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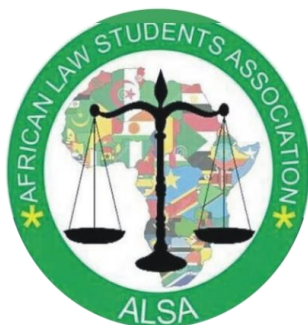
# CONSTITUTION

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## HISTORICAL NOTE OF THE ASSOCIATION

African Law Students' Association was initially called African Law Students and it was first established by Law Students as an online professional resource community in 2013 with the vision of providing African legal luminaries, lawyers and law students latest and comprehensive legal education, and the happenings in the legal world. By 2015, it became well established with a base of many Law Students and Lawyers all over the African Continent. The organization published its first *African Law Journal* in the year 2015, and has published over seven volumes of the Journal since then.



## PREAMBLE

We the Law Students of African member countries,

RECOGNISING the need to build a network of elite Law Students, dedicated to the growth and development of the African Continent, to promote a working Africa that respects human dignity and cultural diversity;

REAFFIRMING the need to interact, network, exchange professional resources, coordinate and organise ourselves and fellow law students through structured leadership and administration in order to amplify our voices on matters affecting national, regional, continental and global importance;

COMMITTED to impact Africa's law students with knowledge of the principles of Law and Practice through Articles, Journals, Book Publications, Conferences, Competitions and other academic resources;

WILLING to learn about African cultures and Legal Systems in the spirit of openness, critical dialogue and International cooperation; and assist the development of International career resources and opportunities for our internationally minded student members; engage in projects, programs and activities related to promoting the rule of Law, Human Rights, Peace, Diversity, Justice, Mutual Interdependence, Academic excellence, Professional and Personal excellence;

AFFIRMING our support for the strengthening of ties amongst Africa's law students across universities, law schools and other institutions of learning,

REITERATING the need to create and sustain a continental law students' community driven by the core values of Pan-Africanism and inter-African solidarity under the rule of law and best practices,

REAFFIRMING moreover that African Law Students' Association hopes to encourage peaceful cooperation between member States in the spirit of pan-Africanism, and PURSUANT to the Constitutive Act of the African Union which was signed on 11th July 2000 at Lomé, Togo,

DO HEREBY ordain and establish the following Constitution as the governing instrument of the African Law Students' Association.



## ARTICLE ONE

### INTERPRETATION

#### Interpretation

- (a) “ALSA” means the African Law Students’ Association;
- (b) “Advisory Board” means the International Advisory Board of the African Law Students’ Association;
- (c) “Annual General Assembly” means the meeting of all representatives convened once every year;
- (d) “Co-opted Members” means a selected member(s) of ALSA in a working group/panel;
- (e) “Date of Effect” means the date when this constitution shall take effect;
- (f) “General Assembly” means the meeting of all delegates;
- (g) “International Council” means the International/Executive Council of the African Law Students’ Association;
- (h) “International Council Treasurer” means the authorized financial controller body of ALSA;
- (i) “Local Chapter” means such entity that is an association of members of ALSA in one school;
- (j) “Majority” means one-half plus one;
- (k) “Member Countries” means the Member Countries or Regions of ALSA and
- (l) Includes all African countries registered/ actively represented in ALSA
- (m) “National Chapter” means such entity that is an association of Local Chapter(s) and may be used interchangeably with Member Country;
- (n) “Delegate(s)” means member(s) of ALSA who are authorized by a National Chapter in ALSA as representative(s) for certain international events of ALSA;
- (o) “Resolutions” are decisions made and policies approved by voting upon a motion in International Council Meeting through a Majority unless otherwise stated;



- (p) “Observer(s)” means a country or region that is not a Member Country but is allowed by the Governing Council to take part in ALSA activities;
- (q) “External” means a person and/or an organization that participates in ALSA activities who is neither a Member Country nor an Observer;
- (r) “ALSA International” refers to the ALSA International/Executive Council and Directorates working for ALSA at the international level;
- (s) “International Activity” refers to any ALSA event(s) that include(s) the involvement of more than one (1) National Chapter;
- (t) “ALSA Year” refers to the period from an Annual General Assembly to the consecutive Annual General Assembly.

## ARTICLE TWO

### GENERAL PROVISIONS

#### *Section 1. Title*

The Association shall be known and referred to as the *African Law Students' Association (ALSA)*.

#### *Section 2. Philosophy*

*“A working Africa that respects human dignity and cultural diversity”*

#### *Section 3. Vision*

**BUILD** a network of elite law students dedicated to the growth and development of the African continent  
**EQUIP** law students with professional skills and international best practices, contribute to legal scholarship and the exchange of scholarly experience in law students and to stimulate understanding, solidarity and cohesion among African law students





**PROVIDE** limitless opportunities to African law students and equip them with the requisite skills to enable them render qualitative services geared towards the development of the African continent

**CONTRIBUTE** To the African renaissance, based on good governance, strong cultural heritage, democracy, rule of law and Pan-Africanism

#### ***Section 4. Purpose/Objective***

##### ***Section 4.1.***

The ALSA has the following purposes/objectives:

- (a) To understand and appreciate the diversity and share the ideals of law in society through exchange and communication among African Law Students;
- (b) To motivate law students to develop a creative spirit through a network of joint activities among law students within the African continents;
- (c) To encourage the enhancement of the capabilities of African Law students so as to become internationally minded, socially responsible, academically committed, and legally skilled;
- (d) To promote international understanding by providing law students with information about study abroad programs and overseas internships, and providing a forum for students and fellows to share their international public interest work experiences with the law school community;
- (e) To promote greater understanding of international law, understanding of international organizations and institutions and their capacity to bring about the resolution of international disputes and the promotion of world objectives of economic, social, cultural and humanitarian character;
- (f) To educate ourselves and others in these areas of knowledge through discussion, speakers, research, publications and other appropriate means, and to promote the exchange of knowledge and experience between lawyers and students from around the world;



- (g) To promote international understanding by providing law students with information about study abroad programs and overseas internships, and providing a forum for students and fellows to share their international public interest work experiences with the law school community.

### ***Section 5. Official Language***

The official language of the Association shall be English, Swahili and French.

### ***Section 6. Liability***

ALSA is liable for its obligations with its assets. Such liability is limited to the assets of ALSA unless otherwise agreed by the International Council.

### ***Section 7. Dissolution***

ALSA may be dissolved by unanimous decision of the General Assembly, where at least two-thirds of all National Charters must be present. The General Assembly shall, upon a decision to dissolve ALSA, determine the distribution of the assets of ALSA, if any.

## **ARTICLE THREE**

### **MEMBERSHIP**

#### ***Section 1. Definition***

Graduates in the Legal field and students enrolled in any program of study leading to a professional degree in law in territories of a National Chapter may become members of ALSA.



Any person who does not fall in the above category may still be admitted as a member at the discretion of the National Chapter.

## ***Section 2 Types of Membership***

### ***Section 2.1. Individual Membership***

Any interested Law student of African descent in Africa or diaspora AND any interested Law student in Africa who may not be of African descent can register by filling an online application form.

### ***Section 2.2. Organisational Membership***

Law Students Bodies/Organizations/Societies can register as members of ALSA subject to the approval of the International Council.

### ***Section 2.3. Honorary Membership***

The International Advisory Board and the International Executive Council can confer honorary membership at its Meeting, to outstanding individuals.

## ***Section 3. Privileges of Members***

The members of ALSA shall have the privilege to participate in ALSA activities

## ***Section 4. Duties and Obligations***

- (a) All members of ALSA shall fully pay annual dues.



- (b) The amount payable as dues shall be set by the International Council at a reasonable rate, subject to the approval of General Assembly.
- (c) All members shall uphold and defend this Constitution at all times.
- (d) All members shall attend and participate in the general meetings of the ALSA as well as other activities of they may be directed to undertake.
- (e) All members shall cooperate with the International Council to pursue the realization of the aims of ALSA
- (f) All members shall promote the prestige and good name of ALSA

### ***Section 5. Application Requirements for Membership***

#### ***Section 5.1***

Any application for National Group Membership or Direct Membership shall be submitted to the International Council whereupon a decision on the application is to be made.

#### ***Section 5.2.***

An application for the National Group Membership or Direct Membership shall include:

- (a) the Constitution of the applicant which shall be compatible with that of ALSA;
- (b) A declaration in which the applicant expresses its commitment to the aims and activities of ALSA and its willingness to become Member;
- (c) A report stating the organisational structure of the applicant, including guarantees for continuity.
- (d) Other practical requirements as may be from time to time stipulated by the International Council.

#### ***Section 5.3. Recommendation by the International Advisory Board***



The International Advisory Board shall justifiably recommend to the International Council whether to accept or decline an application for National Group Membership or Direct Membership. The International Council shall consider the compliance of the applicant's Constitution with the aims and objectives ALSA.

### ***Section 6. Suspension of Membership***

If a related proposal is submitted to the International Council by the Advisory Board or a Member, the membership of another Member may be liable to Suspension, with a two-thirds majority of the votes cast by the International Council if that Member has not duly fulfilled its financial obligations towards ALSA and has not signed a payment agreement with ALSA on that matter for two consecutive years.

### ***Section 7. Termination of Membership***

#### ***Section 7.1 Membership immediately ends if:***

- (a) a Member sends a written notification, signed by all elected members of its board, to the International Council stating its intention to terminate its Membership with a decision taken in accordance with its Constitution and the domestic law of the Country where the Member is based;  
or
- (b) a Member sends written notification to the International Council stating its dissolution as decided by its council in accordance with its Constitution and the domestic law of the Country where the Member is based; or
- (c) a Member sends written notification to the International Council stating its dissolution as decided by a supreme domestic decision-making instance whereby the dissolution takes effect in accordance with the domestic law of the Country where the Member is based;



- (d) from the moment the International Council is informed that a Member lost its legal personality;  
  
or
- (e) If a Member is expelled from ALSA by the International Council.

### ***Section 7.2. Expulsion***

If a related proposal is submitted to the International Council by the International Advisory Board or a Member, another Member may be expelled from ALSA with a two-thirds majority of the votes cast by the International Council if that Member has either:

- (a) violated the Constitution of ALSA, the decisions made by the International Council, or the interests of ALSA; or
- (b) . not duly fulfilled its financial obligations towards ALSA and has not signed a payment agreement with ALSA on that matter for four consecutive years ; or
- (c) caused considerable harm to ALSA, to any of the ALSA Groups or to anyone within their responsibility; or
- (d) Ceased to support the aims and activities of ALSA or to satisfy in any other way the requirements set for being a Member.

### ***Section 7.3. Right to Fair Hearing***

- (a) In order for a Suspension, Termination or Expulsion to be valid, the Member in question must be given an adequate opportunity to be heard on explaining its acts and to reply to any allegations made against it.



- (b) The International Advisory Board must prove to the International Council that the respective notice of invitation to the International Council Meeting was sent to the affected Member, thereby giving it an adequate opportunity.

## ARTICLE FOUR

### GENERAL ASSEMBLY

#### *Section 1. Authority*

The decision of a General Assembly of the ALSA shall possess the highest authority in all matters affecting the ALSA as a whole.

#### *Section 2. Composition*

The General Assembly shall be composed of the delegates of National Chapters present.

#### *Section 3. Votes*

Each National Chapter shall be entitled to one vote in the General Assembly.

#### *Section 4. Quorum*

At the General Assembly, the majority of the National Chapters present and voting shall form a quorum.

#### *Section 5. Method of Voting*

Voting shall be by secret ballot.

#### *Section 6. Sessions of General Assembly*

##### *Section 6.1*



General Assembly shall include the Annual General Assembly and the Special Assembly.

### ***Section 6.2***

The General Assembly shall be held every year at the ALSA Forum by the month of July.

### ***Section 6.3***

The Special Assembly may be held by the International Council either online or in-person when extraordinary matters arise.

## **ARTICLE FIVE**

### **ADVISORY BOARD**

#### ***Section 1. Authority***

The advice of International Advisory Board of the ALSA shall possess the highest in all matters affecting the ALSA as a whole.

#### ***Section 1.1. Limitation of Authority***

The International Advisory Board shall not have decision making powers, but may inform higher administrative actions by the International Council, International Standing Committee, National Fora, and Local Fora on strategic matters and imperatives, and provide expert consultative mechanisms.

#### ***Section 1.2. Qualification***





A person shall not be qualified to be appointed to serve as a Member of the International Advisory Board unless he/she has proven to be competent, of high moral integrity and at least must be an LLB certificate holder.

## ***Section 2. Composition***

The International Advisory Board shall consist of:

- (a) The Chairperson;
- (b) The Deputy Chairperson;
- (c) The Secretary; and
- (d) All Presidents of the National Fora.

### ***Section 2.1.***

The Chairperson shall preside over all sittings of the Advisory Board and shall have neither an original nor casting vote.

### ***Section 2.2.***

Whenever the Chairperson is for any reason unable to perform his functions, the Deputy Chairperson shall perform his functions and shall be vested with the powers of the Chairperson when so acting.

### ***Section 2.3.***

The Secretary shall be responsible for the correspondence of the Advisory Board and shall perform all other secretarial duties of the Advisory Board.

### ***Section 2.4.***



A member of the International Advisory Board shall hold office until the end of the term of office of the President of the International Council unless that member resigns by writing and signed by him and addressed to the President or becomes permanently incapacitated or is removed from office or death.

### ***Section 3. Functions***

The main functions of the International Advisory Board include:

- (a) Providing independent external advice, through board meetings and engagement with projects and new initiatives;
- (b) Assisting in developing corporate and institutional relationships at the national and international level;
- (c) Assisting in building and delivering cases for institutional change as and when perceived and required;
- (d) Helping to increase contributions of practitioners into research, learning, and teaching, including creating and maintaining direct contact with institutions' academic staff and students;
- (e) Enhancing the level of international cooperation between concerned local universities and distinguished African universities and to the world-class universities at large;
- (f) Advising on the overall strategy and direction of ALSA, particularly in terms of research and education, and on improving their external profiles, and advising on appropriate responses to other related issues, as and when they arise;
- (g) Assisting and guiding law faculties within the African continent to achieve their visions of academic excellence and service to community.

## **ARTICLE SIX**

### **INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL**

### ***Section 1. Authority***

The International Council/International Executive shall be used interchangeably under this Article. The International Council shall have the authority for the following:

- (a) To represent ALSA at the international level;
- (b) To execute the decisions of ALSA; and
- (c) To work towards the continuous improvement and betterment of ALSA through the discussion of ALSA's concerns and implementing issues to address them.

### ***Section 2. Functions***

The International Council shall perform its task as the group of officials with the following functions.

#### ***Section 2.1. Decision Making Body***

- (a) The International Council, as the decision-making body of ALSA, shall be responsible for hearing, discussing, and solving the day-to-day affairs that concern ALSA at the international level.
- (b) Every officer of the International Council shall work as a group of partners, conducting various projects, and evaluating and sharing the progress of each other's work for the betterment of ALSA.
- (c) Any other functions as the International Council may deem appropriate from time to time.

#### ***Section 2.2. Executive Body***

The International Council, as the executive body of ALSA, shall be responsible for the execution of decisions of the International Council Meeting, the International Advisory Board Meeting, and the



International Standing Committee requests or proposals. Every officer of the International Council shall carry out each task conferred upon him or her by the Constitution of ALSA.

### ***Section 2.3. Representative Body***

The International Council, as the representative body of ALSA, shall represent ALSA in international activities and affairs.

### ***Section 3. Composition***

The International Council shall be composed of the following elected members:

- (a) President
- (b) General Security
- (c) Vice President of Administration
- (d) Vice President of Academic and Training
- (e) Vice President of Network and Public relations
- (f) Treasurer

### ***Section 4. President***

#### ***Section 4.1.***

The duties of the International Council President are to:

- (a) Head of ALSA International;
- (b) Act as the default Chair of the International Advisory Board;
- (c) Oversee the Presidents of each National Chapter and Observer;
- (d) Express the final decision on international relations and contacts;



- (e) Represent the International Council in membership, expansion, and external relation matters;
- (f) Represent ALSA in communicating with external organizations;
- (g) Cultivate relationships and collaborations with other law student organizations;
- (h) Facilitate internal communication between National Chapters and Observers; and
- (i) Act as point of contact except in areas expressly under the purview of other members of ALSA International.

#### ***Section 4.2.***

The International Council President shall have the authority to relief himself/herself from the Advisory Board and he/she shall provide the reasons with respect to such election.

#### ***Section 5. International Council Secretary-General***

##### ***Section 5.1.***

There shall be International Council Secretary-General in charge of the following duties:

- (a) To plan and execute a knowledge strategy pertaining to all ALSA information;
- (b) To acquire and store all information pertaining to ALSA International;
- (c) To facilitate flow of information between all ALSA bodies;
- (d) To compile the progress of tasks conducted by the International Council and ALSA projects; and
- (e) To record the minutes of ALSA meetings that the International Council Secretary- General attends or arranges for substitute in his or her absence.
- (f) The International Council Secretary-General shall not disclose any internal matters to any party without prior approval from the International Council President.

## ***Section 6 Vice-President of Administration***

***Section 6.1*** to assist the International/Executive Council;

- (a) to further the objects of ALSA;
- (b) to keep and maintain all minutes, records and correspondence as may reasonably be required by the Executive for the proper conduct of ALSA affairs;
- (c) to keep and maintain all records as required by ALSA
- (d) to monitor all actions done by the Committee in the course of ALSA business for conformity with this Constitution;
- (e) to provide administrative support to the Executive;
- (f) to ensure that ALSA has effective administrative procedures and practices;
- (g) to assist the President in effectively coordinating and communicating with the Committee and various subcommittees;
- (h) to carry out any duties assigned by the President from time to time;

## ***Section 7. International Council Vice President of Academic Activities and Training***

### ***Section 7.1***

The duties of the International Council Vice President of Academic Activities are to:

- (a) Oversee all matters pertaining to the academic activities of ALSA;
- (b) Establish an academic theme for the term of the International Council that will bind ALSA International academic activities;
- (c) Plan and coordinate ALSA International academic activities;
- (d) Stimulate academic activities at the National and Local level through purposive coordination; and
- (e) Receive and archive the updates of vital legal issues within ALSA's member countries and Observers.

### ***Section 7.2.***

The academic theme determined by the International Council Vice President of Academic Activities and Training for all ALSA International academic activities will not be binding on the academic activities organized by individual National Chapters.

### ***Section 7.3.***

The goals of training and development activities are to:

- (a) Expose ALSA members to various training opportunities at both the international and national level;
- (b) Help interested members develop the ground skills to enhance the quality of participation; and
- (c) Support and promote programs that prepare ALSA members for professional careers.

## ***Section 8. International Council Vice President of Network and Public Relations***

### ***Section 8.1.***

- (a) The duties of the International Council Vice President of Network and Public Relations are to:
- (b) Plan and execute a marketing strategy for ALSA at the international level;
- (c) Develop a strategy to engage potential benefactors of ALSA;
- (d) Manage relations with current benefactors of ALSA;
- (e) Produce or publish promotional materials for ALSA;
- (f) Utilize the website and official social media channels to promote and publish ALSA materials and activities; and



- (g) The International Council Vice President of Public Relations and Marketing shall not incur marketing expenses without prior approval pursuant to an International Council Resolution.

## ***Section 9. International Treasurer***

### ***Section 9.1.***

The duties of the International Council Treasurer are to:

- (a) Oversee all financial matters of ALSA International;
- (b) Draw up a budget for the term of each International Council and observe ALSA's financial policies;
- (c) Submit proposed budget expenditures to the International Advisory Board two (2) months before ALSA Conference and two (2) months before ALSA Forum;
- (d) Collect annual National Chapter fees together with any special fees or other amounts due to ALSA from the National Chapters, Observers, or any third parties;
- (e) Maintain the financial records of ALSA, including comparing actual revenues and expenses incurred against the budget; and
- (f) Prepare a financial report to the Council every three (3) months, which shall be subject to the advice of the International Advisory Board.

### ***Section 9.2.***

All expenditure by the International/Executive Council shall only be approved pursuant to International Council resolution.

### ***Section 9.3.***





The International Council Treasurer shall have the authority to manage the bank account of ALSA.

### ***Section 10 Co-opted Members***

#### ***Section 10.1.***

ALSA shall from time to time invite some selected members of the Association to join a Panel/working group because of their expertise, skills or knowledge in furtherance of the panel's purpose.

#### ***Section 10.2.***

The co-opted members shall be prepared to contribute views and opinions based on their own skills, knowledge and experience.

#### ***Section 10.3.***

The co-opted members shall perform the following functions:

- (a) Contribute to the working group/panel via email and at meetings;
- (b) Question those providing evidence in consonance with the Panel's terms of reference;
- (c) To help draw conclusions and recommendations and;
- (d) Any other functions that the Panel may deem fit from time to time.

#### ***Section 10.4.***

A co-opted member should not be involved in any formal votes OR acts as the convener or chair of the meeting unless otherwise required.

### ***Section 11. Terms of Office***



A member of the International/Executive Council shall serve for a period commencing from the date of the election and until such time that their successors have been duly elected in the next ALSA Forum, or until such time that a replacement for them has been found.

### ***Section 12. Meeting***

The International Council shall hold regular meetings at least once every month. The International Council President may also convene an International Council meeting whenever necessary.

### ***Section 13. Removal from Office***

#### ***Section 13.1.***

Any International Council member may be removed from office on any of the following grounds:

- (a) Gross neglect of duty;
- (b) Grave misconduct;
- (c) Willful violation of the ALSA Constitution; or
- (d) Whenever justified by good cause.

#### ***Section 13.2.***

Impeachment proceedings may be initiated upon the filing of a petition, which should state the reasons for the initiation of these impeachment proceedings, by a National Chapter to the President of the International Council.

#### ***Section 13.3.***



The International Council member whom is the subject of the impeachment shall be given a three (3)-week opportunity in response to the petition.

***Section 13.4.***

A majority vote of all the Members of the International Council shall be sufficient to impeach an International Council member. Members of the International Council may seek the advice of the International Advisory Committee before a final decision on the impeachment of a member.

***Section 13.5.***

After an International Council Officer has been impeached, the said officer will be removed from office immediately and within thirty (30) days or in the next International Council Meeting, whichever is earlier, to find a replacement officer.

**ARTICLE SEVEN**

**ELECTIONS**

***Section 1.Genral Qualification***

***Section 1.1.***

An International Council candidate must be an active member of an ALSA National or Local Chapter who has participated for at least one year.



***Section 1.2.***

No member shall be nominated when two (2) members of his/her National Chapter have already been nominated as International Council officers. An exception may be made for the situation when a candidate is the only candidate for the position he/she has been nominated for.

***Section 2. Election Committee***

Electoral Committee shall be appointed by the International Advisory Board and subject to International Council Approval to preside over the election of the new International Council.

***Section 3. Nominations***

***Section 3.1.***

Nominations for the International Council must be made before the first day of ALSA Forum where the International Council elections will be held, unless an extension is granted by the electoral officer. The electoral officer shall give pertinent reasons for such extension.

***Section 3.2.***

A potential nominee for the International Council must be nominated by a National Chapter and seconded by another National Chapter. The nomination must specify who is nominated for which post, and contain the names and signatures of the nominee, nominator, and seconder.

***Section 3.3.***



Where no persons have been nominated for a certain position on the International Council until the day of election, the newly elected International Council President shall appoint an ALSA member within 30 days to assume that position.

#### ***Section 4. Method of Voting***

##### ***Section 4.1.***

Each member country shall be entitled to one (1) vote, subject to any restrictions within this Constitution.

##### ***Section 4.2.***

Voting shall be made by secret ballot.

##### ***Section 4.3.***

The positions in the International Council shall be voted for in this order:

- (a) President
- (b) Secretary-General
- (c) Treasurer
- (d) Vice President of Public Relations and Marketing
- (e) Vice President of Academic Activities
- (f) Vice President Training, Exchange and Development

##### ***Section 4.4.***

The candidate with the highest number of votes of each post shall be declared as the elected International Council officer to assume the contested position.



***Section 4.5.***

In the event of a tie, a re-election shall be conducted, within two days of the date of elections, between the candidates who tied.

***Section 5. Dispute Resolution***

***Section 5.1.***

The validity of the election of an International Council officer may be challenged by a member of the union who may present a petition for that purpose to the Judicial Committee within forty-eight hours after the declaration of the result of the position in respect of which the petition is presented.

***Section 5.2.***

The Judicial Committee shall, without prejudice to any provision in this constitution, decide on the validity of any election within three working days after the petition has been received by the Chairperson of the judicial committee.

***Section 5.3.***

In the event of a challenge of the election of an International Council officer, the handing over ceremony shall be stayed.

***Section 5.4.***

Where the election of the International Council officer is declared valid, the handing over ceremony shall be performed a day after delivery of judgment of the Judicial Committee.

***Section 5.5.***

Where the election is declared void, a re- election shall be held within two days of delivery of judgment of the Judicial Committee and the handing over ceremony shall be held a day after such re-election.

**ARTICLE EIGHT**

**DIRECTORATES**

***Section 1. Directorate of Academics and Training***

The Directorate shall have prescribed specific duties and responsibilities, or be appointed to carry out a specific task under the responsibility of the International Council.

***Section 2 Directorate of Marketing and Public Affairs***

The Directorate shall have prescribed specific duties and responsibilities, or be appointed to carry out a specific task under the responsibility of the International Council.

**ARTICLE NINE**

**CHAPTER AND FORA**

***Section 1. Local Chapter***

***Section 1.1***

A Local Chapter shall be established in accordance with the Constitution of the National Fora.

***Section 1.2.***

A Local Chapter shall consist of a Local Board headed by a Chairman, or its equivalent.



***Section 1.3.***

If any Local Chapter is the sole Local Chapter within a National Fora, that Local Chapter itself may be deemed to constitute a National Fora.

***Section 2. National FORA***

***Section 2.1.***

Each National Forum shall have autonomy.

***Section 2.2.***

The Constitution of each National Forum shall not contravene this Constitution, and in the event of a contravention this Constitution shall prevail.

***Section 2.3.***

The National Forum shall represent their respective Local Chapter(s) in ALSA.

***Section 2.4.***

The Constitution of each National Forum shall have provisions on conditions of membership.

***Section 2.5.***

Each National Forum shall report their constitution when there is an amendment to it to the International Council.





***Section 2.6.***

The representative of each National Fora or its proxy has the duty to maintain its frequent contact with the International Council or the General Assembly.

***Section 2.7.***

The representative of each National Chapter or its proxy has the duty to actively participate in both online and offline discussions of General Assembly, which concerns ALSA as a whole.

***Section 2.8.***

A National Forum shall consist of its President, Treasurer, Secretary General, Vice-President of Academic Activities, Vice-President of Training, Exchange and Development, and Vice-President of Public Relations and Marketing, or the equivalent.

***Section 3. Establishment of a National Forum***

***Section 3.1***

For establishment of a National Forum in ALSA Fora, the applicant should have participated in at least two ALSA Conferences and/or ALSA Fora within two years, including the ALSA Forum where it submits application.

***Section 3.2.***

The application shall be made by an application letter to the International Council



President enclosed with the following:

- (a) Constitution
- (b) List of Executives and
- (c) Report of recent activities.

### **Section 3.3.**

The applying Fora shall send five participants or more to ALSA Forum, unless otherwise agreed by the International Council.

### ***Section 3.4.***

The International Council shall examine the application. If the International Council approves via a Resolution, the application shall be passed to the General Assembly.

### ***Section 3.5.***

The General Assembly may approve via a majority, the establishment of the new National Fora by voting.

## **ARTICLE TEN**

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

#### ***Section 1.***

The interpretation of this Constitution shall first rest with the explanatory notes and then the International Council.

#### ***Section 2. Amendment***



This Constitution shall not be amended except by a motion carried at a General Assembly.

### ***Section 3. Date of Effect***

The Constitution and the Founding of ALSA with its seat in Nigeria have been formally ratified on the *10<sup>th</sup> August, 2020* and will take effect from this date henceforth.

## **ARTICLE ELEVEN**

### **SAVING PROVISION**

All other matters not governed by the foregoing shall be decided upon by the Governing Council with consideration to justice, fairness and the ideals of ALSA.

## SIGNATORIES

SIGNED BY:

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In their respective capacities as stated above, and warranting that they are duly authorised hereto.