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CONSTITUTION OF THE PHILOSOPHY OF EDUCATION ASSOCIATION OF NIGERIA (PEAN)

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PEAN: A BRIEF HISTORY

At the inception of Teacher Education programmes in the 1960's in Colleges of Education and Faculties of Education of Nigerian Universities, the teaching of Philosophy of Education and other courses in the Foundation was all corners affair. Everyone who knew little about Philosophy, History, Sociology or Comparative Education taught these courses. It was the concern for the bastardization of the foundations (now Educational Studies) that led a group of lecturers at the Universities of Benin, Port Harcourt, Ife, Ibadan and Lagos to come together on Thursday 13th November, 1980 by 10.30am at the University of Benin to rub minds. Under the chairmanship of Dr. J. Nesin Ornatseye, (PEAN's First President) the group including Drs. J.D. Okoh, J.M. Kosemani, Obidi, Aladejana and others agreed to start a professional association of educational philosophers and also as an umbrella organization for all teachers in the foundations in Universities and Colleges of Education.

Subsequent annual meetings at Uniport, UI and Unilag, UNN attract other founding professors as Otonfi Nduka (Uniport) Jones Akinpelu (UI), Msgr. Prof. F.C. Okafor (UNN), Adewole (UNIOTS) who strengthened the Association as leaders. Two years into its founding, the association, now christened the Philosophy of Education Association of Nigeria (PEAN) decided to start the Nigerian Journal of Educational Philosophy (NJP). With donations and annual dues from the few members at the time it was a feeble attempt to provide a forum for sharing ideas.

formulating educational theories and policies for teacher education students in Nigeria. Apart from NJEP, PEAN has since initiated other publications, thanks to the new generation of educational philosophers whose activities have sustained and strengthened PEAN and NJEP. As educational philosophers we owe it to our profession to protect the integrity of our calling so that subsequent generations will not be disappointed. The number of books and other publications coming out of the PEAN family is something to be proud of.

ARTICLE ONE

Name:

The Association shall be known and addressed as "THE PHILOSOPHY OF EDUCATION ASSOCIATION OF NIGERIA" hereafter referred to as "PEAN".

ARTICLE TWO

Aims and Objectives:

The aims and objectives of the Association shall be:

- (a) To promote the development of Philosophy of Education in Nigeria;
- (b) To promote scholarship in the discipline of philosophy of education;
- (c) To hold conferences and seminars in the discipline;
- (d) To represent the interest of the Teaching profession;
- (e) To liaise with other national and international bodies with related interests;
- (f) To promote inter-disciplinary scholarship.

ARTICLE THREE

Area of Operation

The association shall operate in Nigeria.

ARTICLE FOUR

Membership:

Full membership is open to persons who teach Philosophy of Education in Institutions of Higher Learning, or who by their training, positions or functions, are deemed qualified for membership. Full members are members in good financial standing, that is, participating members without any financial arrears of dues or levies.

Association Members are those who do not qualify for full membership but show interest in, and want to be associated with, the Association. Associate members have no voting rights.

Student Membership is open to all education majors, or post graduate students with interest in Philosophy of Education and the PEAN; such members have no voting rights.

Fellows: A candidate for fellowship shall be nominated in the instance by a member of the Association in good standing, supported by two other members. Thereafter, the name and up-to-date Curriculum Vitae of the person so nominated shall be scrutinized by the executive committee, and recommended to the Annual General Meeting for the conferment of fellowship.

Nomination for fellowship must be received by the secretary three full months before the Executive Meeting preceding the Annual General Meeting (AGM).

ARTICLE FIVE

Enrolment:
Any person wishing to become a member of the Philosophy of Education Association of Nigeria shall apply on the appropriate form to the secretary of the association, accompanying his/her form with appropriate membership fee.

ARTICLE SIX

Dues and Levies

- (a) Dues and levies shall be those proposed from time to time by the PEAN executive, considered and adopted by a quorum of the membership at a business meeting of the association.
- (b) A member who is in arrears of annual dues for three years consecutively shall have his membership suspended, which membership shall only be restored after payment of all arrears in full.
- (c) A member who is in arrears dues for five consecutive years shall lose his membership, and shall have to re-apply formally to join the Association as a new member.
- (d) Any member who fails to pay his/her levy within a stipulated time shall be liable to a fine as determined by the Association. If he/she fails to pay both the levy and the fine before the next conference of PEAN, he/she shall have his/her membership suspended, which suspension can only be lifted after payment of all arrears in full.

as convenient for the hosting institution.
(b) Executive meetings shall be held a day before the National Conference, and any other time deemed necessary by a majority of that body.

ARTICLE EIGHT

Annual National Conference

1. Agenda:

The order of business at annual conference shall be as shown on the agenda for the conference, except where the presiding officer rules otherwise as a matter of urgency

2. Notice of National Conference

Notice of National Conference shall be given not less than three months in advance.

3. Attendance Register:

The names of members present at every conference shall be duly recorded by the Secretary.

4. Absence from a Conference:

A member shall give notice of his/her absence from a conference in writing to the Secretary to reach him/her before the conference.

5. Minutes and News/letter:

(a) The proceeding of every conference of the Association shall be recorded in a permanent record book.
(b) The minutes shall be read at a subsequent

ARTICLE SEVEN

National Conference of the Association:

- (a) The National Conference of the Association shall be held once a year, in the preferably month of October or

Annual General Meeting (AGM) by the Secretary, approved by the House and signed by the President after adoption.

The summary of the proceedings (including the minutes) of every conference shall be communicated to every member in form of a Newsletter, as soon as possible after the meeting and certainly before the next meeting.

6. Voting:

- (a) Members shall vote by show of hands
- (b) The opinion of the majority of all the eligible members present and voting shall decide all issues in question, except where the constitution indicates otherwise
- (c) In case of a tie, the President shall have a casting vote.

7. Debates:

- (a) There shall be a full discussion of every question or issue.
- (b) It shall be at the discretion of the presiding officer to decide that a matter has been fully discussed.
- (c) Individuals wishing to talk should show by raising of hands.

8. Quorum:

A quorum of one third (1/3 membership shall be required for the National Conference, provided the President OR Vice-President and the Secretary are present.

ARTICLE NINE

Elections

Procedure for Elections:

Elections shall be held during the National Conference of the Second year which is the end of tenure of office.

A returning officer shall be appointed to conduct the elections.

Voting shall be by secret ballot and will be decided on a simple majority vote.

- (b) Each member shall be entitled to one vote per cast.
- (c) In the event of a tie, the returning officer shall be entitled to a casting but not original vote.

Qualification for Election:

- To be elected as an officer of the PEAN, a candidate must:
- (a) be a full member of the PEAN
 - (b) own no arrears of dues
 - (c) not have held the same office as an officer of PEAN, for more than two consecutive terms of two academic sessions each, that is, for not more than four continuous academic sessions.
 - (d) be nominated by two full members of PEAN and must signify his/her acceptance of the nomination by signing the nomination papers.

3.

Tenure of Office:

- (a) An officer shall hold office for a period of two academic sessions and shall be eligible for a

second term in office, of two academic sessions. Thereafter, he/she shall not be eligible for election into the same position until two academic sessions have elapsed.

In the event of vacancy occurring in any office, the executive shall appoint a suitable person to act until the expiration of the term of office of the resigning officer.

All officers shall assume office from the day of their election, or of re-election, and shall vacate office shortly before the election of new officers.

(b)

(c)

4. The office of the President and Secretary:

(a) For better administrative efficiency of the Secretariat, the President and the Secretary shall both be elected from the same institution/Town/State, which ever is the case, whenever possible.

(b) Where only one of the two officers can be found in the whole State the other officer can be elected from the nearest State

Properties
Subventions
Sales of Journals, Proceedings and other PEAN publications.

2. ***Banking:***

(a) The Association shall have a banker approved by the General Meeting.

All monies of the Association shall be deposited with the Bank.

3. Bank Trustees:

(a) Signatories to the Association's Account shall be:

(i) President
(ii) Secretary
(iii) Treasurer

(b) Expenditure:

All expenditure shall be by formal application through the Financial Secretary to the President. Approved and signed expenditure applications/vouchers by the President shall be used by the Financial Secretary to withdraw money from the Treasurer.

ARTICLE TEN

RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. Finances of the Association

The association shall derive its revenue from:

- Membership Fees
- Annual Dues
- Levies
- Donations
- Launching Proceeds

ARTICLE ELEVEN

ASSOCIATION'S JOURNAL AND OTHER PUBLICATIONS

There shall be the following publications of PEAN:

(a) NJEP (Nigerian Journal of Educational Philosophy), the Association's annual journal on scholarly ideas on education with emphasis on philosophy of education.

(b) Proceeding of every annual conference of the

Association.

(c) The Association's Constitution.

(d) Any other publications that PEAN may embark upon as occasions demand.

ARTICLE TWELVE

Officers of the Association

1. President
2. 1st Vice President
3. 2nd Vice President
4. Secretary
5. Financial Secretary
6. Treasurer
7. Editor
8. Assistant Secretary
9. Public Relations Officer
10. Social Secretary
11. Business Manager
12. 2 Ex-officio members, one of whom should be the immediate past President

ARTICLE THIRTEEN

1. Officers

PRESIDENT

- (a) Shall be the Chief Executive of the Association and shall preside over all its meetings and functions.
Shall sign all official documents on behalf of the Association.
- (b) Shall, in consultation with the Secretary, summon both National Conferences and Executive
- (c) Meetings.

- (d) Shall be one of the signatories to the Bank Account of the Association.
- (e) Shall sign all vouchers for withdrawer of money by the Treasurer.
- (f) In the case of by-elections, where two candidates tie, the President shall have a casting vote.
- (g) Shall present an Annual Report at the Annual General meeting.
- In the absence of both the President and the Vice President the Association shall appoint a pro tem President.

2. 1st VICE PRESIDENT

- (a) Shall assist the President in the execution of his/her functions as outlined in Article thirteen (1) above.
- (b) Shall exercise all authorities conferred on the President where the President is absent, but shall not execute the function outlined in Article Thirteen (1) above, unless so authorized in writing by the President or backed by the General House.
- (c) Shall in the event of incapacitation of the President, due to resignation, dismissal, insanity, or death, the Vice-President shall act as President until a new President is elected at a subsequent Annual General meeting.

2nd VICE PRESIDENT

As in 2(a) above.

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- (b) Shall exercise the authority conferred on the President in the absence of the President and Vice President.

4. SECRETARY

- (a) Shall keep record of all the Association's deliberations and functions, and shall read same at the Annual General Meeting.
- (b) Shall keep proper records of all Executive Meetings, and shall read the decisions of the Executives to the Annual General Meeting.
- (c) Shall convene, in consultation with President National conferences and Executive meetings.
- (d) Shall put up agenda for each meeting in full consultation with the President. This agenda shall appear in the notification paper/circular to be sent out to members.
- (e) Shall notify members of all meetings of the Association.
- (f) Shall perform all Secretarial duties of the Association
- (g) Shall be a signatory to the Association's Bank Account.

6.

- (a) Shall keep record of all the Association's deliberations and functions, and shall read same to the President for his/her signature before submission to the Treasurer for withdrawal of money.
- (b) Shall prepare agreement for all financial contacts undertaken by the Association.
- (c) Shall liaise fully with P.R.O and Social Secretary during Conferences and fund raising activities to ensure proper and accurate account of all proceeds.
- (d) Shall, in the absence of the Treasurer, keep the Association's purse until it can be made available to the Treasurer.
- (e) Shall be the custodian of the Association's money.
- (f) Shall receive monies from the Financial Secretary and issue corresponding receipts.
- (g) Shall accept, check and pay vouchers presented to him/her by the Financial Secretary which have been duly signed by the President, and shall issue corresponding receipts.
- (h) Shall keep an account book on money received and issued out.
- (i) Shall keep an imprest account of not more than five thousand naira (#5,000.00) at any moment.
- (j) Shall be one of the signatories to the Association's Bank Account.
- (k) Shall present an annual financial account at the Annual General meeting, or demand, by any Executive Meeting.

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TREASURER

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| FINANCIAL SECRETARY | <p>(a) Shall notify PEAN members of their financial obligations to the Association.</p> <p>(b) Shall collect dues, levies, donations and all other authorized fees of the Association, and pay same to the Treasurer within three days of collection.</p> <p>(c) Shall maintain a true and accurate account of</p> | <p>(d) Shall keep an account book on money received and issued out</p> <p>(e) Shall keep an imprest account of not more than five thousand naira (#5,000.00) at any moment.</p> <p>(f) Shall be one of the signatories to the Association's Bank Account.</p> <p>(g) Shall present an annual financial account at the Annual General meeting, or demand by any Executive Meeting.</p> |

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7. **EDITOR**

The Association's Journal, (NJEP), and other publications, shall be published by the Editor. To this end, the editor:

- (a) Shall accept member's articles during and between annual conferences for assessment as to publishability.
- (b) Shall accept the articles of members or non-PEAN's whose write-ups are judged to be of with the theme of the particular edition of NJEP in which the article is to be published.
- (c) Shall dispatch such articles to PEAN's appointed consulting editors or other scholars of repute known to the Editor.
- (d) Shall communicate as discreetly as possible the results of the editor's assessment to writers. If the result is favourable, acceptance of the article shall be made after payment of appropriate publication fee as fixed by the Association from time to time.
- (e) Shall arrange for the publication of journals and other publications as and when due.

8. **ASSISTANT SECRETARY**

Shall assist the Secretary in all his/her duties and act for him/her in his/her absence, except in 4(g) above.

9. **PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER/PUBLICITY SECRETARY**

- (a) Shall publicize the activities of the Association and project its image.
- (b) Shall carry out any other functions as may be assigned to him/her from time to time by the Association.

10. **SOCIAL SECRETARY**

Shall organize all social engagements of the Association.

Shall opt members to help him/her in organizing fund-raising activities and all social activities.

11. **BUSINESS MANAGER**

Shall arrange for the distribution and sales of published copies of NJEP both during and after Conferences.

Shall make appropriate returns of proceeds to the Financial Secretary.

ARTICLE FOURTEEN

The Executive

- 1. The officers named in Article Thirteen (1-11) above shall constitute the Executive body of the Association. In addition to 2 and 3 below:
 - 2. The immediate Past President shall be a member of the Executive body of the Association.
 - 3. The Patrons shall be Ex-Oficio members of the Executive body of the Association.

4. **THE EXECUTIVE:**

- (a) Shall hold executive meetings and when necessary.
- (b) Shall act on behalf of the Association in all cases of emergency.
- (c) Shall deal with all matters referred to them by the Annual General Meeting.

5. The Executive decisions shall normally be subject to approval or ratification by the General house at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Association at its subsequent meeting.

ARTICLE FIFTEEN

Ad-hoc Committee

1. Ad-hoc Committee/Sub Committee may be appointed by the Association as the need arises to handle specific issues.
2. The guidelines for their work shall be supplied by the Executive.
3. Ad-hoc committee/sub-committee shall report their activities to the Annual General Meeting.

Removal of an officer from Office

1. Any officer is liable to removal from office within the duration stipulated in Article Nine (3) (a) above.
2. An officer shall be removed from office if found guilty of corruption (e.g) embezzlement, or if found in the opinion of the Association to be inefficient and ineffective and no longer enjoys the confidence of the Association, or if found guilty of any other impropriety considered as militating against the interest of the Association.
3. An Officer shall be removed from office by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the General House during the Annual General Meeting, provided that during the meeting at least two-thirds (2/3) of the entire members of the Association are present.

ARTICLE SIXTEEN

Termination of Membership

1. A member shall lose his/her membership of the Association by:

- (a) Resignation
- (b) Expulsion, if a member is found guilty of any act considered prejudicial to the interest of the Association.
- (c) Also as stipulated in Articles Six, (c) above.

1. The circumstance under which a member shall be expelled shall be determined by the Annual General Meeting of the Association.
2. A member who wishes to resign shall do so in writing through the President.
3. A member who loses his/her membership by resignation or expulsion shall not be entitled to any refund or benefit.
4. The resigning officer shall not abandon his/her office till (a) his resignation is accepted by the General Meeting and (b) till he/she has surrendered all properties of the Association that are in his/her keeping.

ARTICLE SEVENTEEN

Auditors

1. Two auditors who are not members of the Executive may be appointed at the Annual General Meeting as the need arises.
2. The two auditors shall audit the accounts of the Association and submit their reports to the General House.

ARTICLE EIGHTEEN

Common Seal

1. The Association shall have a common seal which shall be in the custody of the Secretary.
2. The seal shall bear the symbol of a bald-headed man with a book in his hand imbibing wisdom.

ARTICLE NINETEEN

Social/benefits

Death

1. On the death of a member, the Association shall fully co-operate with the family of the deceased to ensure that a befitting burial is given to the deceased. In addition, a purse of not less than Ten Thousand Naira (#10,000.00) shall be presented to the bereaved family.

ARTICLE TWENTY

Amendments to the Constitution

1. This constitution shall be subject to amendment by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the General House at the Annual General Meeting.
2. Any amendment shall be circulated to all members at least a month to the Annual General Meeting.

Adopted at the 24th Annual Conference of PEAN held at the Cross River University of Technology, Calabar. (October 19th, 2006).