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DESCENDANTS (NOID)

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A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION

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## LOGO



**WHEEL**

**STAR**

**CROWN**

**COWRIESHELL**

**CASSAVA PLANT**

**MOON**

**BOOK**

**HANDS**

**- INDUSTRY**

**- FAME**

**- CULTURE & TRADITION**

**- MONEY**

**- AGRICULTURE**

**- VISIBILITY**

**- KNOWLEDGE**

**- UNITY**

## **ARTICLE 1-IDENTIFICATION:**

This organization shall be called and addressed as the **NATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF IJEBU DESCENDANTS**

The Organization's motto shall be: **PROGRESS AND UNITY**

### **PREAMBLE**

With an inspiration from our ancestors and our personal convictions, we the sons and daughters of Ijebu are filled with radiant sense of pride for our heritage and unwavering commitment to the progress of our people in particular and humanity in general. We therefore, have come together in unison to form an association of our indigence residing in the United States of America, for the purpose of furthering our aspiration of cultural, social, political, economical and technological advancement of our people, helping ourselves, fulfilling our moral obligations to our homeland and sharing our proud heritage with our youth in particular and the world in general. We are prepared for the calls of our PEOPLE, determined to continue to be good ambassadors of our nation, enriched with the knowledge of our continent and committed to the betterment of humanity in general.

### **SECTION I.           GENERAL DESCRIPTION:**

The NOID is a non-profit umbrella organization that represents Ijebu organizations in America.

**Composition:** The Organization's governing body shall be composed of no more than 3 members from each Local Chapter.

### **SECTION II.           NAME:**

The name of this nonprofit Organization shall be National Organization of Ijebu Descendants, United States of America.

## **ARTICLE 2: OFFICES**

### **SECTION I. PRINCIPAL OFFICE**

The principal office (Headquarters) of the Association shall be located in the City of Washington District of Columbia. Or/and elsewhere as determined by the Board of Directors.

### **SECTION II. CHAPTERS**

The Organization (NOID) shall encourage the establishment of local chapters in various states. However, the establishment of Chapters shall be upon expressed intent of Ijebu indigenes in such State.

### **SECTION III. CHANGE OF ADDRESS**

The principal office of the Organization can be changed only by amendment of this Constitution and not otherwise. However, the Executive Committee in consultation with the Board of Directors can change the Principal Office from one location to another within the County, Locality and or Municipality by informing the local chapters of the changed address and the effective date. Such change of address shall not be deemed as an amendment to the Constitution.



## **ARTICLE 3: PURPOSE**

### **SECTION I. OBJECTIVES AND PURPOSES**

A.) The primary OBJECTIVES and PURPOSES of this Organization shall be to:

1. Establish channels and avenues for interaction and cooperation between Ijebu Organizations, there Communities, and to engage and tap into resources from Ijebu abroad.
- (2) To promote social, cultural, economic and unity amongst the various organizations within the Ijebu communities, and professional development among the NOID members through various educational seminars, workshops, conferences and publications.
- (3) Solicit funds, expertise and other items of necessities for donation to the benefit of the Public Welfare, Hospitals, Charitable deeds, educational, Scientific and Civic purposes of Ijebu Descendants.
- 4.) To devote the energies of the Organization and its members to foster the awareness and understanding of the rich culture of the Ijebu in the United States of America;
- 5.) To encourage the discussion of the relevance of traditional Ijebu culture to the larger society's push for improvements in family values and quality of life;
- 6.) The association will as a group periodically organize and participate in various cultural activities that promote and demonstrate the rich culture of the Ijebu.
- 7.) The Association will support and encourage involvement of its members in civic and charitable endeavors through mutual cooperation, joint planning and organized execution.
- 8.) The Association will respond in one voice to any individual or organization that denigrate Ijebu peoples and their culture and its members will refrain from any act that may denigrate Ijebu peoples and culture;
- 9.) To encourage and support Education, by awarding scholarships and exchange program for our children,
- 10.) To foster unity amongst Ijebu and other Nigerians in Diaspora
- 11.) To provide assistance to each other, develops trading amongst us and the World at-Large.
- 12.) To disseminate relevant information received from Ijebuland to its members (all registered local chapters )

B.) The Association is organized exclusively for Charitable, Scientific and Educational purposes as defined in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue

Code or corresponding section of any future federal tax code. Notwithstanding any other provisions of these Articles of Association:

- 1.) No part of the net earning of the Association shall inure to the benefit of any of the officers of the Association, its members or any private individual (except that reasonable amount may be paid for services rendered to the Association or for the Association affecting one or more of its purposes);
- 2.) No substantial part of the activities of the Association shall be the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the Association shall not participate in or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements concerning) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office;
- 3.) The Association shall not conduct or carry on any activities not permitted to be conducted or carried on by an organization exempt from taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and its Regulations as they now exist or as they hereafter may be amended, or by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code and Regulations as they now exist or as they may hereafter be amended; and
- 4.) Upon dissolution of the Association or the winding up of its affairs, the assets of the Association shall be distributed exclusively to one or more organization which would then qualify under the provisions of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and its Regulations as they now exist or as they may hereafter be amended.

## **ARTICLE 4. MEMBERSHIP**

### **SECTION I. QUALIFICATIONS OF REGULAR MEMBERSHIP**

1. All local chapters of Ijebu organizations (except Ijebu township organizations) are eligible for membership upon recommendation from the Executive and acceptance by the Board of Directors and Executive.
2. Such organization must embrace and/or endorse the goals and objectives of NOID.
3. No individuals or township organization will be eligible for membership.
4. Each local chapter shall submit a copy of its constitution to the secretary general of NOID.

### **SECTION II. HONORARY MEMBERS**

Honorary membership shall be granted to any persons of good character and good standing in our community who support the goals and objectives of NOID upon recommendation from the Executive and acceptance by the Board of Directors.

1. Such membership shall be 18 years of age.
2. Sex –ethnic origin – religion – or – nationality shall not limit such membership.
3. The Organization reserves the right to withdraw the honorary membership.

#### **DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF HONORARY MEMBERS**

- (1) Shall participate in designated NOID 's projects as deemed necessary.
- (2) Shall promote the goals and objectives of the NOID whenever called upon at all times.
- (3) Shall actively engage in all activities that will enhance the public image of the NOID and put the NOID in positive light.
- (4) Shall be a non-voting member status.

### **SECTION III. MEMBERSHIP BOOK**

- 1.) The Organization shall keep a membership Book containing the NAME AND ADDRESS OF EACH MEMBER CHAPTER.

- 2.) The *record of names* and addresses of the members of this Organization shall constitute membership list of this Organization and shall not be used in whole or part, by any person for any purpose not reasonably related to a member's interest.

#### **SECTION IV.          MEMBERSHIP- FEES - DUES – ASSESSMENTS**

- 1.) Membership application fee shall be \$100.00 and such amount as specified from time-to-time by resolution of the BOARD OF DIRECTORS and Executives.
- 2.) Applicable fees and dues shall accompany all application for membership.
- 3.) The Annual dues of \$250.00 payable to the NOID by CHAPTERS members, which shall be reviewed from time-to-time as recommended by the Executive and accepted by the Board of Directors.
- 4.) Additional assessments shall be determined as needs arise by the Executive Committee/Board of Directors.

#### **SECTION V.          MEMBERSHIP IN GOODSTANDING**

A membership is in good standing when dues and fees as determined by the BOARD OF Directors/ executive and paid continuously from date of admission as CHAPTER/member.

#### **SECTION VI.          TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP**

- (1) Any member whose actions and/or statements are considered contrary to the goals of the Organization shall be terminated.
- (2) The NOID shall further dissociate itself from any member organization that engages in acts that hurt or *negatively* affect its probity and creditability.
- (3) Termination shall be effective from when the Board of Directors accepted the Executive recommendation.

#### **SECTION VII.          SPECIAL MEETINGS OF MEMBERS**

The Chairman, BOARD OF DIRECTORS or the PRESIDENT of the ORGANIZATION shall call special meetings of the members.

#### **SECTION VIII.          MEMBERSHIP PRIVILEGES**

The privileges stated below are reserved for eligible member chapters who are in good standing.

- 1.) Voting privileges

- 2.) When the local chapter is having a fund raising event, the NOID member chapter shall be encourage to support such efforts.
- 3.) NOID will always render help whenever possible in the areas of (but not limited to) planning, useful information and general guidance to local chapters.

## **ARTICLE 5: BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

### **SECTION I. NUMBER AND COMPOSITION**

The Organization shall have Directors and Collectively they shall be known as the BOARD OF DIRECTORS. The number will be determined by the number of organization chapters represented and may be changed by increased or decreased in the chapters' membership or amendment of this Constitution. The members of the Board of Directors shall consist of the following:

- (1) The President of each member chapter and;
- (2) One other floor member of the said organization chapter so designated.

### **SECTION II. POWER OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

- 1.) The Board of Directors is responsible for formulating the organization's Policy and Structure.
- 2.) The acceptance of nominees from local chapters as NOID officers is vested in the Board of Directors.
- 3.) The board shall have a chairperson appointed by the majority of the house (Board of Directors).
- 4.) The Board of Directors shall authorize the Executive Committee to convene the annual General Convention and Assembly meetings; designating the time and place.
- 5.) The Chairman of the Board shall preside over the Board of Directors meetings.
- 6.) The Board of Directors may form any number of ad hoc committees. Such committees shall report directly to Board of Directors, and shall exist for such duration as may be directed by the Board of Directors.
- 7.) The board of directors is empowered to encourage, approve or disapproves the establishment of local chapters if necessary.
- 8.) The Board of Directors shall formulate committee guidelines and operational directives by which all committees shall be governed.
- 9.) The Board of Directors shall Supervise the amendment or appeal of the Constitution or adoption of the amendment to the Constitution. And must be approved by a 2/3 majority vote of the Board members.
- 10.) The Chairman of the Board of Directors shall issue a written warning to the Board members that fail to attend three successive meetings without a valid reason and/or prior notice. If s/he still fails to attend the meeting following the issuance of such notice, he/she shall be automatically relieved of his/her post.

- 11.) Upon notification from the Executive, the Chairman of the BOARD OF DIRECTORS shall issue a written warning to any of the Executive members that fail to attend three successive meetings without a valid reason and/or prior notice. If he/she still fails to attend the meeting following the issuance of such notice, he/she shall be automatically relieved of his/her post.
- 12.) If the Organization distributes any written Election material soliciting votes for any nominee for Director at the Organization's expense, it shall make available at the Organization's expense, to each other nominee, in or with the same material, the same amount of space that is provided any other nominee with equal prominence, to be used by the nominee for a purpose reasonably related to the Election.
- 13.) No publication may be publish or distribute without the knowledge of the Board of Directors or Committee designated by the Board.

### **SECTION III.            COMPENSATION**

Members of the Board of Directors shall serve without compensation except that they shall be reimbursed for their actual and necessary expenses incurred on behalf of the Organization.

### **SECTION IV.            PLACE OF MEETINGS**

Any regular or special meeting may be conducted by telephone conference or similar communications equipment, so long as all Directors participating in such meeting can hear one another.

### **SECTION V.            REGULAR AND ANNUAL MEETINGS/ CONVENTION**

The annual meeting/Convention shall be held at the domain of the current president of NOID. The Board of Directors shall hold regular meetings three (3) times, one of which shall be with the Executive Committee during the fiscal year of the Organization. The meetings shall be held on the 1st Saturday of the month of November - and May of the Fiscal year. Unless such day falls on a legal holiday in which event the regular meeting shall be held at the same hour and date on the next business day or as otherwise specified. At the annual meeting of Directors for the month of June, Directors shall be elected by the Board of Directors. Cumulative voting for the election of Directors shall not be permitted. The candidates receiving the highest number of votes up to the number of Directors to be elected shall be elected. Each Director shall cast one (1) vote, with voting being by ballot only

### **SECTION VI.            SPECIAL MEETINGS**

Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the Chairman of the Board, or requested by the President.

### **SECTION VII.            NOTICE OF MEETINGS**

Regular meetings of the Board may be held with notice. Special meetings of the Board shall be held upon fourteen-(14) days' notice by first-class mail or telephone personally or

by telephone or Electronic mail. Such notices shall be addressed to each Director at his or her address as shown on the books of the Organization.

## **SECTION VIII. QUORUM FOR MEETINGS**

A quorum shall consist of 2/3 of the members of the Board of Directors Except as otherwise provided in this CONSTITUTION or in the Article of Incorporation of this Organization, or by law. No business shall be considered by the Board at any meeting at which a quorum, as hereinafter defined, is not present, and the only motion, which the Chair shall entertain at such meeting, is a motion to adjourn. However, a majority of the Directors present may adjourn from time to time until the time fixed for the next regular meeting of the Board.

When a meeting is adjourned for lack of a quorum, it shall not be necessary to give notice of the time and place of the adjourned meeting or the business to be transacted at such meeting, other than by announcement at the meeting at which the adjournment is taken, except as provided in this Article.

The Directors present at a duly called and held meeting at which a quorum is initially present may continue to do business notwithstanding the loss of a quorum at the meeting due to a withdrawal of Directors from the meeting, provided that any action thereafter taken must be approved by at least a majority of the required quorum for such meeting or such greater percentage as may be required by law, or the Articles of Incorporation or CONSTITUTION of this Organization.

## **SECTION IX. VACANCIES**

Vacancies on the Board of Directors shall exist on removal or recall of a Chapter's President or Representative and replaced in due course with an election of a new leader, and also:

- (1) On the Death;
- (2) Resignation or removal of any Director and
- (3) Whenever the number of authorized Directors is increased.

The Board of Directors may declare vacant the office of a Director who has been declared of unsound mind by a final order of the court, or convicted of a felony, or been found by a final order of judgment in any Court to have breached any duty.

## **SECTION X. CONDUCT OF DIRECTORS' MEETING**

- a. **Voting:** Each representing chapter while having two members participating in the deliberative process shall have only one vote.
- b. **Tie Breaking:** The presiding chairman of the Board shall break any tied vote.



Any Director may resign effective upon giving written notice to the Chairman of the Board, or the Board of Directors, unless the notice specifies a later time for the effectiveness of such resignation.

**SECTION XI.      NON-LIABILITY OF DIRECTORS**

The Directors shall not be personally liable for the debts, liabilities, or other obligations of the ORGANIZATION.

## **ARTICLE 6: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

### **SECTION I: COMPOSITION**

- (1) Nine (9) officers from different local chapters of the Organization shall be selected or voted by the Board of Directors to serve as Executive Officers of the ORGANIZATION And collectively they shall be known as the Executive Committee.
- (2) THE NINE (9) OFFICERS shall be:
  1. PRESIDENT
  2. VICE PRESIDENT
  3. GENERAL SECRETARY
  4. TREASURER
  5. PUBLICITY/MEDIA OFFICER
  6. FINANCIAL SECRETARY
  7. ASST. GEN. SECRETARY
  8. EX-OFFICIO I
  9. EX-OFFICIO II

### **SECTION II. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS**

The Executive Committee shall: perform any and all duties imposed on them collectively or individually by law, by the Articles of Incorporation of this Organization, or the Constitution. Executive committee shall consist of all elected offices of the association. Functions shall include:

- (1) Convene annual general Convention meetings of the Organization determined by the Resolution of the Board.
- (2) Take any action as deemed appropriate on matters effecting the goals and objectives of the Organization.
- (3) Be responsible to general operations of the Organization.
- (4.) Appoint any other Committees that are necessary for the attainment of the goals and objectives of the Organization upon consultation with the Board of Directors.
- (5) Expend Organization's funds for the appropriate goals, objectives, and tasks, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors.

- (6) It shall be the responsibility of the Executive Committee to maintain peace, order and welfare of the Organization.

### **SECTION III. QUALIFICATIONS, ELECTION AND TERM OF OFFICE**

Any INDIVIDUAL member of a chapter in good standing once nominated by his/her chapter and confirmed by the Board is qualified to serve as Officer of this Organization. Officers shall hold office for ONE-YEAR TERM (the term of office has been amended)\* or until he or she resigns or is otherwise disqualified to serve, or until his or her successor shall be selected or appointed and qualified, whichever occurs first.

#### **Electoral Process:**

1. The position of President, Vice President, General Secretary, Assistance General Secretary, Treasurer, Publicity Secretary, Financial Secretary, Ex-Officio I and Ex-Officio II shall each be held by different member organization chapters
2. These positions will be held on a rotational basis between the member organizations and the sequence will be pre-determined by a ballot procedure
3. Once an organization has been selected to produce an officer, they shall be precluded from holding another executive position during same period.
4. The organization whose turn it is to produce an officer shall submit the nominee's name for said office to the Board.

### **SECTION IV. REMOVAL AND RESIGNATION**

The Board of Directors at any time may relieve an officer of his/her duty with probable cause. An Officer may resign at any time by giving written notice to the Board of Directors.

Any such resignation shall take effect on the date of receipt of such notice or at any later date specified therein, and, unless otherwise specified therein, the acceptance of such resignation shall be necessary to make it effective.

#### **PROCEDURE FOR EXPULSION:**

Following the allegation that an officer/member should be consider for expulsion:

- (1) A notice shall be sent by first-class or e-mail to the address of the officer/member as shown on the Organization's records, setting forth the reasons therefore. Such notice shall be sent at least fifteen (15) days before the date set for hearing to defend him/herself
- (2) The member being expelled shall be given an opportunity to be heard either orally or in writing, at a hearing to be held not less than five (5) days before the effective date of the proposed expulsion. The hearing will

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\* See Ammendment I on Page 34 of this document.

be held by the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors in accordance with the quorum and voting rules set forth in these BY-LAWS applicable to the meetings of the Organization. The notice to the member of his or her proposed expulsion shall state the date, time, and place of the hearing on his or her proposed expulsion.

- (3) Following the hearing, the Executive shall then recommend their decision to the BOARD OF DIRECTORS, who shall have final decision whether or not the member should in fact be expelled, suspended or sanctioned in some other way. The decision of the BOARD shall be final.

## **SECTION V.            DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENT**

The President shall:

- (1) Be the Chief Executive Officer of the Organization.
- (2) Supervise and control the affairs of the Organization and the activities of the Officers.
- (3) Perform all duties incident to his or her office and such other duties as may be required by law, by the Articles of Incorporation of this Organization, or by the Constitution, or which may be prescribed from time to time by the Board of Directors.
- (4) Except as otherwise provided by law, by the Articles of Incorporation, or the bylaws, he/she, the Treasurer and Financial Secretary shall in the name of the Organization, execute such deeds, mortgages, bonds, contracts, checks, or other instruments which may, from time to time be authorized by the Board of Directors.

## **SECTION VI.            DUTIES OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT**

Vice President:

1. Vice President shall assist the President in his/her official duties and deputized for him/her whenever it is necessary.
2. Shall be the Chairman of Disciplinary/Judiciary Committee,
3. Shall be responsible for taking attendance.
4. Shall conduct vote counts.
5. Shall impose fines for any misconduct by the member.

## **SECTION VII.      DUTIES OF THE GENERAL SECRETARY**

General Secretary:

1.     The Secretary shall record and maintain the minutes of all the meetings of the NOID.
2.     The Secretary shall be the custodian of the Corporate Seal and all other NOID records and documents.
3.     The Secretary shall be responsible for sending meeting notices with the agenda in writing or other medium to appropriate persons in seven days, and shall handle all correspondence required for conducting all official business.
4.     Certify and keep at the principal office of the Organization the original, or a copy of these Bylaws as amended or otherwise altered to date.
5.     Keep at the principal office of the Organization or as such other place as the Executive Committee may determine, a book of minutes of all meetings of the Directors, and, if applicable, meetings of Committees of Directors projects and other projects, and of members, recording therein the time and place of holding, whether regular or special, how called, how notice thereof was given, the names of those present or represented at the meeting, and the proceedings thereof.
6.     See that all notices are duly given in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution or as required by law.

## **SECTION VIII.      DUTIES OF TREASURER**

Treasurer:

1.     The Treasurer shall maintain all accounts in the name of NOID with accredited financial institutions.
2.     Shall deposit all organization money received from the financial secretary within Three workdays.
3.     The Treasurer shall be the sole custodian of NOID funds record and shall oversee all NOID income and expenditures and shall maintain a record of all receipts and expenses.
4.     The Treasurer shall issue and co-sign checks with the President or General Secretary for all approved transactions voucher that are submitted by the Financial Secretary for disbursement.

5. The Treasurer shall report to the General Member on the financial status of the Organization.
6. Provide to the Chairman of the Board and the President whenever requested, an account of any or all of his or her transactions as Treasurer and of the financial condition of the NOID.
7. In general, perform all duties that are incidental to the office of Treasurer. Such duties may be required by law, by the Articles of Incorporation/ the Organization Constitution, or which may be assigned to him or her from time to time by the Board of Directors.

#### **SECTION IX. DUTIES OF PUBLICITY OFFICER**

The Public Relation Officers shall:

- (1) Be public liaison
- (2) Be responsible for all the organization public and social activities
- (3) Serve as the chairman of the Publications and Public Relations Committee.

#### **SECTION X. FINANCIAL OFFICER**

The Financial Officer shall:

- 1.) Be responsible for the collection of member's dues and levies and other funds from approved source by the Board of Directors.
- 2.) Forward all funds collected to the Treasurer within three (3) business days of collection.
- 3.) Issue voucher for all approved expenses for disbursement.
- 4.) Be responsible for all financial transactions as defined in the Constitution.
- 5.) Keep accurate record of the organization finances.
- 6.) Give quarterly financial reports to the Board/Executive.
- 7.) Exhibit at all reasonable times the books of account and financial records to any Director of the Organization, or to his or her agent or attorney, on request.
- 8.) Prepare, or cause to be prepared, and certify, or cause to be certified, the financial statements to be included in any required reports.

**SECTION XI.      ASSISTANT GENERAL SECRETARY**

Assistant General Secretary shall:

1.      Assist the General Secretary in the execution of his/her duty.
2.      Assume full responsibilities for these duties in the absence of the General Secretary.

**SECTION XII.      EX-OFFICIO I**

Ex-Officio I

**SECTION XIII.      EX-OFFICIO II**

Ex-Officio II

## **ARTICLE 7: EXECUTION OF INSTRUMENTS, DEPOSITS AND FUNDS**

### **SECTION I.            EXECUTION OF INSTRUMENTS**

The Board of Directors, except as otherwise provided in these CONSTITUTION, may by resolution authorize any Officer or Agent of the Organization to enter into any contract or execute and deliver any instrument in the name of and on behalf of the Organization, and such authority may be general or confined to specific instances. Unless so authorized, no Officer, Agent, or Employee shall have any power or authority to bind the Organization by any contract or engagement or to pledge its creditor to render it liable monetarily for any purpose or in any amount.

### **SECTION II.           CHECKS AND NOTES**

Except as otherwise specifically determined by resolution of the Organization, or as otherwise required by Law, Checks, Drafts, Promissory Notes, Orders for the payment of money, and other evidence of indebtedness of the Organization shall be signed by the Treasurer and counter-signed by the President or General Secretary.

### **SECTION III.          DEPOSITS**

All funds of the Organization shall be deposited from time to time to the credit of the Organization in such Banks - Trust Companies - or other depositories as the Board of Directors may select

### **SECTION IV.          GIFTS:**

The Board of Directors and/or the Executive Committee may accept on behalf of the Organization any contribution, gift, or devise for the charitable or public purpose of this

### **SECTION V.           ANNUAL REPORT**

An Annual Report shall be furnished no later *than* one hundred twenty (120) days after the close of the Organization's fiscal year to all Directors of the Organization and, to any member who requests it in writing. The report shall contain the following information in appropriate detail:

- (1)    The assets and liabilities - including the trust funds, of the Organization as of the end of the fiscal year.
- (2)    The principal's changes in assets and liabilities, including trust funds, during the fiscal year
- (3)    The revenue or receipts of the Organization, both unrestricted and restricted to a particular purpose, for the fiscal year.
- (4)    The expenses or disbursements of the Organization, for both general and restricted purposes, during the fiscal year.



**SECTION VI.**

**ANNUAL STATEMENT OF SPECIFIC TRANSACTIONS  
TO MEMBERS**

The Executive shall mail or deliver to all Directors a statement within one hundred-twenty (120) days after the close of its fiscal *year*, *which* briefly describes the amount and circumstances thereof (any indemnification or transactions of).

## **ARTICLE 8: FINANCING**

### **SECTION I.        FISCAL YEAR**

The fiscal year of (NOID) shall commence on the first day of January of each year and end on the last day of December of the same year.

### **SECTION II.        GENERAL FUNDS**

NOID shall derive its revenue from membership dues, registration fees, income from functions or activities, contributions, grants, donations and other special levies as the Board of Directors may deem necessary

### **SECTION III.        FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION**

1. All financial transactions shall be made by check and signed by the Treasurer, co-signed by the President or General Secretary.
2. All funds of NOID shall be deposited in a bank or banks designated by the resolution of the Board of Directors.
3. The Board of Directors shall annually direct the Chairman to engage an independent public accountant to audit the accounts of NOID.

## **ARTICLE 9: AMENDMENTS**

### **SECTION I:**

1. These Constitution may be altered or amended by a two-thirds (2/3)-majority vote of the members of Board of Directors and voting at the General Assembly meeting.
2. The desired alteration or amendment shall be in writing stating the article and section to be altered or amended and shall be laid on the table at least thirty (30) days before being acted upon. The proposed amendment, if passed shall be effective thirty (30) days after being tabled.

## **ARTICLE 10: OFFICIAL SEAL**

The seal of NOID shall be in circular form, in the center of which shall appear the year of incorporation, with the word. A facsimile of such seal may, with Board of Directors approval, constitute the emblem or insignia for use by NOID and its members, subject to such rules and regulations governing the use of same as the Board of Directors may adopt.

## **ARTICLE 11: OATH**

The Oath of the NOID shall be as follows: "I solemnly swear by my honor and dignity to do my utmost to bring about the success to NOID and to uphold its constitution. I also swear to be loyal and faithful to NOID. I promise to promote the welfare of NOID and its members. So help me God."

## **ARTICLE 12: DISSOLUTION**

The General Assembly may dissolve NOID and dispose of its property by two third (2/3) majority vote. In the event NOID is dissolved, its assets shall, after settlement of all debts and liabilities, be disposed of or donated to one or more Nigerian Organizations, which operate exclusively for charitable, educational, cultural or scientific purposes and which are qualified as a non-profit tax exempt organization under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

## **ARTICLE 13: ORGANIZATION FLAG**

### **SECTION I.       COLORS**

Red, White and Blue with logo inserted

### **SECTION II.       MEANING**

Red: Ijebu Blood shed for defending her territory

White: Peace

Blue: Love

## **ARTICLE 14: ORGANIZATION ANTHEM**

### **IJEBU OMO ALARE ANTHEM**

**THEME: PROGRESS, INDUSTRY, COMMERCE, FELLOWSHIP and UNITY**

1. a EWESO OMO ALARE  
b IJEBU NIWA, LATI EYA GBOGBO  
c AWA LOMO OBANTA, BENI  
d OMO AKESAN BALE OJA, BENI  
e OMO OLODE AGBAIGBATAN BENI
  
- 2 a KI A MA TE, KI A MA TI  
b OMO ISHAGA OLOMU  
c AGBAJO OWO LAFI 'GBERU DORI  
d OMO IMORO EGUNBOYE  
e LOLA OLUWA OSI O NI MOWA
  
- 3 a IRIN AJO L'AWA  
b AWA LOMO ODENIKERE  
c OMO ALAGEMO MERINDINLOGUN  
d EJE KAYE YE WA KALE
  
- 4 a K'A FI OWO SO WO PO  
b FUN'LOSIWAJU EYA WA  
c OMO 'BI OWO GBE NSO  
d EWESO OMO ALARE, EWESO



**ARTICLE 15: PLEDGE of LEGION**

I the member of the National Organization of Ijebu Descendants, USA, do hereby solemnly and sincerely pledge that:

**I WILL BEAR TRUE FAITH AND ALLEGIANCE TO IJEBULAND  
BE LOYAL AND TRUE TO IJEBULAND, OUR PEOPLE AND OUR LEADERS  
TO BE PREPARED TO SERVE IJEBULAND AND OUR COMMUNITY OF  
DOMICILE  
TO SEEK THE PROGRESS AND UNITY OF IJEBULAND  
AND BY WORD AND DEED, PRESERVE THE PEACE AND UPHOLD THE  
LAW  
SO HELP ME GOD.**

## **AMENDEMENT I**

### **TERM OF OFFICE**

The Section III - Term of office was unanimously agree at the meeting of June 2, 2002 that the ONE term be change to TWO years because ONE year is too short to get things done; and the Constitution is amended to read the following:

Any INDIVIDUAL member of a chapter in good standing once nominated by his/her chapter and confirmed by the Board is qualified to serve as Officer of this Organization. Officers shall hold office for TWO YEARS TERM or until he/she resigns or is otherwise disqualified to serve, or until his or her successor shall be selected or appointed and qualified, whichever occurs first.

## **AMENDEMENT II**

### **DOCUMENTATION CONTROL**

The following procedures for documentation control were unanimously agreed upon at the April 7, 2002 meeting.

1. Registration – Original to be with the General Secretary, a copy with the President and Chairman of the Board.
2. IRS Employee Identification Number – Original with the General Secretary; a copy with the President and the Financial Secretary.
3. Financial Instruments – Original with the Treasurer, a copy with the General Secretary and President.
4. Disbursement – Original Invoice and Original of approved Voucher to be with the Treasurer and Financial Secretary to maintain a copy as well as the President.
5. Voucher- Financial Secretary is the Custodian.

## AMENDEMENT III

### COMPLAINT POLICIES & PROCEDURES

#### POLICIES

NOID encourages each local chapter to set up a disciplinary/reconciliatory committee to handle matters relating to disagreements and disciplines amongst its members. If the aggrieved member of the local chapter is not satisfied with the outcome of its matter, he/she can forward the matter to the National body. Only members of the Local Chapter who are in good standing as defined in the local chapter's constitution can file a complaint with NOID. All complaints received by NOID shall be investigated.

FORM: The aggrieved party shall file a written complaint (attaching the Local Chapter's report) with the NOID Secretariat and send a copy to the NOID chairman of the Boards.

#### PROCEDURES:

Upon receipt of the complaint notification, the General Secretary shall notify the President and the President shall convene a meeting with both the Executive and the Board within 14 days from when the date when the complaint was received. An Ad-hoc committee shall be set up to investigate the complaint. The committee shall consist of member drawn from each of the local Chapters and none of the executive shall be included in the committee. The committee shall elect its Chairman and notify the NOID's Board and the Executive. The committee shall contact the Complainant's Local Chapter to determine:

- (1) If he/she is in good standing as defined in the local chapter's constitution.
- (2) If the local chapter's disciplinary/reconciliatory committee had dealt with the matter.

If he or she is not in good standing, the committee shall not proceed with the investigation. However, the committee shall inform the house by issuing a memorandum to the President and the Chairman of the Board as well notifying the complainant and the local chapter of the merit of the complaint.

If he or she is in good standing, the committee shall proceed with the investigation. The committee shall complete and issue their report within 30 days from the date the committee is formed. The report shall be distributed as follows:

1. NOID Board of Directors.
2. NOID Executive.
3. Local Chapter's Members.
4. Local Chapter's Board of Trustees (if any).

**The Representatives of the Following Organizations drafted this Constitution:**

**Ijebu Development Organization, Inc. New York:**

Mr. Muraina Shittu, President

Alhaji Ahmed A. Opetubo, Social Secretary

Mr. Fola Fasanya, Treasurer

**Ijebu Association of the U.S.A. Washington, DC:**

Mr. Robert Owolabi, President

Mr. Adewale Ogunyale, Treasurer

Mr. Oladele Oyefeso, Member

**Ijebu Indigenes Association, Inc. Dallas/Fortworth, Texas:**

Mr. Olugbenga Aro, President

Mr. Ayotunde Okubanjo, Member

Ms. Titi Sonuga, Member

**Ijebu Omo Alare Progressive Association, Atlanta, Georgia:**

Prince Olu Banjo, President

Alhaji Razaq Kasumu, General Secretary

Mr. Fred Ogunnowo, Member

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Dr. Oluyemi Owogold Kuku, President

Mr. Kolawole Oyenuga, Member

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**Ijebu Descendants Association Inc.; Houston, Texas:**

Prince Adedapo Adesanya, President

Chief Olumide Mayungbe, Member

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