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1. Name

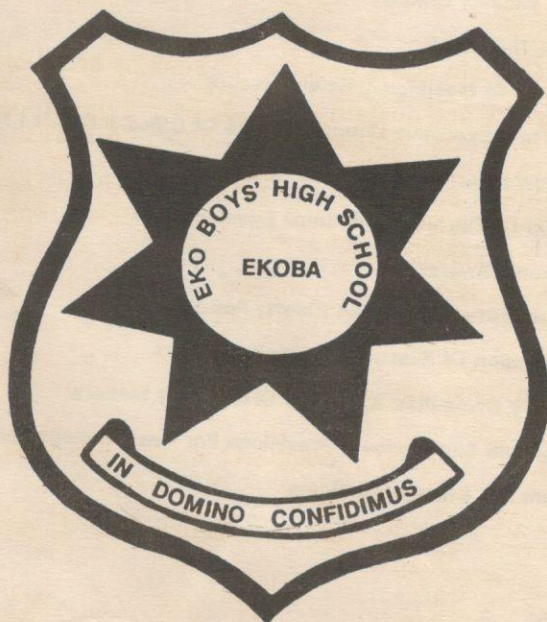
1.1 The name of the Association shall be "Eko Boys' High School Old Boys' Association".

1.2 The short-form of the name of the Association shall be "EKOBA" (all letters written in capital), and the Association shall be free to register the said short-form under the Laws of Nigeria, with or without the hereinafter contained official Emblem of the Association, the true purport hereof being that a reference to EKOBA in writing or verbally by all persons especially by any member of the association shall be deemed to be a reference to the Association.

2. Motto

The motto of the Association shall be the same as that of the Alma Mater (Eko Boys' High School), that is, "IN DOMINO CONFIDIMUS".

3. The official emblem of the Association shall be as follows:



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4. Eligibility For & Commencement Of Membership

- 4.1** Every person who attended Eko Boys' High School (hereinafter called "the school") regardless of when he enrolled therein or left the school shall be eligible for membership.
- 4.2** Commencement of membership shall be from the date on which the name of the eligible member was first entered into the EKOBA Membership Register and upon the eligible member being given a membership number and/or card by the Association.
- 4.3** The Association shall be free to grant Honorary Memberships to persons who are not Old Boys of the School.
- 4.4** Every member shall be issued with a membership card and a subscription card provided that an honorary member shall not be issued with a subscription card unless he declares his intention to participate in the Association's programmes involving payment of money by members and desires to possess a subscription card.
- 4.5** The Association shall keep a register of all Old Boys of the school.

5. Objects

The Objects of the Association shall be as follow:

- 5.1** To create and sustain of a body for bringing together all alumni of the school with a view to ensuring that the standards of education, buildings, infrastructural facilities, learning amenities and social image of the school are at high levels comparable with the best schools in Nigeria and that such high levels are maintained at all times.
- 5.2** To keep alive among members, interest in the welfare of the school and members of the Association.
- 5.3** To promote various fora and events of social, intellectual, educational and socio-economic nature with the following in view:-
 - 5.3.1.** social interaction between members.
 - 5.3.2.** intellectual stimulation and development among members.
 - 5.3.3** inculcation of high standards of educational and sports achievement by younger and future generations of students of the school and their counterparts in other schools.

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- 5.3.4. participation by members and non-members under the auspices of the Association, in discussing issues of Nigerian and international socio-economic interest.
- 5.4 To actively participate, in conjunction with the school, in the Founder's Day Ceremonies.
6. *Ekorians, State Branches, Service Clubs And Relationship With EKOBA.*
- 6.1 Any eligible member within the context of clause 4, sub-clause 4.1 hereof is an Ekorian.
- A member of the Association may therefore be called and addressed as "Ekorian" along with such other prefixes (e.g. Doctor, Chief, Alhaji, Reverend) and titles as may be attributable to him.
- 6.2 The Association shall, where desirable, have established in a State, Town or Institution a branch of the Association which shall be known as State Branch, or Town Branch or Institution Branch accordingly.
- 6.3 Service Clubs shall be established by those Ekorians who started their first year together and/or who completed their final year together at the school, provided that Ekorians regardless of years of attendance at the school shall also be free to associate.
- Fragmentation of Service Clubs shall not be allowed by the Association.
- 6.4 All branches of the Association and all Service Clubs shall function in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution provided that it shall be proper for any Branch or Service Club to draw up its own rules and regulations (to be approved by the Executive Council of the Association in writing) to provide for its running, its officers and their functions, its meetings and other matters which it may consider necessary to be contained in its Rules and Regulations.
- 6.5 Each Branch or Service Club shall forward annually or as often as it may be required to do so, a Comprehensive Report of its position and activities to the Executive Council of the Association through the General Secretary to reach him not later than one month before the Annual General Meeting of the Association. The said Comprehensive Report shall contain a list of all members of each branch or Service Club showing dues paid by each member.

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7. Finance

7.1 The Financial Year

The Financial year of the Association which shall be its calendar year shall be from 1st March of each preceding year to the last day of February of each succeeding year, the financial records and accounts being closed for reporting purposes at the end of January each year, all financial issues arising thereafter till the end of the financial year being reported in Supplementary memorandum form and annexed to the Financial Report.

7.2 Main Sources of Funds

The main sources of funds of the Association shall be the following:-

- Registration Fees
- Annual Subscriptions
- Voluntary Contributions
- and
- Special Levies.

7.2.1. Members' Registration Fees

- A registration fee of N25.00 (Twenty Five Naira) shall be payable by every Ekorian for registration as a member of the Association. Ekorians who are members of Branches or Service Clubs shall pay through such Branches or Service Clubs while those not being members of any Branch or Service Club shall pay directly to the Association.

Without prejudice to clause 4, sub-clauses 4.1 and 4.2 hereof, payment of the registration fee shall be a prerequisite for membership.

7.2.2. Registration Fee Applicable To Branches And Service Clubs

- A registration fee of N100 (One Hundred Naira) shall be payable by each Branch or Service Club upon filing with the Association the particulars of its Members, Contact or Secretariat Addresses (including Telephone Numbers) Rules and Regulations (that is the Branch or Club Constitution) Officers and all other information deemed necessary.

7.2.3. Members' Annual Subscriptions

- There shall be no Annual Subscriptions for Branches or Service Clubs but each of their individual members

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shall pay ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS through such Branches or Service Clubs to the Association as follow:-

- Up to five years of leaving the school : N25:00
- Thereafter N50:00

7.2.4 Modification of Annual Contribution And Imposition of Special Levies By Executive Council.

The foregoing (7.2.1. - 7.2.3.) notwithstanding, the Executive Council of the Association shall be free to modify the fees or subscriptions payable, and, to impose special levies for the purpose of meeting any financial commitment and/or obligations of the Association.

7.2.5. Prompt Remittance Of All Association's Monies

All Branches and Service Clubs of the Association and all Members not belonging to Branches and Service Clubs shall ensure prompt payment and/or remittance of all Annual Contributions to the Association within the first three months of each year, and, within one month of receipt in respect members' voluntary contributions, donations and special-levies.

8. Trustees

8.1 There shall be Five (5) Trustees of the Association who shall be appointed in the manner hereinafter stated.

8.2 The Trustees shall be appointed by the Executive Council from among the members of the Association.

8.3 A Trustee shall hold office for life but shall cease to hold office if he:-

- (a) resigns his office.
- (b) ceases to be a member of the Association.
- (c) becomes insane.
- (d) is incapacitated by old age or illness.
- (e) is convicted of a criminal offence involving dishonesty by a Court of competent jurisdiction and if any and all appeals thereon so confirm.

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- (f) ceases to reside in Nigeria.
- (g) is officially and lawfully adjudicated Bankrupt.
- (h) is recommended for removal from office as Trustee by all the other Trustees writing together (for such reason as shall be stated thereon) to the Executive Council and, the Executive Council so agrees.

8.4 The Trustees shall together be known as "THE BOARD OF REGISTERED TRUSTEES" of the Association and, the same shall be the name for the purpose of Incorporation under the applicable Laws of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

8.5 The General Secretary of the Association shall, upon the appointment of Trustees, cause their names, addresses and occupations to be entered into the records of the Association and shall prepare for use by the Trustees for incorporation purposes, the following:-

- (a) List of Members present and absent at the General Meeting at which this Constitution was ratified, which General Meeting gave approval to the Executive Council to appoint the Trustees.

- (b) The figures of Votes for and Votes against each item of the Constitution that had to be put to Vote and the figure of Members that abstained.

and,

- (c) The figures of Votes for, Votes against and Abstinence in respect of the ratification of the entire Constitution.

8.6 Publication Of The Appointment Of Trustees & Application For Incorporation

Upon the appointment of the Trustees and, not less than twenty one days to the commencement of incorporation procedures by the filing of the necessary papers, the General Secretary shall make public notices of the names of the Trustees and the fact of incorporation processes in not less than three newspapers circulating nationally (otherwise called "National Newspapers"), one of which shall be any of the following:-

- The Daily Times
- The Punch
- The New Nigerian

8.7 Duties, Rights & Responsibilities of Trustees

- (a) It shall be the duty of the Trustees, with the assistance of the President and the General Secretary of the Association for the time being, to apply to the appropriate authorities for

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Incorporation under the Land (Perpetual Succession) Act, Cap.98 or such laws of the Federal Republic of Nigeria as shall be necessary.

- (b) All property belonging to the Association whether acquired before or after the incorporation of the Trustees shall vest in them (that is, the Trustees for the time being) for the use and benefit of the Association and its members without derogating from the powers of the Executive Council of the Association for the time being to deplete by use or increase through its activities, the movable property of the Association without reference to the Trustees.**

9. Meetings

9.1 Annual General Meeting

An Annual General Meeting of the Association shall be held once in February on a date, time and place to be fixed by the Executive Council for the following purposes:-

- 9.1.1. to receive from the Executive Council a report of the Association's activities and its financial standing;**
- 9.1.2. to consider any other matter that may be on the agenda for the meeting;**
- 9.1.3. to decide on any resolution which may be duly submitted on the Association's activities and its financial standing; and**
- 9.1.4. to conduct election as and when necessary in the manner hereinafter provided.**

9.2 Other General Meetings

Apart from the Annual General Meeting, three other General Meetings shall be held, the first at three months from the Annual General and others at like intervals from the preceding general meeting.

9.3 Action Upon Executive Council's Failure To Convene General Meetings

In the event of the Executive Council's failure to convene any general meeting including the Annual General meeting and at anytime after 21 (twenty one) days of such failure, not less than sixty members from not less than five Service Clubs and/or Branches shall in writing and under their hands be capable of convening the meeting that has been due but unconvened by the Executive Council, provided that all the sixty members and their Service Clubs and/or Branches shall not be in arrear of their financial obligations to the Association.

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10. Ratification, alteration & Amendments

10.1 This Constitution or any part thereof may from time to time be altered, added to, repealed or amended by the Association at a general meeting of the Association provided that no resolution to this effect shall be taken unless notice thereof shall have been given not less than 21 days before such general meeting and no such resolution shall be deemed to have been passed unless it is carried by a majority of at least two-thirds of the members present thereat.

10.2 Any step to alter, add to, repeal or amend this Constitution may be initiated by or through the Executive Council on a Resolution passed by not less than two-thirds majority of the members present at the general meeting.

11. The Executive Council

The Executive Council of the Association shall comprise the following, who shall hold office by election.

11.1 President

11.2 1st Vice President

11.3 2nd Vice President

11.4 General Secretary (The Chief Executive of the Association)

11.5 1st Assistant General Secretary

11.6 2nd Assistant General Secretary

11.7 Social Secretary

11.8 Assistant Social Secretary

11.9 Publicity Secretary

11.10 Financial Secretary

11.11 Treasurer

11.12 Auditor

11.13 Legal Adviser

11.14 Welfare Officer

11.15 Ex-Officio; Chairmen of all Branches and Service Clubs and such other persons as the Executive Council may co-opt from time to time.

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12. *Officers And Their Duties*

12.1 *President*

- 12.1.1. He shall be the topmost officer of the Association and shall preside at all its meetings.**
- 12.1.2. He shall use his best endeavours to ensure that the provisions of the Association's Constitution are upheld at all times.**
- 12.1.3. Concerning decisions deliberated upon by the Association or matters put to vote, if there shall be a deadlock at any time as depicted by equal votes for and against, the President shall be entitled to a "second" or "casting" vote such that the direction of his leaning shall determine the direction in which the Association shall decide or be deemed to have decided on the matter.**
- 12.1.4. He shall, in order to avoid disruptions in the Association's affairs, be capable of appointing a "Protem" or "Temporary Officer" to carry out the duties of any officer (who does not have an Assistant or Deputy or Vice) at any time in the event of non-availability of any substantive officer.**
- 12.1.5. He shall address the Association from time to time on issues concerning the Association and its objectives and members' welfare and shall present an annual address to the Association.**
- 12.1.6. He shall be capable of a Veto not more than twice in a year on all proceedings at the Association's meetings and at any occasion, which proceedings are considered in the view of majority of the members of the Executive Council as capable of causing disaffection or discord within the Association. The Veto shall be used only upon the majority decision of the Presidency which shall be made up of the President, the 1st Vice President and the 2nd Vice President.**

12.2. *1st Vice President & 2nd Vice President*

They shall, in the order above stated, be the Deputies to the President with full powers to perform the functions and exercise the authority of the President whenever the President is absent or not available and, in addition, they will have the following specific functions apart from such functions as may be delegated to them by the President from time to time:-

- 12.2.1. *1st Vice President:-* He shall be the Chairman of the standing (permanent) committee of the Association for School Management Affairs and Upliftment.**

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- 12.2.2. 2nd Vice President:** He shall be the Chairman of the standing (permanent) committee of the Association for Projects and Fund-Raising.

12.3 General Secretary

- 12.3.1.** He shall be the Chief Executive of the Association, and, in that capacity shall be ultimately answerable to the Association for the effective operation of the other officers that are deemed to make up the Association's secretariat along with his own office, namely the 1st and 2nd Assistant General Secretaries, Social Secretary, Financial Secretary, Treasurer and, their deputies if and when such positions are created.

The General Secretary shall keep the Register of members and all documents (e.g. cards, forms etc) relating thereto.

The Auditor shall not be under his control but shall report to the Presidency made up of the President and Vice Presidents.

- 12.3.2.** He shall have final responsibility over the keeping of the Minutes of the Association's meetings, preparation and circulation of meeting notices and agenda and safe-keeping of the Association's records and executive operations in general.

- 12.3.3.** He shall keep a master copy (original) of the final draft of the Association's Annual-Accounts after the Auditor's certification referred to in 12.9.3 hereof.

12.4 1st Assistant General Secretary & 2nd Assistant General Secretary

Apart from generally assisting the general secretary in the discharge of his duties and in order of their positions (that is, "1st Assistant" and "2nd Assistant") they will each specifically be responsible for the following:-

12.4.1. 1st Assistant General Secretary

- (a) Recording of the Minutes of all meetings other than the General Meetings and submission of same to the General Secretary for perusal and eventual counter-signature before circulation.
- (b) Keeping and updating the record of members attendances at all meetings other than the General Meetings.

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- (c) He shall be the Secretary to the Project & Fund-Raising Committee.

12.4.2. *2nd Assistant General Secretary*

- (a) Extraction and chrono-serialised keeping of all resolutions of the Association.
- (b) He shall be the Secretary to the School Management Affairs And Upliftment Committee.
- (c) He shall, on behalf of the General Secretary, liaise with the Social Secretary and/or the Assistant Social Secretary in respect of social programmes.

12.5 *Social Secretary & Assistant Social Secretary*

The Social Secretary, assisted by the Assistant Social Secretary shall be responsible for the planning and execution of the social activities, ceremonies and occasions of the Association within limits of programme and budgetary approvals by the General Secretary and the Financial Secretary under the overall policy direction of the Presidency.

12.6 *Publicity Secretary*

He shall be the Public Relations Officer of the Association and, in that capacity, ensure due publicity for the Association's activities and programmes within the affordable limits of the Association's finances under the approval of the General Secretary and the Financial Secretary and, of course, under the overall policy direction of the presidency.

12.7 *Financial Secretary*

- 12.7.1.** He shall be responsible for keeping proper accounting records of the Association's finances and shall, in that regard, liaise effectively with the Treasurer to whom he (the financial secretary) shall, with documentary proofs, ensure delivery of monies collected on behalf of the Association not later than two (2) weeks from the date of collection.

- 12.7.2.** He shall prepare on a monthly basis, basic Statements of Account which shall contain inter alia, movements in "Source And Application Of Funds" and circulate the same to:-

- The President
- The General Secretary.
- The Auditor

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12.7.3. He shall advise the Association on financial matters from time to time and use his best endeavours in advising the Treasurer to ensure that the Association earns the most economic returns on all Association's monies.

12.7.4. He shall, in conjunction with the Treasurer, prepare the Annual Accounts of the Association which shall include "Income and Expenditure" Statements, Property and Depreciation or Appreciation thereof, Membership Fees and other contributions, and, he shall ensure that the said Accounts and all evidencing vouchers and records relating thereto along with the Draft Annual Accounts are made available to the Association's Auditor to enable the said Auditor check and verify the Accounts and the records with a view to certifying the final Draft Accounts with or without such comments or qualifying remarks as he (the Association's Auditor) shall deem necessary.

12.8 *Treasurer*

12.8.1. He shall be one of the signatories to the Association's Banking Accounts.

12.8.2. He shall ensure undelayed collection of Cash, Cheques and all Payment Instruments from the financial secretary within limits of the prescription of the Association's Constitution and, he shall ensure the banking and safe-keeping thereof.

12.8.3. He shall be in charge of the Association's Imprest Account which shall have such a limit as shall be decided by the President, the General Secretary and the Financial Secretary from time to time depending on the Association's cash requirements.

12.8.4. He shall keep all items of value belonging to the Association and which are either not immediately needed by the General Secretary or any of the officers of the Association in the discharge of their functions or, which are not immediately needed by the Association.

12.9 *Auditor*

12.9.1. He shall be responsible for the continuous audit of the Association's financial records on a quarterly basis, and, in this connection, shall be entitled to inspection and/or perusal of the Association's financial records and accounts.

12.9.2. He shall verify whether or not physical cash balances and the balances on the Association's accounts agree with the balances on the records of the Financial Secretary and Treasurer and, that the records of both the Financial Secretary and the Treasurer are reconciled in the event of discrepancies.

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12.9.3. He shall certify the final draft of the Association's Annual Accounts by countersigning (beside the signatures of the Financial Secretary and the Treasurer) and commenting as deemed necessary on the said final draft and, only upon such signing shall the Financial Secretary, the General Secretary and the President eventually sign the Association's Annual Account which can be circulated among the Members and Service Clubs and Branches.

12.9.4. In the event of the discovery of any irregularities by him, he shall intimate the General Secretary and the President, following whose remarks, he (the Auditor) shall be free to make his views thereon known to the Association in general meeting.

12.10 *Legal Adviser*

12.10.1. He shall be an Ekorian entitled to practice the legal profession in Nigeria under and pursuant to the provisions of the Legal Practitioners Decree No. 15, 1975 and subsequent modifications thereof.

12.10.2. He shall advise the Association on issues concerning the affairs of the Association in relation to the laws of Nigeria and so prevent a situation in which grievous acts of illegality are committed by the Association.

12.10.3. He shall handle all the Association's legal filings and matters requiring registration under any and all laws of Nigeria.

12.10.4. If and whenever the Association ventures into revenue yielding investments or corporate and/or commercial engagements, he (the legal adviser) shall be the legal adviser in respect of all such undertakings.

13. *Proceedings At Meetings & Related issues*

13.1 *Quorum*

13.1.1. The Quorum at any meeting other than the Executive Council Meeting and the Annual General Meeting shall be:- Twenty (20) Members or 25% (to the nearest whole number of the attendance at the last annual general meeting, whichever is lower.

13.1.2. The Quorum at the Annual General meeting shall be Thirty (30) Members or 50% (to the nearest whole number) of the attendance at the last annual general meeting, whichever is lower

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- 13.1.3. The Quorum at the meetings of the Executive Council shall be one-third (approximated to the nearest whole number) of the entire members of the Executive Council for the time being.
- 13.2. In respect of every General meeting, the General Secretary directly or through the Assistant General Secretaries shall ensure that all Members, Branches and Service Clubs are informed of the venue, date and precise time of the meeting, and, where elections are intended into any office of the Association office, details of such intentions shall be contained in the notices.
- 13.3. The General Secretary shall show on request by any member, Branch or Service Club, evidence of the necessary advance notice of general meeting failing which, at the insistence of not less than twenty members of three Service Clubs and/or Branches, any elections and any decisions taken at such meetings shall be reversed or be null, void and of no effect whatsoever.
- 13.4. *Prayer & School Song*
 - 13.4.1. Every meeting shall be called to order for commencement by the President or in his absence by the first Vice president or the second Vice President or the General Secretary or his Assistants in that order.
 - 13.4.2. The call to order shall be followed by a prayer to be said by anyone called upon by the President and such prayer may be fashioned after the practice in any religion at the option of the person called upon to say the prayer.
 - 13.4.3. The prayer shall be followed by the school song in such combination of verses as exigencies of time may permit in the opinion of the President.
 - 13.4.4. Similarly, upon the adjournment of a meeting, the School song shall be rendered and be followed by a prayer in the manner described in 13.4.2. hereof.
- 13.5. *Presentation & Adoption Of Last Minutes Before New Matters*
 - 13.5.1. After the opening prayer, the General Secretary shall announce any written notices for abstention following which he shall present the minutes of the last meeting which shall be adopted after the necessary observations and corrections.
 - 13.5.2. The adoption of Minutes shall be moved by one member and be seconded by another.

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13.5.3. Except in cases of matters requiring emergency decisions very early into the meeting, new issues shall be considered only after the meeting has deliberated matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting.

13.5.4. Subject to the approval of the President, the meeting may deliberate and take decisions on matters not on the Agenda, depending on the nature and urgency of such matters in the opinion of the President.

14. *Elections into The Association's Executive Council*

Starting with the first Executive Council set up in the manner hereinbefore contained, the following regulations shall govern the holding of Executive Council Offices:-

14.1 *Tenure of office:*

A single term of office of each elected member of the executive council shall be two "Calendar Years of the Association" and, an office holder who holds himself out for re-election into the same position previously occupied by him may do so and vie at elections along with other nominated persons but only once, that is to say, no officer-holder shall occupy the same position for more than two terms.

At the end of the term of office of each member of the Executive council or upon the sooner determination thereof through resignation, removal or disqualification from office in the manner hereinafter provided, each member so affected shall, within seven days, return directly to the General Secretary or through any of the Assistant General Secretaries, all property and belongings of the Association formerly in his possession failing which the Association shall be free to recover same by any and all lawful means possible.

14.2 *Electoral Panel*

Elections shall be organised by an ad-hoc electoral panel of three non Executive Council Members appointed by the President and, the most recent Legal Adviser of the Association who shall be the Chairman of the panel.

The decisions of the electoral panel shall be by majority and its Chairman shall have a second and casting vote in the event of a deadlock in respect of the panel's decisions.

The panel shall swear to an "Oath of Fairness" before conducting each election.

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Persons may be nominated and voted for in absentia provided such persons had earlier written or otherwise informed the General Secretary (and provided the General Secretary so confirms at the start of the General Meeting) concerning their inability to attend for whatever reasons provided that persons who are not supported by their Branches or Service Clubs and/or who are in arrear of their Annual Subscriptions and monies levied on Members shall not be eligible for nomination and electoral candidacy.

15. Association's secretariat & Postal Address

Unless and until the Association sets up its own permanent office and postal addresses, it shall use as Secretariat and Postal Address respectively, such facilities as may be made available or donated by willing members, provided that the Executive Council of the Association shall be at liberty to accept or reject such offers as may be made by members after visiting or otherwise considering the facilities so offered and, provided further that until the Association accepts any offer of a Secretariat address, the School shall be the Secretariat address of the Association.

16. Regulation Of Matters Not Specifically Treated In This Constitution

Any and all matters not specifically treated in this Constitution shall be governed in accordance with such rules as may be made from time to time by the Executive Council of the Association.

17. Awards

The Association, through the Executive Council shall make awards as and when deemed necessary or proper.

18. Select Committee Of Ekorian Elders

18.1 The Association shall appoint into this Committee, elderly Ekorians (aged sixty and above) who have attained considerable prominence in the Nigerian Society in various spheres of life and who, in the opinion of the Executive Council show keen interest in the affairs of the association.

18.2 Patrons

The Association shall have five (5) Patrons who shall be Members of the Select Committee of Ekorian Elders.

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- 18.3 It shall be ensured that the Select Committee of Ekorian Elders does not have more than twenty (20) living members at any time in order to preserve the dignity of appointments thereto.

19. Disqualification Of Executive Council Members

An Executive Council Member shall cease to hold office in the event of any of the following:-

- 19.1 If he commits an act of wilful disregard for the Association's constitution and fails, refuses or neglects to apologize in writing and retract from the act within two weeks of being requested to do so in writing and delivered to him at his last known address.
- 19.2 If he is adjudicated bankrupt.
- 19.3 If he is convicted of an offence against Nigerian or any political division thereof, all appeals instituted by him having been heard and determined.
- 19.4 If he commits an act of dishonesty or conversion in respect of the Association's monies or resources.
- 19.5 If all other members of the Executive council demand his resignation.

20. Members' Disciplinary Committee And General Disciplinary Matters

- 20.1 Any member, Branch or Service Club that may have any grievances in respect of any matter concerning his or its membership or the conduct of any other member of the Association shall reserve the right to write a petition thereon to the Members' Disciplinary Committee (MDC) giving details of his grievance and what he wants to be done. Such petitions shall be considered by the MDC which shall be a standing Committee comprising the General Secretary, the legal Adviser and any two Members appointed by the President from time to time and in respect of each petition, provided that no member shall be on the MDC to treat a particular petition made against his person, Branch or Service Club.
- 20.2 Any member who is suspended by a Service Club or Branch shall stand suspended from such Service Club or Branch and the Association unless and until he appeals to the Association, and the General Secretary shall be notified accordingly provided that no member shall be

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expelled from a Service Club, Branch or the Association without being given the opportunity of fair hearing by the Association and such fair hearing shall be in the presence of not less than three members of his Branch or Service Club or, in the case of a member not being a member of any Branch or Service Club, in the presence of not less than three members of the Executive Council.

21. *Signatories To The Association's Banking Account*

The Signatories to the Association's Banking Account shall be :-

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| 21.1 | <i>The President</i> | } | any two signing jointly provided that the supporting payment voucher must be signed by the President or any of his Vice Presidents or by the General Secretary or any of his Deputies before payment. |
| 21.2 | <i>The General Secretary</i> | | |
| | and | | |
| 21.3 | <i>The Treasurer</i> | | |

In respect of cash transactions, approval shall be given by the General Secretary or any of his Deputies and, the Financial Secretary before disbursement provided that the said officers shall be free to approve reimbursement of expenses incurred on behalf of the Association at times and in circumstances under which prior approval is considered by them to have been impossible, onerous or inexpedient.

22. *Change Or Modification Of Name*

In the event of the Association wishing to change or modify its name at any time and for any reason whatsoever, the following regulations shall apply:-

- 22.1.** A proposal in that regard may be made initiated to the Executive Council by any Member or any Branch or any Service Club provided that such member or Branch or Service Club is not in arrears of his or its financial obligations to the Association.
- 22.2.** Whether the Executive Council agrees or disagrees with the proposal, it shall place the proposal before the general meeting immediately following the receipt of the proposal unless the proposal is received at less than 60 days to the next general-meeting following that missed. In putting the proposal before the Association's General Meeting, the Executive Council shall make known its opinion on the proposal.

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- 22.3. In placing the matter before the general meeting, the Executive Council shall ensure due notice thereof to all Members either as a separate notice or along with the notice convening the general meeting.
- 22.4. Upon the general meeting passing the proposal, notice of the Association's intention to file the change or modification of name with the agency or office of the Federal Republic of Nigeria for the time being responsible for such matters shall be displayed for each of at least 21 days prior to the filing, at the Association's Secretariat as well as any place deemed accessible to members at Branches and Service Clubs.
- 22.5. The same notice mentioned in 22. 4. hereof shall also be made in form of publication and featured in not less than three nationally-circulating newspapers.
- 22.6. All the notices must call for objections (if any) to be forwarded to the Director General, Ministry of Internal Affairs within 21 days of such publication or to the Officer and/or the office for the time being in charge of matters concerning Associations and Incorporated Trustees in the Federal Republic of Nigeria.
- 22.7. After the expiration of the 21 days mentioned in 22.6 hereof, the Association shall then formally apply to the appropriate authority for the registration of the change of or modification in its name, forwarding a copy of each of the notices.
- 22.8. Upon the change or modification in name being registered in the records of the appropriate authority, the Association's name shall, to all intents and purposes, be deemed to have been changed or modified as shall be the case, and, all stationery and documents of the Association shall accordingly be made or modified to reflect the new name.

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