



THE

CONSTITUTION

OF

BAREWA OLD BOYS ASSOCIATION

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PREAMBLE

We the Old Boys of the Katsina Training College; Katsina Higher College; Kaduna College; Zaria Secondary School; Government College Zaria and Barewa College, Zaria, full of realization that we are inherently competent to form the Barewa Old Boys Association, do resolve to form and do hereby form the Barewa Old Boys Association, and in pursuance of this, we hereby promulgate the following Constitution for the Association on this 29th day of March, 1970.

ARTICLE 1 NAME

- (a) There shall be an association of the former students of the College severally known as Katsina Training College, Katsina Higher College, Kaduna College, Zaria Secondary School, Government College Zaria and Barewa College Zaria, to be known as the Barewa Old Boys' Association (hereinafter called the Association).
- (b) The headquarters of the Association shall be in Kaduna.

ARTICLE 2 OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the Association are:

- (a) To provide opportunities for social intercourse between past and present students of the College.
- (b) To facilitate and maintain contact among all the past and present students and teachers of the College.
- (c) To organize and carry out annual activities of its members on the premises of the College at Zaria or elsewhere.
- (d) To award scholarships and decorations to deserving students of the College and members of staff of the College.
- (e) To present trophies for competition among the present students of the College.
- (f) To raise funds, call for and accept donations for the purpose of carrying out any of all the objects of the Association.
- (g) To establish branches or other organizations in furtherance of the objectives of the Association.
- (h) To show interest and participate in any affair that will enhance the reputation of and immortalize the College.

ARTICLE 3 MEMBERSHIP

- (a) A person who attended the College as student shall be deemed to be a member unless he voluntarily withdraws or the National Executive Committee (NEC) decides otherwise.
- (b) Every member shall pay on being admitted to the Association an enrolment fee. Such fee shall be paid with the first annual subscription.

- (c) The enrolment fee and annual subscription shall be determined from time to time by the National Executive Committee of the Association and the Executive Committee of the Branches of the Association respectively.
- (d) All annual subscriptions shall be payable to the Association on the first day of January, each year.
- (e) A member may at any time after payment of his enrolment fee and first annual subscription compound the payment of annual subscriptions by one payment of twenty years' subscriptions and shall thereupon become a life member and be entitled to all the privileges of members for life.
- (f) Any member may resign his membership by giving the Secretary General notice in writing to that effect.
- (g) It shall be the duty of the National Executive Committee if at any time they shall be of the opinion that the interest of the Association shall so require, by letter to invite any member to withdraw from the Association within a time specified in such letter, and in default of such withdraw to submit the question of his expulsion to the general meeting.

ARTICLE 4 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- (a) The management of the Association shall be delegated to a body hereinafter called Executive Committee. The membership of the Executive Committee shall not be more than thirty.

ARTICLE 5 NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- (a) The Members of the National Executive Committee, who shall hold office for 4 years for a maximum of 2 terms, shall be elected by the show of hands at the Annual General Meeting. The membership of the National Executive Committee shall include the President, two Vice Presidents, Secretary General, two Assistant Secretary Generals, Financial Secretary, Treasurer, Legal Adviser, Publicity Secretary and Social Secretary.
- (b) Before elections are held at the Annual General Meeting, all the members of the Executive Committee shall retire and new elections shall be held to fill the posts so vacated. Such committee members shall be eligible for re-election.
- (c) The National Executive Committee shall have the power to appoint a member to fill any casual vacancy on the committee until the next Annual General Meeting. Any member so appointed shall retire at the next Annual General Meeting but shall be eligible for election as a member of the National Executive Committee at such meeting.
- (d) The Executive Committee may co-opt at its meeting any member whom the committee deems fit to assist its deliberations. The member, so co-opted shall have no voting right.
- (e) The Executive Committee shall meet at least three times in every year. One-third of the total membership of the Committee shall form a quorum. Minutes shall be taken of all the proceedings of the Executive Committee and shall be open to inspection of any

member of the Association applying to the Secretary General thereof.

ARTICLE 6 TRUSTEES

- (a) There shall not be less than six (6) and not more than twelve (12) trustees of the association.
- (b) The trustees, who shall be members of the Association shall be nominated by the National Executive Committee. Such nominated members shall be appointed by the Association at an Annual or Special General Meeting.
- (c) A trustee shall hold office for life or until he resigns or is removed from office by a resolution of the National Executive Committee, who may for any reason which may seem sufficient to a majority of them present and voting at any meeting, remove any trustee or trustees from the office of trustees, subject to the approval of the Association at an Annual General Meeting.
- (d) The property of the Association shall be vested on the trustees and such property shall be dealt with by the trustees as the National Executive Committee shall from time to time direct by resolution.
- (e) Where by reason of death, resignation, or removal, it shall appear necessary to the National Executive Committee that a new trustee or trustees shall be appointed, or if the National Executive Committee shall deem it necessary or expedient to appoint an additional trustee or trustees, the National Executive Committee by resolution nominate the person or persons to be appointed the

new trustee or trustees. Trustees may sit anytime or as may be requested by the National Executive Committee.

- (f) The Chairman of the Board of Trustees shall be appointed by the NEC and Secretary General of the Association is to act as Secretary to the Board of Trustees.

ARTICLE 7 BRANCHES

- (a) There shall be branches of the Barewa Old Boys Association for the purpose of conducting the affairs of the Associations nationwide.
- (b) Branches shall elect their Executive Committees to be headed by a Chairman, with a Secretary and other members as may be decided by the Branches.

ARTICLE 8 BOARD OF PATRONS

- (a) There shall be a Board of Patrons that will comprise of members who have made substantial contributions, in public and private sectors of national life and to the development of the College and or the Association.
- (b) There shall be Chairman to be decided by the National Executive Committee. Membership is for life and nomination is by the National Executive Committee subject to the appointment by the Members of the Association at the Annual General Meeting.
- (c) The number of patrons is to be determined by the National Executive Committee.

- (d) The Board of Patrons is to provide leadership and guidance to the Association and to protect the image of the College and the Association.
- (e) The Board of Patrons is expected to meet from time to time.
- (f) A Patron shall hold office until death or resignation or removed from office by a resolution of the National Executive Committee who may for any reason which may seem sufficient to a majority of them present and voting at a meeting remove any Patron from the office of Patron, subject to the approval of the Association at an Annual General Meeting.
- (g) The Secretary General of the association is to act as Secretary to the Board of Patrons.

ARTICLE 9 SUB-COMMITTEES

- (a) The Executive Committee may appoint sub-committees as shall be deemed necessary for the purpose of carrying out specific duties.
- (b) The Chairman of sub-committees shall be appointed by the executive Committee.

ARTICLE 10 EMPLOYEES

- (a) The Executive Committee may appoint, pay, and dismiss any employee of the Association.

ARTICLE 11 BORROWING POWERS

- (a) If at any time the Association in a general meeting shall pass a resolution authorizing the Executive Committee to borrow money, the Executive Committee shall thereupon be empowered to borrow for the purposes of the Association such amount of money either at one time or from time to time and at such rate of interest and in such form or manner and upon such security as shall be specified in such resolution. All members of the Association whether voting on such resolution or not and all person becoming members of the Association after the passing of such resolution, shall be deem to have assented to the same as if they had voted in favour of such resolution.

ARTICLE 12 ANNUAL AND SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS

- (a) The Annual General Meeting of the Association shall be held at the College Premises upon a date and at a time to be fixed by the Executive Committee after consulting the Principal of the College.
- (b) The Annual General Meeting is to be held for the following purposes:-
- i). To receive from the Executive Committee a report, audited balance sheet and statement of accounts for the proceeding financial year, and an estimate of the receipts and expenditure for the following financial year.
 - ii) The elect officers of the association and other members of the Executive Committee.

- iii) To elect an auditor for the ensuing year.
 - iv) To decide on any resolution which may be duly submitted to the meeting as hereinafter provided.
- (c) Any member desirous of moving any resolution at the Annual General Meeting shall give notice thereof in writing to the Secretary General not less than one month before the date of such meeting.
- (d) The Executive Committee may at any time for any special purpose call a special general meeting, and shall do so forthwith upon the requisition in writing of any fifty members who shall come from a least five branches stating the purpose for which the meeting is required.
- (e) Three months at least before Annual General Meeting or one month at least for any special general meeting, a notice of such meeting and of the business to be transacted thereat shall be published in a newspaper and or on the radio and sent by post to all the branches that there may be.
- (f) At all general meetings of the Association, the President, or in his absence, one of the two Vice Presidents shall take the chair in every motion, and in the case of equality of votes the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote.

ARTICLE 13 FINANCE

- (a) The Financial Year of the Association shall end on the 31st day of December in each year.

- (b) Every branch of the Association shall have power to call for collect and receive fees, subscriptions, donations and other funds on behalf of the Association. The money so collected or received shall be paid to the Executive Committee as follows:-
- i) All enrolment fees,
 - ii) One-half of annual subscriptions and
 - iii) One-fourth of other proceeds.

ARTICLE 14 WINDING UP

- (a) In the event of winding up or dissolution of the Association there remains after the satisfaction of all its debt and liabilities any property whatsoever the same shall not be paid or distributed but shall be given or transferred to some other institution or institutions having objects similar to the objects of the Association and such institution or institutions are prohibited from is distributing its or their income and property among its or their members to an extend at least as great as it imposed on the Association under or by virtue of the special clause thereof.
- (b) Thereafter steps shall be taken by the Trustees to ensure that the name of the Association is removed from the register of organizations incorporated under the (perceptual succession) Act, 1990 Companies and Allied Matters Act, 1990.

ARTICLE 15 AMENDMENTS

- i) This constitution may only be amended at the Annual General Meeting.

- ii) Any proposed amendment to the Constitution must be submitted to the Secretary General not later than three (3) months before the dates scheduled for the next Annual General Meeting.
- iii) The Secretary General in turn must circulate such proposed amendment not later than one (1) month before the date scheduled for the Annual General Meeting.
- iv) Amendment to the Constitution can only be effected by a two-third majority of the members present and voting in a properly constituted Annual General Meeting.

ARTICLE 16 COMMON SEAL

- (a) The Trustees shall have a common seal. Such a seal shall be kept in the custody of the Secretary who shall produce it when required for use by the Trustees.
- (b) All documents to be executed by the Trustee shall be signed by each of them and sealed with the common seal.

ARTICLE 17 AUDITORS

- (a) External auditors nominated by the Executive Council shall be appointed at the General Meeting to audit the account of the Organization annually and submit its report to the Chairman of members at the next General Meeting.

ARTICLE 18 INTERPRETATION

- a) The Executive Committee shall be the interpretation of this Constitution and Executive Committee upon any question 0 be final and binding.
- b) The Executive Committee may also deal with any matter affecting the Association and not provided for by the Constitution and their decision in that respect shall be final and binding upon the members on being ratified by two-thirds majority of members of the Association.
- c) This Constitution may be added to repealed, or amended by resolution at an annual or special general meeting, provided that 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 voting thereon.

ARTICLE 19 SPECIAL CLAUSE

- (a) The income and property of the Association derived shall be applied solely towards and promotion of the objectives and aims of the Association as set forth in the **RULES AND REGULATIONS/CONSTITUTIONS** and no portion thereof shall, be paid or transferred directly or indirectly, by way of dividends, bonus, or otherwise howsoever by way of profit, to a member of the Association, provided that nothing therein shall prevent the payment in good faith or reasonable and proper remuneration to any officer or servant of the Association or to any member of the Association, so that no member of the National

Executive Committee shall be appointed to any salaries office of the Association or any office of the Executive paid by fees nor committees and that no remuneration or other benefit in money shall be given by the Association, to any member of the Executive except repayment of out of pocket expenses or reasonable and proper rent of premises demised or let to the Association provided that the provision last aforesaid shall not apply to any payment of any company of which a member of the Association may be a member 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 profit he may have received in respect of any such payment.

In the event of a winding up or dissolution of BOBA, there remains after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities, any property whatsoever, the same shall not be paid to or distributed among the members of Association, but shall be given or transferred to some other institution or institutions, having objectives similar to that of Barewa Old Boys Association and the body or bodies are prohibited from distributing its debts and liabilities to their members to an extent at least as great as is imposed on BOBA under or by virtue of the SPECIAL CLAUSE hereof, and in so far as effects cannot be given to the aforesaid provision then to some charitable organization.