



**THE CONSTITUTION OF THE ASSOCIATION OF STATISTICS STUDENT OF NIGERIA
(NATIONWIDE)**

PREAMBLE

We, the entire students of the Association of Statistics Students of Nigeria (ASSON) Nationwide, having unanimously, solemnly, and firmly resolved to live in unity and harmony, hereby establish this unifying Constitution. Guided by the shared commitment to promote the objectives of our Association both nationally and internationally, we recognize the need for a truly autonomous, active, progressive, and democratic body that advances our collective interests. Acknowledging the importance of Statistics in addressing the challenges confronting our nation, we commit to asserting our rights, fulfilling our responsibilities, and fostering communication among members across the Federation. Motivated by the desire to contribute to the political, economic, statistical, and social development of Nigeria, we pledge to engage our members in the national effort toward realizing the country's ideals. We also stand united against all forms of exploitation, discrimination, and oppression, while promoting peace, justice, and global cooperation. With this resolve, we enact this Constitution to govern and guide the operations of our unified body.

ARTICLE 1: SUPREMACY OF THE CONSTITUTION

This constitution shall be supreme and binding on all members. Any law or action contrary to the provision of the constitution shall be declared null and void and this constitution shall prevail. This Constitution is the supreme law of ASSON National and is binding on all members. No individual or group shall govern or control the association outside its provisions. Any law, rule, or guideline inconsistent with this Constitution shall be void to the extent of the inconsistency. While member chapters may adopt their own constitutions in line with their institution's SUG and Faculty guidelines, such constitutions must remain subject to the authority of the ASSON National Constitution.

ARTICLE 2: NAME, MOTTO, LOGO, AND COLOUR

Section 1: Name of the Association

The Association shall be known, called and addressed as **Association of Statistical Students of Nigeria (Nationwide)**. The Association shall be acronym as **ASSON**. The name remains unchanged unless it is changed by 2/3 of the Association Legislative Council after a bill has been passed and the due processes observed.

Section 2: Motto of the Association

The Motto of the Association shall be: "*Pace for excellence and knowledge*".

Section 3: Logo and Color of the Association

The Logo shall be a sphere with a bar chart overlaid with a normal distribution curve and statistical formula. The color of the Association shall be blue and white which symbolizes love and unity respectively.

ARTICLE 3: DRIVING FORCES

Section 1: Vision Statement

"A quest towards a Centre of Excellence by contributing our part to leading the world".

Section 2: Mission Statement

The mission of **Association of Statistical Students of Nigeria (ASSON)** is to foster a lifelong relationship between our current members and past members. The association is managed by a board of dedicated volunteers from all tertiary institutions who are current students. The enlisted missions will be observed:

1. To create a platform where Statistics students learn practical skills from experienced statisticians in various fields.

2. To connect Statistics students with professional statistical bodies in Nigeria and abroad, requiring ASSON (Nationwide) members to join NSA, CISON, and PSSN for networking and professional growth.
3. To promote Nigeria's technological and data-driven growth by involving students in industrial projects and advising on national statistical policies.
4. To promote knowledge exchange in statistics and data science through seminars, workshops, symposia, and lectures.
5. To uphold and promote the integrity and image of the statistics profession in all settings.
6. We aim to promote socialization and continuous learning through an annual National Conference and AGM.
7. We provide a platform for sharing knowledge and innovative ideas among Statistics students nationwide and beyond.
8. We are committed to protecting the welfare and interests of all Statistics students in their academic and professional journeys.

Section 3: Core Values of the Association

All members of the Association of Statistics Students of Nigeria (ASSON-National) are expected to uphold and adhere to the following core values, which form the foundation of our conduct and operations:

- a. We strive for professionalism and excellence in all we do, with a focus on continuous growth.
- b. We are committed, dedicated, and loyal to the mission of ASSON National.
- c. We uphold the ethical standards of the statistics profession in every action.
- d. We value integrity and accountability, promoting transparency and honesty.
- e. We care deeply about our members' welfare and support their well-being.
- f. We respect the rules of law and operate within all legal frameworks.

ARTICLE 4: MEMBERSHIPS

Section 1 Chapter Membership in this Association shall be open to all current students of ASSON. Any ASSON chapter in a recognized Nigerian higher institution may apply for membership through a written request to the ASSON National Secretariat. Applications are subject to National Council approval, after which a one-year probationary membership is granted. During this period, the chapter must comply with the ASSON Constitution and submit a revised constitution in alignment with it. Failure to meet these requirements within the probationary year will result in automatic loss of membership status.

Section 2 Active Student Membership: Any Statistics student in a recognized Nigerian higher institution with a ASSON chapter is eligible, provided they are a member of that chapter, and the chapter is affiliated with ASSON National.

Section 3 **Honorary Members:** Honorary Membership may be conferred upon people honored by the Association because of outstanding services, financial or estate contribution. Persons for honorary membership are invited by two-third votes of the executive Committee. The persons shall be recognized at the annual General Meeting or General Convention. They shall be exempted from all dues or fines. Recommendations/Appointment shall be based on the individual's outstanding interest in the welfare of Statistics students and contribution to the development of statistics education in Nigeria

Section 4 **Life Members:** Former students/members of ASSON. The people shall be recognized at the annual General Meeting or General Convention. They shall be exempted from all dues or fines. He/she shall be recommended by the National Executive Council of ASSON National through various zones and such application shall be subject to the approval of the general council and senate.

Section 5 **Application for Chapter membership:** This shall be basically the registration of new chapter of any newly accredited institution offering Statistics:

1. Student membership shall automatically be awarded to all students of a member chapter.
2. All applications for membership shall be submitted to ASSON National Secretariat.
3. Any such application shall be accompanied by:
 - a. A letter of introduction of the person in question for life/honorary membership.
 - b. A letter of introduction of the chapter in question, stating its total membership population hitherto and institution of domiciliation, for chapter membership

Section 6 **Various Organs of ASSON National**

The various organs of the ASSON (Nationwide) comprise of the organs pyramid structure below:

- a. The Congress.
- b. The National Executive Council.
- c. The Senate.
- d. The National Council.
- e. The Fellows Council.
- a. The National Secretariat.
- b. The Committees and Commissions.

Section 7 **Patrons and Matrons, Grand Patrons and Grand Matrons**

There shall be patrons and matrons, grand patrons and grand matrons who shall not be members of the association but shall be constituted and function as follows:

1. There shall be a Grand Patron and/or Matron, to the Association.
2. The Grand Patron and/or Matron shall be the serving President of the Nigerian Statistical Association (NSA)/Chartered Institute of Statisticians of Nigeria (CISON) and Professional Statisticians Society of Nigeria (PSSN).
3. The National Executive Council shall be vested with the power to accept nominations for at least three (3) National Patrons and/or Matrons from the various zones.
4. The Patron(s) and/or Matron(s) so appointed shall be drawn from the following: The Academic world, the Professional and/or Business and/or corporate community, the Political class, any other deemed fit by the National Council
5. Shall possess the following qualities:
 - a) Must be interested in the affairs of Statistics students.
 - b) who have excelled in their chosen field of endeavor.
 - c) Must be willing to give adequate assistance to the association as circumstances may warrant.
 - d) Who has contributed immensely to the promotion of youth empowerment in statistics.
6. Who have met other criteria that may be set by the National Executive Council from time to time.
7. The NSA/CISON and PSSN President shall automatically become the Grand Patron of the association; such title shall be conferred on him upon assumption of office.
8. The Membership of the Patron(s) and/or Matron(s) shall be for a period of One administrative year.
9. They must not interfere with finance and affairs without legitimate reasons(s) and must take all actions in conformity with this constitution
10. They shall oversee all the activities of the students' body and shall be removed in line with the provision of Article 4.

Section 8 Rights and Privileges of Membership:

Members shall have the rights and privileges to:

1. Members may use ASSON National facilities and wear official items like badges and ID cards when appropriate.
2. They have the right to participate in ASSON activities and vote or be voted for in elections as permitted by the constitution.
3. Past members can become Life Members and may be called upon to support the Association.
4. Members may become Student Members of professional bodies affiliated with ASSON.

5. They have the right to information and other privileges approved by the National Executive Council.

Section 9 Obligations of Membership:

Members shall their obligations under the constitution by:

1. Members must follow the provisions of this constitution and regularly pay all required dues.
2. They must respect others' rights and uphold the mission and values of the Association.
3. Each chapter must maintain a membership register and provide requested information to national bodies.
4. Chapters must submit an annual report, attendee list, and notify ASSON National about key events like elections.
5. All chapter members attending national events must be financially up to date, and chapters must pay annual dues on time.

Section 10 Membership Disciplinary Actions:

A member may be censured, suspended or expelled by the Board of directors, if such member has been given verbal or written notice of an infraction, and be given time to respond.

ARTICLE 5: THE ADVISORY BOARD/ BOARD OF TRUSTEES

There shall be for the Association, an “**Advisory Board or Board of Trustees**” hereinafter known as “**The Board**”.

1. Shall advise the association in relevant areas and be of good repute professionally.
2. Must have contributed positively to the advocacy and protection of the welfare of Statistics students as well as statistics education in Nigeria.
3. Shall be past presidents of the Executive Council of ASSON National.
4. They shall oversee all the activities of the students’ body.
5. They shall resolve conflicts between the various organs of government of the association.

ARTICLE 6: LEGAL STATUS OF THE ASSOCIATION

The Association can sue and be sued after the appropriate processes have been observed.

ARTICLE 7: DUES & FINES

Section 1 Dues

- a) The amounts and contributions of dues payments are hereby established as two thousand naira per month, due first day of the month.
- b) It shall be non-refundable
- c) Delinquency: When a member's dues have been delinquent for a period of thirty days, the President shall send by fax, e-mail or letter a dues renewal notice. The notice shall inform the member that if dues remain unpaid for a period of thirty days after date of the notice, the membership shall automatically resort to Not Active member: (NAM)

Section 2 Fines

- a) The executives may impose fines for: tardiness, Violation of Dress Code, Camaraderie, Violation of Parliamentary Procedures, or any infraction as they deemed appropriate.
- b) The amount imposed shall not be less than one thousand naira per infraction and no more than Two thousand naira total per a meeting session.

ARTICLE 8: ARMS/ORGANS OF THE ASSOCIATION

The Association shall have a National Council consisting of 2 arms: Central Executive Council (CEC) and Association Legislative Council (ALC).

Section 1: The CEC Officers of the Association

The Officers of the CEC shall comprise of the following:

1. President
2. Vice Presidents/Zonal Coordinators (Zone 1 to 6)
3. The Secretary-General
4. Assistance Secretary-General
5. Financial Director
6. Treasurer
7. Public Relation Officer
8. Welfare Director
9. Director of Sport Affairs
10. Director of Social Affairs/Media Coordinator
11. Director of Information Technology
12. Director of Logistic/Transport

13. Director of Editorial Board/Editor-in-Chief

Section 2: **Functions of the National Executive Council**

1. The ASSON National Executive Council upholds the association's constitution, manages daily affairs, and executes policies of the Congress and Senate.
2. It appoints ad-hoc committees, cares for the association's property, and represents ASSON to the government and professional bodies.
3. The Council can process membership applications and recommend patrons, matrons, or trustees to the Senate.
4. It may seek support without compromising ASSON's independence or goals.
5. Members share collective responsibility, and disciplinary actions or vacancies must be addressed following constitutional procedures.

Sub Section 1: Zoning of Central Executive Council

There shall be zoning of the central Executive Council which shall be agreed upon by the whole chapters Presidents, the electoral committee and the entire congressmen.

Sub section 2: Power and Functions of the Central Executive Council

The Central Executive Council shall:

- a) Meet from time to time for the conduct of business, deliberate extensively on matters affecting the Association in general and arrival at decisions; the decisions on major issues shall be binding on all members.
The execution of such decisions shall be vested in the Central Executive Council.
- b) Be responsible for the day to day running of the Association.
- c) Prepare an annual budget of the Association which shall be presented to the Association Legislative council for approval.
- d) Have the power to set up an ad-hoc committee when need arises.

Sub Section 3: Functions of the CEC Officers

1. THE PRESIDENT

1. Shall be the Chief Executive Officer (or first member) of the Association and shall preside over all Central Council meetings.
2. Shall, in conjunction with the General Secretary summon all Central Executive Council meetings of the Association.
3. Shall see to the strict compliance of the provisions of this constitution by officers of the Central Executive Council.

4. Shall delegate responsibility to other (non-elected) members of the Association where and when necessary.
5. Shall be responsible for the prompt execution of the Association projects.
6. Shall have power to issue Press Release with the consent of the Central Executive Council.
7. Shall coordinate the activities of other Central Executive Council Officers of the Association.
8. Shall be empowered to appoint any ad-hoc committee.
9. Shall be a compulsory (principal) signatory to the Association's bank account and shall endorse the release of funds meant to execute any project as approved in the budget.
10. Shall have the power to approve or reject vouchers raised by any ASSON National official where in the latter case, the voucher is deemed questionable and/ or unnecessary.

2. THE VICE PRESIDENT/ ZONAL COORDINATORS

1. Shall advice and assist the president in the performance of his duties.
2. Shall perform all duties of the president in his absence except (a) above.
3. Shall assist in the planning of conference, symposia, seminars and workshops organized by the Association.
4. Shall not in the exercise of the above functions, super-role the president as first member of the Association.
5. Report directly to the National Coordinator and manage the zonal Secretariat.
6. Appointing members of ad hoc committees for proper execution of projects in their respective zones of which they shall be accountable for.
7. Carry out other duties as may be assigned by the National Coordinator.
8. In the event of death, resignation or vote of no confidence passed on the President, shall act in his place. The period of acting shall not be more than 3 months after which a bye election shall be conducted by the Association Legislative Council to fill the post of the president.

3. THE SECRETARY- GENERAL

1. Shall summon all Central Executive Councils meetings at the instance of the President.
2. Shall record minutes of the Central Executive Council meeting and shall take charge of the Association correspondence.
3. Shall be a signatory to all external Press Releases and to the association's bank account.
4. Shall be in custody of all the Association's properties and keep an updated record of such properties and documents vis-vis the purchase of stationeries.
5. Shall keep records of all members of the Association.
6. Shall draw up agenda for all meetings of the Central Executive Council and general assembly of all Association in conjunction with the President.

7. Shall compile and present first to the CEC and later to ALC the minute of the General Meetings of the Association and the full report of all the activities of the association within the period of his tenure in office.

4. THE ASSISTANCE SECRETARY- GENERAL

1. Shall assist and be free to exercise all power constitutionally vested on the General Secretary in his absence.
2. Shall be the clerk of the General Assembly and in that capacity, minute of the proceedings of all general meetings shall be made available to the P.R.O within 72 hours to any meetings.
3. Shall keep attendance book in any meetings.
4. He shall act for the General Secretary in his or her absence except that he shall not be a signatory to the account of the Association.
5. Shall carry out other secretariat assignments as approved by the General Secretary.

5. THE PUBLIC RELATION OFFICER

1. Shall be responsible for the internal and external publicity of the Association.
2. Shall in consultation with the central Executive Council issue release and statements on matters of general interest to the Association.
3. Shall be the spokesman of the Association as may be directed by the President.
4. Shall oversee the Association's library.
5. Shall mobilize members and the public support participating in Association's activities.
6. Shall be the chairman of the Association's press Committee but not the Editor-in-Chief and shall be responsible for the Association publication.
7. Shall perform all other functions incidental to his office.

6. THE FINANCIAL DIRECTOR

1. Shall collect and keep record of all financial incomes (dues, fees, donation etc.) of the Association and issues receipts for all financial incomes and shall bank or deposit it with the Treasurer within 48hours of receipt.
2. Shall give a comprehensive financial report of the Association whenever summoned by the CEC or an audit committee not later than three (3) days of such notice by the CEC and at every General meeting of the Association.
3. Shall be in position to plan, advise and be actively involved in fund-raising activities of the Association.
4. All receipts, tickets etc. obtained on behalf of the Association in respect of any transaction shall be duly signed by the officers involved and submitted to the Financial Director within 48hours of issuing such receipt.

5. Shall be a signatory to the Association's bank account.
6. Shall submit records for auditing from time to time as may be requested.
7. Shall perform other duties assigned to him/her by the CEC.

7. DIRECTOR OF TREASURY

1. Shall keep on impress account not more than #5,000.
2. Advise the Executive Council on financial matters and help ensure sound financial decision-making.
3. Shall handover an approved requested amount to the President.
4. Shall perform other activities assigned to him/her by the CEC.
5. Present periodic financial reports to the Executive Council and at general meetings, including a comprehensive annual report at the National Conference/AGM.
6. Ensure all association funds are deposited in an official account opened in the association's name, with signatories as approved by the Executive Council.
7. Facilitate audits by maintaining transparency and providing necessary financial documents for internal or external audits.
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8. DIRECTOR FOR WELFARISM

1. Ensure the well-being of all members by addressing their personal, academic, and professional needs within the association.
2. Coordinate support services such as health assistance, emergency aid, and other welfare-related interventions.
3. Monitor and report on the living and learning conditions of members, especially during national events or conferences.
4. Serve as a liaison between members and the Executive Council on all welfare-related concerns and complaints.
5. Plan and implement welfare initiatives like relief outreach, health talks, and members' support schemes.
6. Shall in conjunction with the PRO be responsible for the co-ordination and stage setting of CEC meeting.
7. Shall perform and other duties incidental to his/her office.

9. DIRECTOR OF SPORT AFFAIRS

1. Plan, coordinate, and supervise all sporting events and recreational activities of the association at the local and national levels.
2. Encourage members' participation in sports to promote physical health, teamwork, and unity among members.
3. Coordinate and lead the association's participation in inter-chapter, inter-faculty, or national sporting competitions.
4. Maintain an inventory of all sports equipment and ensure proper usage and storage.
5. Work with the Treasurer to prepare a budget for sports-related activities and ensure accountability in sports expenditures.
6. Collaborate with sports departments, clubs, and other relevant organizations for sporting partnerships and opportunities.
7. Submit periodic reports on sporting events and activities to the Executive Council.
8. Shall perform any other duties assigned to him/her by the CEC.

10. DIRECTOR OF SOCIAL AFFAIRS/MEDIA COORDINATOR

1. Organize and coordinate all social, cultural, and entertainment activities of the association at both chapter and national levels.
2. Foster social engagement, unity, and healthy interaction among members through well-planned programs and events.
3. Manage all media-related activities, including social media platforms, publications, and official communication of the association.
4. Promote the image of the association by effectively publicizing its events, achievements, and programs to the public and stakeholders.
5. Ensure proper photo, video, and written documentation of all association events and maintain an accessible media archive.
6. Build and maintain relationships with media organizations for coverage and promotion of ASSON activities.
7. Develop and recommend strategies for improving the association's visibility, communication, and branding.
8. Shall perform any other duties assigned to him/her by the CEC.

11. DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (IT)

1. Oversee the development, maintenance, and security of the association's digital and IT systems, including websites, databases, and email services.
2. Facilitate smooth internal and external communication through digital platforms and ensure timely dissemination of information.
3. Design and maintain technological tools such as online registration forms, feedback systems, and event management platforms.
4. Organize training, workshops, or webinars to improve members' digital literacy and technological competence.
5. Manage the association's online presence, including social media platforms (in collaboration with the Media Coordinator), and ensure consistent branding.
6. Offer IT support during events, meetings, and other official functions of the association.
7. Recommend innovative technology solutions to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the association's operations.
8. Uphold the security and privacy of members' data in accordance with ethical and legal standards.
9. Shall perform any other duties assigned to him/her by the CEC.

12. DIRECTOR OF LOGISTICS/TRANSPORT

1. Plan and manage all transportation arrangements for members during official association.
2. Ensure the smooth movement of materials, equipment, and personnel for all association programs.
3. Prepare and implement detailed travel plans for delegations, guests, and members, ensuring safety and punctuality.
4. Maintain a record of logistical assets and supplies, ensuring their availability and proper use during events.
5. Work with other executive members to meet logistical needs for meetings, campaigns, and programs.
6. Liaise with transportation service providers and suppliers to ensure efficient service delivery.
7. Enforce safety measures and standards during transport and logistics operations.
8. Submit periodic reports to the Executive Council on logistics and transport matters.
9. Shall perform any other duties assigned to him/her by the CEC.

13. DIRECTOR OF EDITORIAL BOARD/EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

1. Supervise the planning, editing, and publication of all official materials, including newsletters, journals, magazines, and bulletins of the association.
2. Chair the editorial board and coordinate its activities, ensuring high-quality content that aligns with the objectives of the association.
3. Ensure accuracy, professionalism, and adherence to ethical standards in all published materials.
4. Encourage and facilitate academic and professional writing among members through calls for articles, writing competitions, or editorial workshops.
5. Compile and preserve written records of major events, resolutions, and activities of the association.
6. Work with the Director of Information Technology and Media Coordinator to ensure wide and effective dissemination of editorial content.
7. Oversee the review and approval process for articles, reports, and contributions submitted by members or external authors.
8. Provide regular updates to the Executive Council on editorial activities and publication progress.
9. Shall perform any other duties assigned to him/her by the CEC.

14. FUNCTION OF THE EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

The ex-officios shall have the following responsibilities:

- a) Advisory to all members of the executive committee
- b) Take up duties as assigned by the executive committee.
- c) Shall be member of any of the committees of ASSON as directed by executive committee or as so wished by them.

Sub-section 4: Meeting of the CEC

- 1) The Central Executive Council shall meet at least once in 2 months on date agreed upon by them.
- 2) It shall be the duty of the President acting through the General Secretary to convene meetings of the CEC.
- 3) Two-thirds of the CEC members shall constitute a quorum
- 4) The President shall have a casting vote in event of tie.
- 5) The President shall preside over all meetings or his vice in his absence.
- 6) Shall be rotated among the CEC as agreed upon by them.

- 7) There shall be an emergency meeting which shall be summoned on the following conditions:
 - When the President deem it fit in the interest of the Association or on recommendation of a written request signed by 2/3 of the officers of the CEC.
 - When the Senate President send a written request to the President stating the proposed agenda of the meeting which shall be circulated to all officers of the CEC at least 72 hours before the meeting.

Section 3: The Composition of the ALC

1. It shall comprise of 2 members from each chapter, which shall be among the 5 delegates of such chapter to the Annual Convention.
2. The leader of the house shall be called” Senate President” which shall be elected within the representatives during their first or inaugural sitting.
3. The ALC shall have the following principal officers:
4. The Senate President, The Deputy Senate President, Clerk of the House, Deputy Clerk and the Chief Whip.
5. Each member of the ALC shall be referred to as a Senator.

Sub-section 1: The ALC Officers of the Association

The Officers of the Association Legislative Council (ALC) shall comprise the following:

1. Senate President
2. Deputy Senate President
3. Chief Whip
4. Deputy Chief Whip
5. Senate Clerk
6. Deputy Senate Clerk

Sub-section 2: Duties of the ALC

- a. They shall approve the Association’s budget before implementation.
- b. They shall pass bill into law.
- c. They shall serve as a watch- dog on the CEC.
- d. They shall suspend or impeach any CEC officer through vote of no confidence if confirmed convicted by the simple majority (2/3).
- e. They shall act as the judiciary within the Association.
- f. They shall suspend any chapter that does not comply with the National Constitution.

Sub-section 3: Functions of the Senate

- 1) Shall be the law-making body of the association.
- 2) Shall operate as link between the CONGRESS and the NEC of ASSON
- 3) Shall from time-to-time review the programs of activities of ASSON with the aim of ensuring that the organization objectives are realized.
- 4) Shall make final approval of all decisions taken by the NEC as entrenched in this constitution or as may be referred to by NEC
- 5) Shall approved the proposed budget of ASSON
- 6) Shall pass resolution(s) which shall be binding on the association provided such resolution(s) does not violate the provision(s) of this constitution
- 7) Shall in consultation with NEC convey the Congress/Pre-Convention where the date for the national convention shall be decided upon
- 8) Shall have powers to suspend or impeach any official of the ASSON found guilty of negligence of duty, embezzlement or any forms of misappropriation of funds. The accused official shall be free to appeal to the ASSON congress who shall by two-third (2/3) majority confirm vary or reverse the action of the senate.
- 9) Shall appoint ad-hoc committees as would be necessary for the progress of the Association
- 10) Shall have power to suspend or terminate transaction with the association banker on the recommendation of the NEC.
- 11) The Senate President shall inform the congress of the admission of new member-union(s)
- 12) Shall do other things to guarantee the effective achievement of the objectives of the association of the set-out in the preamble of this constitution.
- 13) Shall exercise powers as may be applicable within the provision(s) of this constitution.

Sub-Section 4: Quorum and Meeting of the Senate

Quorum at any Senate meeting shall be the presence of at least TWELVE members at any sitting. The Senate shall meet at least once a month and at any other time as deemed fit. The President of the Senate shall be the convening authority of senate sitting/meetings.

Sub-Section 5: Eligibility to Hold Office in the Senate

All aspirants for offices in the Senate:

1. Must be a student member of ASSON National
2. Must not be holding any other position at any ASSON chapter.
3. Must be a sitting Senator of any member chapter.

4. Must unambiguously satisfy the Electoral Laws stipulated by the Electoral Commission established under this constitution.
5. Must be financially up-to-date and must be a student from a financially up to date chapter member. Such a student must:
 - a) Must be in 200 level and above for senate president and for other offices.
 - ii) For polytechnics must be an HND (Higher National Diploma) student.
 - b) Candidates contesting for any office must have a minimum CGPA of 60% of their school grading system (e.g. for schools using 4.00 and 5.00; they must have a CGPA of 2.40 and 3.00 respectively).
 - c) Produce his/her identity card, last semester's result slip, and last payment of his/her school fee.
 - d) Produce proof of his chapters' Registration payment for the year's Congress.
6. A student who shall not be available in the country during his/her tenure of office shall not be eligible to contest for any association elective post.
7. All contestants must possess a copy of the constitution and act in accordance with guidelines and rules stipulated by the provision(s) of the constitution.

Sub-section 6: Functions of the Principal Officers

1. FUNCTIONS OF THE SENATE PRESIDENT

1. Lead and moderate all sittings of the Senate, ensuring order, adherence to rules, and productive deliberation.
2. Provide binding interpretations of the constitution and standing orders during Senate proceedings, subject to appeal by two-thirds majority of the Senate.
3. Enforce discipline during sittings and ensure that members conduct themselves with decorum and in accordance with the constitution.
4. Represent the Senate in communicating its resolutions, recommendations, or decisions to the Executive Council, Congress, or other relevant bodies.
5. In the event of a tie, cast a deciding vote (where constitutionally allowed), but typically does not vote in regular circumstances.
6. Has the power to summon special seats of the Senate when urgent matters arise or at the request of a significant number of Senators.
7. Appoint or recommend members to various Senate committees, subject to Senate approval.
8. Oversee Senate's role in checking and balancing the activities of the Executive arm of the association.

9. Authenticate bills, resolutions, and official Senate documents before transmission to the appropriate quarters.
10. Carry out additional responsibilities as may be delegated by the constitution, the Senate, or the Congress of the association.

2. FUNCTIONS OF THE DEPUTY SENATE PRESIDENT

1. Support the Senate President in the discharge of their duties and ensure smooth legislative processes.
2. Act as the presiding officer and lead Senate sittings in the absence, suspension, or incapacitation of the Senate President.
3. Carry out functions or represent the Senate President when officially delegated or instructed to do so.
4. May be appointed to chair certain Senate committees or panels when necessary.
5. Work with the Senate President to ensure legislative consistency and continuity during transitional periods.
6. Discharge any other legislative or administrative duties assigned by the Senate President, Senate, or constitution.

3. FUNCTIONS OF THE CHIEF WHIP

1. Ensure discipline and order among members during all official meetings, congresses, and sessions of the association.
2. Monitor compliance with the association's constitution, standing orders, and codes of conduct during proceedings.
3. Work closely with the President and Speaker to regulate member conduct and facilitate smooth legislative activities.
4. Recommend disciplinary actions for members who violate rules of decorum, ethics, or the constitution during official gatherings.
5. Mobilize members for meetings, events, and other official functions as directed by the Executive Council or Congress.
6. Where applicable, coordinate with chapter or zonal whips to maintain unity and uniform discipline across all arms of the association.
7. Assist the executive in maintaining harmony among members and in the enforcement of resolutions passed by the Congress or Senate.
8. Perform any other duties as may be delegated by the President, Speaker, or National Executive Council within the scope of the constitution.

4. FUNCTIONS OF THE DEPUTY CHIEF WHIP

1. Support the Chief Whip in maintaining order, discipline, and decorum during all meetings, congresses, and legislative sessions of the Association.
2. Perform all duties and exercise all powers of the Chief Whip whenever the Chief Whip is absent, indisposed, or otherwise unable to act.
3. Collaborate with the Chief Whip and other officers to ensure smooth conduct of legislative and executive proceedings within the Association.
4. Help mobilize members for congresses, meetings, and official activities of the Association when required.
5. Assist in monitoring member conduct and recommending appropriate disciplinary actions in line with the Association's constitution.
6. Perform any other duties as may be delegated by the Chief Whip, the President, or the National Executive Council.

5. FUNCTIONS OF THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

1. Serve as the official recorder and custodian of all legislative documents, minutes, proceedings, and resolutions passed by the Congress or Senate.
2. Prepare and circulate the agenda, order papers, notices of motion, and other necessary legislative documents prior to each sitting.
3. Keep accurate records of member attendance and voting outcomes during all congressional or parliamentary sessions.
4. Advise the presiding officer and members on parliamentary procedures, rules, and constitutional provisions when required.
5. Officially transmit resolutions, bills, or any other legislative decisions to the appropriate officers or bodies for execution or further action.
6. Offer secretariat support to standing and ad-hoc committees of the house by recording proceedings and compiling reports.
7. Administer oaths of office to newly elected or appointed house officers as directed, and ensure all required documentation is properly filed.
8. Perform any other duties as may be assigned by the Speaker of the House, the Senate President, or the National Executive Council in relation to legislative affairs.

6. FUNCTION OF THE DEPUTY CLERK

1. Support the Clerk in carrying out all legislative, administrative, and record-keeping duties of the House.
2. Perform all functions of the Clerk when the Clerk is absent, indisposed, or unable to carry out their responsibilities.
3. Help in preparing and maintaining accurate records of proceedings, motions, bills, and resolutions passed in the House.
4. Assist in organizing seats, disseminating notices, and managing logistics for meetings and legislative sessions.
5. Serve as secretary to assign committees and assist in compiling reports and documenting committee proceedings.
6. Aid in transmitting official legislative communications between the House and relevant officers or bodies.
7. Carry out any other functions as delegated by the Clerk of the House, Speaker, or any other competent legislative authority.

Sub section 7: Registration and Cession

- a) A senator wishing to resign his membership shall do so by writing to the Senate President through the Clerk of the house and the letter of resignation counter-signed by the President of his constituency.
- b) A Senator on which a vote of no confidence is passed by his constituency shall be investigated by the house before a dismissal motion.
- c) Any dismissed senator shall hand over all the house properties with him or her and render correct account thereof to the Clerk of the Senate house within 72 hours of vacating his seat.

Sub section 8: Meeting of the ALC

- a. They shall meet once every three months.
- b. Half (1/2) of the members of ALC shall constitute a quorum at all regular meeting $\frac{1}{4}$ in case of emergency meeting.
- c. Shall be the duty of Senate President in conjunction with the clerk to convene the meeting of ALC.
- d. The meeting shall be rotated as agreed upon by the members of the house.
- e. The ALC shall elect their Principal Officer at the inaugural (first) sitting by themselves.

Sub-section 9: Voting of Senate Principal Officers

- i. Decision(s) at senate sitting/meetings shall be deemed to have been arrived at by a simple majority of member-unions present at a meeting and such decision shall be communicated to all autonomous member unions after the sitting/meetings.
- ii. Every senate member, except the senate president/presiding officer shall be eligible to vote.
- iii. Voting shall be by raising up hands except otherwise decided by a simple majority or the presiding officer considers a secret ballot necessary.
- iv. Senate president/presiding officer shall cast the deciding vote in the case of a tie
- v. There shall be a senate president or his deputy presiding over all the meeting of SENATE. In their absence, the senate shall elect one of its members to preside.
- vi. The members shall stand when speaking and shall address the senate president and the house. If two or more members stand at a time, the senate president shall determine to whom preference should be given. The order of address shall be as follows:

Distinguished Senate President

Distinguished Deputy Senate President

Distinguished Chief Whip

Distinguished Senate Clerk

Distinguished Senators

And any organs of government present in their sitting.

Sub Section 10: Dissolution

The ALC shall be dissolved immediately after the inauguration of the new CEC members.

Section 4: Structure and Function of the National Council (NC)

A national council shall be constituted later than one week after the inauguration of any executive council.

Sub Section 1: Functions of the National Council

1. It shall have powers to suspend any chapter member which fails to perform any of its obligations to ASSON for such a time as it deems adequate or approves any disciplinary action as may be deemed fit. Such chapter members shall be free to appeal to the ASSON Congress, which can, by two-thirds majority vote reverse or confirm the action of the NC.
2. It shall from time to time review the program of activities of ASSON with the aim of ensuring that the objectives of ASSON National are realized.
3. VOTING Decision(s) at national council meeting(s) shall be deemed to have been arrived at by a simple majority of members present at a meeting and such decision shall be

communicated to all members after the meeting.

4. It shall ratify and approve the budget of ASSON National for the financial year which shall be laid before it by the National executive council.
5. It shall conduct bye elections into vacant offices in not later than two months of such vacancy.
6. It should set up committees when necessary.
7. It should audit the accounts of the association.
8. It shall from time to time review the fees, dues and levies of the association when necessary.
9. It shall carry out other functions as may be necessary in the interest of the association.

Sub Section 2: Membership of the National Council

Members of the national council shall comprise of:

1. Members of the national executive council.
2. All chapter presidents/coordinators
3. Chairpersons of the various committees and commissions.
4. In addition:
 - a) Every president/coordinator of a newly registered member chapter shall be introduced to the NC by the executive council in writing after which the senate approval and he shall automatically become member of the NC.
 - b) In a case of removal of president/coordinator of a member chapter from office, the newly elected chapter president/coordinator shall communicate in writing to the national executive council and upon confirmation introduced by the national executive council to the NC where he shall automatically replace the former president/coordinator who shall cease at that point from being a member of the NC.

Sub Section 3: Quorum and Meeting of the National Council

Quorum at any national council meeting shall be the presence of at least 1/3 of the entire membership of the national council. The National Council shall meet at least once in 3 months (Quarterly) and may convene emergency meetings when need arises.

Section 5: Fellows Council

Fellows Council shall be all past ASSON National President and all Zonal Coordinators

Sub-section 1: Functions of the Fellows Council

1. Master the ASSON Landscape, become the next generation of ASSON Stakeholders
2. Call a meeting for all fellows and discuss Financial Management, rules of order, facilitation and running of ASSON Programs

3. To discuss the importance of long-term planning as well as how to build consensus for long-term vision
4. Provide tools and frameworks for successful fundraising events and Campaign
5. Ensuring the continuity in ASSON National body, by ensuring that the national president is a student.
6. Be the organizing committee of National Transition committee/Election when the national president failed to inaugurate/organize the National Transition committee/Election before the end of his Tenure.

Section 6: ASSON (Nationwide) Secretariat

Sub-section 1: Location and Structure of the ASSON Secretariat

1. There shall be a ASSON Secretariat, which shall be rotated annually on zonal basis.
2. ASSON Secretariat shall merely be the active organ of the Executive Council and not a separate body.
3. The Secretariat shall be comprised of:
 - a. The national president/coordinator
 - b. The secretary General
 - c. The assistant secretary general
 - d. Two student members of ASSON shall be recommended to the executive council by the secretary general and subject to a simple majority approval.

Sub-section 2: Functions of the Secretariat

Shall be as follows: -

1. To receive applications for membership and submit them to the national Executive Council.
2. To receive any other document addressed to the association.
3. To maintain regular contact with Executive Council members and actively assist them in carrying out their official duties.
4. To make effective publicity of ASSON and its activities both amongst her members and all over the world.
5. To hold meetings from time to time to carry out the daily commitments of ASSON National as may be assigned by the National Executive Council.
6. In addition, all documents received by the ASSON secretariat shall be made known to the national president/ coordinator and must be presented to the national executive council by the secretary general in the following national executive council meeting.

Section 7: Zonal Secretariat

1. To effective administration of the National Secretariat, there shall be for each geopolitical zone of the Federation, a Zonal Coordinating Office to be known and cited as “Zonal Secretariat” which shall be rotated among the states that makes up the zone.
2. Subject to the provisions of this constitution, a Zonal Secretariat, with the approval of the National Secretariat and subject to such conditions as it may deem fit, shall coordinate the local chapters of the association within its geopolitical zone.
3. Zonal Secretariat shall host the Zonal Convention or any zonal activity which may be organized by the Association.
4. In performing the function in Section 54; subsection (3) above, the Zonal Secretariat shall not exercise such power to do such unless with the approval of the National Secretariat.
5. The financial activities of the Zonal Secretariat shall by prerogative, be subject to the National Secretariat for approval and only one separate Bank Account shall be operated by the Zonal Secretariat.
6. The statement of account of each zonal secretariat shall be audited alongside that of the National Secretariat by the appropriate committee during the annual National Convention.
7. There shall, for the purpose of assisting the National Secretariat establish a Zonal Coordinating Office Advisory committee which shall advise the National Secretariat on such matters that may come up on the running of the Zonal Secretariat.
8. Members of this committee shall be drawn from the local chapters in all the geopolitical zones of the Federation.
9. The National Secretariat shall, as it may deem fit, assign other functions which are not in this provision to the Zonal Secretariat and can do so without recourse to any committee.

Section 8: Tenure of Office and Inauguration

Sub-Section 1: Tenure of Office

1. The tenure of office of the National Executive Council shall be from the end of one annual conference/AGM to the end of next: perhaps one (1) year.
2. The tenure of office of the National Council shall be from the end of one annual conference/AGM to the end of next: perhaps one (1) year.
3. The tenure of office of the Senate shall be from the end of one annual conference/AGM to the end of next: perhaps one (1) year.
4. The tenure of office of the secretariat shall be from the day of constitution to the day of the dissolution of the national executive council which constituted the secretariat.
5. The tenure of office of committee members shall be from the day of the inauguration of such committee to the day of its dissolution provided that any constituted committee shall stand dissolved at the dissolution of the national executive council under which such

committee was formed.

Sub-Section 2: Inauguration/Investiture

1. The elected National Executives shall be inaugurated at the annual ASSON National Conference.
2. The inauguration/investiture shall be included in the students' activities at the annual ASSON National Conference.
3. The outgoing National President/Coordinator shall constitute a seven-Man Inauguration Organizing Committee immediately before the ASSON National Conference of which he shall be the Chairman.
4. The inauguration planning committee shall have the Electoral Committee Chairman and the newly elected National President/Coordinator as members.
5. The Legal Adviser of the association shall be the commissioner for oaths and shall be responsible for administering oaths of offices to the officers during inauguration.
6. The Inauguration Planning Committee shall:
7. Organize for the inauguration ceremony to be carried out during the Annual Conference and AGM of ASSON
8. Be responsible for sourcing sponsorship from individuals and cooperate organizations for the inauguration ceremony.
9. Secure the venue for the inauguration ceremony.
10. Do any other things to promote aims and objectives of the association as stipulated in the constitution.
11. The tenure of the inauguration planning committee shall be for the duration of the inauguration for which it was constituted.

ARTICLE 8: GENERAL ASSEMBLY (CONGRESS)

- a) The CEC shall preside over the General Assembly (Congress).
- b) The General Assembly shall be convened at the venue of the annual convention.
- c) All Students of registered chapters shall be the members General Assembly.
- d) All senators are also members of the floor except when deemed fit by the CEC president.
- e) The General Assembly are to approve the financial report of the activities of the CEC.

Section 1: Proceedings and Regulations of the General Assembly

All matters before the General Assembly shall be discussed in the following orders.

- a) General comments or reactions from members.
- b) Call for motion and counter motion on the contrary motion.

Section 2: Quorum of the General Assembly

- a) Shall be formed by 2/3 of the registered participant at the Annual Convention.

ARTICLE 9: ELECTION

An election shall be held annually at the venue of Annual Convention.

Section 1: Electoral Committee

- a. Shall consist of 7 members having Chairman, Secretary and 5 other members.
- b. Shall stand dissolved immediately after the swearing in ceremony of the new CEC members.
- c. The members shall be outgoing members of the Association and cannot vote for or be voted for.
- d. The body shall conduct free and fair election of officers into the executive council and senate.
- e. The newly elected National coordinator upon swearing-in shall carry out the first official duty of dissolving the formed body.
- f. There shall be an electoral committee chairman who shall be appointed by the National President/Coordinator.
- g. In addition to the chairman, the committee shall also include one (1) member from each zone.
- h. The body shall follow the procedures provided in this constitution in conducting free and fair elections.

Section 2: Function of Electoral Committee

1. They shall make provisions for free and fair election.
2. Nomination form shall be obtained and submitted to the secretary of the Electoral Committee.
3. They shall conduct proper screening for each contestant.
4. Counting of votes shall be done immediately after the voting exercises and the results will be released immediately after the counting.
5. They shall declare election campaign open.

Section 3: Regulation of the Election

1. The chairman and Secretary of the Electoral Commission shall list against such office the name of the Candidates in alphabetical order and display the list on the ASSON Notice Board of the host chapter.

2. Each chapter shall have five delegates who are eligible to vote comprising President, General Secretary, and any other three.
3. The host institution shall be regarded on equal stand with all other institutions and shall have no upper hand or preferential treatment.
4. The election of the Association must be conducted in a day.
5. There shall be no campaign after manifestos.
6. Election shall be open to all registered delegates that have not held that post for two consecutive years.
7. Electoral committee shall have power to make all sorts of electoral regulations for the purpose of conducting elections, such electoral regulations that have not been stated in this constitution.
8. All such regulations shall be published within four hours after the composition of committees on the Notice Board of the host's chapter.
9. The conduct of elections by the electoral committee shall be consistent with the provision of this constitution.
10. The results of the election shall be announced on the day of the election and be displayed on the Notice Board of the host chapter.

Section 4: Election Procedures

- a. The election of the officers shall be by open secret ballot.
- b. A candidate shall be deemed to have won an election based on simple majority in case of where there is opposition: but if there is no opposition, he/she shall have won an election by 2/3 (two-third) majority.
- c. Each voter shall cast only one vote for each office.
- d. The voters shall comply with the rules and regulations of the electoral committee. Hence, he/she must be paid up member.

Sub-section 1: ZONING SYSTEM

The zoning system is given on the table below if zoning is NOT applicable to any office not indicated in the table. This formula shall continue indefinitely in the same manner or order (the table is just a template of how the zoning should be)

	Zone A	Zone B	Zone C	Zone D	Zone E	Zone F
2026/2027	PRESIDENT	SECRET. GENERAL	TREASURER	ASS. SEC. GENERAL	FINANCIAL SECRETARY	TECHNICAL SECRETARY
2027/2028	TECHNICAL SECRETARY	PRESIDENT	SECRET. GENERAL	FINANCIAL SECRETARY	ASS. SEC. GENERAL	TREASURER
2028/2029	TREASURER	ASS. SEC. GENERAL	PRESIDENT	TECHNICAL SECRETARY	FINANCIAL SECRETARY	SECRETARY GENERAL
2029/2030	TECHNICAL SECRETARY	FINANC'L SECRET.	ASS. SEC. GENERAL	PRESIDENT	SECRETARY GENERAL	TREASURER
2030/2031	FINANCIAL SECRETARY	ASSIST. SECRET. GENERAL	TREASURER	TECHNICAL SECRETARY	PRESIDENT	SECRETARY GENERAL
2031/2032	TECHNICAL SECRETARY	FINANC'L SECRET.	ASS. SEC. GENERAL	TREASURER	SECRETARY GENERAL	PRESIDENT

Sub-section 2: THE SENATE PRINCIPAL OFFICER'S ZONING

2026/2027

S/N	POSITION	ZONE	GEOPOLITICAL ZONE
1.	Senate President	Zone F	Southeast
2.	Deputy Sen P	Zone E	North Central
3.	Clerk	Zone B	South-South
4.	Deputy Clerk	Zone C	Northeast
5.	Chief whip	Zone D	Southwest
6.	Deputy Chief whip	Zone A	Northwest

2027/2028

S/N	POSITION	ZONE	GEOPOLITICAL ZONE
1.	Senate President	Zone A	Northwest
2.	Deputy Sen P	Zone F	Southeast
3.	Clerk	Zone E	North Central
4.	Deputy Clerk	Zone D	Southwest
5.	Chief whip	Zone C	Northeast
6.	Deputy Chief whip	Zone B	South-South

2028/2029

S/N	POSITION	ZONE	GEOPOLITICAL ZONE
1.	Senate President	Zone D	Southwest
2.	Deputy Sen P	Zone A	Northwest
3.	Clerk	Zone F	Southeast
4.	Deputy Clerk	Zone E	North Central
5.	Chief whip	Zone B	South-South
6.	Deputy Chief whip	Zone C	Northeast

2029/2030

S/N	POSITION	ZONE	GEOPOLITICAL ZONE
1.	Senate President	Zone C	Northeast
2.	Deputy Sen Presi.	Zone B	South-South
3.	Clerk	Zone A	Northwest
4.	Deputy Clerk	Zone F	Southeast
5.	Chief whip	Zone E	North Central
6.	Deputy Chief whip	Zone D	Southwest

2030/2031

S/N	POSITION	ZONE	GEOPOLITICAL ZONE
1.	Senate President	Zone B	South-South
2.	Deputy Sen P	Zone C	Northeast
3.	Clerk	Zone D	Southwest
4.	Deputy Clerk	Zone F	Southeast
5.	Chief whip	Zone A	Northwest
6.	Deputy Chief whip	Zone E	North Central

2031/2032

S/N	POSITION	ZONE	GEOPOLITICAL ZONE
1.	Senate President	Zone E	North Central
2.	Deputy Sen P	Zone D	Southwest
3.	Clerk	Zone C	Northeast
4.	Deputy Clerk	Zone B	South-South
5.	Chief whip	Zone A	Northwest
6.	Deputy Chief whip	Zone F	Southeast

THE POWER SHOULD CONTINUOUSLY BE ROTATING ACCROSS THE ZONES

Sub-section 3: Composition of Zones

Zones are composed as follows:

1. **A:** Jigawa, Kaduna, Kano, Katsina, Kebbi, Sokoto and Zamfara
2. **B:** Akwa Ibom, Bayelsa, Cross River, Delta, Edo and Rivers.
3. **C:** Adamawa, Borno, Taraba, Yobe, Gombe and Bauchi.

4. **D:** Ekiti, Lagos, Ogun, Ondo, Osun and Oyo.
5. **E:** Abuja, Kwara, Kogi, Nasarawa, Benue, Niger and Plateau.
6. **F:** Abia, Imo, Ebonyi, Anambra and Enugu.

Sub-section 4: Vacancy

1. An office shall be rendered vacant upon resignation, death, movement from the country or removal from office or otherwise of an elected member.
2. A vacant office shall be filled with a bye-election.
3. Where an office becomes vacant because of an elected member moving out of the country temporarily; the office shall be filled in an acting capacity provided that:
 - a) The vacant office is NOT the office of the national coordinator
 - b) Such appointment MUST be made and communicated to the national executive council in an emergency meeting within 48 hours of the vacancy.
 - c) The appointment shall be approved by the national executive council and senate.
 - d) Such appointee meets the eligibility criteria to vie for such office if an election were to be conducted according to the provisions of this constitution.
 - e) Such appointee is schooling in the zone of the officer initially occupying that office for offices where zoning is applicable.
4. Without prejudice to subsection 3 of this section, bye elections shall be conducted by the National President/Coordinator in a national council meeting convened in not more than one month after notice of such vacancy is made to the national council.
5. Without prejudice to provisions of this constitution, for offices where zoning is applicable, only people schooling in the zone of the individual who had previously occupied the vacant office shall be eligible to contest in bye elections.
6. Without prejudice to provisions of this constitution, where the office of the national president/coordinator becomes vacant:
 - a) A notice on that regard shall be sent to all members of the national council by the secretary general in no later than 24 hours of such vacancy.
 - b) An emergency national council meeting shall be convened by the secretary general in no later than seven days of the vacancy.
 - c) The zonal coordinator of the zone of the national coordinator/president initially occupying the vacant office shall immediately be sworn in as national coordinator/president in the general council meeting and the office of the zonal coordinator of that zone declared vacant.
 - d) A bye election shall be conducted in line with provisions of this constitution to fill the vacant office of zonal coordinator.

Sub-section 5: Qualification for Election

1. Any member of the Electoral College has the right to vote and be voted for in the National Executive Council and Senate.
2. Members of the Electoral College must be up-to-date financial members.
3. Chapters delegating members of the Electoral College must be up-to-date financial chapters including annual conference/AGM registration fees.

Sub-section 6: Chapter Election

1. Eligibility to Contest

- a) Only matriculated/registered members of a ASSON chapter who is financially up to date and in good academic standing and must have the minimum CGPA of 60% of their school grading system (e.g. for schools using 4.00 and 5.00; they must have a CGPA of 2.40 and 3.00 respectively) and above shall be eligible to contest for any chapter office in accordance with position available/open for the aspirant level in line with their chapter constitution.
- b) Aspirants must have spent at least one academic session as active members of the chapter.

2. Electoral Commission

- a) An Electoral Commission shall be constituted by the chapter Executive Council in line with the various chapter constitution. The name of the electoral commission shall be “ELECTORAL COMMISSION OF ASSON (ECON) + Chapter name (e.g. FUTO, UI)”
- b) The Commission shall consist of impartial members who are not contesting for any office in the election in line with the various chapter constitution.
- c) The Commission shall oversee all electoral processes, including screening, campaigns, voting, and results declaration in line with the various chapter constitution.

3. Election Process

- a) Election shall be conducted through a free, fair, and transparent voting process in line with the various chapter constitution.
- b) All chapter elections must be concluded at least one (1) month before the academic session.

4. Tenure of Office

- a) Elected officers shall serve for a term of one (1) academic session and can't be re-elected.

5. Disqualification and Appeal

- a. Candidates may be disqualified for academic failure, misconduct, or violation of election guidelines in line with various chapter constitution.
- b. Any disqualified candidate has the right to appeal in line with the various chapter constitution.

6. Inauguration

- a. Inauguration of the various chapters of the newly elected executive council must be done

at least two (2) weeks and not more than one (1) month of resumption of a new academic session

Section 5: Resignation /Removal from Office

Sub-section 1: Resignation

1. Any member or officer who considers it necessary to resign his/her position shall tender a former letter of resignation to the national executive council.
2. Upon his/her resignation, the member or officers shall submit all documents and properties relating to his/her position alongside the letter of resignation.

Sub-section 2: Removal of Office

1. A vote of no confidence shall be passed by two-thirds (2/3) of the national council on any member or officer who is found wanting in the discharge of his/her assigned duties. The offence(s) shall range from allegation of embezzlement, immorality, to cultism and general abuse of office.
2. Before a vote of no confidence is passed on the accused person, proper investigation, including a fair hearing to the accused, shall be carried out by panel set up within the national council provided that the panel shall report back in the following national council meeting.
3. The panel shall also consider offence(s) relating to that of discipline as contained in article twenty- one of this constitution and determine appropriate punishment.
4. Recommendations by the panel may be adopted or disregarded by a 2/3 majority vote of members present in the national council meeting provided that the national council shall go ahead in taking its decisions irrespective of whether:
 - a. A report was given by the panel.
 - b. The report was adopted or disregarded

Section 6: Electoral Finance

The basic source of income (finance) for the electoral committee shall be the running grant from CEC.

Nomination fee for the posts of the executives shall be deliberated by the electoral committee at an affordable price.

Section 7: Election Petition

1. All election petitions shall be addressed to the Electoral Committee Chairman. Petition shall include full evidence(s) of fraud, malpractices and misconduct or any act which the petitioner feels is unfair to election.

2. All election petitions shall be filed in not later than two hours after the result of the election has been announced.

Section 8: Disqualification for the contestant

A contestant shall be disqualified if:

1. Act of misconduct, during election and election campaign.
2. Act of impersonation.
3. He/she disobeys any other ideal regulations made by electoral committee.
4. He/she is an old student member of the association.

Section 9: Special Provisions

Sub-section 1: Notice of Meetings

- 1) There shall be an annual general meeting (AGM) once a year and during the national convention where elections shall be held and issues bothering on the ASSON shall be discussed.
- 2) There shall be proper prior notices of each meeting except under emergency.
- 3) Notice of meetings shall be disseminated properly to all concerned.
- 4) Notice for all meetings of the body, except in case of emergency, shall be dispatched not less than four (4) weeks before the meeting date.
- 5) Notice for posters for national convention/AGM shall be dispatched not less than six (6) weeks to the event.
- 6) "Watchout" handbills/fliers for the annual national convention shall be distributed not less than six (6) months to the event.
- 7) All meetings of the national executive council and the national council shall be convened by the national president/coordinator through the secretary general except as otherwise provided in this constitution.

Sub-section 2: Relationship with the Bodies

ASSON National shall strive to always maintain friendly relationship with all Statistics students' associations and statistics parent bodies.

Sub-section 3: National Conference/ Annual General Meetings

1. This shall be a two (2) days event to be held once every year and shall be rotated amongst the six (6) zones.
2. The hosting right of the convention shall be given to the chapters who indicated interest and vote amongst NC.
3. The hosting chapter shall prioritize their planning in the following areas:
 - a. Accommodation/venues
 - b. Finances
 - c. Publicity
 - d. Technical/program
 - e. Transportation
 - f. Socials/welfare

1. In planning for the events and during the event properly, the host chapter shall constantly be consulted with national executive council.
2. At the end of the event, the hosting chapter shall be rendered within 48 hours to the national executive council, the following.
 - a. A comprehensive list of registered participants (chapters and students).
 - b. 30% of proceeds from convention registration fees. The national executive council shall in turn give 10% of this amount to the next convention hosting chapters.
3. Also, within fourteen (14) days of the event, the host chapter shall prepare a compressive report of the entire event including budget and financial records, and submit to the following:
 - i. Head of department of the host chapter school
 - ii. National secretariat of the ASSON and CISON/PSS
 - iii. Next national convention/AGM hosting chapter

ARTICLE 10: FINANCE

- 1) All Association's money shall be kept in the bank except the impress.
- 2) Stationery and equipment for running the association shall be from the association's purse.
- 3) The signatory of the President and either of the two shall be valid.
- 4) Any disbursement of money shall be approved by the president and Financial Director.
- 5) All vouchers shall be prepared by the financial secretary on an ASSON letter headed paper, which shall be duly signed and stamped by both the President and the treasurer.
- 6) The expenditure of the Association shall be based on the Budget approved by the Association Legislative Council (ALC).
- 7) The CEC must not spend more than 5% of the total budget before ratification by the ALC.
- 8) Any member of the CEC shall within 1 week of incurring any expenditure on behalf of the Association complete and submit to the Treasurer an expenditure analysis form in duplicate specifying such expenses item by item and discharge relevant receipts where necessary.
- 9) Any member of the Association that generates income to the Association must deposit it within 1 week to the Treasurer/Association bank account.
- 10) No part of the Association's money should be lent out to any body without the approval of the House.

Section 1: Source of Income

The income of the Association shall be as follows:

- 1) All regular members of the Association shall pay at the beginning of each tenure an annual subscription of a certain percentage of their annual due as decided by the CEC and ALC.
- 2) Special Levy.
- 3) Donations or gifts by members of outsiders.
- 4) Other sources approved by the CEC.

Section 2: Association Account

- 1) The Association shall keep a bank account with First Bank Plc branches in almost all states of the federation.
- 2) If there would be any change in the bank account, the deliberation should come from the ALC to the Executive for approval.
- 3) The President, General Secretary and the Financial Director shall be the signatories to the Association account.

Section 3: Sponsorship of Members

- 1) The Association shall be responsible for the sponsorship of the President, the General Secretary for any symposia, lectures, seminar, conferences, and workshops etc.
- 2) The CEC reserves the right to nominate by any member (non-officer) of the association to be sponsored to any, lectures, seminars, conferences, and workshops etc..
- 3) Sponsors of the Association shall be by corporate bodies or reputable individuals as determined by the CEC.

ARTICLE 11: COMMITTEE

Ad-hoc committee could be set up from time to time to carry out specific function under the consideration of the CEC.

Note that:

- 1) The functions of such committee shall not conflict with any of the standing offices stated constitution.
- 2) Any Ad-hoc committee shall comply with any rules as relating to them as stated by the CEC President.

ARTICLE 12: APPOINTMENT

Session 1: Advisers

All current principal shall be the Association advisers.

Session 2: Patrons

Shall be appointed as deem fit by the CEC subject to the approval of the House.

Session 3: Grand Patron

Shall be the current NATIONAL PRESIDENT of National Statistical Association (NSA).

ARTICLE 13: AWARDS

All awards shall be given to the observing officer and or member of the ASSON that has contributed sincerely to the progress, development and advancement of the Association.

Any other individual that has also contributed sincerely to the progress, development and advancement of the Association shall be awarded by the Association.

ARTICLE 14: DEATH AND CEREMONY

The ASSON shall send a minimum of 2 representatives to the ceremony of any member with a gift. And shall publish the demise of any member in any National Newspaper of the country.

ARTICLE 15: AFILIATION

The ASSON shall be affiliated to the Nigeria Statistical Association (NSA) which is the mother body of the Association.

ARTICLE 16: SWEARING-IN-CEREMONY

- 1) At every swearing-in or handling over ceremony, the outgoing CEC shall hand over all Association files, assets and liabilities to the incoming CEC.
- 2) The audited account of each outgoing administration shall be presented to the incoming administration during the swearing-in ceremony.
- 3) The swearing-in / handover ceremony shall come up at the end of the annual convention.
- 4) The chairman of the electoral committee shall perform the swearing-in ceremony for the President and the President for other officers of the CEC including the ALC.

Section 1: Oath of Office

No member(s) elected to the association CEC, ALC and/or any other elective post(s) shall begin to perform the functions to such office until he/she has taken the oath of office in accordance with the provision of this constitution.

Section 2: Oath of Office of the President

I, do solemnly swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to the ASSON, that as the President of ASSON, I will discharge my duties to the best of my ability, faithfully, and in accordance with the ASSON constitutional provision. I will not allow my personal interest to influence my official conduct or my official decision that I will to the best of my ability preserve, protect and defend the constitution of ASSON that in all circumstances, I will do right to all manner of people according to law, without fear or favour, attention, attention or ill will, that I will not directly or indirectly communicate or reveal any person or any matter which shall n[be brought under my consideration or shall become known to me as the President of ASSON except as may be required for the due discharge of my President.

So help me God. Amen!

Session 3: Other Officers

I, do solemnly swear and affirm that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to the ASSON, that as the of ASSON, I will discharge my duties to the best of my ability, faithfully, and in accordance with the ASSON constitutional provision, that I will strive to the fundamental objectives and directives principles of ASSON, that I will not directly or indirectly communicate or reveal any person or any matter which shall n[be brought under my consideration or shall become known to me as the of ASSON except as may be required for the due discharge of my duties.

So help me God. Amen!

Session 4: Association Legislative Council

I, do solemnly swear and affirm that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to the ASSON, that as the member of ALC, I will discharge my duties to the best of my ability, faithfully, and in accordance with the ASSON constitutional provision and the standing rule of the ALC and always in the interest of the sovereignty, integrating, solidarity, well-being and prosperity of ASSON, that I will strive to preserve, protect and defend the constitution of ASSON.

So help me God. Amen!

ARTICLE 17: AMENDMENT AND REVIEW

Section 1: Amendment of the Constitution

Recommendation for an amendment and addition shall have to be approved by the two-third majority at the general meeting before the constitution can be amended or altered in any way.

The notice of a motion to amend any part of the constitution shall be delivered to the Clerk at least fourteen days before the date of the sitting at which the motion is intended to be moved. The notice shall be posted by the clerk at least 2weeks before the date of the sitting at which the motion is intended to be moved.

Section 2: The Review of the Constitution

The review of the constitution shall be done by a Constitutional Review Committee nominated among the members of the ALC, and the entire Statistics student across the federation which shall be chairman by Senator.

This constitution shall stand for review every 4 years. The motion for the review of the constitution must be supported by 2/3 majority members of the ALC.

ARTICLE 18: CITATION

This constitution shall be cited as the constitution of the ASSON July 2008.

ARTICLE 19: COMMENCEMENT

The provision of the constitution shall come into force on the 18th day of July, 2008.

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