



CONSTITUTION

ST. JAMES JUNIOR SEMINARY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

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PREAMBLE

WHEREAS: Saint James Junior Seminary Yandev was established at its first site in 1955 at Otukpo. The school is replete with a nomadic history: from Otukpo the school moved to Aliade in 1958; Aliade to Keffi in 1960; Keffi to Makurdi in 1970; again, Makurdi to Aliade in 1986; and finally settled at its permanent site in Yandev, Gboko in 1994. The first student of the school graduated in 1960.

- ❑ The Alumnus of the school [hereinafter called the “Alma Mater”], decided to form themselves into an Alumni Association, constituted and gave themselves a Constitution in 2018;
- ❑ At a meeting of the general members of the Association on July 25, 2017, it was resolved that a Constitution Drafting Committee be constituted with the aim of drafting a constitution for the Association;
- ❑ A constitution drafting Committee was consequently set up and inaugurated with a mandate to draft a constitution for the Association;
- ❑ The Constitution Drafting Committee, after several months of deliberations and consultations drew up a Constitution for the Association, which inter alia:
 - a. Provides a complete structure of governance of the Association in order to establish an effective and simplified administration of the Association;
 - b. Makes further provision to actualize the aims and objectives of the Association;
 - c. Makes provisions to enable the Association brace up to meet the challenges of the times, and in practical terms, work for the growth of the Association and wellbeing of its members and Alma Mater; and
 - d. At the National Convention of the Association held at St James Seminary Yandev on July 25, 2018, the Constitution was ratified.

NOW THEREFORE, We, the members of Saint James Junior Seminary Alumni Association, otherwise called “Saint James Old Boys Association” [SaJOBA] having firmly and solemnly resolved:

TO LIVE in unity and harmony as one indivisible and indissoluble Association under one God dedicated to the promotion of mutual understanding, peace, unity, love, co-operation, progress and respect among our members, the Nigerian nation and the World in general:

AND TO PROVIDE for a Constitution for the purpose of promoting the good governance and welfare of all members of the Association on the principles of love, equity, and justice for the purpose of consolidating the unity of members in faith, hope, and charity in our Alma Mater:

DO HEREBY, MAKE, ENACT AND GIVE OURSELVES the following Constitution:

ARTICLE I

NAME, REGISTERED OFFICE, MOTTO, SLOGAN AND APPLICATION OF THE CONSTITUTION

1. The name of the Association shall be known, called, addressed and written as Saint James' Junior Seminary Old Boys Association hereinafter referred to as “ **THE ASSOCIATION**”.
2. The registered Office of the Association shall be situated in the premises of St. James Junior Seminary, Yandev.
3. The Motto of the Association shall be the motto of the Alma Mater “**Ut Omnes Unum Sint**”.
4. The Slogan of the Association shall be “**SaJOBa: We Are One**”.
5. This Constitution shall be of general application to all members of the Association and no Branch or set shall enact its own Constitution.

ARTICLE II

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

6. The aims and objectives of the Association shall be:
 1. To act as a collective advisory and action body on matters affecting the unity, welfare, tradition and development of all past students in particular and current students of the Alma Mater in general.
 2. To unite into one body all past students of the Alma Mater for the purpose of fostering good relationship between them and the alma mater.
 3. To stimulate and accentuate co-operation and solidarity among members of the Association.
 4. To provide a forum for social, cultural and intellectual exchange of ideas, ideals and experiences as means of promoting the true spirit of unity and brotherhood among members of the Association.
 5. To actively or passively participate in, and co-operate with, any legally constituted associations, organizations or unions having aims and objectives similar and acceptable to the Association.
 6. To instill and inculcate the spirit of discipline amongst members of the Association and students of the Alma Mater.
 7. To mediate into, and occasionally adjudicate over, issues and disputes affecting members of the Association, with the view of encouraging amicable settlement whenever and wherever they arise.
 8. To protect the image of the Association and the Alma Mater and secure for them effective voice in all or any affairs of the Nigerian state, which directly or indirectly affects them at all times.
 9. To design and execute social programmes, which are entertaining, instructive and progressive to members of the Association and the general public.

10. To foster a spirit of national awareness amongst members of the Association and to defend matters of national interest, peace, loyalty and unity where these are likely to be in jeopardy.
11. To encourage, assist, and promote the quality of education and sports at all levels among members, the Alma Mater, Nigeria, and the World in general.
12. To undertake projects and schemes of educational, social, and economic nature with a view to realizing income to be used in advancing the purposes of the Association and the Alma Mater.
13. To purchase, acquire, hold, lease, and dispose of any property, real, or personal, and to manage and develop same in the interest of the Association, subject to the extant laws in force in Nigeria.
14. To promote and encourage academic excellence in the Alma Mater through financial aid, grants, scholarships, provision of books, computers and other learning facilities.
15. To do such other activities as the Association may deem incidental or conducive to the attainment of its overall aims and objectives.

ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP

7. Membership of the Association is open to all past students of the Alma Mater, who must have spent at least one year of instruction at the Alma Mater and must have been given an admission number.
8. Admission to membership [which is optional] shall be by application to the branch or set of the Association on payment of the prescribed fees, where the member is resident.
9. No member of the Association shall be discriminated on account of age, political affiliation, tribe, social status, or religion.
10. A member of the Association upon payment of the prescribed fees, dues, contributions and levies, as and when due, shall be entitled to participate fully in the activities of the Association including contesting for elective offices and voting at elections.
11. Wives of members of the Association shall be deemed and regarded as Associate Members of the Association but shall not qualify to vote or be voted for as officials of the Association.

ARTICLE IV

STRUCTURE, OFFICERS, AND STAFF

12. The Association shall be structured and organized into:
 1. The National Body,
 2. Branches, and
 3. Sets.

13. The National Officers of the Association shall be :

1. The National President;
2. The National Vice-President;
3. The National Secretary;
4. The National Assistant Secretary;
5. The National Treasurer;
6. The Financial Secretary;
7. The National Publicity Secretary;
8. The National Social Secretary;
9. The National Auditor;
10. The National Legal Adviser;
11. The National Provost;
12. Patrons; and
13. Ex-Officio members, comprising the immediate Past National President, Vice-President and National Secretary of the Association.

14. The Branch officers of the Association shall be:

1. Chairman;
2. Vice Chairman;
3. Secretary;
4. Assistant Secretary;
5. Treasurer;
6. Financial Secretary;
7. Publicity Secretary;
8. Social Secretary;
9. Auditor; and
10. Provost.

15. The Set officers of the Association shall be:

1. Set Prefect;
2. Set Vice-Prefect;
3. Set Secretary;
4. Set Treasurer;
5. Financial Secretary;
6. Set Public Relations Officer [PRO];
7. Set Social Secretary.

16. Without prejudice to paragraphs 12, 13, and 14 of this article, the Association' Officers both at the National and Branch levels shall reserve

the right to appoint competent persons and staff for the administration of their secretariats.

ARTICLE V

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

17. ELECTORAL COMMITTEE

1. There shall be established for the Association a National Electoral Committee, whose membership shall be three [3] nominated by the Board of Trustee and approved at the annual General Meeting [AGM] by simple majority of members present and voting.
2. Such members shall be persons of proven and unquestionable integrity who shall conduct elections of members of the National Officers.
3. No contestant for the position of national officer shall be a member of the Electoral Committee, whose members shall not be qualified to vote at such elections.
4. The Electoral Committee shall stand dissolved upon the election of the National Officers.
5. All National Officers of the Association shall be elected by simple majority of popular votes at the Biennial General Convention [BGC]
6. A person shall not be qualified to hold or perform the functions of any office unless he is a registered and financial member.
7. All registered, active and financial members of the Association shall be eligible to vote and be voted for.
8. All elections shall be held by secret ballot.
9. Nomination of all candidates for election to national office shall be made in writing to the Electoral Committee, or by show of hands at the election time, by a member who is so qualified to be voted for and supported by another.
10. No member shall propose or second more than one candidate for the same office.
11. A candidate for election to the National Office shall be deemed to have duly elected where he has the highest number of votes cast at the election.
12. In respect of the National Executive Committee, the National Secretary and National Treasurer shall ordinarily be resident in the state where the National headquarters of the Association is domiciled.
13. All candidates vying for elective positions shall pay a fee to be determined by the National Executive Commission [NEC] before the election.
14. Not more than three [3] National Officers shall come from any one Branch of the Association.
15. Election to offices of the Branches of the Association shall be conducted by the Branch Electoral Committees to be constituted and appointed by the National Executive Committees of the Branches, as approved by simple majority of the members of such Branches in substantial compliance with Paragraph [1] to [14] of this Article under the supervision of the National Officer of the Association.

16. In the event of the inability of the Association to hold elections when due, the Association's Executive Committee shall stand dissolved and a Caretaker Committee appointed by the Board of Trustees.
17. Such a Caretaker Committee shall hold office until elections are conducted, not later than one year.

ARTILCE VI

DISQUALIFICATION FOR ELECTIVE OFFICES

18. No person shall be elected an Officer of the Association who:
 1. Has been found guilty of an offence involving fraud or necessarily implying dishonesty by a Court of Competent jurisdiction.
 2. In the opinion of the Association is found in his activities to be working against the interest of the Association.

ARTICLE VII

TENURE OF OFFICE

19. 1. The National and Branch Officers of the Association shall be elected for into office for the first term of two [2] years and shall be eligible for consideration for re-election at the end of the first term of office for a second and final term of another two years.
2. No person shall hold the same office for more than two consecutive terms.
3. The tenure of office for Officers of any set shall be, as the case maybe, determined by the Set concerned by a simple resolution of such Set.
4. Any elected Officer of the Association may resign his office at any time by giving one month's written notice, addressed to the Secretary of the Association.
5. Where the Officer intending to resign is the Secretary, then such notice of his intention to resign shall be addressed to the National President or, as the case maybe, to the Branch Chairman or the Set Prefect.
6. An Officer of the Association who has resigned or has been removed from office shall be required to handover all the properties of the Association in his possession to either the Secretary, or the President, or Chairman of the Association.
7. An Officer of the Association maybe removed from office by two-thirds [$\frac{2}{3}$] majority members of the Association present and voting at an Annual or Special General Convention [SGC], for gross misconduct, being such that his conduct is considered inimical to the interest of the Association;
8. An Officer of the Association may cease to hold his office if:
 - i. He is insane;
 - ii. He is officially declared bankrupt;

- iii. He is convicted of criminal offence involving dishonesty by a Competent Court of jurisdiction;
- 9. It shall be lawful for the Annual General Meeting to suspend from office, any officer of the Association, on recommendation of either the National Executive Committee or Branch Executive Committee, as the case maybe, or on the advice of the Board of Trustees.
- 10. Such suspension may either be for a definite period or an indefinite period, until the act giving rise to such suspension has been addressed by the officer concerned.

ARTICLE VIII

DUTIES AND POWERS OF NATIONAL OFFICERS

20. The National President shall:

1. Preside over all Meetings of the National Executive Committee [NEC], the Annual General Meeting [AGM], the Annual General Convention [AGC], the Biennial General Convention [BGC] and the Special General Convention [SGC];
2. Be responsible for summoning through the National Secretary, all Executive and General Meetings and Conventions, and shall be responsible for the proper conduct of the business of the Association at all such Meetings and Conventions;
3. Sign the adopted Minutes of the Meetings and Conventions;
4. Within his competence and in conjunction with the National Secretary, give instructions to any Officer of the Association or its staff relating to the proper running of the affairs of the Association in accordance with this Constitution and the rules and regulations of the Association;
5. Be a signatory to the account[s] of the Association;
6. Exercise a “casting vote” right, when the votes tie or are equal on an issue requiring voting presided over by him;
7. Exercise any other powers conferred on him by this Constitution and direct the activities of the Association in such a manner at all meetings and conventions and do things incidental to his office for the general good of the Association, being accountable however, to the National Executive Committee and all general meetings and conventions.

21. **The National Vice President** shall assist the President at all times and preside over the meetings and conventions whenever the President is absent, and perform such other functions as may from time to time be assigned to him by the President, the National Executive Committee, the Annual General Meetings or the General Conventions.

22. **The National Secretary** shall:

1. Conduct the business of the Association in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution or any rules and regulations lawfully made under this Constitution;
2. Carry out the instructions of the National Executive Committee, Annual General Meeting, and all General Conventions and cause the Minutes thereof to be recorded accurately;
3. Have the right to speak and to vote at the said meetings;
4. Prepare Reports of the National Executive Committee, Annual General Meeting and all General Conventions and attend all the Meetings and sign the minutes at the time they are prepared;
5. Keep, or cause to be kept, a register of all members, which shall be made available for inspection by members at a reasonable time;
6. Keep all documents and properties belonging to the Association in such a manner as maybe directed by the National Executive Committee, Annual General Meetings and all General Conventions;
7. Be directly responsible for the general administration of the Secretariat.
8. Perform his duties under the direction of the President and shall be a signatory to the bank account[s] of the Association;
9. Perform other duties as shall be lawfully assigned to his office by the National Executive Committee, Annual General Meeting and General Conventions of the Association.

23. The National Assistant Secretary shall:

1. Act in the absence of the National Secretary and perform all the functions pertaining to that office.
2. Assist the National Secretary in the day to day running of the Association in addition to any other functions assigned to his office;
3. Record all minutes of the National Executive Committee, Annual General Meetings and General Conventions and shall bring to the notice of the National Secretary all matters which shall require action to be taken from such minutes.

24. The National Treasurer shall:

1. Keep full and accurate account of all financial statements of the Association for each meeting of the National Executive Committee, the Annual General Meetings and the General Conventions;
2. In conjunction with the National President, National Secretary and any other person authorized by the Association, sign cheques, and other bank withdrawals on behalf of the Association;
3. Have the right to speak and vote on all matters affecting the Association;
4. Within two working days of the receipt of all monies received by him on behalf of the Association, deposit such monies in the bank account[s] of the Association, and shall

- keep an imprest amount to be specified, from time to time by the National Executive Committee and give accurate account of its expenditure;
5. Exercise general supervision of all monies of the Association and from time to time report the same to the National Executive Committee [NEC], the Annual General Meeting of the Association.
 6. Shall prepare and present Annual Financial Reports showing Income and expenditure at the Annual General Meetings and General Conventions.

25. The National financial Secretary shall:

1. Receive all monies on behalf of the Association, issue receipts and within two [2] working days, hand over same to the National Treasurer after making the relevant and accurate entries in his financial books;
2. Submit or cause to be submitted, all financial books of the Association to be audited when called upon to do so;
3. Keep accurate records of income and expenditure of the Association at all times;
4. Prepare or cause to be prepared Annual Financial Reports, in accordance with the tradition and practice of the Association and transmit same to the National Treasurer;
5. Be a signatory to the account[s] of the Association;
6. Keep in his office all the Association's accounts books;
7. Perform all such other lawful duties as may from time to time be assigned to him by the National Executive Committee or the Annual General Meeting of the Association.

26. The National Publicity Secretary shall:

1. By the way of public announcements, press releases, letters, publications, advertisements, broadcasts, telecasts, brochures, photographs, or other means acceptable to the Association, publicize the activities of the Association;
2. Be responsible for the publications of the Association;
3. Liaise between the Association and the general Public in the interpretation of the Association's aims and objectives, and protect the image of the Association;
4. Be in charge of the Association's website and official facebook page.
5. Perform all such other lawful duties as may from time to time be assigned to him by the National Executive Committee or the Annual General Meeting and the General Conventions.

27. The National Social Secretary shall:

1. Be responsible for all social and cultural affairs and undertakings of the Association, and submit to the National President and inform the National Treasurer, of all the monies, required for the expenditure and all the monies spent, as well as the monies accruing to the Association from such social and cultural engagements of the Association and shall submit to the Association Reports of such expenditure or income;

2. Initiate such other social and cultural activities as shall generate revenue for the Association.

28. The National Auditor shall:

1. Thoroughly examine all the Account Books of the Association kept by the Financial Secretary and the National Treasurer, check all receipts and payments and certify them accordingly;
2. Have access to all Account Books, Vouchers, and other documents of the Association which he may consider necessary for the discharge of his duties.
3. Audit the finances of the Association which duty shall be performed at least twice annually and report same to the Annual General Meeting and General Conventions, as the case maybe, or on the request of the National Executive Committee;
4. Prepare a report on the financial position of the Association and the manner in which the accounts have been kept periodically having regard to the provisions of the Constitution and the Rules and Regulations concerning the funds of the Association.

29. The National Legal Adviser who shall be a legally qualified person, who must have been in active legal practice for at least ten [10] years at the time of his election shall:

1. Perform for the Association such legal functions as may be required of his office;
2. Be directly responsible to the National Executive Committee for the conduct of his duties, save where such duties are purely of a professional nature;
3. Give legal advice to the Association through the National President and the National Secretary on the interpretation of the Constitution and all other matters referred to him;
4. Arbitrate in disputes involving members of the Association when it becomes necessary along with two other members appointed by the Board of Trustees;
5. Represent and act for the Association in cases brought against the Association in Courts in Nigeria where he is briefed to do so, but shall not handle any case against the Association.
6. Perform such other duties as shall be assigned to him from time to time, by the Association at the National Executive Committee, the Annual General Meetings and the General Conventions.

29. The Provost shall:

1. Uphold discipline at the National Executive Committee Meetings, the Annual General Meetings and General Conventions and ensure that the rules for the orderly conduct of the affairs of all such meetings are kept;
2. Impose fines that maybe specified by the National Executive Committee resolution on all forms of disturbances at meetings;

3. Ensure that all participants at all meetings and conventions of the Association are catered for;
4. Enforce or seek to enforce the rules and regulations governing meetings and conventions;
5. Perform any other functions assigned to him, from time to time by the National President or National Secretary as the case maybe.

30. **Patrons** : The Association shall have not less than three [3] and not more than five [5] patrons, who shall be appointed at a General Convention upon the recommendation of the National Executive Committee, and who shall comprise:

1. Bishop who is an old boy of the Association, as the Grand Patron;
2. The Proprietor of the Alma Mater;
3. A former Rector of the Alma Mater; and
4. Other two persons of unquestionable integrity one of whom must be an old boy.

31. **Ex-Officio Members** shall be members of the National Executive Committee [NEC] who shall participate fully at Meetings and shall have the powers to vote at all such meetings.

32. The duties and powers of Branch and Set Officers shall correspond to those of the National Officers, mutatis mutantis, as enumerated in the foregoing paragraphs 19 to 31 of this Constitution.

ARTICLE IX

MEETINGS, CONVENTIONS AND QUORUM

33. There shall be for the Association:
 1. The **National Executive Committee Meeting [NEC]**, which shall comprise all the national elected Officers and ex-officio members of the Association, who shall meet, at least four [4] times each year and from time to time, as directed by the National President of the Association to deliberate on all issues pertaining to the running of the Association.
 2. **The Annual General Meeting [AGM]**, comprising all National and Branch Officers of the Association, who shall meet at least once a year to formulate and deliberate on policy matters of the Association.
 3. **The Annual General Convention [AGC]**, comprising all the members of the Association, who shall meet once every year to deliberate and decide on policy matters formulated by the Annual General Meeting.

4. **The Biennial General Convention [BGC]**, comprising all national and branch officers and all accredited financial members of the Association and who shall meet every two [2] years to participate at the election of national Officers;
5. **The Special General Convention [SGC]**, comprising all members of the Association, who are able to attend, and who shall deliberate and vote on special matters referred to them by the Annual General Meeting or the National Executive Committee of the Association.
6. The activities of the Association shall be reviewed at the Annual General Meetings and the Annual General Conventions and decisions taken on issues affecting, or of interest to the Association.
7. Every decision of any organ of the Association, except where otherwise provided, shall be by simple majority vote of all members present and voting and it shall be binding on all members of the Association.
8. A meeting of any organ of the Association shall be deemed properly constituted by a quorum of two-thirds of members present.
9. In cases of all general conventions, a quorum shall be formed if two thirds of members or delegates, as the case maybe are present at such a meeting and in the case of the National Executive Committee if two-thirds [$\frac{2}{3}$] of the elected National Officers and one-third [$\frac{1}{3}$] of the elected Branch Officers, who are members, are present.
10. Where a quorum is formed and an officer or a member charged with a specific duty under the Constitution is absent, any member especially an assistant is present, shall be asked to perform such duties.
11. Branches and Sets shall be free to regulate their meetings.

ARTICLE X

TRUSTEES

34. 1. There shall be a **Board of Trustees** of the Association whose composition and membership maybe determined from time to time at the Annual General Convention or Special General Convention of the Association convened for that purpose.
3. There shall be **nine [9] Trustees** who shall be appointed, one of whom maybe a non-member of the Association provided that: the first three [3] Trustees appointed under the provisions of the extant Constitution shall be deemed duly appointed under this Constitution.
4. Such Trustee shall be known as the “**Registered Trustee of Saint James’ Junior Seminary Old Boys Association**”, whose appointment shall reflect the geographical spread of Nigeria.
5. The Trustees so appointed shall, among themselves, elect and appoint a Chairman and a Secretary.
6. A trustee may hold office for life, but shall cease to hold office if he:

- i. Resigns his office as such; or
 - ii. Becomes insane or is of unsound mind; or
 - iii. Has been officially declared bankrupt; or
 - iv. Has been convicted of a criminal offence involving dishonesty by a Court of competent jurisdiction; or
 - v. Is recommended for removal from office by a simple majority of members of the Board of Trustees for gross-misconduct, such that his continued membership of the Board is considered inimical to the interest of the Association and such recommendation is supported by two-thirds [$\frac{2}{3}$] majority vote of members present at an Annual, or special Convention of the Association.
7. Any Trustee whose office has ceased shall be required to submit to the Association's National Secretariat, all properties in his possession and obtain a written clearance receipt.
 8. Upon a vacancy occurring in the membership of the Board of Trustees, a Special or Extraordinary Convention shall be held to fill such vacancy, if the next Annual General Meeting is six [6] months away.
 9. The Trustee shall apply to the Corporate Affairs Commission for Certificate of Incorporation under Part 'C' of the Companies and Allied Matters Act, Cap C20, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 and shall have the power to accept and hold in Trust all land belonging to the Association and to acquire land on behalf of the Association subject to such conditions as the Commission may impose.
 10. The Registered Trustees shall have vested in them all real and personal estate belonging to the Association.
 11. The Board of Trustees shall have a common seal made of metal whose custody shall be with the Secretary of the Board of Trustees and who shall produce same when required to do so for use.
 12. All documents to be executed by the Trustees shall be signed by the Chairman and Secretary of the Board and sealed with the Common seal made of metal of the Association.
 13. All members of the Board of Trustees shall not, while serving as such be eligible to be elected into any of the National and Branch offices of the Association.

ARTICLE XI

ESTABLISHMENT OF LOCAL BRANCHES

35. 1. In furtherance of its aims and objectives, the Association may establish and maintain branch offices in any part of Nigeria or the World.
2. The power to establish a new branch or dissolve an existing one shall be vested in the National Executive Committee or the Annual General Convention as the case maybe.
3. The number of members to form a branch shall not be less than **Twenty [20]**.

4. Any branch so established shall have membership drawn from within a particular locality or establishment and its environs.
5. A Branch of the Association shall be known by the name authorized by the National Executive Committee, which shall cause a **Charter** to be issued to the Branch.
6. The name and registered office of a branch shall not be changed without the authorization of the National Executive Committee.
7. Each local branch shall keep a register of all members within its area of jurisdiction, as practiced at the National Headquarters for all members of the Association.
8. It shall be the business of the branch to see to the proper organization of the Association at the branch level, represent the members in appropriate cases and follow the directives of organs of the Association in the conduct of its affairs for the benefit of the Association.
9. There shall be a Branch Executive Committee comprising all the elected Officers of the Association.
10. It shall be the business of the branch Executive Committee to provide effective leadership at the branch level in the affairs of the Association.
11. The Branch Executive Committee shall remit to the National Executive Committee 20% of the dues paid to the Branch.
12. The power to dissolve a Branch shall not be exercised unless for persistent violation of the Constitution of the Association.
13. The decision to dissolve a branch shall be made by the Annual General Meeting.
14. If a Branch is dissolved, the Branch shall forfeit its charter and all its assets and liabilities vested in the Association.

ARTICLE XII

STANDING AND AD-HOC COMMITTEES

36. 1. The Association shall have one or more Standing Committees, whose membership shall be appointed from experienced members of the Association by the National Executive Committee for the purpose of giving effect to all or any of the aims and objectives of the Association.
2. The National Executive Committee shall comprise all elected members and ex-Officio members and charged with the responsibilities of over-seeing and executing the overall policies of the Association.
3. The Research and Education Committee shall conduct any research as may be directed by the National Executive Committee and the Annual General Meeting and to advise the Alma Mater on education and any other matter within its competence.
4. The Finance Committee shall have the National Treasurer as a member and shall be charged with the responsibility of initiating means of raising funds.
5. The Social Committee shall have the Social Secretary as a member and shall be charged with the responsibility of arranging and coordinating all social and cultural functions.

6. Ad-hoc Committees maybe appointed and constituted by the National Executive Committee as circumstances permit.
7. Other Standing Committees maybe constituted by the National Executive Committee, subject to the approval of the Annual General Meeting from time to time as circumstances may warrant.
8. Such Committees so constituted shall be assigned responsibilities in line with the nature of their assignment by the National Executive Committee.
9. Standing Committees shall be answerable to the National Executive Committee for all their income and expenditure.

ARTICLE XIII

POWER TO MAKE RULES AND REGULATIONS

37. 1. The Association shall have powers to make rules and regulations from time to time to be approved by simple majority of members present and voting at Annual General Meetings, provided that such rules and regulations are not at variance with the Constitution.
2. The Areas in which the rules and regulations maybe made are:
 - a. Conduct of election;
 - b. Payment of dues and levies;
 - c. Benefits of member, as well as member's welfare;
 - d. Discipline of members;
 - e. Others that are necessary for the smooth running of the Association.

ARTICLE XIV

SOURCES OF FINANCE

38. The monies and other resources of the Association shall consist of:
 1. All monies received by Branches and Sets as contributions from their dues and levies.
 2. Registration fees received by Branches and Sets.
 3. Such other monies as maybe donated to the Association by persons, organizations or government in and outside Nigeria.
 4. Such other sums of money as may accrue to the Association through the activities of the Finance and other Committees.

ARTICLE XV

BANKERS

39. 1. The Bankers of the Association shall be the bank[s] as approved by the National Executive Committee of the Association.

2. Any change of bankers of the Association shall be approved at the General Convention, on the recommendation of the Annual General Meeting.

ARTICLE XVI

EXTERNAL AUDITORS

40. 1. Auditors shall be appointed by $\frac{2}{3}$ majority of members at Annual General Meeting to audit the accounts of the Association.
2. Such auditors shall be answerable to the National Executive Committee and the Annual General Meeting.
3. An auditor or Auditors so appointed shall hold office according to the terms of reference provided by the Annual General Meeting, but shall not exceed one year.

ARTICLE XVII

MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

41. 1. All Officers of the Association shall not assume office until they have taken the oath of office shown in the Schedule to this Constitution.
2. The Association shall remain non-partisan and non sectarian.
3. Subject to the provisions of this Constitution, the National Executive Committee and Branch Executive Committees shall have power to make rules regulating their internal procedures but such rules when made shall not derogate from or contradict the provisions of this Constitution, as approved by the Annual General Meeting.
4. The National Executive Committee shall have the power to impose the following disciplinary measures on erring members or Officers of the Association, for gross misconduct:
 - a. Fine
 - b. Suspension
5. Suspended members of the Association, Staff and Officers shall forfeit part or all rights and privileges attached to their status in the Association, while on suspension, depending on the gravity of the offence committed.

ARTICLE XVIII

AMENDMENT OF CONSTITUTION

42. 1. This Constitution may be subjected to amendment when necessary by $\frac{2}{3}$ majority of members present when voting at a General Convention of the Association.
2. The notice of the General Convention at which a Constitutional amendment is to be considered shall include such Constitutional amendment as part of its agenda of the Convention.

3. Proposals for amendment of the Constitution shall be circulated three [3] months before the Annual General Convention at which the Constitutional amendment is to be considered.
4. Rules and regulations may be amended by simple majority of members present and voting at an Annual General Meeting.

ARTICLE XIX

CITATION AND COMMENCEMENT

43. This Constitution may be cited as the Constitution of Saint James' Junior Seminary Old Boy Association and shall come into effect on the date of its approval and registration by the Corporate Affairs Commission.

ARTICLE XX

SPECIAL CLAUSE

- 44. THE INCOME AND PROPERTY OF SAINT JAMES' JUNIOR SEMINARY OLD BOYS ASSOCIATION** when so ever derived shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objectives of **SAINT JAMES' JUNIOR SEMIANRY OLD BOYS ASSOCIATION** as set forth in this **CONSTITUTION** and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividend, bonus or otherwise howsoever by way of profit to members of **SAINT JAMES' JUNIOR SEMINARY OLD BOYS ASSOCIATION**:
PROVIDED that nothing therein shall prevent payment in good faith or reasonable remuneration to any member or officer or servant of **SAINT JAMES' JUNIOR SEMINARY OLD BOYS ASSOCIATION** in return for any service actually rendered to **SAINT JAMES' OLD BOYS ASSOCIATION**.
45. No member of the Council of management or Governing Body shall be appointed into any salaried office of **SAINT JAMES' OLD BOYS ASSOCIATION** or any office of the Association paid by fees and that no remuneration or other benefit in money shall be given by **SAINT JAMES' JUNIOR SEMINARY OLD BOYS ASSOCIATION** to any member of Committee or Governing Body except repayment of out-of-pocket expenses or reasonable and proper rent for premises demised, or let to **SAINT JAMES' JUNIOR SEMINARY OLD BOYS ASSOCIATION** maybe a shareholder, in which such member shall not hold more than one-hundredth part of the capital and such member shall not be bound to account for any share of profits he may receive in respect of any payment.

NO ADDITION, alteration or amendment shall be made to or in the **RULES AND REGULATIONS** or **CONSTITUTION** for the time being in force, unless same have been previously submitted to and approved by the Registrar- General of the Corporate Affairs Commission [CAC].

In the event of [winding up] or dissolution of the Association remains, after satisfaction of its debts and liabilities, any property whatsoever, the same shall not be sold to or distributed among members of the Association, but shall be given to organizations whose aims and objectives are similar to SAINT JAMES' OLD BOYS ASSOCIATION and the body or bodies are prohibited from distributing their income and property amongst its or their members to an extent at least as great as is imposed by virtue of the SPECIAL CLAUSE hereto, such institutions to be determined by the members of SAINT JAMES' JUNIOR SEMINARY OLD BOYS ASSOCIATION cannot be given the aforesaid provision than to some charitable object.

Schedule

The Constitution of Saint James' Junior Seminary Old Boys Association [SaJOBA]

OATH OF OFFICE AND ALLEGIANCE

I..... [name] do solemnly swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to SJS Old Boys Association, I will discharge my duties honestly, to the best of my ability and faithfully in accordance with the Constitution of the Old Boys Association that in all circumstances, I will do right to all manner of people of the Association according to the provisions of the Old Boys Association Constitution without fear or favour, affection or ill will; that I shall not disclose or reveal any of the Old Boys Association' secrets or any other matters brought under my consideration in my capacity as.....[office] of the Old Boys Association, except as maybe required for the due discharge of my duties as the [office] and that I shall devote myself to the service and well being of the Old Boys Association.

So help me God.

Dated this day of

Name of person taking Oath.....

Signature of person taking Oath.....

Name of person Administering the Oath.....

Signature of person administering the Oath.....

ANNEXTURE TO CONSTITUTION

A. THE NIGERIAN NATIONAL ANTHEM

1. Arise, O Compatriots Nigeria' call obey
To serve our Fatherland
With love and strength and faith
The labour of our heroes past
Shall never be in vain
To serve with heart and might
One nation bound in freedom, peace and unity.
2. O God of creation, direct our noble cause;
Guide thou our leaders right;
Help our youth the truth to know
In love and honesty to grow
And living just and true
Great lofty heights attain
To build a nation where peace and justice shall reign.

B. THE NATIONAL PLEDGE

I pledge to Nigeria my country,
To be faithful, loyal and honest
To serve Nigeria with all my strength
To defend her unity
And uphold her honour and glory.
So help me God.

C. SAINT JAMES' JUNIOR SEMINARY ANTHEM

Bring the goods, Oh Saint James boys
We sing another song,
Singing with the spirit that we serve the school around
Singing as we used to sing fifty thousand times
While we are marching to Saint James,
Hurray! Hurray!
We sing our jubilee
Hurray! .Hurray!
The school we will serve
And so we sing our praise to God
To give us the strength
While we are matching to Saint James.

Dated this.....day of.....

Draft and Approval

This Constitution have been drafted and approved by the undersigned persons:

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