

**THE 2016
REVISED CONSTITUTION
OF THE
LIBERIAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION IN MOROCCO**



Motto: Unity, Cooperation and Strive for Educational Success

LISAM

Special Constitution Review Committee

Review Approach:

1. **Careful examinations of LISAM's present Constitution:** The appointed Special Constitutional Review Committee chaired by Mr. Mohammed Swaray ably accomplished over the past weeks, a careful review of LISAM's present Constitution. The Committee during this exercise convened series of meetings where its members examined the present Constitution in an effort to ease the review process.
2. **Consultation with LISAM members:** The Committee agreed upon completion of the initial review, that the general membership of LISAM is afforded the opportunity to identify and project to the Committee, those aspects of the Constitution they would like to see amended. The general membership responded fairly well with suggestions and recommendations. The Committee's works were totally based on these suggestions and recommendations.
3. **Methodology for amendment:** The Committee assessed two legal approaches of constitutional amendment: 1) Omitting the texts of the present Constitution subject to amendment in part or in entirety and then rewriting the amendment. 2) Maintaining the content of the present Constitution and inscribing the texts of those amended chapters, articles and sections at the end with footnoted references. The Committee decided unanimously on the second method as the most suitable for the purpose of reserving the originality of the Constitution in its entirety.

Key Points for Amendments:

- A. Presidential Tenure**
- B. Decentralization**
- C. Accountability of Executive Members**
- D. Interim Executive Body In Case of Uncontested Election**

As mendated and in conjunction with Chapter XX Article 1, 2 and 3;

Whereas a motion to review and amend this present Constitution was agreed and voted on 6 September 2015 at a General Assembly Meeting,

Whereas a separate mandate was reached to commission a Special Constitution Review Committee and said Committee of seven (7) was apppointed by LISAM Executive on 15 September 2015,

Whereas the mandate of said amendment was as the result of the current unstable view of the Constitution concerning issues that seemed to undermine LISAM,

Whereas it is in the interest of our collective unity and cooperation to foster and enhance the legacy of this honorable Association bequeathed to us,

Whereas the goal to achieve academic excellence is entrenched in our togetherness and brotherhood,

Whereas LISAM symbolizes our patriotism and love for Country and of our fellow brothers and sisters away from home,

The Special Constitutional Review Committee hereby modifies and presents this Constitution. All amended chapters, articles, and sections as FOOTNOTED shall take constitutional precedence over the previous ones.

Special Constitutional Review Committee:

- 1. Mohammed T. Swaray – Chair Person**
- 2. J. Negatus Wright – Co-Chair Person**
- 3. Cyrene Willaims – Member/Secretary SCRC (Declined)**
- 4. Ruth M. Toe - Member**
- 5. Alieu V. Sheriff – Member**
- 6. Ivan R. Forleh – Member /Acting Secretary**
- 7. Emmanuel Taweh – Member**

PREAMBLE:

The need for Leadership and organizations to build Society, a tradition bequeathed to us by great men of old, has lived the test of time.

Thus, having realized that with unity and cooperation there is strength, we the Liberian Students residing in the Kingdom of Morocco, have agreed unanimously to form, organize and constitute an Association to be called LIBERIAN STUDENTS ASSOCIATION IN MOROCCO, therefore to be called LISAM.

The Association remains valid and shall respect the **“Dahir on the Right to Establish Associations Dahir 1-58-376 of 1958 as amended by Dahir 1-733-283 of 1973 and Dahir 1-02-206 of 2002”, of the Kingdom of Morocco.** “

CHAPTER I: NAME

The Association shall be created and referred to as “LIBERIAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION IN MOROCCO”, (LISAM.)

CHAPTER II: MOTTO

The motto of the LISAM shall be “UNITY, COOPERATION AND STRIVE FOR EDUCATIONAL SUCCESS.”

CHAPTER III: HEADQUARTERS

The Headquarters of LISAM shall be located in Rabat, the Capital of the Kingdom of Morocco.¹

CHAPTER IV: DEFINITION, SCOPE AND FUNCTION

LISAM is strictly a student association and its scope and functions are delimited thereto. Its activities are apolitical. Thus, it shall not be considered or involved in Moroccan politics of any kind, or make public statements or declarations on matters of Moroccan concern, or issue libelous, scandalous or licentious statements against any official of the Moroccan Government of the Kingdom of

¹CHAPTER III:

ARTICLE 1: *The Headquarters of LISAM shall be centrally located in Rabat, the Capital of the Kingdom of Morocco, supported by a decentralized body.*

ARTICLE 2: *Such decentralized supporting body shall be in any Moroccan city where there are active Liberian Students in Universities or any Higher Institutions of Learning during the tenure of a particular central Executive.*

Morocco or any person including citizens or foreigner residing within the territories of this Country.

CHAPTER V: AIMS and OBJECTIVES

ARTICLE 1:

To render assistance or subvention (subsidy) to any bona fide member of the Association whose educational attainment or progress is hindered as a result of:

- A.** Abrupt end of Scholarship
- B.** Unforeseen circumstances such as fire, motto accident or natural disasters.
- C.** Any other events, which the Executive Committee of LISAM shall consider accidental, unforetunate, or hindering to education advancements in Morocco.

ARTICLE 2:

To include into us the true Spirit of Brotherhood, Nationalism and Love for our native land.

ARTICLE 3:

To encourage the establishment and promotion of activities such as sports, debate clubs, etc., aimed at promoting educational excellence and building up us physically and mentally.

CHAPTER VI: MEMBERSHIP

ARTICLE 1:

FULL MEMBERSHIP of LISAM shall be opened or extended to all genuine Liberian who may undergo studies of any standard(s) or level at any educational institutions within the Kingdom of Morocco regardless of age, color, creed, and political or ideological beliefs.

ARTICLE 2:

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP shall be extended or conferred upon any distinguished Liberian or non-Liberian in and outside of the Kingdom of Morocco. It shall also be extended to any Liberian citizen who may temporarily enter herein (Morocco) in pursuit of legitimate undertakings, all by the approval of 2/3 (two-third) majority of the bona fide membership.

ARTICLE 4:

TEMPORARY MEMBERSHIP shall be extended to any private Liberian(s) other than officials who may enter in the Kingdom of Morocco, and is not a holder of the Moroccan Scholarship. Such members should have a valid

passport, police clearance, and are not to participate in student electoral process as well as contesting any post.

CHAPTER VII: LEADERSHIP

ARTICLE 1:

The Leadership of LISAM shall be as follows:

- A. PRESIDENT**
- B. VICE PRESIDENT**
- C. GENERAL SECRETARY**
- D. ASSISTANT SECRETARY**
- E. FINANCIAL SECRETARY**
- F. TREASURER**
- G. AUDITOR**
- H. PARLIMENTARIAN**
- I. CHAPLAIN**

ARTICLE 2: SPECIAL QUALIFICATIONS

SECTION 1: PRESIDENT

The President shall be at the age of 18 years or over. He or she shall be a post graduate or undergraduate student, and must have spent two academic years or more, beginning from the day of entry into any University or Higher Institution of Learning in Morocco and must be residing in Rabat, Kenitra and Mohammedia and shall possess a good command of written and spoken English and French. The Knowledge of Arabic shall be an advantage.

SECTION 2: VICE PRESIDENT

The Vice President shall have the same qualifications as mentioned in Article 2 Section 1.²

SECTION 3: GENERAL SECRETARY

The General Secretary must have spent a year or more, and he/she shall be a resident of Rabat, Kenitra and Mohammedia and also shall have a good knowledge of English and French, and knowledge of office practice shall be an advantage.

²**SECTION 2: VICE PRESIDENT**

The Vice President shall have all the qualifications as mentioned in Article 2, Section 1 EXCEPT that he/she may be a resident of any Moroccan city.

SECTION 4: ASSISTANT GENERAL SECRETARY

The Assistant General Secretary shall have the same qualifications as mention in Article 2, section 3.

SECTION 5: FINANCIAL SECRETARY

The Assistant General Secretary may have knowledge of bookkeeping.

SECTION 6: TREASURE

The treasure shall have the same qualification as mentioned in Article 2, Section 5

SECTION 7: AUDITOR

The Auditor shall have Knowledge of bookkeeping.

SECTION 8: PARLIAMENTARIAN

The Parliamentarian shall have a good knowledge of parliamentary procedures.

SECTION 9: CHAPLAIN

The Chaplain shall have a religious affiliation and shall have very good religious principles.

CHAPTER VIII: FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

ARTICLE 1: PRESIDENT

SECTION 1:

The president shall be the spokesman of LISAM and he shall preside over all General, Executive or Emergency meeting of LISAM. He shall have power to:

- A. Represent the Association at all conferences or gatherings, etc.
- B. Appoint chairman or heads of all permanent committees, as mention in Chapter IX, provided that 2/3 (two-third) majority of all Executive members concur thereof.
- C. Appoint any member of LISAM to carry out or perform other authentic or legal duties in the interest of the association.³

³**D.** *The President shall nominate members of the Board of Advisors with approval of a majority vote of all Executive members. Actions against any member of the BOA warranting suspension or dismissal by the President for acts of misconduct or malfeasance must be heard*

D. SECTION 2:

He shall approve the discharge of all official matters, as such he shall approve the dispatch of all letter, correspondence or other documents of LISAM.

ARTICLE 2: VICE PRESIDENT

The Vice President shall be the principal assistant of the President of LISAM. Thus, he/she shall perform all other duties (as provided by Article 1, Section 1, 2 and 3 of this present constitution, rules and regulations of LISAM) in the absence of the President. The Vice President may act in lieu of the president under the following conditions:

- A. When designated by the President to do so
- B. In case of illness, disability or incapability or the President in performing his duty.

ARTICLE 3: GENERAL SECRETARY

The General Secretary shall be the custodian of all LISAM'S records. He shall record or keep an accurate account of all minutes of any official meeting of the association. He shall be the head of the secretariat as such he/she shall perform all duties thereof.

ARTICLE 4: ASSISTANT GENERAL SECRETARY

The General Secretary shall be the custodian of all LISAM'S records. He/She shall record or keep an accurate account of all minutes of any official meeting of the association. He/She shall be the head of the Secretariat as such he/she shall perform all duties thereof.

ARTICLE 4: ASSISTANT GENERAL SECRETARY

The Assistant General Secretary shall act in the absence of the General Secretary and may perform other duties as assigned him by the General Secretary or the President.

by the Legal Committee whose report or findings shall be voted on by a 2/3 (two-third) majority of all bona fide members before such action take effect.

ARTICLE 5: FINANCIAL SECRETARY

The Financial Secretary shall keep accurately a balance sheet of all financial transactions, issue receipts, collect all funds of LISAM and subsequently transfer same to the treasurer.

ARTICLE 6: TREASURER

The Treasurer shall ensure that all funds of LISAM are kept or deposited in a bank in Rabat. He shall also keep receipt of all funds used. In addition, the Treasure shall also disclose all relevant financial records to the general assembly, as well as publishing such record on LISAM web site.

ARTICLE 7: AUDITOR

The Auditor shall audit all the accounts of LISAM 3 (three) times a year and subsequently submit such audited reports or results to the general meeting.

ARTICLE 8: PARLIAMENTARIAN

The parliamentarian shall see to it that the constitution and rules of LISAM are enforced to the LETTER, maintain law and order during meetings, programs, etc. He/She may recommend to the president any punitive measure(s) including suspension, expulsion or fines of any member of LISAM who may persistently violate the constitution and regulations of LISAM, existence of which may cast aspersion on the credibility, integrity and harmonious functions of LISAM and any of its activities. He/She shall head permanent committee on legal affairs.

ARTICLE 9: CHAPLAIN

The Chaplain shall be a pious, religious person and shall perform all religious acts of LISAM.

CHAPTER IX: PERMANENT COMMITTEES:

LISAM shall comprise the following permanent committees:

- A. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**
- B. EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**
- C. ELLECTION COMMITTEE**
- D. SOCIAL COMMITTEE**
- E. MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE**
- F. WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE**

G. LEGAL COMMITTEE

H. RESEARCH AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

I. PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

J. BOARD OF ADVISORS

CHAPTER X: FUNCTIONS OF PERMANENT COMMITTEES

ARTICLE 1:

All permanent committees referred to in Chapter IX of the present constitution. Shall be headed by a chairman.

ARTICLE 2:

The chairman as referred to in Chapter X, Article 1, shall serve at the pleasure of the President.

ARTICLE 3:

All chairmen as permanent committees shall have been a registered members of the association for at least 6 (six) months prior to their appointments.

ARTICLE 4:

All chairmen shall have the power to appoint any member of LISAM to work along with them in the discharge of their functions and responsibilities; provided the president approve to said appointment.

ARTICLE 5: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The executive committee shall have the power to, among other things:

- A. **(If Necessary)** call emergency meeting(s) to consider, discuss or act on urgent matters of the association.
- B. Prepare or workout the annual budget of LISAM.⁴
- C. Confer Honorary Recognition or Membership of Association on any person or Institution in consonance with the Constitution and Rules of this Association.

ARTICLE 6: EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

The External Affairs Committee shall be the principal advisor to the President on matters aimed at creating harmonious or better or beneficial relations between LISAM and external institutions or individuals. It shall be the Foreign Ministry of LISAM. It shall be responsible for all matters thereof.

⁴ B. The Executive Committee shall prepare and workout the annual budget to be presented before the General Assembly for approval. All expenditures, except that of emergencies (motor accident, natural disaster, etc.,) shall be carried out according to this budget plan.

ARTICLE 7: ELECTION COMMITTEE

SECTION 1:

The election Commission Committee shall screen or scrutinize all candidates contesting for position in the association. It shall ensure that only qualified or competent candidates are allowed to contest for election. It shall have the power to maintain every act(s) of democracy during election and ensure that the results of all elections are free and fair.

SECTION 2:

Should candidate(s) or member(s) challenge the results of any electoral election(s) of the Association, a simple majority of all bona fide members shall determine the validity of such challenge by declaring one of the following:

- A. Election results were considered fair or legitimate.
- B. Cancelled or null and void and therefore calling for fresh election to rectify said « Fraud » or « Rigged » election, etc.

ARTICLE 8: SOCIAL COMMITTEE

The Social Committee shall be charge with responsibility of social and cultural aspect of the association.

ARTICLE 9: MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE:

The Membership Committee shall receive all applications for membership to the association. It shall keep accurate record of all registered members fund, lunch membership drive, etc. All membership funds collected shall be turned over to the finance secretary and subsequently to the treasurer.

ARTICLE 10: WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEES:

The Ways and means Committee shall seek legitimate means through which LISAM may be sponsored financially or in other beneficial ways.

ARTICLE 11: LEGAL COMMITTEE:

Legal Committee shall be responsible to advise and recommend fines. It shall be the Justice Ministry of LISAM as such it shall perform or function accordingly.

ARTICLE 12: EDUCATION AND INTELLECTUAL DISCOURSE COMMITTEE:

The Education and Intellectual Discourse Committee shall have periodic programs aimed at creating awareness of African or Liberian Cultural values, ways of life, philosophy, etc., among members of the Association and the general public.

ARTICLE 13: RESEARCH AND PLANNING COMMITTEE:

The research and planning committee shall conduct research on any issue considered strategic or significant. It shall be the Ministry of Planning of LISAM and thereof charge to perform all other duties or functions therein.

ARTICLE 14: SPORT COMMITTEE:

The Sport Committee shall be responsible for sporting activities and the training of sport enthusiast of the association.

ARTICLE 15: BOARD OF ADVISOR

The Board of Advisors shall give advice to all bona fide members of LISAM and the Executive committee. They shall give moral support as well as advice to LISAM as a whole.⁵

CHAPTER XI: GENERAL QUALIFICATIONS FOR ELECTIONS

ARTICLE 1:

Members of LISAM who may vie for executive positions:

SECTION 1:

The President and the Vice-President shall have spent at least two academic years in the Kingdom of Morocco.

SECTION 2:

The President, Secretary General and Treasurer shall be a resident of Mohammedia, Rabat or Kenitra.

⁵**ARTICLE 15: BOARD OF ADVISOR**

SECTION 1: *The BOA shall comprise of 4 permanent members of LISAM.*

SECTION 2: *The Board of Advisors shall give advice to all bona fide members of LISAM and the Executive committee. They shall give moral support as well as advice to LISAM as a whole.*

SECTION 3: *The BOA shall be consulted for approval on matters concerning financial undertakings for emergency (ies) by the Executive Committee amounting to and exceeding DH1500.00 before disbursement from the Treasury of LISAM. Such dealings shall be reported to the General Assembly during the annual reports.*

SECTION 3:

All other executives post with the exception of the following indicated in section 1 and 2 of Chapter XI Article 1 shall be opened.

ARTICLE 2:

Members who may contest for a post shall be in good academic standing; he/she must not be on probation or suspended from school for academic or other reasons.

ARTICLE 3:

Members who may contest any post shall have settled all financial and other obligations with LISAM, and must have been in regular attendance of meetings.

ARTICLE 4:

Members of LISAM who may be duly elected and installed in offices as mentioned in Chapter VII, Article 1, shall constitute the Executive Committee of LISAM and shall be regarded or considered as Executive Members.

ARTICLE 5:

Before contesting the Presidency and Vice presidency, one must be a permanent member of LISAM, and must present his / her application letter plus previous or current inscription record to the Electoral Committee.

Any student who had been associated with any form of administrative mismanagement or misappropriation of funds, if such allegation is proven right by the inquiry and investigatory board established by the electoral committee of LISAM, that candidate must not be allowed to contest student election.

SECTION 2: REGISTRATION FEES OF CANDIDATES

A. PRESIDENT – DH 200.00

B. VICE PRESIDENT – DH 150.00

C. SECRETARY GENERAL – DH 100.00

D. OTHER CANDIDATES – DH 75.00

SECTION 3:

Election Result shall be announced within 24hours and protest(s) can be raised to the Electoral Committee within 24hours after election result.

CHAPTER XII: ELECTION OF OFFICERS

ARTICLE 1: DAY OF ELECTION

Election of the entire executive committee or leadership of LISAM as referred to Chapter VII, Article 1 of the present constitution shall be held within the first

week of August every 2 (two) years.⁶

ARTICLE 2: TYPE OF ELECTION

All elections of this association shall be based on a simple majority, secret ballots system.

ARTICLE 3:

An officer may run for two terms (four years) after which he/she will be ineligible to contest for any post.⁷

CHAPTER XIII: INAUGURATION OF OFFICERS

ARTICLE 1:

Officers elect shall be legally inaugurated into office seven days after election, and the incumbent government shall turn over all document of the association to the newly elected government. Immediately after such transition the government emeritus shall be answerable and subject to the mandate of the government elect in discharging and implementing her executive function.

ARTICLE 2:

Terms of office of the entire Executive Committee Membership shall be 2 (two) years.⁸

CHAPTER XIV: BY-ELECTION

ARTICLE 1:

By- elections shall be held at any convenient time to fill executive post(s) declared vacant by the President as the results of:

- A. Regulation of elected officials.**
- B. Dismissal, Suspension, Expulsion of elected officials by means of 2/3 (two-third) majority votes of all members.**
- C. Incapability of said official or officials.**
- D. Abandonment of said post or posts.**
- E. Other reasons for which the Executive Committee or the entire**

⁶**ARTICLE 1: ELECTION DAY:** Election of the entire executive committee or leadership of LISAM as referred to Chapter XII, Article 1 of the present constitution shall be held within the first week of August every 1 (one) year.

⁷**ARTICLE 3:** An officer may run for one year per term and may be eligible for two terms after which he/she will be ineligible to contest for any post.⁷

⁸**ARTICLE 2:** Terms of office of the entire Executive Committee Membership shall be one year per term and may be eligible to run for two terms.

membership may consider the elected members derelict or negligent.

ARTICLE 2:

The Election Committee in consultation with the President shall make all other necessary information consisting of dates, rules and regulation governing by-elections public.

ARTICLE 3:

The election committee shall duly inaugurate officers elect ascending to positions declared vacant by the election commission into office as soon as possible upon recommendation.

CHAPTER XV: IMPEACHMENT

ARTICLE 1:

Any elected officer(s) may be impeached, punished or expelled for acts incompatible with rules and regulation of LISAM.

ARTICLE 2:

Acts deemed incompatible to the rules and regulation of LISAM are as follow:

- A. Four unexcused absences from general meetings.**
- B. Dereliction or negligence of duty (ies).**
- C. Misrepresentation of the association by means of using property of same for personal aggrandizement or abuse or misuse of power or office, corruption, etc.**
- D. Any other act(s), which may be declared or considered unbecoming, improper, etc., by 2/3 (two-third) majority votes of the entire membership.**
- E. Failure to pay membership due.**
- F. Violation of the present Constitution.**

ARTICLE 3:

The accused shall be given an impartial trial by the Legal Committee and the findings brought before the general body. Actions for or against the accused shall be voted upon through referendum and subsequently considered by 2/3 (two- third) majority of all bona fide members of the Association.

ARTICLE 4:

Other officers of LISAM other than members of the Executive Committee may be impeached or punished by the President upon the advice and consent of 2/3 (two-third) majority of the Executive Committee.

CHAPTER XVI: GENERAL MEETINGS

ARTICLE 1:

General meeting shall convene four times annually (prior to the elections, after the elections, the arrival of the new students and the C.E.S.A.M festival).

However, all emergency meetings shall be called and convened when deemed necessary according to the communiqué of the President.

ARTICLE 2:

The General Secretary shall serve all members with a citation before meeting. Failure on the part of any member to whom citation is served to attend meeting without any genuine reason(s) shall be subjected to disciplinary action.

CHAPTER XVII:

The quorum for all meetings shall be based on a simple majority of all bona fide members of LISAM. Any decision taken during these meetings shall be legally constituted and considered a decision of, and for all legal or bona fide registered members of LISAM.

CHAPTER XVIII: RULES AND REGULATIONS

ARTICLE 1:

All members of this association shall be obligated to attend all meetings at all times and on time.

SECTION 1:

Any member who does not comply with Article 1, Chapter XVIII above, shall be subjected to chastisement as provided by the rules and constitution of this association.

SECTION 2:

A member who absents himself with tangible reason(s) clearly defined in a written letter to the President before the commencement of meeting or after shall be pardoned or exempted from punishment.

SECTION 3:

The Legal Committee shall penalize a member who absents himself without substantial reason(s).

ARTICLE 2:

All members of LISAM shall be willing, ready and prepared to work with the President for the realization of the objectives of the association.

SECTION 1:

The Board of Advisors shall meet to consider honoring of all officers and members of LISAM who have sacrificed for the benefit of the association during the year through a special program; by gift, certificate or words before elections are held for the following year.

SECCTION 2:

The Ways and Means Committee shall plan programs that are intended for the generation of funds, and the President shall approve this.

ARTICLE 3:

The financial Secretary shall give financial report 3 times (three) a year.

CHAPTER XIX: SOURCE OF FINANCE

ARTICLE 1:

The source of finance for LISAM shall be the following:

- A. Monthly due.** (Failure on the part of any member to pay this amount, the Association shall deduct it from the government of LIBERIA allowances.)
- B. Proceed from program(s) geared toward generation of funds.**
- C. Fines imposed on violators of the Association's constitution.**
- D. Other Grants, donations etc.**

ARTICLE 2:

All member of the association shall be registered with the amount of 30DH (thirty) per year so as to give the Association a fresh start for the incoming leaders of the New Year. (Failure on the part of any member to pay this amount; the association shall deduct it from the government of LIBERIA allowances.)⁹

CHAPTER XX: AMENDMENTS

ARTICLE 1:

This constitution may be subjected to amendment provided 2/3 (two-third) majority of all bona fide or registered members concur.

⁹All member of the association shall be registered with the amount of thirty (30DH) per year. The same amount shall be kept in LISAM's coffers to undertake any project deem necessary for the benefit of LISAM and its members by the Executive.

ARTICLE 2:

Proposal for amendment shall be made and submitted to the Legal committee 6 (six) months before General Election and all discussion or suggestion for or against same made known and voted upon before said elections.

ARTICLE 3:

Proposed constitution amendments shall be accompanied by statements setting forth the reasons therefore and shall be published in the Newsletters of LISAM and made known to the entire membership through the information services of the Association.

CHAPTER XX1: HOLIDAYS

Principal days to be observed or celebrated shall be the following:

- A. NEW YEAR DAY - 1 JANUARY**
- B. UNIFICATION DAY – 6 MAY**
- C. INDEPENDENCE DAY – 26 JULY**
- D. FLAG DAY – 24 AUGUST**
- E. LISAM DAY – 2 NOVEMBER**
- F. CHRISTMAS DAY – 25 DECEMBER**
- G. AID EL KEBIR – ISLAMIC CALENDAR**

CHAPTER XXII: CREDIT CODE

ARTICLE 1:

The credit code of the association hereafter referred to as the “Code” is the rule governing the transactions between creditors and the Association.

ARTICLE 2:

The possibility of credit shall be opened to all permanent members of LISAM.

ARTICLE 2:

Members who desire credit from LISAM shall submit to the Financial Secretary a letter of application declaring such desire, and specifying:

- A. AMOUNT OF MONEY REQUESTED**
- B. TIME OF PAYMENT OF SAID AMOUNT**
- C. GUARANTEE OR COLLATERAL SECURITY**

ARTICLE 4:

Amount to be credited shall not exceed monthly scholarship grant or stipend of creditors and shall be refunded in not more than 4 (four) months.

ARTICLE 5:

Creditor(s) shall sign an affidavit permitting confiscation of property if he/she fails to repay the sum borrowed.

ARTICLE 6:

All creditors shall pay a 10% interest on amount credited and said percentage shall be deducted at the time of credit.

ARTICLE 7:

Prerequisite for all credits before the commencement or during summer vacation shall be an adequate material guarantee.

ARTICLE 8:

Chapter XXII, Article 7 does not apply to newly arrived Liberian students holders of the Government of LIBERIA scholarship in the Kingdom of Morocco. Failure on the part of said student to pay this amount, the association shall deduct it from the Government of LIBERIA allowances.

CHAPTER XXIII: LISAM EMBLEM/LOGO AND OFFICIAL SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNT(S)

ARTICLE 1: LISAM official emblem/logo or letter head shall not be used by individual member of the Association for any purpose whatsoever unless given administrative approval by the Executive headed by the President.

ARTICLE 2: LISAM official social media handles/pages shall be duly administered by the incumbent Executive Leadership headed by the President.

CHAPTER XXIV: INTERIM EXECUTIVE BODY IN CASE OF UNCONTESTED ELECTION.

ARTICLE 1: An Uncontested Election shall be defined as any situation in a normal election cycle where no candidates were “**interested**” to contest all of the positions constitutionally available for election. The following, as a result of this, shall be measures to resolve such:

SECTION 1: The G.A. shall in due time designate candidate/candidates to occupy uncontested elective post/posts. Such body, the persons to be comprised of and in accordance with this exceptional case and contrary to a normal election cycle, shall be subject to a “minimum” standard for qualification as mentioned in Chapter XI Section 1, 2 and 3 and Articles 2 and 3 of same chapter. Designation of these people shall be done by a consensus simple majority vote.

SECTION 2: Failure of Section 1 or no one from the G.A. showing interest to accept such designation and to occupy the available executive position/positions, the incumbent executive shall be asked and if interested, members thereof shall run for the position/positions available. They must however be subject for qualification of no financial impropriety or corruption after all audits. All vote of confidence to elect these people shall be by consensus.

SECTION 3: Failure of Sections 1 and 2, the last resort for occupying and administering the affairs of LISAM shall be made available to members of the BOA. Members of the BOA, the hierarchic order thereof, shall be allowed to contest the position/positions available in order to administer the functions of LISAM (but not) after relinquishing their present position on the BOA. The standard for qualification shall be Chapter XI Section 1, 2 and 3 and Articles 2 and 3 of same chapter. Election of these people shall be by consensus.

ARTICLE 2: Uncontested Elective Posts shall be defined as any situation after an election cycle where elective executive positions constitutionally available to any qualified person, were not contested or vied for as the result of no candidate for the position/positions available before the deadline of the vetting process of Election from the Election Commission.

All elective executive positions not contested as a result of this shall be occupied by following:

SECTION 1: By proposition of the Executive elect of individual/individuals to occupy such position/positions and subsequently by means of consensus of the G.A. for final designation. The positions to be designated as provided by this provision should be subject to its required General Qualification as provided in Chapter XI of this Constitution.

SECTION 2: In the event where the entire LISAM body can not be convened or reached electronically, the Executive elect shall propose individual/individuals to occupy the position/positions and then final designation shall be reached by a consensus of the BOA. The positions to be designated as provided by this provision should be subject to its required General Qualification as provided in Chapter XI of this Constitution.

THE CONSTITUTIONAL DRAFTING COMMITTEE (This Present Constitution) CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING PERSONS:

- 1. Mr. Alvin Nah Doe – Chairman**
- 2. Ms. Seiwavula Wuyah – Co-Chair Person**
- 3. Mr. Alphonso Koiquah Freeman – General Secretary**
- 4. Mr. Moses Saah Tandanpolie – Assistant General Secretary**
- 5. Ms. Catherin Mamie Sherman – Member**
- 6. Mr. Tamba Danbi-Saa – Member**
- 7. Mr. Abraham Kurian Kamara – Member**

In conjunction with Chapter XX, Articles one and two of this present Constitution , We the General Assembly of LISAM hereby agree, accept and vote into law and or the coming into force, the amendments to this present Constitution on this 26 day of July AD 2016.

Signed: _____



George Williams NKETSIA
PRESIDENT OF LISAM (2014 -2016)
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