

CONSTITUTION OF THE GOVERNMENT COLLEGE IBADAN OLD BOYS ASSOCIATION (1976 – 1981 SET)

1. NAME AND HEADQUARTERS

The Association shall be called:

“THE GOVERNMENT COLLEGE IBADAN OLD BOYS ASSOCIATION (1976 – 1981 SET” and shall have its headquarters in Lagos, Nigeria.

2. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

The aims and objects of the Association shall be to:

1. Maintain a close association among the past students of Government College Ibadan (hereinafter called the **“College”** and/or **“GCI”**) 1976-1981 set and to foster the spirit of unity among them
2. Promote and protect the interest, welfare and progress of the **College** and members of this Association.
3. Give financial and/or other assistance/support to its members and to any student(s) of the college whenever this is considered necessary by the Association and/or its Executive Council.

3. MEMBERSHIP

1. Membership of the group is open to all former students of the college class of 1976-1981 notwithstanding their tenure as students while in school.
2. Membership of the organization is as of right, automatic and permanent to any living member of the set of 1976-1981.

4. POWERS

In order to achieve its aims, the Association may:

1. Raise money
2. Open bank accounts
3. Take out insurance policies
4. Employ staff
5. Buy assets & invest funds (as agreed by the EXCO and at least 60% of the general body).
6. Organize or attend courses, trainings and events
7. Work with other groups/associations and exchange information
8. Do anything that is lawful which will help the Association to fulfill its aims

5. MANAGEMENT/STRUCTURE

a) EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

The Association shall be administered by a governing body known as the Executive Council (EXCO) comprising of elected and appointed officials as listed below:

I. Global President

II. Chairman of all zones (Zones as determined by the EXCO and as needed)

III. Treasurer

IV. General Secretary

V. Legal Adviser (Appointee)

VI. Communications Officer (Appointee)

VII. Welfare Officer (Appointee)

VIII. Past Presidents (Maximum 2 – Typically first in first Out)

IX. 1 – 3 Ex Officio Members (Appointees)

At all times, there should be a minimum of 10 and a maximum of 12 members in the EXCO including Appointees. The appointees selected at the discretion of the elected members of the EXCO.

b) QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

The qualifications to be a member of the executive Council are as follows

- I. Members must have paid their dues within the prescribed period for payment
- II. Members must be of good standing
- III. Members must have been elected into office except where the member is replacing a casual vacancy.
- IV. The Treasurer must have a financial background or must be competent in finance.
- V. The legal adviser must be a lawyer, member of a Bar Association/ Legal Society and in good standing in the relevant jurisdiction.

c) DUTIES OF THE EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

(i) The President Shall:-

- a) Chair general and extra ordinary meetings summoned at his direction.
- b) Work closely with members of EXCO to achieve the goals and objectives of the association
- c) Be the spokesperson for the association
- d) Report annually on the state of the association
- e) Have the power to perform any and all other functions as may be required of his office f) Protect and enforce the constitution

(ii) The General Secretary Shall:-

- a) Convene meetings:
 - i. at the direction of the President, or,
 - ii. On the requisition of not less than 10 members of the Association; shall summon an extraordinary general meeting of the Association.
- b) Take and keep minutes of all requisite meetings including without limitation General and Extraordinary meetings
- c) Keep an up-to-date register of all members of the association.
- d) Write and dispatch circulars, letters and other correspondence of the association/EXCO
- e) Promote the association's public relations.
- f) Be responsible for the general management of the secretariat of the association. g) Protect and enforce the constitution.

(iii) The Treasurer shall:

- a) Maintain the records of all financial transactions.
- b) Receive, collect, and pay to the bank all money collected for the association. c) Carry out any decision or directive arising from voting, EXCO decisions and authorized meetings relating to budget or finances of the association.
- d) Prepare or cause to be prepared and circulated to members of the association during or before every Annual General Meeting, the audited balance sheet, annual statement of account as well as annual report of the association.
- e) Keep and safeguard the association's checks, tokens and ATM cards.
- f) Co-sign the association's checks with other authorized signatories who shall be made

known to the association.

- g) Cause an audit to be carried out on the association's financial transactions as required.
- h) Protect and enforce the constitution.

d) TENURE OF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

- (i) The tenure of every elected office will be 2 years upon which election must be held
- (ii) In event of no opposition, with the consent of the incumbent of each elected office, an office holder may be returned by acclamation
- (iii) Any member of the EXCO may resign at any time by giving notice in writing to that effect.
- (iii) No member of the Executive Office shall hold two (2) elective offices at the same time.

e) FILLING OF VACANCIES IN THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

- (i) The Executive Council shall have the power to fill any vacancies which arise during its term of office; and
- (ii) If 10 or more ordinary members reject the inclusion of the member(s) so appointed by the Executive Council an Extraordinary meeting will be summoned and elections will be held for that purpose.

f) POWERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

- (i) The Executive Council shall have the power to do the following:-
 - i) To suspend the voting rights, access to the group chat (on any or all association social media platforms) and other privileges hitherto enjoyed by such members for a two week period for a first offender or longer periods (as determined by the EXCO for a repeat offender. This suspension may arise from material breach of the constitution including but not limited to any of the offences listed below in Section 8 (1)(c), or for any other “reasonable reason” as determined by the EXCO. The power granted under this clause does **not** extend to the power to expel any member as membership is a right and not a privilege.
 - ii) To convene meetings.
 - iii) Carry out disciplinary measures against defaulting or unruly members
 - iv) To investigate (order an investigation) and report criminal acts to the appropriate authorities.
 - v) To disband any committee
 - vi) To ratify the position of any member
 - vii) The President shall have the right to delegate some of his duties and (or) powers to member(s) of the association, while other members of the Executive Committee will be allowed to co-op other members of the Association to assist with his/their functions.

g) REMOVAL OF EXECUTIVE OFFICER(S)

- (i) Any member of the Executive Committee may be removed from office for any misbehavior deemed inappropriate with the offices of this Association, including but not limited to offences listed under the Miscellaneous provisions of this Constitution in Section 8 (1) (c).
- (ii) Any member of the association (including all members that have not paid their dues) and supported by at least ten(10) other members of the association or two (5) members of the Executive Council may request the removal of one or more Executive Committee member(s)
- (iii) Following the request for removal of a member of the executive committee, a designated ad-hoc committee will be constituted within 7 days for the purpose of deliberating on the removal/request and giving due hearing to the affected officer(s). For the avoidance of doubt this Committee will also apply where the removal is for two or more members of the Executive Committee but not all the Executive Officers. Three nominees will come from members of the association, while the other two nominees will come from the Executive Committee who may or may not include any member of the Executive Committee. Provided always that any Executive Committee member tagged for removal will not comprise part of the ad hoc committee. The decision of the Council will be final.
- (iv) In the unlikely event that the request for removal is for all the members of the Executive Council, then an extra ordinary meeting will have to be summoned to deliberate on the removal of the executives.

h) REGIONAL / ZONAL MANAGERMENTS

- a) The association will be divided into the following zones / regions
 - 1. Nigeria – This covers Nigeria, the whole of Africa and Antarctica
 - 2. United Kingdom – This covers the whole of Europe, Asia and Australia
 - 3. America – This covers both North and South America

Each zone may be further divided into 2 or more zones in the future as the circumstances demands/dictates.

i) STRUCTURE FOR REGIONS

- i. The elected president is responsible for appointing officers as required depending on requirements of the region

j) ADDITIONAL COMMITTEES

Other than the Executive Committee, ad hoc committees can be set up from time to

k) MEETINGS:

I. Annual General Meetings:

- a. There must be an Annual General Meeting which shall hold, every January or if not feasible, within the first quarter of every year.

- b. The Executive Committee shall present their reports at this meeting.
- c. A minimum of twenty one (21) days' notice must be given, prior to any meeting taking place.
- d. A minimum of ten (10) of the members shall constitute a quorum. Attendance at these meetings may be in person, by Zoom or any similarly acceptable medium of audio-visual communication.

II. Ordinary General Meetings:

- a. Shall hold once every quarter, except the quarter in which an annual general meeting is holding
- b. A minimum of twenty one (21) days' notice must be given, prior to any meeting taking place.
- c. A minimum of ten (10) members shall constitute a quorum. Attendance at these meetings may be in person, by Zoom or any similarly acceptable medium of audio visual communication.
- d. Each meeting must be minuted with the first agenda item being Attendance register, Annual dues payment update and a financial report from the treasurer

III. Extraordinary General Meetings:

- a) An Extra-ordinary meeting or Special Meetings shall be summoned by the General Secretary at the direction of the President or at the request of not less than ten (10) members of the association.
- b) The meeting may be summoned at any time but must take place within Eight (8) calendar days of summoning the meeting.
- c) A minimum of ten (10) members shall constitute a quorum

IV. Executive Council Meetings:

- a) Executive Council meetings must hold at least once every quarter.
- b) Eight (8) days' notice must be given for this meeting.
- c) A minimum of five (5) members shall constitute a quorum

V. General Provisions on meetings

- a) All other meetings not specifically provided for above shall be summoned by the head, or members, of the committees as necessary.
- b) A minimum of three (3) members shall constitute a quorum
- c) All meetings may be held virtually e.g. by telephone conferencing, video streaming and other acceptable technology.

6. FINANCES AND DUES

- I. The association's financial year shall be from January 1st till December 31st of each calendar year.
- II. Every member shall pay an annual subscription, according to the region where he is located, to be decided by all the members at any of the quarterly regional

meetings .

III. Opening of Bank Account

- a) Bank accounts may be opened in the name of the association.
 - b) There shall be two signatories for the account(s) owned by the association and any one signatory out of the two signatories can operate the accounts held by the association.
 - c) Except for accounts opened outside Nigeria, the Treasurer must be one of the signatories and will be responsible for manning the accounts but may request two members from the association to assist with some of his other functions.
 - d) The chairman of each zone outside Nigeria will be responsible for the accounts outside Nigeria.
 - e) The signatories to the accounts must be based in the country where the accounts are opened and the signatories must each be a representative from the Executive Committee, or the other committees.
 - f) All dues of members must be paid directly into the designated account(s)
 - g) All money collected on behalf of the association, from sponsors, contributors, etc. must also be paid into the designated accounts.
- IV. All members shall endeavor to pay their dues on or before 31st of March in any given year.

5. FUNDING

- I. Funding for welfare needs irrespective of whether it is for current students in GCI or members of the group in distress will be taken from the welfare fund to be established from dues of members held in the accounts and other contributions
- II. The proportion to be allotted must not exceed NGN 100, 000 in the case of student(s) of GCI and NGN200, 000 for any one member of the group in distress.
- III. Each case will be treated subjectively to determine a reasonable amount to give; nonetheless the amount to be given must not exceed the amounts stated herein except where a vote has been taken to the contrary.
- IV. The above monetary limits can be changed by the executive committee from time to time, as long as the changes are ratified by the members at a general meeting before they are implemented.
- V. In the event that funding is required for other activities i.e. outside welfare needs, voting may be required to determine whether funds should be taken from the money in the accounts or a special contribution taken for that purpose; Provided that
 - 1. the special contribution will be purely voluntary and no member will be mandated to contribute.
 - 2. Any fundraising done must be done with integrity and dignity to GCI and class of 1976-81 set.
 - 3. The agenda of the fund raising must be published to the association and approval sought from the Executive Committee before any fundraising is carried out.
 - 4. Any member may object to the manner of fundraising, which will be reviewed by the Executive Committee and/or the appropriate committee, in consultation with

the Executive Committee.

5. For the avoidance of doubt, it is prohibited to procure funds from any person(s) or organization affiliated with fraud or terrorism.
6. Procuring funding through a fraudulent means is also not permitted, and all Funds obtained in fraudulent manners must be rejected by the association.

7. ELECTIONS AND VOTING

a) Procedure for Election

- I. Three members nominated by a majority of the association shall comprise the Ad-Hoc Electoral Committee and will be responsible for administering the general elections.
- II. Members of the Electoral Committee are not allowed to run for office but can be selected to replace any member in a position.
- III. Except where otherwise stated, voting for members running for positions will be by a say of “Aye” for every member in agreement.
- IV. Voting will be arranged according to regions and coordinated by the chairperson but supervised by the Electoral Committee.

b) Voting Generally

- I. Voting on all other issues, whether in person, on the chat/any acceptable medium of technology or a combination of both, shall be by a say of “Aye” by the member in support of the vote.
- II. Voting by proxy is permitted. While members who have not paid their dues up to date may not vote, they are permitted to stand in proxy for another member whose dues are paid up to date.
- III. Members voting by proxy must notify the Secretary at least two hours before the voting is scheduled to take place.
- IV. The President (and in regional elections, the Chairman) will have the “casting vote” in addition to his one vote at General Meetings summoned at his direction.
- V. Voting will be won by the majority of voters present during the voting.

8. MISCELLANEOUS

1. Minimum Standards / Ethics of the Group

- a) Members of the association must as a minimum conform to the following:
 - i. Have respect for one another
 - ii. Have respect for the family members of individual association members
 - iii. Respect other political and religious beliefs, etc.
 - iv. Respect member's status e.g. poor, rich, single, divorced or married

- b) Any member falling short of any of the above may be suspended from the association
- c) The under-listed are offences which constitute grounds for immediate suspension and may warrant further disciplinary measures taken against any erring member. The offences are as follows:-
 - i. Being abusive, quarrelsome or undermining another member on the public forum
 - ii. Using foul or obscene language verbally or in writing
 - iii. Deliberately sharing pornographic materials on forums where it is prohibited
 - iv. Misappropriation or embezzlement of funds and /or other assets of the Group
 - v. Violating the provisions of the constitution or bye laws where applicable.
 - vi. Publication or dissemination of any printed or electronic matter which misrepresents the Association or brings its integrity into disrepute.
 - vii. Use of privilege members' personal information for fraudulent purposes or personal benefits detrimental to the member or the association
 - viii. Use of privileged position to seek an illicit relationship or affair with any member or member's relative or affiliate.
- 2. The protocol to remove a member from one of the association's forums can be initiated by a concerned member reporting to any member of the Executive Committee, who in turn will table the request before the executive committee.

3. Borrowing

- i. No member is permitted to borrow from the association
- ii. No member allowed to use the association's name to borrow any funds.
- iii. Borrowing by the association is not permitted.

9. AMENDMENTS

The Constitution may be amended by two third (2/3) majority of financial members present and voting at an Annual General Meeting or at an Extraordinary meeting summoned for this purpose. Notice of the proposed amendment will be given in writing to the Secretary who shall incorporate such proposed amendment in the notice for the meeting.

10. DISSOLUTION

- i. The Group shall exist perpetually unless dissolved according to law or by death of all the members.
- ii. Dissolution shall be by not less than two third (2/3) majority votes of all known living members. All votes are to reach the General Secretary and/or the president on/before the deadline set by the executive committee.
- iii. Upon dissolution of the Group, if there remains any property and (or) assets whatsoever, after settling all debts and liabilities the same shall be given or transferred to the authorities of GCI or other organizations having similar objects to the

association.

This Constitution was adopted at a meeting by a simple majority of those present on the day of..... 2020 and ratified on theday of

Signed by:

President: **Secretary:** **Name:**

Name:

Treasurer:

Name: