

THE CONSTITUTION OF KING'S COLLEGE OLD BOYS' ASSOCIATION

1. NAME OF THE ASSOCIATION

- a) The name of the Association shall be "King's College Old Boys' Association"
- b) The colour of the Association shall be Royal Blue and White.

2. OBJECTIVES OF THE ASSOCIATION

- a) To keep alive among Old Boys interest in the well-being of King's College Lagos, here-in-after referred to as the "College".
- b) To promote social interaction among its members and the College.
- c) To support the College in every possible way.
- d) To promote King's College spirit among Old Boys.

3. MEMBERSHIP

- a) Anybody who satisfies the conditions stipulated in paragraph 22 of this Constitution is automatically entitled to enroll as a member of the King's College Old Boys' Association.
- b) Members of staff of the College who are not Old Boys shall for the duration of their appointment at King's College be eligible to enroll as honorary members of the Association.
- c) Honorary members shall be sponsored by not less than two members of the Executive Committee.

4. RULES AND REGULATIONS

- 1) The Headquarters of the Registered Trustees of King's College Old Boys Association shall be at the King's College Lagos, or any other place so designated by the Association.
- 2) The Trustees of King's College Old Boys' Association for the purpose of the Land (Perpetual Succession) Act Chapter 98 shall be appointed at a General Meeting of the Association.
- 3) Such Trustees (here-in-after referred to as "The Trustees") shall not be less than 5 in number and shall be known as "The Registered Trustees" of King's College Old Boys Association.
- 4) The Trustees shall in conjunction with the officers of the Association be charged with the management of King's College Foundation established by the Association.

- 5) The Trustees may hold offices for life but a Trustees shall cease to hold office if he:
 - i) Resigns his office
 - ii) Becomes insane
 - iii) Is officially declared bankrupt
 - iv) Is convicted of a criminal offence involving dishonesty by a court of competent jurisdiction.
 - v) Is recommended for removal from office by majority vote of members present at any General Meeting of the Association.
 - vi) Ceases to reside in Nigeria.
- 6) Upon vacancy occurring in the number of trustees such vacancy shall be filled at the next General Meeting.
- 7) The Trustees shall have a Common Seal consisting of the College Mermaid crest and inscription "KING'S COLLEGE OLD BOYS" ASSOCIATION".
- 8) The Common Seal will be kept in the custody of Honorary General Secretary who shall produce it when required for use by the Trustees.
- 9) All documents shall be executed by any two Trustees and sealed with the Common Seal.
- 10) The Trustees shall apply to the appropriate authority for a Certificate of Registration under the Land (Perpetual Succession) Act Chapter 98.
- 11) If such certificate is granted, the Trustees shall have power to accept and hold it in trust; to hold all land belonging to the registered Trustees of King's College Old Boys' Association, and to acquire land on behalf of the Association subject to such conditions as the appropriate authority may impose.
- 12) There shall be a quorum when 3 Trustees are present at any meeting.
- 13) The Trustees shall appoint one of their members as Chairman PROVIDED ALWAYS that where the Chairman is absent, any other member may be called upon to preside over the meeting. the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote.
- 14) Every matter shall be determined by a majority of votes of the Trustees present and voting on the question.

- 15) The Trustees shall provide and keep a minute book in which shall be pasted minutes of the proceedings of meetings of the Trustees and such minutes should have been duly confirmed as a correct record of the proceedings or at a future meeting.
- 16) The Executive Committee of the Association shall provide books of accounts in which shall be kept all proper accounts of all moneys received or paid by the Trustees on behalf of the Association.
- 17) The Executive Committee shall arrange for the accounts to be audited yearly by a Chartered Account appointed as Auditor pursuant to the Constitution.
- 18) The Association may be wound up following a unanimous vote of members at a General Meeting specially convened for that purpose PROVIDED ALWAYS that in such event the winding-up provision of the SPECIAL CLAUSE of the Constitution shall apply.

5. **SUBSCRIPTIONS**

- a) The annual subscription shall be fixed by the General Meeting of the Association upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee.
- b) The annual subscription shall become due on the 1st of January of each year and shall be paid not later than 31st March of the respective year.
- c) Nothing in this article shall preclude a life member from paying additional annual or other subscriptions if he so desires.
- d) All life membership subscriptions should be paid to the officers of the Association in Lagos.

6. **VOTING RIGHTS**

Members whose annual subscriptions are not paid by 31st of March of each year, shall not be eligible to vote or be voted for at any meeting of the Association.

7. **OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION**

- a) The Officers of the Association shall be as follows:

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>
The President	1
Vice- Presidents	4

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>NUMBER</u>
General Secretary	1
Assistant Secretary	2
Treasurer	1
Financial secretary	1
Sport Secretary	1
Auditor	1
All Branch Chairman	1

b) At least one Vice-President shall come from outside Lagos Area.

8. **DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

- a) **The President:** It shall be the President's duties among others:
- i) To preside at every Annual General Meeting and other meetings of the Association and the Executive Committee.
 - ii) To cause summoning of the Annual General Meeting and other meetings either on his own initiative or in accordance with the decision of the Executive Committee or at the requisition of 5 members for summoning a General Meeting.
 - iii) To direct all other officers of the Association in the performance of their duties.
 - iv) To serve as ex-officio member of all sub-committee of the Association.
- b) **The Vice-President:**
- i) One of the Vice-Presidents shall in the absence of the President, preside at all meetings over which the President, by constitution, has power to preside.
 - ii) He shall perform all other duties which the President, owing to ill-health, or absence or any other cause is unable to perform, or as shall be ascribed to him by the President, the Executive Committee or General Meeting.
 - iii) In absence of the President, and the Vice-Presidents, members of the Executive Committee present shall nominate one of their number to preside.

c) **The General Secretary:**

- i) To summon, on the instructions of the President or on requisition, the annual General Meeting, the Executive Committee, or other General Meetings of the Association, provided that, upon requisition, signed by not less than 5 members of the Executive Committee, the General Secretary shall summon a meeting of the Executive Committee and on the requisition of not less than 50 members, he shall summon an extra ordinary General Meeting of the Association.
- ii) To record and keep minutes of all meetings.
- iii) To write and despatch circulars, letters and other correspondences of the Association or the Executive Committee.
- iv) To keep a roll of members and an up-to-date list of officers of branches of the Association.
- v) To perform all other duties as may be allotted to him by the President or the Executive Committee or the Annual or Extra-ordinary General Meeting.
- vi) To be responsible for the general management of the Secretariat of the Association.
- vii) He or any of his Assistants shall be a member of each and every sub-committee of the Association.
- viii) To submit a general report of the activities of the Association at the annual General Meeting.

d) **The Assisitant Secretaries:**

The Assistant Secretaries shall assist the General Secretary in the performance of all secretariat duties and one of them shall, in the absence of the General Secretary, act in his place.

e) **Treasurer:** The duties of the Treasurer shall be as follows:

- i) To receive, collect and pay to the Association's Bankers all monies collected for the Association.
- ii) To carry out any decision or directive of the Annual General Meeting and the Executive Committee in matters relating to the budget or finances of the Association.

- iii) To prepare or cause to be prepared and circulated to every member of the Association at or before every Annual General Meeting, the audited Balance Sheet and Annual Statement of Account as well as an Annual Report of the Association.
 - iv) To invest the money of the Association in such securities as may be approved by the Executive Committee.
 - v) To prepare or cause to be prepared and submit for the approval of the Association, an Annual Budget containing estimated revenue and expenditure of the Association.
- f) **The Financial Secretary:** The duties of the Financial Secretary shall be as follows:
- i) To be in constant touch with branches of the Association so as to ensure that all members pay their annual dues as prescribed by this Constitution and other dues or subscriptions as may be determined by the Annual General Meeting or the Executive Committee.
 - ii) To prepare from time to time the list of defaulting members.
 - iii) To circulate such lists to the Annual General Meeting and the Executive Committee.
 - iv) To collect and promptly pay all monies to the Treasurer.
- g) **The Social Secretary:** The duties of the Social Secretary shall be as follows:
- i) To publicise the activities of the Association.
 - ii) To present the correct and progressive image of the Association to the public.
 - iii) To organise the social activities of the Association.
- h) **The Sports Secretary:**
- The Sports Secretary shall organise all the sporting activities of the Association.
- i) **The Auditor:**
- The Auditors shall audit annually, or as and when required by the Executive Committee or the Annual General Meeting, the books of accounts and documents of the Association.

9. **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The Annual General Meeting, shall be the principal organ of the Association and shall be held in the month of September of each year, subject to 21 days notice published in a National daily Newspaper in addition to notices despatched to all members.

10. **EXTRA ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING**

- a) An Extra-ordinary General Meeting may be summoned by the Executive Committee as may be deemed necessary, subject to at least 21 days notice being given.
- b) Upon a written requisition, signed by at least 50 members, for the holding of an Extra-ordinary General Meeting, in which requisition shall be specified, the business to be discussed at the meeting, the Executive Committee shall, giving at least 21 days notice, summon a General Meeting for the discussion of the matter specified, provided that no other matter shall be discussed at such meeting.

11. **THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

The affairs of the Association shall be managed by an Executive Committee which shall consist of all the officers mentioned in article 7 of this Constitution and 12 non-office-holding members. Efforts shall be made to reflect, as far as possible, the different generations of Old Boys as well as the geographical spread of branches.

12. **SUB-COMMITTES**

The Annual General Meeting or the Executive Committee may establish such sub-committees as may be considered necessary for the discharge of the functions of the Association.

13. **ELECTIONS**

- a) Members of the Executive Committee shall be elected at every Annual General Meeting.
- b) Immediately prior to the election, all offices shall be declared vacant.
- c) Elections shall be conducted by two Returning Officers who shall, on being appointed as such, declare that they have no interest in any of the offices being contested for.

14. TENURE

- a) Every officer is eligible to hold office for not more than (5) consecutive terms of one year each. This provision is without prejudice to a person, being elected for another office subsequently.

A person may also be re-elected to the same office after a break of at least one term.

- b) A retiring President shall, as Immediate Past President be automatically a member of the Executive Committee.

15. FILLING OF VACANCIES IN THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- a) The Executive Committee shall have power to fill any vacancies which occur during its term of office and
- b) If at least fifty (50) members reject the inclusion of the member(s) so appointed, election shall be held at an Extra ordinary meeting summoned for the purpose.

16. QUORUM

The quorum at meetings of the Association shall be as follows:

- a) For any General Meeting, 25 members shall form a quorum.
- b) For an Executive Committee, 8 members shall form a quorum.

17. PRESIDENT'S CASTING VOTE

The President shall have a right to a casting vote in addition to his ordinary vote at both General and Executive Committee Meetings of the Association.

18. SIGNATORIES OF THE ASSOCIATION

The President, the General Secretary and the Treasurer for the time being shall be signatories of the Association and any two of them shall operate any accounts containing the funds of the Association, which shall be registered at all times in the name of the Association.

19. HONORARY TRUSTEE

Honorary Trustees of the Association shall be appointed for life by the Association at a General Meeting on the recommendation of the Executive Committee.

20. **BRANCHES OF THE ASSOCIATION**

- a) Members residing in every town or city outside Lagos area may form a branch with the approval of the Executive Committee. No branch shall be recognised until it has a minimum of 20 members.
- b) Members in an institution of higher learning shall be entitle to form a sub-branch.

21. **CLASS-SET**

As an integral part of the Association, Class-sets shall appoint one of their number to liaise with the National Executive Committee.

22. **SPECIAL CLAUSE**

- i) THE INCOME AND PROPERTY OF THE REGISTERED TRUSTEES OF KING'S COLLEGE OLD BOYS ASSOCIATION however derived in respect of the trust shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objects of the 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 however by way of profit to the members of the Association.
- ii) PROVIDED that nothing herein shall prevent the payment in good faith of reasonable and proper remuneration to any officer or servant of the Association in return for any service actually rendered to the Association, but so that no member of the Executive Committee shall be appointed to any salaried office of the Association or any office of the Association paid by fees, and that no remuneration or other benefit in money or monies shall be given by THE REGISTERED TRUSTEES or any member of the Executive Committee except repayment of out-of-pocket expenses, or reasonable and proper rent for premises demised or let to the Association provided that the provision last aforesaid shall not apply to any payment of any money to a member of the Association on behalf of a company in which such member should not be bound to account for any share of the profits he may receive in respect of any such payment.
- iii) NO ADDITION, alteration or amendment shall be made to or in the Constitution for the time being in force, unless the same has been previously submitted to and approved by the appropriate authority.
- iv) In the event of a winding up dissolution of the Association if there remains, after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities any property whatsoever, the same shall not be paid to or distributed among members of the Association, but

shall be given or transferred to some other institutions having objects similar to the object of THE REGISTERED TRUSTEES OF KING'S COLLEGE OLD BOYS ASSOCIATION and the body or bodies are prohibited from distributing its or their income and property among its or their members to an extent at least as great as is imposed on THE REGISTERED TRUSTEES OF KING'S COLLEGE OLD BOYS ASSOCIATION before the time of dissolution and if so far as effect cannot be given to the aforesaid provision, then to some charitable object.

23. **AMENDMENTS**

All amendments to this Constitution shall be adopted on the vote of 2//3 of those present and voting (fractions being approximated to the nearest whole number) at an Annual General Meeting of the Association. The text of a motion for any such amendments shall have been circulated to all members by the General Secretary at 28 days before the date fixed for the Annual General Meeting.

24. **INTERPRETATION**

A King's College Old Boy is defined as: "Any student who enrolled at King's College and complete the prescribed certificate courses or spent at least one academic session".

25. **COMMENCEMENT**

This amended Constitution comes into effect on 27th September 1997.

THE SCHOOL SONG

"Floreat Collegium" shall our motto be,
 Let us shout it boldly, for her sons are we,
 Nurtur'd in her classrooms in our early youth,
 Where we learn to cherish chivalry and truth;
 Learn to pull together, each one with the rest,
 Playing up and striving each to do his best.

CHORUS:

*This shall be our watch word, "Always play the Game!"
 Sound the old school's praises, trumpet forth her fame
 Though of many nations we will not forget
 That we all are brothers with a common debt;
 Let us pay by giving, as we forge ahead,
 Service to the living, honour to our dead.*

This is what they teach us in the good old school,
 "Only by obedience may you learn to rule,
 If you fail, look closely, seek the reason why,
 You have power to conquer if you only try,
 Others went before you and attained the light,
 Where they wait to cheer you, victors in the fight".

CHORUS:

This shall be watchword, etc.

Present, Past and Future form one mighty whole,
 Shinning forth emblazoned on one muster roll.
 When the call is sounded all must answer "Here"!
 Voice and bearing showing neither shame nor fear;
 Pointing to our honour, which untarnished stands,
 Bright as when we took it from our Founder's hand.

CHORUS:

This shall be our watchword, etc.