

CONSTITUTION OF EGBE AROBAYO

(Okunrin) Akile Ijebu

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AMENDED CONSTITUTION OF EGBE AROBAYO (OKUNRIN) AKILE IJEBU 2020

PREAMBLE

We the members of the EGBE AROBAYO (OKUNRIN) AKILE-IJEBU,

BEING a traditional age group of male children born between 1st day of January, 1968 and 31st day of December, 1970,

HAVING realized and appreciated the benefits inherent in our interaction for now and the future,

DESIRING to come together for the purpose of promoting the spirit of understanding and co-operation among ourselves and the entire people of Ijebuland,

AND IDENTIFYING ourselves with all Traditions and customs of Ijebuland,

DO HEREBY make, enact and give to ourselves the following CONSTITUTION:

CHAPTER I - GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. SUPREMACY OF THE CONSTITUTION

- 1) This Constitution shall be supreme and its provisions shall be binding on all members of the Egbe.
- 2) The Egbe shall not be governed, nor shall any person or group of persons take control of the Egbe or any organ thereof, except in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution.
- 3) If any other bye-law, directive or action is inconsistent with the provisions of this constitution, this constitution shall prevail, and that other bye-law, directive or action shall to the extent of its inconsistency be null and avoid.

2. NAME

- 1) The name of the Egbe by which it shall be known and called shall be **EGBE AROBAYO (OKUNRIN) AKILE-IJEBU**.
- 2) The permanent secretariat of the Egbe shall be located in Ijebu Ode, Ogun State, Nigeria.

3. MOTTO AND LOGO

- 1) There shall be a motto for the Egbe which shall be: **GBOGBO EGBE, E MAAYO**
- 2) There shall be a Logo for the Egbe which shall consist of a Crown directly in front of the obelisque part of the image of the Obanta Cenotaph, the Obanta Cenotaph being surrounded on both sides by *by a wreath* and underneath shall be a scroll inscribed with the name or the Egbe all on the tri-coloured shield made up of the following colours Yellow, Red and Purple with two spurs on both sides with the years 1968 and 1970 inscribed thereon.
- 3) The Logo symbolises love, peace and defence of the traditions and customs of the Ijebu people.

4. ANTHEM

- 1) There shall be an anthem for the Egbe which shall be sung before and after the monthly meeting and at every important occasion.

5. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

- 1) The aims of the Egbe shall be:
 - (i) To promote and sustain the social, economic and cultural cooperation among the people in Ijebuland in particular, Yorubaland, and Nigeria, in general.
 - (ii) To promote friendly relationships and close association, including rendering of social and economic assistance to members and the needy, provided that the assistance is limited to Ijebuland.
 - (iii) To maintain friendly and reciprocal relationship with other Egbes with similar objectives.
 - (iv) To engage in all such viable activities that will enable the attainment and enhancement of these objectives.
- 2) Each member of the Egbe shall strive to attain these aims and objectives in all manners but in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution.

CHAPTER II - SPONSORING AUTHORITIES

6. THE AWUJALE OF IJEBULAND

- 1) The reigning Awujale of Ijebuland shall be the Royal Majestic Sponsor of the Egbe.
- 2) In this first instance, the reigning Awujale of Ijebuland, whose details are stipulated in Schedule I hereto shall be the Royal Majestic Sponsor of the Egbe.

7. BABA EGBE AND IYA EGBE

- 1) There shall be one Baba Egbe and one Iya Egbe appointed for the Egbe.
- 2) At any point in the existence of the Egbe the number of the Baba Egbe and the Iya Egbe shall remain one each and shall not for any purposes increase more than as stipulated in sub-section (1) hereof.
- 3) Any person to be appointed as either the Baba Egbe or the Iya Egbe shall be persons of proven integrity and impeccable character within the community.
- 4) Both the Baba Egbe and the Iya Egbe shall be a prominent son or daughter respectively of Ijebuland.
- 5) Without prejudice to the foregoing, the procedure for the appointment of any person as either the Baba Egbe or the Iya Egbe shall be as stipulated in Schedule II hereto.
- 6) Any person appointed as either the Baba Egbe or the Iya Egbe under the provisions of this constitution shall hold that office until the occurrence of any of the events listed in sub-section (7)(i)-(iii) hereof.
- 7) A person shall cease to be Baba Egbe or Iya Egbe upon the occurrence of any of the following events:
 - (i) He or she dies while holding office;
 - (ii) He or she resigns his or her appointment as the Baba Egbe or the Iya Egbe; or
 - (iii) He or she is removed by a special resolution of the Egbe supported by at least (4/5) majority of the members present and voting.

8. AKEWEJE

- 1) There shall be appointed for the Egbe an Akeweje Okunrin and an Akeweje Obinrin.
- 2) Any person to be appointed as either the Akeweje Okunrin or Akeweje Obinrin shall be persons of proven integrity and impeccable character within the community.
- 3) Both the Akeweje Okunrin and Akeweje Obinrin shall be a prominent son or daughter respectively of Ijebuland.

- 4) Without prejudice to the foregoing, the procedure for the appointment of any person as either the Akweje Okunrin or Akweje Obinrin shall be similar to those stipulated for the appointment of the Baba Egbe and Iya Egbe in Schedule II hereto.
- 5) Any person appointed as either the Akweje Okunrin or Akweje Obinrin under the provisions of this constitution shall hold that office until the occurrence of any of the events listed in sub-section (6)(i)-(iii) hereof.
- 6) A person shall cease to be Akweje Okunrin or Akweje Obinrin upon the occurrence of any of the following events:
 - (i) He or she dies while holding office;
 - (ii) He or she resigns his or her appointment as the Akweje Okunrin or the Akweje Obinrin; or
 - (iii) He or she is removed by a special resolution of the Egbe supported by at least (4/5) majority of the members present and voting.

9. ADVISERS

- 1) There shall be Advisers appointed for the Egbe.
- 2) Any person to be appointed as Adviser shall be persons of proven integrity and impeccable character within the community and shall be a prominent son of Ijebuland.
- 3) Without prejudice to the foregoing, the procedure for the appointment of any person as Adviser shall be similar to those stipulated for the appointment of the Baba Egbe and Iya Egbe in Schedule II hereto.
- 4) Any person appointed as Adviser under the provisions of this constitution shall hold that office until the occurrence of any of the events listed in sub-section (5)(i)-(iii) hereof.
- 5) A person shall cease to be Adviser upon the occurrence of any of the following events:
 - (i) He dies while holding office;
 - (ii) He resigns his appointment as the Adviser; or
 - (iii) He is removed by a special resolution of the Egbe supported by at least (4/5) majority of the members present and voting.

10. PATRONS AND MATRONS

- 1) There shall be appointed for the Egbe Patrons and Matrons.
- 2) Any person to be appointed as either the Patron or Matron shall be persons of proven integrity and impeccable character within the community and shall be a prominent son or daughter respectively of Ijebuland.
- 3) Without prejudice to the foregoing, the procedure for the appointment of any person as either Patron or Matron shall be similar to those stipulated for the appointment of the Baba Egbe and Iya Egbe in Schedule II hereto.
- 4) Any person appointed as either Patron or Matron under the provisions of this constitution shall hold that office until the occurrence of any of the events listed in sub-section (5)(i)-(iii) hereof.
- 5) A person shall cease to be Patron or Matron upon the occurrence of any of the following events:
 - (i) He or she dies while holding office;
 - (ii) He or she resigns his or her appointment as Patron or Matron; or
 - (iii) He or she is removed by a special resolution of the Egbe supported by at least (4/5) majority of the members present and voting.

CHAPTER III - MEMBERSHIP

11. MEMBERSHIP

- 1) All sons of Ijebuland, born between 1st day of January, 1968 and 31st day of December, 1970 (both dates inclusive) shall be entitled to be members of the Egbe.
- 2) A member shall abide by the provisions of sections 52(1) and 56 regarding attendance at meetings and financial dues respectively.
- 3) Any member or person falling into the category of persons referred to in sub-section (1) but is however domiciled at a distance more than 200km from Ijebu Ode, Ogun State shall be granted **DISTANT MEMBERSHIP STATUS.**

PROVIDED that such member applies for same in writing and renewable every year in writing by payment of annual dues and any levy imposed pursuant to the provisions section 56 of this Constitution. The applicant shall also comply with the provisions of Section 52(2) of this Constitution.

12. ADMISSION OF NEW MEMBERS

- 1) Any application for membership shall be made on prescribed form to be obtained from the Secretariat of the Egbe by any intending member upon payment of a non-refundable fee of any amount as may be stipulated by a simple resolution of the Egbe and prevailing at the time of such application.
- 2) An applicant shall be sponsored by (2) two referees both of which shall be members of the Egbe in good standing.
- 3) An applicant shall be interviewed by the Membership/Screening Committee which shall then report to the General Assembly for approval or otherwise.
- 4) An applicant shall:
 - i) be presented to the whole house after the Membership/Screening committee must have presented its report and
 - ii) be accorded probational admission for a period of 2 (two) months when at least 2/3 of the members present at the meeting are in favour of such admission.
- 5) The new member shall be given full membership upon payment of the following fees:
 - i) Membership Application fee of ₦5,000.00 (or any fee prevailing as at the period of membership consideration),
 - ii) Membership fees of ₦130,000.00 (or any fee prevailing as at the period of membership consideration),
 - iii) Annual Subscription,
 - iv) Development levy or any other levy in existence upon his being accorded probational membership or any other levy which the Egbe deems fit to impose via a simple majority of the General Assembly.
- 6) Any new member, who does not pay all monies stated in his admission letter within 2 (two) months of being accorded probational membership status, shall forfeit his admission.
- 7) The new member shall purchase all approved and current outfits/uniforms of the Egbe.
- 8) All members shall subscribe to an oath of allegiance to the Egbe to be administered by the Baamofin Egbe under the authority and supervision of the Giwa.

CHAPTER IV - MEETINGS

13. MEETINGS

- 1) The Egbe shall recognise the following meetings at which the business of the Egbe shall be conducted.
 - i) Monthly Meeting
 - ii) Annual General Meeting
 - iii) Executive Committee Meeting
 - iv) Committee Meeting
 - v) Emergency Meeting
 - vi) On-line Meeting

14. MONTHLY MEETING

- 1) The Egbe shall hold a meeting of the General Assembly.
- 2) The meeting shall be held once every month on the 1st Sunday thereof, and shall commence by 1:00pm prompt or any other time as determined by the General Assembly.
- 3) There shall be 30 (thirty) minutes of grace from commencement of meetings thereafter any member coming into the meeting shall be deemed to have come late and shall be liable to payment of a fine imposed by the General Assembly in accordance with the provisions of section 52(4).
- 4) The Giwa shall preside over the meetings of the General Assembly and in his absence Otun-Giwa shall preside. In the absence of both the Giwa and the Otun-Giwa, the Eeta-Giwa shall preside:

Provided that upon the arrival of the Giwa, the Otun-Giwa or the Eeta-Giwa shall yield the position of presiding officer of the meeting to the Giwa.

- 5) In the absence of either the Giwa or the Otun-Giwa or the Eeta-Giwa, the General Assembly members shall appoint any other member of the Executive Committee to the exclusion of the General Secretary or the Assistant General Secretary to preside over the meeting of the General Assembly.
- 6) Any meeting of the General Assembly shall be held within the kingdom of Akile-Ijebu.

15. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- 1) The Annual General Meeting of the Egbe shall be held in the month of December of each year or not later than 3 months thereafter.
- 2) The Annual General Meeting shall be jointly hosted by the Egbe in collaboration with Honourary title holders.
- 3) The Annual General Meeting shall consider and deliberate on the following activities:
 - i. receive and deliberate upon the Annual Report and Annual Audited Statement of Account;
 - ii. conferment of Honourary title to deserving members;
 - iii. swearing-in of new members
 - iv. conduct of elections into elective posts at the expiration of each term of office and swearing-in of re-elected or newly elected Executive Committee members;
 - v. consideration of amendments to the Constitution of the Egbe.

- 4) A Notice of the Annual General Meeting shall be clearly specific and shall be sent to members not later than 30 (thirty) days to the date of the meeting.

16. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

- 1) The Executive Council shall meet at a place, time and date as many be necessary;

Provided that any such meeting shall take place at least once before the Monthly meeting stipulated in Section 14 of this Constitution.

17. EMERGENCY MEETING

- 1) An Emergency Meeting of the General Assembly may be summoned by either the Giwa or Executive Committee as and when necessary.
- 2) The General Secretary shall summon an Emergency Meeting of the General Assembly upon receiving a written request signed by at least 2/3 (two-thirds) of the members in good standing.

18. ON-LINE MEETING

- 1) An On-line Meeting shall be held virtually at least one time in a quarter of a year in order to afford the members of the Diaspora Branches the opportunity to participate real time in the meetings of the General Assembly.
- 2) The General Secretary or the Assistant General Secretary or any other member upon the directive of the Giwa shall summon an On-line Meeting upon a notice of 7(seven) days issued in respect thereof. Notice of such meetings shall be by text messages, email messages, WhatsApp messages, Instagram or any other recognized electronic mail service.

19. PROCEDURE AT MEETINGS

- 1) The procedure to be adopted at any meeting of the Egbe shall be as stipulated in Schedule III hereto.
- 2) The procedure to be adopted at an On-line Meeting shall also be as stipulated in Schedule III hereto and in the Bye-law of the Egbe regarding conduct of On-line meetings.

CHAPTER V - ORGANS

20. ORGANS OF THE EGBE

- 1) The administrative structure and organs of the Egbe shall consist of the following:
 - i. The General Assembly
 - ii. The Giwa-in-Council
 - iii. The Executive Committee
 - iv. The Standing Committee
 - v. The Ad-Hoc Committee
 - vi. The Council of Honourary Title Holders and
 - vii. The Diaspora Branches

21. GENERAL ASSEMBLY

- 1) The General Assembly shall consist of all members of Egbe
- 2) The General Assembly shall constitute the supreme authority of the Egbe and shall retain all rights and privileges not specifically assigned to the Giwa, Giwa-in-Council, and any member of the Executive Committee or Honourary Title Holders.

22. POWERS AND FUNCTIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

- 1) The General Assembly shall have the exclusive prerogative to legislate on any and all of the following matters:
 - i. ratification of any decision made by the Executive Committee or any other Committee or any other organ of the Egbe;
 - ii. adoption of project for a particular year;
 - iii. approval of the budget for any succeeding year and supplementary budgets when necessary;
 - iv. determination of matters relating to the Annual General Meeting;
 - v. receiving and acting upon reports and recommendations referred to it by the Executive Committee or any other authorized Committee of the Egbe;
 - vi. election into any of the elective offices in the Executive Committee;
 - vii. amendments to this Constitution.

23. GIWA-IN-COUNCIL

- 1) There shall be for the Egbe a Giwa-in-Council.
- 2) The Council shall consist of GIWA, OTUN-GIWA, EETA GIWA who shall be the permanent members of the Council.
- 3) The incumbent General Secretary and Amofin shall also be members of the council subject to their individual tenure of office as members of the Executive Committee of the Egbe.
- 4) The Council shall handle urgent issues and shall thereafter report the outcome to the General Assembly at the monthly meeting immediately succeeding the determination or otherwise of the issue.

24. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- 1) The Management of the Egbe shall be vested in an Executive Committee
- 2) All the offices of the Executive Committee with the exception of the office of the Giwa, Otun-Giwa and Eeta-Giwa shall be elective.
- 3) The members of the Executive Committee shall be elected every three (3) years from among members in good standing with the exception of the Asoju in Diaspora who shall be elected in accordance with the provisions of Section 41(2)(vii).
- 4) Without prejudice to the provision of subsection (3) above, any member of the Egbe seeking an elective post in the Egbe shall have been a bona fide member of the Egbe for a minimum period of 2 (two) years prior to the date of the election.
- 5) A member of the Executive Committee may seek re-election to that office to which he is first elected.
Provided that any such member of the Executive Committee shall not serve for more than two (2) consecutive terms in a particular elective office.

- 6) Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions the Permanent Members of the Giwa-in-Council shall hold office for life and the foregoing provisions of sub-sections (3) and (4) of this section shall not be applicable to their offices.
- 7) The generality of the provisions of sub-section (4) of this section shall not preclude any member of the Executive Committee to which the provisions of the said sub-section (4) is applicable from contesting an election into any other elective office of the Egbe.
- 8) Any member seeking an elective office shall be resident within the jurisdiction of the office to which he aspires.
- 9) Any member of a Diaspora Branch who wishes to contest an elective office in Nigeria shall resign his membership of his Diaspora Branch and shall get a transfer clearance from the Asoju of his Diaspora Branch.
- 10) Any person to whom the provision of sub-paragraph 9 of this paragraph 24 applies shall in addition have effected his transfer for a minimum period of 2 (two) years prior to the date of te election.
- 11) The provision of the sub-paragraph 9 and 10 of this paragraph 24 shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to any member of the Egbe in Nigeria who wishes to contest an elective office in any Diaspora Branch.

25. COMPOSITION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- 1) The Executive Committee shall comprise of the following officers:
 - i. GIWA
 - ii. OTUN-GIWA
 - iii. EETA-GIWA
 - iv. AKOWE AGBA
 - v. IGBAKEJI AKOWE AGBA
 - vi. AKEDE
 - vii. AMULUDUN
 - viii. AKOWE OWO
 - ix. AKAPO
 - x. AMOFIN
 - xi. ASOJU ETO
 - xii. ASOJU IN DIASPORA
- 2) All the offices of the Executive Committee with the exception of the offices of the GIWA, the OTUN GIWA, the ETA GIWA, shall be elective.
- 3) The Executive Committee shall meet upon notification of the GIWA or as the Executive Committee members may deem pertinent.

26. FUNCTIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- 1) The Executive Committee shall exercise all functions on behalf of the Egbe, except those functions reserved for the General Assembly.
- 2) In furtherance to sub-section (1) hereof, the Executive Committee shall:
 - i. observe the letters and the spirit of this constitution in the administration of the Egbe at all times;
 - ii. prepare and maintain a true, proper and accurate financial account of the Egbe;
 - iii. prepare and maintain a proper and up to date register of members;
 - iv. prepare and present to the Annual General Meeting an audited financial report of the Egbe;

- v. co-opt members in event of vacancies in the Executive Committee arising from death, resignation, suspension or expulsion;
 - vi. arrange for the conduct of bye-elections at a Monthly Meeting to fill any vacant elective position of the Egbe;
 - vii. subject to the generality of the provisions of this Constitution accept any person who falls within the purview of section 11(1) for admission as a member;
 - viii. ratify the appointments of any new Honourary title holder upon the recommendation of the incumbent Honourary title holders;
 - ix. perform any function and duty assigned to it by the General Assembly;
 - x. set up Standing Committees and Ad-Hoc Committees for specific purpose as needs might arise with the approval of the General Assembly.
- 3) Any member co-opted in accordance with the provisions of sub-section (2)(v) of this section shall:
- i. be a member in good standing;
 - ii. be ratified by the General Assembly;
 - iii. exercise all powers and functions of that office to which he is co-opted; and
 - iv. remain in that office until the substantive officer resumes or any other member is elected into that office.

27. IMPEACHMENT OF EXECUTIVE MEMBERS

- 1) Any member of the Executive Committee found wanting in the discharge of the duties of his office with the exception of the Giwa the Otun-Giwa or the Eeta-Giwa shall be impeached by a vote of not less than 2/3 majority of members in good standing present at the meeting at which the vote is cast.
 Provided that an impeachment notice shall have been served on the offending member of the Executive Committee and members of the Egbe in good standing not later than 60 (sixty) days to the date of the meeting at which the impeachment shall be deliberated.
- 2) The Executive member referred to in the provision of sub-section (1) shall appear before the Disciplinary Committee and be accorded adequate opportunity to defend himself before any decision is taken.
- 3) The provisions of the generality of this section 27 are also applicable to erring Honourary title holders.

28. GIWA

- 1) The Giwa shall be the Head of the Egbe, the Leader of the Giwa-in-Council and the Leader of the Executive Committee.
- 2) The Giwa shall:
 - i. summon regular and emergency meetings;
 - ii. preside over all meetings of the General Assembly, the Giwa-in-Council and the Executive Committee;
 - iii. co-ordinate the activities of the other members of the Giwa-in-Council, the Executive Committee and all the Asoju in Diaspora;
 - iv. with the approval of the General Assembly constitute various committees in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution.
 - v. undertake emergency decisions on behalf of the Egbe and report to the General Assembly for ratification;
 - vi. be a signatory to the accounts of the Egbe;
 - vii. administer oath of allegiance to new members and newly elected officers;
 - viii. confer honourary titles to deserving members; and
 - ix. honour deserving members of the community with chieftaincy titles of the Egbe.

- 3) The Giwa shall be empowered to co-opt and remove any member of the Council of Traditional Title Holders into the Giwa-in-Council if the need arises.
- 4) In case of absence, the Giwa shall delegate his powers to his deputy, the Otun-Giwa, or the Eeta-Giwa or the Balogun or the Basorun in order of Constitutional precedence.

29. OTUN-GIWA

- 1) The Otun-Giwa shall assist the Giwa in carrying out the Functions of the office of the Giwa.
- 2) The Otun-Giwa shall:
 - i. be next in hierarchy to the Giwa;
 - ii. in the absence of the Giwa discharge all functions and duties of the Giwa with the exception of the function provided for in section 28(2)(vi) of this constitution;
 - iii. head of the Membership/Screening Committee; and
 - iv. perform any other function that may be assigned to him by the Giwa.
- 3) Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph (ii) of sub-section (2) of this section the Otun-Giwa may pursuant to paragraph 5(4) of Schedule VII to this constitution perform the functions of the Giwa stipulated in section 28(2)(vi) of this constitution.

30. EETA-GIWA

- 1) The Eeta-Giwa shall be next in hierarchy to the Otun-Giwa.
- 2) The Eeta-Giwa shall:
 - i. in the absence of the Giwa and the Otun-Giwa discharge all functions and duties of the Giwa with the exception of the function provided for in section 28(2)(vi) of this Constitution;
 - ii. be the Liaison between the Egbe and the Palace of the Awujale of Ijebu Land; and
 - iii. perform any other function that may be assigned to him by the Giwa.

31. BALOGUN

- 1) The Balogun shall be next in hierarchy to Eeta-Giwa and shall be the head of the Council of Traditional title holders.
- 2) The Balogun shall:
 - i. be the returning officer in the elections conducted at meetings;
 - ii. in absence of the Giwa, Otun-Giwa and Eeta Giwa discharge all functions of the Giwa, Otun-Giwa and Eta Giwa with the exception of the functions provided for in section 28(2)(vi) of this constitution;
 - iii. perform any other function that may be assigned to him by the Giwa.

32. BASORUN

- 1) The Basorun shall be next in hierarchy to the Balogun.
- 2) The Basorun shall:
 - i. supervise and co-ordinate any social activity involving the Egbe;
 - ii. in the absence of the Giwa, Otun-Giwa Eeta-Giwa and or the Balogun discharge all the functions of the Giwa with the exception of the functions provided for in section 28(2)(vi) in this Constitution;
 - iii. perform any other function that may be assigned to him by the Giwa.

33. AKOWE AGBA (GENERAL SECRETARY)

- 1) The Akowe Agba shall take charge and head the Secretariat of the Egbe.
- 2) The Akowe Agba shall:
 - i. conduct and deal with all correspondence of the Egbe and take custody of all the correspondence books and stationery of the Egbe;
 - ii. take custody of the Seal and official stamp and any other symbol of authority of the Egbe;
 - iii. summon and attend all meetings as directed by the Giwa Egbe;

- iv. record all the proceedings at such meetings and have them duly signed;
- v. ensure that duly signed minutes of meetings are distributed to members not later than 7 (seven) days to the date of any subsequent meeting;
- vi. co-ordinate all the activities of the standing committees of the Egbe and report to the Executive Committee for necessary action;
- vii. on the advice and approval of the Executive Committee prepare a comprehensive Annual Report and present same at the Annual General Meeting of the Egbe;
- viii. be a signatory to the accounts of the Egbe;
- ix. maintain correctly up-to-date registers and files of the Egbe; and
- x. maintain a comprehensive register of members of the Egbe.

34. IGBAKEJI AKOWE AGBA (ASSISTANT GENERAL SECRETARY)

- 1) The Igbakeji Akowe Agba shall assist the Akowe Agba in the discharge of the duties of the Akowe Agba.
- 2) The Igbakeji Akowe Agba shall:
 - i. perform all the duties of the Akowe Agba in the absence of the Akowe Agba;
 - ii. be secretary to all standing committees of the Egbe and report to the Akowe Agba; and
 - iii. execute all duties that may be assigned to him by either the Akowe Agba or the Executive Committee.

35. AKEDE (PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER)

- 1) There shall be an Akede for the Egbe.
- 2) The Akede shall:
 - i. be responsible for effective publicity of all activities of the Egbe;
 - ii. be responsible for all publications of the Egbe; and
 - iii. be a member of the social committee.

36. AMULUDUN (SOCIAL SECRETARY)

- 1) There shall be an Amuludun for the Egbe.
- 2) The Amuludun shall:
 - i. head the Social Committee of the Egbe;
 - ii. be responsible for planning and execution of all social activities and functions of the Egbe in collaboration with the Social Committee;
 - iii. ensure the entertainment of members, or liaise with the host during the monthly meetings;
 - iv. ensure the entertainment of members and guests of the Egbe at social engagements;
 - v. inform members about the social activities of the Egbe; and
 - vi. recommend the type of uniform to wear to parties.
- 3) The Amuludun may co-opt any member of the Social Committee to assist him in the discharge of the functions of his office.

37. AKOWE OWO (FINANCIAL SECRETARY)

- 1) There shall be an Akowe Owo for the Egbe.
- 2) The Akowe Owo shall:
 - i. be responsible for preparing the financial records of the Giwa-in-Council and the Executive Committee;
 - ii. keep a proper and up-to-date record of all income and expenditure and other financial transactions of the Egbe;
 - iii. keep and maintain a record of the financial standing of the entire members of the Egbe;
 - iv. pay all monies collected by him to the Akapo immediately after collection and collect a receipt from the Akapo for every amount paid;
 - v. prepare an annual budget of the Executive Committee to the General Assembly;

Provided the budget statements have been sent to members not later than 14 (fourteen) days to the date of the meeting at which the budget would be debated;

- vi. prepare and present an annual financial report of the Egbe to the Executive Committee;
- vii. prepare and circulate among members a quarterly statement of accounts of the Egbe; and
- viii. cooperate with Akapo, and the Auditors in preparing for presentation an audited account of the Egbe at the Annual General Meeting.

38. AKAPO EGBE (TREASURER)

- 1) There shall be an Akapo for the Egbe.
- 2) The Akapo shall:
 - i. take custody of all funds of the Egbe;
 - ii. take custody of all treasury documents of the Egbe including but not limited to cheque books, receipt booklets, financial stamps, share certificates and investment documents in the name of Egbe;
 - iii. be responsible for keeping all funds of the Egbe in a bank approved for that purpose by the Executive Committee;
 - iv. receive all monies paid to the Akowe Owo and pay them into any of the Egbe's account not later than 5 (five) days from the date of collection;
 - v. issue receipt for such monies collected;
 - vi. raise vouchers and withdraw money for the use of the Giwa-in-Council, the Executive Committee or other committees of the Egbe as the need arises;
 - vii. liaise with Akowe Owo to prepare financial accounts of the Egbe for the annual financial report;
 - viii. be a signatory to the accounts of the Egbe.

39. AMOFIN

- 1) There shall be an Amofin for the Egbe.
- 2) The Amofin shall:
 - i. handle all legal matters on behalf of the Egbe;
 - ii. render legal advice to the Egbe on Legal issues; and
 - iii. ensure that the Giwa-in-Council, the Executive Committee and all other committees of the Egbe comply with the provisions of this Constitution in the discharge of their duties.

40. ASOJU - ETO (DIRECTOR OF PROTOCOL)

- 1) There shall be an Asoju Eto for the Egbe.
- 2) The Asoju Eto shall:
 - i. be the chairman of the Disciplinary Committee;.
 - ii. maintain law, order and decorum at all meetings in accordance with the provisions of this constitution;
 - iii. have the power to discipline members who behave in such manners that may embarrass the Egbe or put the Egbe in disrepute by way of fine or other form of enforcement as may be advised by the Giwa or the Executive Committee and subject to ratification of the General Assembly;
 - iv. collect any fine as directed by the Giwa or any other presiding officer at a meeting and hand over all such fines to the Akowe Owo;
 - v. assist in organizing a conducive and convivial atmosphere for all meetings.

41. ASOJU - GIWA IN DIASPORA

- 1) There shall be Asoju for the members in Diaspora Branches.
- 2) The Asoju shall be elected from among the members in good standing in each Diaspora Branch.
- 3) The Asoju in Diaspora shall:

- i. be the head of the Egbe in Diaspora and the leader of the Executive Committee in Diaspora;
 - ii. summon regular and emergency meetings;
 - iii. preside over all meetings in his Branch;
 - iv. seek and coordinate the approval of the Giwa in constituting various committees in accordance with provisions of this constitution;
 - v. in conjunction with Giwa undertake emergency decisions on behalf of the Egbe and report to his members for ratification;
 - vi. be a signatory to the account of the Egbe in his Branch;
 - vii. the post of the Asoju shall be elective and the post shall be tenured for a period of 2 (two) years, renewable every 2 (two) years at an election set for that purpose.
- 4) The word “Asoju” and “Asoju in Diaspora” used interchangeably in the generality of this Section 41 refer to the same person occupying the same office.

42. STANDING COMMITTEES

- 1) The Egbe shall have the following Standing Committees:
 - i. Membership/Screening Committee
 - ii. Finance/Budgetary Committee
 - iii. Social Committee
 - iv. Welfare Committee
 - v. Community Development Committee
 - vi. Publicity Committee
 - vii. Disciplinary Committee
- 2) All committees of the Egbe must have a Chairman and six other members whom shall be appointed from the members of the General Assembly.
- 3) Without prejudice to the provision of section 23(2) and section 26(2) the tenure of members of standing committees shall be 3 (three) years from the date of their inauguration by the Giwa.
- 4) The functions of the standing Committees and further matters relating thereto shall be as stated in Schedule IV to this Constitution.

43. AD-HOC COMMITTEES

- 1) The Egbe shall have Ad-hoc committees inaugurated for specific purposes.
- 2) The following Ad-hoc Committees shall be inaugurated by the Giwa:
 - i. Constitution Drafting/Review Committee
 - ii. Election Committee
 - iii. Election Petition Committee
 - iv. Awards Committee
- 4) Any Ad-hoc Committee shall stand dissolved upon completion of its term of reference and presentation of its report to the General Assembly.
- 5) The functions of the Ad-hoc Committees and further matters relating thereto shall be as stated in Schedule V to this Constitution.

44. THE COUNCIL OF HONOURARY TITLE HOLDERS

- 1) There shall be a Council of Honorary title holders consisting of Honorary title holders of the Egbe.
- 2) In accordance with the provisions of section 28(2)(ix) Honorary titles shall be given to deserving members by the Giwa:

- Provided that such members are recommended by the Awards committee and incumbent Honourary title holders.
- 3) Honourary titles shall be conferred on recipients at the Annual General Meeting.
 - 4) Recipients of Honourary titles shall hold their respective offices for life.
 - 5) To qualify for conferment of Honourary title a member shall:
 - i. be a member in good standing;
 - ii. have distinguished himself in service and donations to the Egbe;
 - iii. be nominated by an Awards Committee which must be set up not later than 2 (two) months to the date of the Annual General Meeting where such conferment shall be made.
 - 6) Without prejudice to the above provisions, members appointed to the following honorary titles shall be registered members of their respective professional bodies:
 - i. Baamofin
 - ii. Baasegun
 - iii. Olotu-Ona
 - 7) The functions, composition and hierarchy of the Council shall be as specified in Schedule VI hereto.
 - 8) The Council of Honourary title holders shall be headed by the Balogun in his absence, the Basorun shall be the head, in the absence of the two, the Balogun shall delegate the leadership to any other member of the Council upon the directive of the Giwa.
 - 9) All members of the Council shall, in addition to the provisions of paragraphs 1(ii) and (iii) of Schedule VI, have special financial responsibilities towards any social event or special project of the Egbe.

45. DIASPORA BRANCHES

- 1) Any member/person that resides outside Nigeria shall automatically be a member in Diaspora:
Provided such member/members shall group themselves and have their monthly meetings under the leadership of Asoju in Diaspora of the respective Branch and ultimately under the authority of Giwa.
- 2) Any Diaspora Branch shall pay an Annual Branch/Chapter Dues as agreed and approved from time-to-time by the Giwa-in-Council and reviewable every 2 (two) years.
- 3) The Asoju in Diaspora shall be the head of the members in each Diaspora Branch
- 4) The Asoju in Diaspora shall be a member of the Executive Committee of the Egbe.
- 5) Members of the Diaspora branches shall be entitled to vote during the General Assembly meeting despite the distance.
- 6) Diaspora branches shall have their own screening sub-committees that shall render the reports of their findings on any proposed new member to the Standing Screening Committee of the Egbe before Final approval.
- 7) The office of the Asoju in Diaspora of each Branch shall be attained by election at the Annual General Meeting of the respective Diaspora branch.
- 8) The tenure of the office of the Asoju shall be as stipulated in section 41(2)(vii) of this Constitution.
- 9) Any Diaspora Member may vie for office of Asoju to the exclusion of members holding Honourary Titles of the Egbe.

CHAPTER VI - RIGHTS, PRIVILEGES AND OBLIGATIONS OF MEMBERS

46. RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES OF MEMBERS

1. All members in good standing shall:
 - i. have equal rights with all other members with the exception of the GIWA who shall be *primus inter pares*;

- ii. participate in all meetings and other activities of the Egbe;
- iii. have the right to vote and be voted for during an election into any elective office of the Egbe except the office of the permanent member of Giwa-in-Council, and the honorary title holders;
- iv. attend social gathering and any other outing of the Egbe as approved by the Egbe;
- v. invite the Egbe to any social engagement as approved by the Egbe;
- vi. represent the Egbe at any occasion as directed and delegated by the Egbe or the Giwa; and
- vii. be entitled to receive any or all social and welfare benefits or any other benefits of the Egbe.

47. INVITATION OF EGBE TO FUNCTIONS

1. The Egbe shall pursuant to the provision of section 46(1)(v) and upon invitation by a member attend the following social and cultural engagements:
 - i. Marriage of members, their children, nephews, nieces and first cousins;
 - ii. Naming ceremony of member's immediate families;
 - iii. House warming;
 - iv. The funeral ceremonies of parents and parent in-law of members;
 - v. Birthday ceremonies of members, spouses and children of members;
 - vi. Bereavement or loss from member, spouses and children;
 - vi. Conferment of chieftaincy titles and award on any member and spouses.
2. Any member who wishes to invite the Egbe should be a member in good standing and must have recorded 60% attendance at the Egbe's meetings and social functions during the year in consideration:
 Provided that any distant member who complies with the proviso to section 52(2) shall be exempted from the effect of the main provision of the aforementioned sub-section (2) of Section 47 of this constitution.
3. Third- party ceremonies would be attended on individual basis only.

48. AROBAYO DAY

- 1) The Egbe shall set aside a day for celebrating EGBE AROBAYO (OKUNRIN) AKILE IJEBU DAY.
- 2) The Egbe Arobayo (Okunrin) Akile Ijebu day shall be held once in three years on a date to be determined upon a special resolution adopted therefore at a monthly meeting of the Egbe and upon a notice of proposal of the special resolution being given in accordance with the provisions of section 15(4) of this constitution.
- 3) The proposal for the special resolution shall be made by the General Secretary upon the specific directions of the Giwa.

49. EGBE'S UNIFORM AND BADGES.

- 1) The Egbe shall have uniforms, badges, and such other paraphernalia as may be prescribed by the Giwa-in-Council.
- 2) All members of the Egbe are to appear at a social gathering in dresses or uniforms approved by the Giwa-in-Council upon the recommendation of the Amuludun.
- 3) The Egbe's uniforms or badges shall not be worn individually unless during any outing of the Egbe or as representative or delegate of the Egbe to any occasion.
- 4) The host of any occasion to which the Egbe has been invited pursuant to section 46(1)(v) of this constitution may opt to put on any other apparel that is not the uniform of the Egbe.

50. SOCIAL BENEFITS

- 1) In accordance with the provisions of section 5(1)(ii) of this constitution, members shall be entitled to social benefits in event of occurrence of any of the following occasions:
 - i. Marriage
 - ii. Birthday ceremonies of any member or his spouse;
 - iii. House warming ceremony of any member or his spouse;
 - iv. Conferment of chieftaincy or award on any member or his spouse;
 - v. funeral ceremony of parents or parents in law;
 - vi. Any other event as may be decided by the egbe.

- 2) The following provisions shall apply as for social benefits for members of Diaspora Branches:
 - i. Diaspora members shall contribute to social events and parties in Nigeria and shall also be entitled to social benefits when having parties in Nigeria.
 - ii. Any Diaspora member shall be entitled to social benefit for any party in the Diaspora upon a proper invitation being given to the Egbe.
 - iii. Diaspora members shall not be exempted from contributing for the parties held in Nigeria likewise the members in Nigeria shall contribute to the parties held overseas.
 - iv. Rights reserved for members in Nigeria are equally and also accruable to the members of Diaspora Branches.

51. WELFARE BENEFITS

- 1) Any member in good standing shall be entitled to welfare benefits in accordance with the Insurance Scheme set up pursuant to section 58 of this Constitution.
- 2) The Egbe shall render necessary assistance to distressed members as may be recommended by the welfare committee.

52. CODE OF CONDUCT

- 1) All members shall attend not less than 2/3 of meetings of the general assembly held in a year except upon a genuine excuse offered for being absent.
- 2) Distant members shall be granted exceptions from the provisions of sub-section (1) upon approval by the Egbe or the executive committee. Notwithstanding the foregoing Distant Members shall attend at least 1 (one) meeting in each quarter of every year.
- 3) A member shall be deemed to have voluntarily withdrawn from the Egbe if:
 - i. he owes six months of monthly meeting dues
 - ii. absent from six consecutive meetings
- 4) Members shall arrive at meetings early enough and not later than 30 (thirty) minutes of grace granted pursuant to section 14(3).
- 5) Whenever a matter is put to debate at any meeting of the Egbe all members shall abide by the provisions contained in section 19(1) of this constitution and paragraphs (1), (3) and (5) of Schedule III to this constitution.
- 6) All members of the Egbe shall subscribe to the following conventions and more particularly avoid:
 - i. Dishonesty and fraudulent practices;
 - ii. Breaching of any provision of this Constitution;
 - iii. Engaging in anti-Egbe activities or personal conduct in a manner likely to embarrass the Egbe or bring the Egbe to ridicule and disrepute;
 - iv. Disobedience or negligence in carrying out lawful directives or flouting the ruling or decisions of the Egbe;
 - v. Disobedience and or disrespect to the office of the Giwa;

- vi. Infringement of other conventions set by the Executive Committee as approved by a simple majority of the General Assembly for maintenance of decency, honour and order at meetings and outings.

53. DISCIPLINARY MEASURES

1. Any member who behaves in a disorderly or dishonourable manner or in any way considered injurious to the image of the Egbe shall be subjected to a discipline to be approved by the General Assembly upon the recommendation of the Disciplinary Committee.
2. Any member who violates or breaches any or all of the conventions of the Egbe as stipulated in section 52(6)(i)-(vi) shall be tried by the Disciplinary Committee which shall recommend appropriate punitive measures to the General Assembly.
3. Without prejudice to the provisions of section 52(3)(ii) of this Constitution any member who fails to attend 3 (three) consecutive meetings without excuse may be suspended or expelled:
Provided that such member shall be informed in writing and requested to explain in writing why disciplinary action should not be taken against him.
4. Any member who shall voluntarily withdraw or is expelled in accordance with the provisions of section 52(3)(i) and (ii) and sub-section (3) of this section shall not be entitled to receive any benefit of any kind from the Egbe:
Provided that if he is still interested in being a member of the Egbe such member shall re-apply and follow the procedure as laid down in Section 12 of this constitution.
5. Lateness to meetings shall attract a fine to be decided from time-to-time by a simple majority of the General Assembly.

CHAPTER VII RIGHTS - ELECTIONS AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS

54. ELECTIONS

1. There shall be an Election Committee for the purpose of conducting and effectively supervising elections into vacant seats in the Executive Committee and any bye-election.
2. The Balogun Egbe shall be the chairman and other members shall be appointed from among the members of the Council of Honourary Title Holders.
3. The election committee shall be responsible to the General Assembly.
4. Without prejudice to the provisions of section 25(2) and sub-section (1) hereof elections shall be conducted into all vacant seats in the Executive Committee except that of the permanent members of the Giwa-in-Council.
5. Election into the Executive Committee shall be by secret ballot.
6. The committee shall stand dissolved immediately after the conclusion of the elections.

55. ELECTION PETITIONS

1. There shall be an Elections Petitions Committee for the purpose of considering petitions on irregularities arising from elections.
2. The honourary title holder of the Baamofin Egbe shall be the chairman of the committee while there shall be 2 (two) other members who shall be selected by a simple majority from amongst the members of the General Assembly.
3. The Baamofin Egbe shall be prohibited from being the chairman of the Elections Petition Committee if he was a member of the election committee that handled the elections against which a complaint has been laid.
4. In the event of occurrence of the fact in sub-section (3) hereof, the chairman of the committee shall be chosen from among the members of the General Assembly.
5. The committee shall be constituted into a panel in order to carry out its functions.

6. The committee shall be responsible to the General Assembly and its findings shall be returned to the General Assembly on or before a period of 30(thirty) days after its inauguration
7. The report of the committee shall be ratified by a simple majority of members of the General Assembly.
8. The committee shall stand dissolved upon conclusion of its functions.

CHAPTER VIII - FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

56. FINANCE

1. The Egbe shall have the power to raise funds from within and outside the entire membership of the Egbe.
2. The sources of the Egbe's finances shall be but not limited to the following:
 - i. Membership fees from intending members
 - ii. Monthly dues
 - iii. Annual subscription fees
 - iv. Development fund
 - v. Levies
 - vi. Fines
 - vii. Donations
 - viii. Interests and dividends on any other investment of the Egbe
 - ix. Annual Chapter Dues.
3. Contributions and levies shall be approved from time to time upon a resolution passed by 2/3 majority of members of the General Assembly in session.
4. All contributions and levies imposed pursuant to the provisions of sub-section (3) of this section shall be paid as at when due.
5. Membership fees for new members shall be the sum of ₦130,000.00 or any other sum as the General Assembly may determine pursuant to a resolution passed by 2/3 majority of members in session.
6. The General Assembly shall have the power to determine any amount payable as annual subscription fees, development fund, levies and fines pursuant to a special resolution passed by 2/3 majority of members in session.
7. The notice of the proposal of the resolution referred to in sub-section (3) hereof shall be given in like manner as a notice of an Annual General Meeting.
8. All members shall:
 - i. be liable to pay monthly dues;
 - ii. not be granted audience at the next monthly meeting upon failure to pay monthly dues;
 - iii. be liable to pay annual subscription fee, development fund, levies and fines whenever such is imposed on any member.
9. The annual subscription fees shall be paid not later than the end of the first quarter of every financial year of the Egbe.
10. Every member shall pay his levy on or before the occurrence of the event for which the levy was imposed.
11. The financial regulations of the Egbe shall be as stipulated in the provisions of schedule VII hereto.

57. TRUSTFUND SCHEME

1. There shall be established at a time whenever the Giwa-in-Council so decides a Trust Fund Scheme in the name of the Egbe.

2. The Trust Fund Scheme shall be managed by administrators inaugurated by the Giwa-in-Council.
3. The administrators shall appoint 1 (one) of their number as chairman and another as the secretary.
4. Each member of the Egbe shall own a minimum of N10,000.00 worth of shares in the Trust Fund Scheme.
5. Any amount standing to the credit of the Trust Fund Scheme may be invested by the administrators of the Trust Fund Scheme in any business, shares, stocks, bonds or investments funds upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee and approval of the General Assembly.
6. In the event of a profit declared at the end of a financial year the Trust Fund Scheme shall declare dividends and pay same to members according to each member's shares: Provided that any member may re-invest the dividend accruing to him by converting same into additional shares in the Trust Fund Scheme.

58. INSURANCE SCHEME

1. There shall be an Insurance Scheme which shall be compulsory for all members.
2. The procedure for the insurance scheme shall be as stipulated by a committee set up by the Giwa-in-Council.

CHAPTER IX – ASSETS, SPECIAL CLAUSE AND TRUSTEES

59. ASSETS

1. The Egbe shall engage in profitable commercial activities that may be decided by the Executive Committee to ensure an adequate Assets base for the Egbe.
2. Upon the reduction of the membership of the Egbe to 3 (three) as a reason of old age the surviving members shall pass on the assets of the Egbe to the reigning Awujale of Ijebuland as a monument for the maintenance of the palace complex and other charitable organizations.

60. SPECIAL CLAUSE

All legitimate income and properties of the Egbe whatsoever and howsoever derived, shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objectives of the Egbe as set forth in this CONSTITUTION, and no portion thereof, shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly, by way of dividends bonus or otherwise howsoever by way of profit, to members of the Egbe provided that nothing herein shall prevent the payment in good faith or reasonable and proper remuneration to any officer or servant of the Egbe, in return for any service actually rendered to the Egbe, so that no member of the Executive Committee or Governing Body shall be appointed to any salaried office of the Egbe or any office of the Executive Committee paid by fees and then no remuneration or other benefit in monies shall be given by the Egbe, to any member of such Executive Committee or Governing Body except repayment of out-of-pocket expenses or reasonable and proper rent for premises demised or let to the Egbe provided that the provision last aforesaid shall not apply to any payment to any company of which a member of the Egbe may be a member in which such member shall not hold more than 1/100th part of the capital and such member shall not be bound to account for any shares of profit he may receive in respect of any such payment. No addition, alteration or amendment shall be made to or in the CONSTITUTION for the time being in force, unless the same have been previously submitted to and approved by the Minister. In the event of a winding up or dissolution of the Egbe, there remains, after the satisfaction of all its debt, liabilities and any property whatsoever, the same shall not be paid to or distributed among the members of the Egbe but shall be given or transferred to some other institution or institutions having objective similar to the objectives of the Egbe, and the body or bodies are prohibited from distributing its or their

income and properties among its or their members to an extent at least as great as is imposed on the Egbe under or by virtue of the Special Clause hereof, such institution or institutions to be determined by members of the Egbe at or before the time of dissolution and if and so far as effect cannot be given to the aforesaid provisions then to some charitable project.

61. TRUSTEES

1. There shall be a Board of Trustees for the Egbe.
2. The Board of Trustees shall be made up of the following officers of the Egbe:
 - i. Giwa
 - ii. Otun-Giwa
 - iii. Akowe Agba
 - iv. Amofin
 - v. Two (2) nominees from members of the General Assembly in good standing.
3. The trustees shall in the name of the Egbe take custody of the assets of the Egbe.
4. A trustee shall cease to hold office if he:
 - i. resigns,
 - ii. ceases to be a member of registered trustees,
 - iii. becomes insane,
 - iv. is officially declared bankrupt,
 - v. is convicted of criminal offence involving dishonesty,
 - vi. is recommended for removal by board of trustees with 2/3 majority vote or
 - vii. ceases to reside in Nigeria.

62. EFFLUXION

1. The Egbe being a traditional age group cannot be dissolved but can be extinguished by the death of members due to old age.

CHAPTER X - MISCELLANEOUS

63. INTERPRETATION

- 1). In this Constitution unless it is otherwise expressly provided or the context otherwise requires the following words shall have the meanings ascribed to them;
 - i. "Akile Ijebu" means the whole of Ijebuland.
 - ii. "Awujale" or "Awujale of Ijebuland" means the reigning paramount traditional ruler over all of Ijebuland.
 - iii. "Egbe" means the Egbe Arobayo (Okunrin) Akile Ijebu;
 - iv. "Financial year" means any period of 12 (twelve) months beginning on the first day of January in any year or such other date as the General Assembly may prescribe;
 - v. "function" includes power and duty;
 - vi. "good standing" means the full compliance with the provisions of sections 52(1) and 56(8);
 - vii. "in session" means any period of time during which a validly convened meeting of the General Assembly of Egbe is being held.
 - viii. "member" when used with reference to any committee or other bodies established under this Constitution includes the Chairman of the other committee or body
 - ix. "power" includes function and duty;
 - x. "residing within jurisdiction" means living within a distance of less than 200km from Ijebu Ode, Ogun State.

- 2). In this Constitution, references to the singular shall where the context so permit include references to the plural and vice versa.
- 3). In this Constitution, references to a person holding an office shall include references to a person acting in such office.

64. AMENDMENTS

- 1). This Constitution or any provision of this Constitution can only be amended upon a special resolution by not less than 2/3 (two-third) majority of members in good standing at an Annual General Meeting.
- 2). Any motion proposing an amendment to this Constitution shall be submitted to the Akowe Agba not later than 60 (sixty) days to the Annual General Meeting and the Akowe Agba shall send a copy of the motion to all members entitled to attend the Annual General Meeting not later than 14 (fourteen) days to the Annual General Meeting.

65. ADOPTION AND REPEAL

- 1) The content and spirit of this constitution have been adopted at the General Meeting of the Egbe on the day of, 2021 and became effective this day of, 2021.
- 2) This Constitution reviews, repeals and replaces the EGBE AROBAYO (OKUNRIN) AKILE IJEBU CONSTITUTION 2006.

66. CITATION

- 1) This Constitution may be cited as the EGBE AROBAYO (OKUNRIN) AKILE IJEBU CONSTITUTION 2021.

SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE I - Section 6(2)

ROYAL MAJESTIC SPONSOR

1. Alaiyeluwa, Oba (Dr.) Sikiru Kayode Adetona, Ogbagba II, JP, C.F.R.

SCHEDULE II - Section 7(5)

BABA EGBE AND IYA EGBE

1. A member of the Egbe shall by motion propose any person as either the Baba Egbe or the Iya Egbe
2. In the event that an appointment is sought for the Baba Egbe and Iya Egbe the motion for proposal shall not be a joint proposal but shall be treated separately.
3. A person shall be deemed to have been appointed as either Baba Egbe or Iya Egbe by a vote of not less than (4/5) of the members and voting.

SCHEDULE III - Section 19(1)

PROCEDURE AT MEETINGS

1. RULES OF DEBATE

- 1) Only one member shall be allowed to speak at the time: and stand up While speaking.
- 2) Any member who wishes to speak shall seek for recognition by raising up his hand. If two or more members raise their hands at a time, the GIWA or the presiding officer shall determine to whom preference is given.
- 3) The official language shall be Ijebu or Yoruba.
- 4) If the GIWA for any reason has to rise to assert his authority, any member standing shall immediately sit down,

- 5) Debates must be limited to the immediate pending questions.
- 6) The GIWA shall rule out of order, any member who fail to adhere to the subject of discussion.
- 7) Meeting shall be adjourned when a motion for adjournment is moved and duly seconded; thereafter no further debates shall be permitted.
- 8) The GIWA may call to order any member of the Egbe for disregarding his authority, or abusing the rules of the Egbe. If such a member persists thereafter in misconducting himself, the member shall be referred to the disciplinary committee for appropriate action.

2. QUORUM

- 1) Quorum for the Monthly Meeting shall be 1/3 (one-third) of Members in good standing and residing within jurisdiction.
- 2) Quorum at the Annual General Meeting shall be 2/3 (two-third) of members in good the standing and residing within jurisdiction.

3. VOTING

- 1) If any issue at any meeting is put to vote, voting shall be by a show of hands.
- 2) Vote by voice is hereby prohibited.

4. MOTIONS

- 1). Any motion to be moved at any meeting shall be in writing duly signed by the proponent and shall be submitted to Akowe Egbe or left at the secretariat not later than 14 (fourteen) days before the meeting at which the motion is sought to be moved.

5. POINT OF ORDER

- 1) A point of order when raised shall be heard at all times except during voting and shall deal with the conduct of the meeting.
- 2) A point of order shall deal with such matters as:
 - i. Indecorum
 - ii. Intention to refer to the rules of debate or a clause in the Constitution
 - iii. Violation of the rules of debate.

SCHEDULE IV - Section 42(4) STANDING COMMITTEES

1. MEMBERSHIP/SCREENING COMMITTEE

- 1) The Membership/Screening Committee shall be headed by the Otun-Giwa.
- 2) The Committee shall be responsible for the following functions:
 - i. Sale of membership forms
 - ii. Receipt and processing of membership forms submitted by intending members;
 - iii. Investigate the applicant and verify all information supplied by the application by the applicant;
 - iv. Report its findings about the applicant to the General Assembly.
 - v. Make recommendations to the General Assembly regarding the application of the applicant.

2. FINANCIAL/BUDGETARY COMMITTEE

- 1) The Financial/Budgetary Committee shall be headed by the Otun-Giwa as Chairman and the Akowe Owo shall be the Secretary.
- 2) The Committee shall at the beginning of the year receive or call for and deliberate on budget of the Executive Committee and all other committees of the Egbe and submit a report thereon to the General Assembly.

3. SOCIAL COMMITTEE

- 1) The Social Committee shall be headed by the Amuludun under the supervision of the Basorun.
- 2) The Committee shall:
 - i. arrange for all social programmes of the Egbe;
 - ii. arrange for entitlement to members in socio-cultural engagement as enumerated in section 50 of this constitution; and
 - iii. assist the Amuludun in the entertainment of members and guests at social gatherings.

4. WELFARE COMMITTEE

- 1) The Welfare Committee shall be headed by the Balogun.
- 2) The Committee shall:
 - i. be responsible for matters relating to the general welfare of members;
 - ii. monitor the day-to-day welfare of the members and report to the General Assembly;
 - iii. liaise with members in distress or need and report to the General Assembly for necessary actions;
 - iv. assist the Balogun in carrying out his welfare duties;
 - v. advice the General Assembly on welfare matters concerning any member.

5. DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

- 1) The Disciplinary Committee shall be headed by the Asoju Eto
- 2) The Committee shall:
 - i. investigate any allegation against any member;
 - ii. deliver a report and make recommendations thereon to the General Assembly.
- 3) The Committee shall be constituted into a panel for the purposes of trial of any member of the Executive Committee or any member of the Egbe pursuant to sections 27(2) and 53 of this Constitution.

6. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

- 1) The Community Development Committee shall be headed the Basorun.
- 2) The Committee shall recommend to the General Assembly any identified project to be executed by the Egbe.
- 3) The Committee shall undertake the planning, costing and execution of such projects subject to the approval of the General Assembly.

7. PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

- 1) The Publicity Committee shall be headed by the Akede
- 2) The Committee shall:
 - i. be responsible for the publicity of the activities of the Egbe;
 - ii. partake in producing all the publications of the Egbe; and
 - iii. assist the Akede in carrying out all his duties.

SCHEDULE V - Section 43(4)

AD-HOC COMMITTEE

1. CONSTITUTION DRAFTING COMMITTEE

- 1) The Constitution Drafting committee shall be responsible for drafting and carrying out a review of the constitution.
 - 2) The Committee shall present such draft of the Constitution to the Giwa-in-Council who shall then present same to the General Assembly for scrutiny deliberation and approval or otherwise.
 - 3) The Baamofin and the incumbent Amofin shall be members of the Committee.
 - 4) The Committee shall be dissolved immediately the Constitution is ratified and adopted by the Egbe.
- 2. AWARDS COMMITTEE**
- 1) The Awards Committee shall be constituted by the Council of Honourary Title Holders.
 - 2) The Committee shall recommend deserving members to the Giwa for conferment of titles.
- 3. ELECTIONS COMMITTEE**
- 1) See chapter V particularly section 54.
- 4. ELECTION PETITION COMMITTEE**
- 1) See Chapter V particularly section 55.

SCHEDULE VI – Section 44(7)
FUNCTIONS, COMPOSITION AND HIERARCHY OF COUNCIL OF HONOURARY TITLE HOLDERS

- 1. FUNCTIONS**
- 1) The Committee shall:
 - i. Act in advisory capacity to the Giwa-in-Council and the Executive Committee.
 - ii. Support the Egbe financially when necessary.
 - iii. Raise fund for Egbe's projects.
 - iv. Constitute the Election Committee from among members.
 - v. Consider the appointment and ratification of new Honourary title holders recommended by the Giwa.
- 2. CHAIRMAN AND SECRETARY**
- 1) The Balogun of the Egbe shall be the Chairman of the Council of Honourary title holders.
 - 2) The Chairman of the Council shall appoint anyone of the Council members as its secretary.
- 3. HIERARCHY**
- 1) The hierarchy of the Honourary Title Holders shall be as follows:
 - i. BALOGUN
 - ii. BASORUN
 - iii. KAKANFO
 - 2) All other Honourary Title Holders are at par with each other.

SCHEDULE VII - Section 56(11)
FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

- 1. EXPENDITURE**
- 1) The Akowe Agba shall maintain an imprest account of not more than N5,000:00.
 - 2) The Akowe Agba shall be generally accountable to the Akowe Owo for all expenditure incurred from the imprest account.
 - 3) The Akowe Agba shall retire the imprest account before requesting for a further imprest account.
- 2. IOU**
- 1) The Akapo shall disburse money to any member of the Executive Committee for the purpose of executing a particular project only upon completion of an IOU form.

- 2) Any disbursement exceeding N5,000.00 must be approved by Giwa in conjunction with the Akapo.
- 3) The Akapo may solely approve disbursement of not more than N2,000.00.
- 4) The Giwa shall have the power in an emergency to authorize expenditure not exceeding N20,000.00 without reference to the Executive Committee or the General Assembly: Provided that the circumstances and details of such expenditure shall be made available to the next monthly meeting or Executive Committee meeting for ratification or otherwise.

3. EXPENDITURE ANALYSIS

- 1) Any member of the Executive Committee shall within 72 (seventy-two) hours of incurring any expenditure in respect of IOU complete and submit to Akowe Owo an Expenditure Analysis Form which should be obtained along with the IOU Form in duplicate.
- 2) The Expenditure Analysis Form shall specify the expenditure item by item and shall have attached thereto relevant receipts where necessary.

4. BANKING

- 1) The Funds of the Egbe shall be deposited in any Bank approved by the Executive Committee.
- 2) The Akapo shall take custody of all the banking documents of the Egbe.

5. SIGNATORIES

- 1) The signatories to the financial transactions (including but not limited to the bank account)
 - i. The Giwa with either
 - ii. Akowe Agba or
 - iii. Akapo
- 2) The Giwa shall be an A signatory while the Akowe Agba and the Akapo shall be B signatories
- 3) Any financial document shall be valid only if it is signed by the Giwa as an A signatory and either the Akowe Agba or the Akapo as B signatory.
- 4) In the absence of the Giwa the Executive Committee shall pass a resolution empowering the Otun-Giwa to sign any financial document as an alternative A signatory.
- 5) The signatories to the Trust Fund Scheme account shall be either the Chairman of the Scheme or the Giwa as A signatory and the Secretary of the Scheme or the Akapo as B signatory.

6. RECORDS

- 1) The Akowe Owo and the Akapo shall keep financial records of the Egbe as mandated by a committee set up by the Giwa-in-Council for that purpose.

7. AUDITORS

- 1) There shall be an audit panel for the Egbe consisting of 3 (three) members who shall be appointed from members of the General Assembly in good standing.
- 2) The Chairman of the panel shall be a Chartered Accountant and shall be a member of a professional body recognized by the laws of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.
- 3) The auditors shall conduct a thorough examination of the books of account and all other records of the Egbe without any restriction whatsoever.
- 4) The auditors shall present an Audited Report in writing to the Annual General Meeting stating whether the report is representative of a true and fair reflection of the financial position of the Egbe.
- 5) Members shall have the power and the right to call for an audited Statement of Account at any time during the year:

Provided such a request is supported by at least 2/3 majority of the members in good standing.

- 6) The Egbe shall have the right to consult an External Auditor if the account prepared by the audit panel are found unsatisfactory by 2/3 majority of the members in good standing.

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