Immediate Past President of LOSA
- j. One LOSA staff in the School

## **2. DUTIES**

### **a. PRESIDENT**

Shall preside over meetings of the Executive Committee, the General Meeting, the Annual General Meetings and the Emergency Meeting of the Association and perform any other functions as provided under this constitution or assigned to him at the AGM or General Meeting

### **b. VICE PRESIDENT**

Shall act for and on behalf of the President in his absence as well as perform any other duties that may be assigned to him by the Executive Committee or this constitution.

### **c. SECRETARY**

- i. Shall keep records of all matters pertaining to the Association and be responsible for taking minutes of all meetings of the Association.
- ii. The Secretary shall also handle all the correspondence of the Association and perform Secretarial duties that may be assigned by the Executive Committee.
- iii. On the direction of the President or as provided under this constitution, convene all meetings of the Association.

### **d. ASSISTANT SECRETARY**

- i. Shall assist the secretary in his duties and act in his absence
- ii. He shall be assigned other duties as the Executive Committee deems fit.



**e. TREASURER**

- i. Shall receive all funds of the Association and that from the financial secretary and give receipts accordingly.
- ii. Shall keep accurate accounting records of all funds received and paid to him on behalf of the association and ensure an up-to-date record of same.
- iii. The Treasurer shall pay all monies into an approved Bank account of the Association not later than seven days of receipt of such monies, but shall keep an imprest determined by the Executive Committee for the running of the day-to-day affairs of the Association.

**f. FINANCIAL SECRETARY**

- i. Shall be responsible for drawing up programmes and devising strategies to generate funds for the Association, as well as preparing annual statements of accounts for the consideration and adoption of the Association.
- ii. He shall also be responsible for the keeping of proper accounts of the Association's finances and promptly hand over all monies or funds received by him to the Treasurer.
- iii. He shall, in collaboration with the Treasurer, prepare a financial report to be presented every quarter to the General meeting and a consolidated report to the AGM.

**g. ORGANISING SECRETARY**

Shall be responsible for organising all the Association's meetings and social activities and shall perform any other function as may be assigned to him by the Executive Committee, AGM or the General Meeting.

**h. ASSISTANT ORGANISING SECRETARY**

- i. Shall act in the absence of the Organising Secretary.
- ii. Shall perform any other duties assigned to him by the Executive Committee.



## FUNCTIONS/POWERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

### ARTICLE 9.

- a. The Executive Committee shall make rules and regulations consistent with this Constitution for the running of the Association. Such rules and regulations may have effect only after they have been approved by a resolution of the Annual General Meeting by a simple majority of members at the meeting
- b. It shall present its programme and accompanying budget for approval at the first General Meeting of the Association, and this shall guide its performance for the year.
- c. It shall at each scheduled meeting, prepare and present the agenda that shall guide the meetings.
- d. The Executive Committee shall be collectively responsible for the proper and effective administration of the Association and shall perform any other duties assigned to it by the constitution, the AGM, the General Meeting or any other meeting of the Association.

## TERM OF OFFICE OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

### ARTICLE 10

- a. An Executive member shall serve a term of **3 years** and is eligible for re-election to the same position for a second term only.
- b. Unless otherwise provided in this constitution, vacancies in executive committee positions that occur as a result of sickness, death, resignation, removal and the like shall be filled by cooption by the General Council until the next Annual General Meeting or General Meeting where the vacancy shall be filled.
- c. Until the General Meeting or the Annual General Meeting is able to fill the position in terms of (b) of this article, the co-opted member shall continue to act in the position.



## ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

### ARTICLE 11

1.
  - a. Any member who desires to contest for any Executive Committee position must be at least 10 years after exiting the school and must have been an active member of LOSA as well as his or her Year Group for at least three years.
  - b. There shall be election of officers every three years and shall be conducted at the Annual General Meeting unless otherwise stated by this constitution.
  - c. Nominations for the election of officers may be accompanied by any requirements for the elections as the Electoral Committee may find necessary and shall be published.
  - d. Nominations for elections of executive officers shall be opened by the electoral committee for a period of 3 weeks beginning from the date of publication.
  - e. A nomination to a position of the executive may be made by any member of the Association but shall be seconded by three other members of good standing from three different Year Groups, one of whom should be a year group member of the nominee.
  - f. Nomination may be in a form as prescribed by the Electoral Committee.
  - g. In case no one is nominated for a position at the close of the nomination period as determined by the electoral committee, the General Council shall, in all such situations, appoint any member of the association to serve in that position until the electoral committee opens fresh nominations for elections within 6 months of the occurrence of this event. Such an election shall be at a General Meeting unless circumstances permit such an election to be at an AGM.
  - h. Completed nomination forms or nominations shall be submitted or forwarded to the Chairman of the Electoral Committee, whose committee shall vet the nominee, and a successful nominee shall be listed by the electoral body as a candidate for the elections.
  - i. Where at the close of vetting only one person qualifies as a candidate for a particular position for the elections, such person shall be declared elected for that position only




- if he carries at the elections a majority of the votes of members present and voting.
- j. In case of failure to get the majority votes as specified in the foregoing clause (i) above, the position shall be declared vacant, inviting the General Council to appoint a member to serve in that position until the electoral committee is able to organise elections for the said position in terms of this constitution.
  - k. The appointee by the General Council shall continue to act until a successful candidate is elected at the next general meeting or the AGM.
  - l. Any member who is disqualified by the Electoral Committee may petition the Judicial Committee within a week of notice of his disqualification. The decision of the Judicial Committee on the petition shall be final.
  - m. Where a petitioner is successful in his petition, he shall be added as a contestant for the elections.
  - n. Both the Electoral Committee and the Judicial Committee may provide their own rules not inconsistent with the provisions of this constitution.
  - o. Elections shall be by secret ballot, and each member shall have one vote.
  - p. Each member being voted for shall be elected by a simple majority of members voting.
2. The electoral committee in filling vacancies shall adopt as near as possible the procedures for the general election of the executive

## **REMOVAL OR RESIGNATION OF EXECUTIVE MEMBERS**

### **ARTICLE 12**

#### **1. RESIGNATION**

- a. An executive member shall have the right to resign his position at any time after giving two weeks notice of his intention.
- b. He shall address his resignation to the President, who shall deliberate on the intended resignation with his executive and the General Council, whether sufficient grounds have been provided to accept the resignation.



- c. Where, however, the member insists on resigning, his decision shall be accepted.
- d. Subject to the provisions of this constitution, his position shall be filled by co-option in the interim by the General Council, and the person so appointed shall serve in that position till the next AGM or the next General Meeting, where elections shall be held to fill the position.
- e. Where the resignation is sought by the President, the letter of resignation shall be addressed to the Chairman of the General Council, with copies to each executive member, who shall convene a meeting of the executive and the General Council within seventy two hours to deliberate on the matter.
- f. Where a decision is taken eventually to accept the resignation, the Vice President shall assume the position of the President, leaving the position of the Vice President to be filled at the next AGM or General Meeting in terms as provided for by this constitution. In the interim, the General Council shall appoint a member of the association to act.

## **2. REMOVAL**

The occurrence of any of the following shall qualify for the invocation of the removal procedure of an executive member.

- a. Where an executive member is convicted of any criminal offences that is found to be detrimental to the reputation of the Association
- b. Where an executive member is found to have abused his office.
- c. An executive member who is found to have been involved in any act of moral turpitude is subject to removal.
- d. Where an executive member is involved in any act that may bring the name of the Association into disrepute.
- e. Where acts of the executive member is disruptive of the operations of the executive or detrimental to the overall objectives of the Association

## **3. PROCEDURE FOR REMOVAL**

Any member of the Association or the executive may petition for the removal of any



executive member. The petition shall, however, state clearly the basis for the petition and be addressed to the President.

- a. The executive member, the subject of the removal, shall be entitled to notice of the petition for his removal, which shall be served on him by the President.
- b. After service of the notice on the said executive member he shall have two weeks within which to respond to the allegation/s made against him in writing addressed to the President.
- c. The President has two weeks within which to refer the matter and the response to the Judicial Committee.
- d. The Judicial Committee shall investigate the matter within a period of fourteen days and communicate its decision to the President, who shall notify the General Council and the member under enquiry.
- e. Where the Judicial Committee, after its deliberations, recommends a removal, the member shall stand suspended until a final decision is taken at the AGM or the General Meeting on the petition for the removal.
- f. Where the circumstances of the offence demand immediate suspension, the executive shall take that decision and refer the matter to the Judicial Committee to investigate whether to confirm the suspension.
- g. The President shall notify the member of the decision of the Judicial Committee to suspend him.
- h. Where the member is aggrieved at the suspension and decides to petition the AGM or the General Council, he shall file his petition within two weeks, addressed to the President, who shall publish the petition and the report of the Judicial Committee recommending the removal of the member and any other relevant matter on all LOSA media platforms.
- i. Where no petition is filed by the said suspended member within the specified period, the AGM or General Meeting shall declare the member removed.
- j. A successful petitioner is reinstated forthwith, and the coopted member vacates the position immediately. Where, however, the petition fails, the member shall be considered removed and notified accordingly.
- k. The AGM shall finally determine the petition by a simple majority of votes.



- l. The request to remove an executive member by a member of the Association shall have the endorsement of at least 10 members from at least 3 different year groups for its validity.
- m. The request to remove any member of the executive, if it emanates from the executive in block, shall need no endorsement for the removal process to begin.
- n. The same removal process outlined in this article shall apply if the removal request is for more than one executive member.

## **GENERAL COUNCIL**

### **ARTICLE 13**

1. There shall be a General Council comprising two representatives in good standing from each Year Group of LOSA and the LOSA President or his nominee.
2. Immediately on the election of the representatives, the year group leadership shall notify the national executive in writing for the information of the AGM or the General Meeting.
3. Where there is any vacancy, however created, in the General Council, it shall be filled by that particular year group.

## **FUNCTIONS OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL**

### **ARTICLE 14**

- a. The General Council shall act as an advisory body to the Executive Committee.
- b. It shall have its Chairman, Vice Chairman, and a secretary appointed in a manner determined by its own members.
- c. If, for any reason, elections for the Executive Committee positions cannot be held on the expiry of the term of office, the General Council shall constitute an Interim Management Committee from members they deem fit to run the affairs of the Association till the next General meeting or the AGM where elections shall be held.
- d. Where, for any reason, a vacancy occurs in the executive committee and until such time that the vacancy shall be filled, the General Council shall be called upon to fill the vacancy by cooption, and the person coopted shall serve until the vacancy can



be filled at the next General Meeting or the AGM, unless otherwise stated by this constitution.

- e. The General Council shall serve as liaison between the Executive Committee and the various Year Groups.
- f. The General Council shall perform any other duties assigned it by the Association.

## **COUNCIL OF ELDERS**

### **ARTICLE 15**

- a. There shall be a Council of Elders comprising 9 members to be appointed at the AGM or the General Meeting.
- b. In the appointment of the Council of Elders, members shall be guided by nominations from the Executive Committee, General Council or any other member, but consideration for appointment shall include the age and experience of the nominee.
- c. A member of the Council of Elders shall hold office for a period of five years, but shall be qualified to serve for another 5 years if his re-nomination is approved by members at the AGM
- d. The Council of Elders shall serve as an arbiter in the event of any differences among the Executive Committee members or between the LOSA and the School authorities, and their advice shall be of utmost respect.
- e. They shall be assigned any other duties the Association members deem fit.
- f. Any vacancy created in its membership shall be filled at the AGM

## **REPRESENTATION ON THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE SCHOOL**

### **ARTICLE 16**

- a. The Annual General Meeting shall appoint the President and any other member of the Association to represent it on the Board of Governors of the School.



- b. If, for any reason, any of these nominees is not able to serve, members shall either at the AGM or General Meeting appoint any other person to the Board until the nominee is able to assume his position.

## **AUDIT COMMITTEE**

### **ARTICLE 17**

- a. The Annual General Meeting or the General Meeting shall constitute an Audit Committee made up of three members recommended jointly by the Executive Committee and the General Council, who shall audit the Accounts of the Association.
- b. It shall submit its report, which shall include its findings and recommendations to the President, who shall present it to the Annual General Meeting.
- c. The AGM shall consider the report and take any decisions it deems appropriate.
- d. The Committee may be assigned any other duties the General Meeting or the AGM finds appropriate.
- e. The Audit Committee members shall be appointed by a simple majority of the votes of members at the Meeting.
- f. Unless terminated at an AGM or General Meeting, the mandate of a duly constituted committee shall continue.
- g. Where circumstances demand the appointment of an External Auditor, this decision shall be made at the General Meeting or the AGM.

## **STANDING COMMITTEES**

### **ARTICLE 18**

(1)

- a. There shall be three Standing Committees responsible for Finance, Welfare and Projects, and any other committee members may find necessary to constitute
- b. Each Standing Committee shall consist of five members appointed by the AGM or General Meeting, and each shall have a Chair and Secretary appointed by the members



themselves, except those appointed under this constitution.

- c. Any vacancy, however created, in any of these committees shall be filled by the General Council until the next General Meeting or the AGM, where the position shall be filled.
  - d. On the constitution of any of these committees, their mandate and membership shall be terminated only at the AGM or the General Council.
  - e. Ad hoc committees may be set up for any duties the executive, the AGM or the General Council finds appropriate.
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- (1) The Finance Committee, which shall be chaired by the Financial Secretary have the duty to draw up budgets and activities to raise funds for the Association's projects and activities and report to the executive committee, which shall place the report before the AGM or the General Meeting for approval.
  - (2) The Welfare Committee shall be chaired by the Vice President and shall be responsible for identifying and formulating the welfare programmes and packages for members and report to the Executive Committee, which shall place the said report before the AGM or the General Meeting for approval and execution.
  - (3) Where a member identifies a welfare activity worth the attention of the Welfare Committee, he shall notify the secretary of the committee accordingly.
  - (4) Projects Committee: There shall be a Projects Committee to be chaired by the Organising Secretary, whose duty, in collaboration with the executive committee, is to identify and assess projects they consider worth execution by the Association.
    - a. The Executive Committee shall present a report of the Projects Committee incorporating its recommendations for approval at the AGM or General Meeting.
    - b. Where circumstances demand urgent execution of a project, the executive committee shall, in collaboration with the project committee, execute such project and report on the same to the AGM.



## ELECTORAL COMMITTEE

### ARTICLE 19

- i. There shall be a 5 Member body to be known as the Electoral Committee to be appointed at the Annual General Meeting or the General Meeting and may be removed only at such forum.
- ii. It shall be in charge of elections
- iii. The electoral committee shall confirm to the General Council its readiness to conduct elections to the executive positions of the association.
- iv. Procedures and requirements for elections as decided by the electoral committee shall be submitted for approval by the General Council before any elections.
- v. Counting of votes shall be in the presence of contestants or their representative
- vi. Declaration of the results of the elections shall be made immediately after the elections, and the contestants declared winners shall be so recognised to be sworn in immediately after the declarations, irrespective of any existing petition.
- vii. Where any contestant is aggrieved at the conduct of the elections and for which reason he disputes the election results, the candidate shall have the right to petition the Judicial Committee, whose decision shall be final.
- viii. The petition shall be filed within seventy two hours after the declaration of the results.
- ix. The Judicial Committee has 14 days, including the weekends, to come out with its final decision.
- x. Where the judicial committee upholds the petition, the disputed position shall be subject to another election at the next General Meeting.
- xi. Where the electoral committee finds that a candidate has manipulated the electoral processes, it shall disqualify the said candidate from the elections or declare the election of such candidate void.
- xii. A candidate affected by the decision of the electoral body in paragraph xi of this Article shall have the right to petition the Judicial Committee, whose decision on the matter shall be final
- xiii. Where the petition is successful, the said position shall be re-contested at the



next general meeting, in which case the General Council shall nominate any member to serve in that position until the elections are held.

## **JUDICIAL COMMITTEE**

### **ARTICLE 20**

1. There shall be a Judicial Committee comprising five persons, two preferably with a legal background, to be constituted at the AGM or General Meeting guided by nominations from the general Council and the executive committee.
2. The committee shall be a body whose membership shall be reviewed at the AGM or General Meeting as and when it becomes necessary to do so.
3. It shall be the first legal body to be consulted in any legal matters of the Association.
4. It shall perform other duties assigned it under the constitution and any other duties the executive committee or the association shall refer to it.
5. Where there arises a dispute as to the interpretation of any part constitution the decision of the Judicial Committee shall be final.
6. Anybody who alleges breach of the constitution shall petition in detail the Judicial Committee, whose decision on the matter shall be final.

## **AMENDMENTS**

### **ARTICLE 21**

- a. This constitution may be amended by a resolution carried by two- thirds (2/3) of members present and voting at the Annual General Meeting.
- b. Proposals regarding any amendment of the constitution must reach the Secretary of the Association at least thirty (30) days before the Annual General Meeting.
- c. Such proposal shall state the Article proposed to be amended and the purpose for the amendment.
- d. The secretary shall immediately cause to be published the proposal for the information of members through the Association's communication media for deliberations at the



- next meeting following the date of submission of the petition.
- e. Where members find the amendment sought to be worthwhile, the meeting shall refer the proposal to the Judicial Committee to consider and present a draft accordingly.
  - f. The draft of the proposal shall be considered at the next AGM, and the amendment shall be effected in accordance with this Article.

## TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS

### ARTICLE 22

- 1. Upon the promulgation of the constitution, that made on the 12<sup>th</sup> of January 2019 and adopted on the same date by members and which has been in operation till date, shall cease to have effect
- 2. Notwithstanding the cessation of the previous constitution mentioned in the foregoing clause (1) of this Article, the following shall apply
  - a. All positions held in the national executive and any other position held under the previous constitution shall be held valid and continuing until terminated by operation of this constitution.
  - b. For the avoidance of doubt, the members of the General Council and Council of Elders shall continue to exist despite the abrogation of the constitution.
  - c. Nothing in this transitional provisions or the constitution shall be interpreted as dissolving the existing executive body after promulgation of the constitution
  - d. The said executive shall continue to perform all functions necessary in bringing about the promulgation of the constitution, assist the electoral committee bring into existence the new executive and the appointment of an electoral body under the new constitution and thereafter cease to exist.
  - e. On election, the new executive shall be bound to operate under the new constitution
- 3. Where there is doubt about who convenes the General Council for its first meeting under this constitution, the most senior year convenes the meeting.



PROMULGATION

ARTICLE 23

This constitution shall be promulgated and adopted to take effect from the **25th of January**, the first **Annual General Meeting** of the year **2025**

SIGNED:



PRESIDENT



SECRETARY