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PREFACE
WHEREAS, the Association was registered and Incorporated under Section 5(II) of the Land Perpetual Succession Act. Chap. 98 of the Laws of the Federal Republic of Nigeria in 1968, now therefore, needed to be revised, taking cognisance of recent developments, needs and aspirations of blind persons in Nigeria. It may interest the general public that the Nigeria Association of the Blind (NAB) is an Organisation that provides a forum for blind people to work together towards the Achievement of common goals and objectives. It is a voluntary organization that recognizes its Members as having common concerns. It shares the views of the United Nations, particularly the United Nations Convention on The Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD); African Union of the Blind (AFUB); World Blind Union (WBU); Disabled Persons International (DPI); International Labour Organisation (ILO) and Similar Bodies whose resolutions or instruments usher in the dawn of a new era of Full participation, Equality of opportunities and the total integration not only of blind persons but of other persons with disabilities. The NAB Constitution Review Committee hereby encourages all concerned that all effort should, therefore, be made to solve the problem of isolation, frustration, poverty and dependency facing blind and other persons with disabilities in the Community.
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ARTICLE 1:
NAME AND REGISTERED OFFICE:
(i) The name of the association shall be known as and called “The NIGERIA ASSOCIATION OF THE BLIND”.
(ii) The National Secretariat of the association shall be situated in any part of the federation regard being had to such factors as the availability of land for the purpose of construction of the said secretariat.
(iii) Notwithstanding the aforementioned, the President and other officers of the association shall be free to conduct the business of the Association from anywhere within the country which objective may be accomplished through the robust and appropriate use of modern information and communication solutions.
(iv) In furtherance of its objectives, the Association shall establish and maintain other offices in all the state capitals and local government headquarters.

ARTICLE 2:
The principal objectives of the Association shall include
(i) To promote good relationship among the Blind, and with all the governments of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, missionaries, other governmental and non-governmental organisations (NGOs) governing the welfare development of the blind throughout Nigeria And to work in close concert with organisations for the blind outside Nigeria
(ii) To educate the blind to cultivate a spirit of self-reliance and self-support, and to discourage all forms of street begging among the blind.
(iii) To encourage the training, rehabilitation and employment of people with visual impairment etc.
(iv) To facilitate procurement of relevant equipment for the education and training of persons with visual impairment
(v) To educate and inform the general public on the need to relate favourably on equal terms with persons with visual impairment.

ARTICLE 3:
MEMBERSHIP
(i) The membership of the Association shall be open to all totally blind or partially sighted persons in Nigeria, irrespective of tribe, age, colour, sex and religious inclination or educational background.
(ii) Corporate bodies working for the interests of the blind in Nigeria.
(iii) A member of the Association shall maintain his or her membership in the place of residence and could be transferred in the course of change in residence.
(iv) Membership of the Association shall be on the payment of registration fee to be determined by the executive committee (National, State or Local).
(v) All members shall participate fully in the affairs of the Association, and he/she shall refrain from any action which may bring the Association into disrepute.
(vi) The Association shall have the right to take disciplinary measures against any member for contravening any section of this Constitution and Association ethics after proper investigation provided that any member to be so disciplined shall have the right to fair hearing and appeal to the next higher organ of the Association.
ARTICLE 4:
RATE OF SUBSCRIPTION AND LEVY
(i) All members of the Association shall pay an annual subscription fee to be determined by the executive committee
(ii) The National Executive Committee, State and local Government chapters of the Association shall have the power to impose levies upon all members
(iii) All amounts realized from levies shall be accounted for in the same way as monthly or annual subscriptions.
(iv) If any member fails to pay his or her annual subscription for a period of 6 months, such a member shall forfeit the benefits of membership and will lose their membership if they fail to pay for another 6 months.

ARTICLE 5:
CONSTITUTION AND GOVERNANCE
(i) The Constitution shall be binding on all members of the association
(ii) Alterations and amendments to the Constitution by whatever process shall not be valid until they have been in conformity with the provisions of Articles 5 and 17.
(iii) Any branch or member shall have the right to propose for the amendment of the provisions of the Constitution provided the national secretariat is notified three months before the National Delegates Conference.
(iv) Subject to the overriding authority of this Constitution, any branch shall have the power to make supplementary rules for the smooth conduct of its internal affairs.
(v) Any supplementary rule which contradicts, derogates from or is inconsistent with the provisions of this Constitution shall to that extent be regarded as null and void and of no effect.
(vi) in the case of any breach of the provisions of the constitution, A member involved shall have the right to initiate action at his/her own expense
(a) where a state chapter is involved, a state chapter shall initiate action
(b) Where a Local Government Chapter is involved, the local chapter may initiate action
(vii) The government of the Association shall be vested in the following organs.
1. National Delegates Conference.
2. National Executive Committee (Made up of elected and appointed national officers. While the state chairpersons are to make up the zonal national officers.
4. State Executive Committee.
5. Local Government Chapters.
6. Special Interest Wings.
(viii) It shall be an offence for any member or official to apply the funds of the Association for any legal proceedings relating to his/her election or appointment into office in the Association.

ARTICLE 6:
NATIONAL DELEGATE CONFERENCE
(i) The supreme authority of the Association shall be vested in the National Delegates Conference.
(ii) The National Delegates Conference shall be composed of:
(a) National Elected Officers
(b) 5 delegates from each state of the federation and Abuja including at least 2 women and a youth; A chairperson and secretary of all states and Abuja shall form part of the delegation of 5b).
(c) Accredited representatives of corporate bodies as ex-officio delegates.
(d) The National Delegates Conference shall be held every four years from the last date of the previous conference, at a venue to be decided by the National Executive Committee or by the previous delegates conference, provided that the conference may be postponed by not more than two months from the conference date in the event of any serious emergency.
(e) A special delegates conference may however be held at such time and place as the National Executive Committee may decide to resolve major issues or by a resolution of 2/3 of the state committees forwarded to the national secretary who will inform the national president of the Association.
(f) Subject to the provisions of the constitution, the president shall have the power to summon an ordinary or special Delegates Conference.
(g) Each State branch of the Association shall constitute one constituency for the purpose of electing Delegates to the conference of the Association.
(h) To be eligible for nomination and election as a Delegate, a member must be a financial member of the Association for three consecutive years preceding his/her nomination and election, and must obtain a majority of votes of members present and voting at a meeting of the State Executive Committee convened for the purpose of electing Delegates.
(i) Voting in the election shall be by show of hands or by any other means as decided by 30% of the delegates present
(j) Only financially worthy members of the association shall have right to nominate candidates as delegates and to vote at the election of delegates.
(k) The name(s) of elected delegates shall be forwarded to the national headquarters of the Association not later than thirty (30) days before the conference.
(l) (a) all candidates attending the national delegates conference shall be screened at the state branches. Candidates wishing to stand election shall be screened by the electoral committee which shall be setup at the national delegate conference. The committee shall comprise six (6) persons, one from each of the geo-political zones of Nigeria.
(b) the electoral committee shall over see the conduct of the election; the committee shall also provide all necessary material for the smooth running of the election, screen all candidate and anyone who is deemed not qualified to contest in the election shall be debarred from contesting.
(m) The State Delegates Conference shall be composed of:
(i) State elected officers,
(ii) 5 members from each local government chapter including women and youth,
(iii) Accredited representatives of corporate bodies as ex-officio delegates.
(n) The State Delegates Conference shall be held every four years from the date of the last delegates conference, at a venue to be decided by the State Executive Committee or by the previous delegates conference, provided that the conference may be
postponed not more than two months from the date of the conference, in the event of any serious emergency the national secretariat of the Association shall be so informed.

(o) The Zonal coordinators, Directed by the National President, shall attend and supervise all election within their zone, sign documents relating to the election and make report to the National president

(p) zonal coordinators shall be elected at the National delegate conference by their zones

SECTION 2:
BUSINESS OF THE NATIONAL DELEGATES CONFERENCE

(i) Items for inclusion in the agenda of the National Delegates Conference from whatever source shall be forwarded to the national secretary to reach him not later than 30 days before the conference.

(ii) The National Executive Committee shall have the power to determine the items to be included in the agenda and the order of priority.

(iii) The president shall preside over the conference and in his absence the vice, in the absence of the vice, any of the six zonal coordinators shall be appointed by the conference.

(iv) Only delegates to the conference shall be eligible to vote and be voted

(v) The business of the conference shall be the consideration and determination of internal questions of policy affecting the members of the Association, reports from national and state officers and all matters included in the agenda including the election of the new officers including any other business.

(vi) Matters not included in the agenda shall not be raised, except with the express permission of majority of the delegates present and voting on the issue.

(vii) Any staff of the Association may have the right to speak at the conference but not to vote.

(viii) In furtherance of the business of the conference, the conference shall have power to set up committees for detailed examination or investigation of any issue. Such committees shall report back to the conference in session for modification, ratification or any action it may deem fit.

(ix) The business of the State Delegates Conference shall be the same as that of National Delegates Conference as contained in Article 6 section 2 (vii). The state chairman and secretary shall exercise powers, at State Delegates Conference similar to those of the president and national secretary as in Article 6 section 2, paragraphs (1) and (iii).

ARTICLE 7:
NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

(i) The Association shall be administered in between National Delegates Conference by the National Executive Committee in accordance with this Constitution.

(ii) The National Executive Committee shall consist of all elected and appointed National Officers.

(iii) The National Executive Committee shall meet twice a year, on dates and venue to be decided by the president or the previous meeting of the National Executive Committee or.
(iv) An extraordinary meeting of the National Executive Committee may be convened on the directive of the president or the National executive Committee or on the written demand of at least 2/3 of existing state branches, in which case the national executive shall be compelled to convene such an extraordinary meeting within 60 days on the receipt of the last demand for such meeting. Any decision reached at such a meeting shall be binding on all members of the Association and organs.

(v) Items for inclusion in the agenda of the committee from whatever source shall be forwarded to the national secretary to reach him or her not later than thirty (30) days before the meting of the Committee.

(vi) The national secretary in consultation with the president shall have the power to determine the items to be included in the agenda and order of priority.

(vii) The president shall preside over the meeting of the Committee, and in his absence, the vice-president. In the absence of the president and the vice-President any of the zonal coordinators appointed by the National Executive Committee shall preside

(viii) It shall be the duty of the National Executive Committee to:

(a) Guide and further the interest of members of the Association
(b) Implement the policies determined by the National Delegate Conference
(c) Ensure proper and strict observance of the rules of the Association by members both individually and collectively
(d) Safeguard the funds of the Association
(e) Set up such departments or committees as it may deem necessary for the smooth and orderly conduct of the affairs of the Association
(f) Issue directives for proper governance and administration of the affairs of the Association.
(g) Perform such other functions as may promote the objects of the Association.
(h) Take appropriate disciplinary action against all erring officers and members of the Association.

(i) Every question at any meeting of National Executive Committee shall be decided by a majority vote of members present cast by a show of hands or by any other means as may be decided by members present.
(j) No officer or member of the National Executive Committee shall be entitled to take part in any discussion or to vote in any matter in which he or she is personally interested otherwise than as a member of the Association.

(k) In the event of an inclusive decision by The National Executive Committee the matter shall be refer to the National Delegate conference for any action it may deem necessary.

(i) The National Executive Committee shall have power to carry out enquiry and investigation into the activities of the association at the national, state and local chapter levels provided that the actions taken by the NEC shall not violate the provisions of this constitution

(ii) The National Executive Committee shall have power to fill vacant elective posts.

ARTICLE 8:
STATE executive COMMITTEES

(i) There shall be a State executive Committee in every state of the federation
(ii) The membership of State Executive Committee shall consist of the state elected officers, national officers within the state, one representative each of women and youth; immediate past chairperson and accredited corporate bodies in the state shall act as ex-officio

(iii) It shall be the duty of the Committee to coordinate the activities of the State and Local Chapters within the State, promote co-operation amongst local government chapter within its jurisdiction and implement and generally strengthen the association in the state.

(iv) The State Executive Committee shall meet twice a year or a maximum of three times in a year on dates and venues to be decided by the state chairman or by the previous meeting. An extraordinary meeting of the State Executive Committee (SEC) shall be called by the chairman, or where he/she fails to do so, one-third of the state executive Committee members.

(v) The State Executive Committee shall report to the National Executive Committee from time to time.

(vi) The State Executive Committee shall have the power to appoint and promote staff

(vii) The State Executive Committee shall consider and approve the draft budget presented to it at the annual meeting.

(viii) All decisions of the State Executive Committee (SEC) that are consistent with the provisions of this Constitution and which do not undermine or violate decisions and policies of the NEC shall be binding on members and organs of the Association in the state.

(ix) In accordance with section iv of article 9, 1/3 of State Executive Committee members shall call for emergency/extraordinary meeting State Executive Committee meeting. Where such a request is received, the state committee shall summon a meeting within 21 days. Where the State committee fails to call the meeting, the national president, shall in consultation with the respective zonal coordinator direct the state Executive committee to summon the State Executive Committee meeting and the national president or the zonal coordinator shall attend the meeting. All decisions reached at the meeting shall be binding on all members of the state organs of the Association.

(x) The State Executive Committee shall have power to fill vacant elective posts.

ARTICLE 9:
LOCAL GOVERNMENT CHAPTERS
(i) There shall be a chapter of the Association in each local government of the federation.

(ii) The local government chapter shall be composed of: all blind and visually impaired blind and partially sighted persons within the local government

The power to establish a branch or dissolve an existing one shall be vested in the State Executive Committee; the power to dissolve a branch shall not be exercised unless for persistent violation of the Constitution of the Association

(i) It shall be the business of the chapter to see to the proper organisation of the Association at the grassroots, to represent the members in appropriate cases, and to follow the directives of higher organs of the Association in the conduct of its affairs for the good of the Association.
(ii) The meeting of the chapter shall be conducted in chapter meeting presided over by the local government chapter chairperson.
(iii) On dissolution a local government chapter, its assets and liabilities shall be vested in the state chapter of the Association.
(iv) The local government chapter committee of the Association shall meet quarterly. Copies of minutes of such meeting shall be deposited with the state secretariat to enable the state executive assess the functioning of the local chapter committee.
(v) The local government chapter executive committee shall hold its delegates conference every four years.
(vi) Representative of the state executive committee shall supervise the elections into the local government chapter committee.
(vii) The local government chapter executive committee shall have the power to fill vacant posts in the local chapter committee.
(viii) A meeting of the local executive committee may be convened by the State Executive Committee for the purpose of dissolving or electing new officers into the local executive committee on the request of 2/3 of members in such chapter.

ARTICLE 10:
LIST OF ELECTED OFFICERS
The principal officers of the Association shall include,
(i) National President, National Vice President, Zonal Coordinators: North-East, North-West, North-Central, South-East, South-West and South-South zones. The National Secretary, Assistant National Secretary, National Treasurer, National Public Relations Officer, Women leader and youth leader
(ii) State: State Chairpersons, State deputy chairpersons, senatorial coordinators, State Secretary, state Assistant Secretaries, State Treasurers, State Public Relations Officer, women leader and youth leader.
(iii) Local Government Chapter: Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, Public Relations Officer, Women leader and youth leader.

ARTICLE 11:
OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES
(i) National president:
(ii) (a) The National President shall preside at all National conferences and National Meetings of the National Executive Committee and The President shall be responsible for the proper conduct of the business of all meetings she/he presides over. She/He shall sign the minutes.
(b) She/He shall together with the national Secretary and treasurer sign vouchers, cheques for payments approved by the National Executive Committee.
(c) The President shall see to the smooth running of the association and be in close touch with the activities of the Secretariat and perform all other duties pertaining to the office of the President.

(ii) The National Vice President:
(a) The National Vice President shall perform the duties of the President in his/her absence.
(b) He/She shall perform such other duties as maybe assigned to him or her by the National President and National Executive Committee.

(iii) Zonal Coordinators:

(a) The Zonal Coordinators apart from performing delegated assignments to them by the National President shall oversee the activities of the Association in their respective zones.
(b) the zonal coordinators shall also organize meetings at the zonal levels at least twice a year.

(iv) The National Secretary:
(a) shall take and Keep accurate records of all National meetings. (b) shall attend to all correspondence addressed to the Association, and shall report from time to time to the National President.
(c) shall together with the other officers of the Association ensure that the affairs of the Association are carried out in accordance with the provisions of this Constitution and the law of the land.
(d) shall faithfully carry out the decisions of the National Delegates conference and National Executive Committee.
(e) shall consult the national president and other officers of the Association regularly with all other organs of the Association.
(f) He shall after consultation with the national president, send out notice of meetings of the association.

(v) Assistant National Secretary:
(a) The Assistant National Secretary shall act for the National Secretary in his/her absence.
(b) He/she shall assist the National secretary generally and discharge all duties that maybe assigned to him/her by the national secretary.

(vi) National Treasurer:
(a) He/she shall receive monies on behalf of the association, and within 7 days, pay same to the bank and keep a true and accurate record of all receipts and expenditure as required by this Constitution, and the law of the land.
(b) shall comply with any regulations made by the National Executive Committee to safe-guard the funds of the Association on the authorization of the National Executive Committee Provided that such disbursements shall be covered by a voucher duly signed and countersigned by the president and secretary of the Association prior to disbursements of the fund.
(c) shall prepare and present annual financial reports to the National Executive Committee in accordance with the law governing public institutions.
(d) shall ensure that all account books, documents, cheques, bills and savings passbooks etc. are kept in the national secretariat. He shall surrender all the monies,
account books, documents, cheques, etc. in his possession if requested to do so by the National Executive Committee

(vii) National Public Relations Officer:
(a) Shall publicise all the activities of the Association as could be directed by the National President or National Executive Committee,
(b) shall be the spokesperson of the Association after resolutions reached by the various organs of the Association on matters affecting the association and relate with friends of the Association and the press in general. Shall serve as a mediator between the association and its publics

ARTICLE 12:
SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS
The Association shall have power to appoint specialists to facilitate its objectives. This shall include
(a) A Grand patron who would be appointed by the National Executive Committee
(b) Twelve patrons, two from each of the six zones which should include women.
(c) Special adviser on research, planning and implementation.
(d) Board of trustees.
(e) Secretariat staff and committees.

ARTICLE 13:
TENURE OF ELECTED OFFICERS
All elected officers shall serve for a period of four years or two consecutive terms and cannot hold any position in the immediate next round of tenure only on any particular post. No 2 of these 3 positions shall come from the same Zone i.e. National president, National secretary, National treasurer, All other organs of the Association shall endeavour to allocate in the same proportion the key officers within its environment as applicable.

ARTICLE 14:
FINANCE
The Association shall derive its finances through membership subscriptions, levies, donations, budgetary allocation from governments and non-governmental organisation internally and internationally, launchings etc.
(i) Each state Chapter shall pay the sum of N3, 000 to the national headquarters as annual dues.
(ii) The national secretariat shall retain 60 percent of federal government allocation and share 40 percent of same to states.
(iii) All levies shall be retained by the respective organs.
(iv) The funds of the Association which are not required for recurrent expenses shall on the directive of the National Executive Committee be invested by and in the name of the Association. In such public stock, government securities or other funds as the National Executive Committee may deem fit provided that at least 60 percent of the funds shall be invested in gilt-edged securities
ARTICLE 15:
NOMINAL ROLE
The Association shall keep a nominal role of all her members throughout the federation at the national headquarters and at other headquarters of its lower organs. All registered members of the Association shall be issued with an identity card.

ARTICLE 16:
QUORUM
(i) The quorum for all executive meetings shall be 1/2 of qualified members.
(ii) 1/2 of all registered members shall constitute a quorum to conduct business at the National and State Conventions and other major meetings of the Association;
Provided That any resolution at such meetings will not be deemed to have been passed unless such resolution is supported by 2/3 of the votes of those present and sitting.

ARTICLE 17:
AMENDMENTS OF RULES
The National Delegates Conference shall have power to alter, vary, add to or by any means amend these rules only by 2/3 majority of members present at the conference.

ARTICLE 18:
OATH OF OFFICE
The elected officers of the association shall not begin to perform the functions of their respective offices until they have first taken and subscribed to an oath of office as prescribed in the schedule to the Constitution of this Association

ARTICLE 19:
BENEFITS
The Association shall provide to members in need, various social and financial benefits when necessary and where possible.

ARTICLE 20:
CODE OF ETHICS
Although the primary objective of this Association is to enhance the improved living condition of the Association members and their dependants, they are basically an integral part of society and cannot realistically be considered outside it.
1. Upon the failure on the part of any member or official of this Association to observe any of the provisions in this Constitution, he or she shall be liable to any disciplinary action as might be decided by the appropriate body of the Association constituted for the purpose. The minimum qualification to stand and hold any office shall be a minimum of SSCE or its equivalent except in the case of secretary which shall be a minimum of National Diploma (ND) or its equivalent.
2. MEMBERSHIP RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES:
   (i) Each member of this Association shall have the right to full and free participation in the government of the Association at all levels. This should include the right: (a) To vote periodically, as provided in the Constitution for all organs of the Association. To stand for and hold office, subject only to fair and reasonable qualifications uniformly imposed.
(ii) Disciplinary procedures should contain all the elements of fair play, and the rule of natural justice, that is, notice, hearing and judgment on the basis of evidence should be observed. A method of appeal to a higher body should be provided to ensure that judgments are not the result of prejudice or bias.

(iii) Each member has the responsibility fully to exercise his or her membership of the Association, as well as a duty of loyalty to the Association. The right of an individual member to criticise the policies of any officers of the Association at any level does not include the right to undermine the Association as a collective social body for the blind, or to carry and slander or libel on any official of the Association.

3. PENALTY FOR BREACH
Sanctions for breaches of the code shall be a fine, suspension/removal from membership, office. The amount of fine and the appropriate penalty shall be left at the discretion of committees/President.

4. REMOVAL OF NATIONAL AND STATE OFFICERS
   (i) A national or state officer shall be removed from office by 2/3 majority vote of qualified members of the respective Executive Committee provided that the officer(s) removed shall have the right to fair hearing.
   (ii) Pursuant to (i) above, the officer(s) removed shall have the right to appeal to the appropriate delegates conference.
   (iii) The National Executive Committee shall have the right to dissolve any lower organ of the Association found to have violated the provisions of this Constitution, and cause a caretaker committee to be established in the interim to serve not exceeding six months pending the next election to be organised by the President.
   (iv) Whatever property acquired in the name of the Association from whatever source shall be property of the Association nationally.

ARTICLE 21:
TRUSTEES
(1) The trustees of the Association, for the purposes of the companies and allied matters Act No. 1 of 1990 part C shall be appointed at a general meeting by two-third majority votes of members present.
(2) Such trustees (hereinafter referred to as “the Trustees”) shall be drawn from the six geo-political zones and shall not be less than six (6) or more than ten(10) in number and shall be known as THE REGISTERED TRUSTEES OF THE NIGERIA ASSOCIATION OF THE BLIND.
(3) The trustees shall hold office for life, but a trustee shall cease to hold office if he/she:
   (a) Resigns his/her office;
   (b) Ceases to be a member of the REGISTERED TRUSTEES OF THE NIGERIA ASSOCIATION OF THE BLIND;
   (c) Becomes insane;
   (d) Is officially declared bankrupt;
   (e) Is convicted of a criminal offence involving dishonesty by a court of competent jurisdiction;
   (f) Is recommended for removal from office by a majority vote of members present at the Congress or any general meeting of the Association;
   (g) Ceases to reside in Nigeria.
(4) Upon a vacancy occurring in the post of trustees, replacement of eligible persons shall be made by the Congress at the Delegate Conference;
(5) the trustees shall have power to accept and hold in trust any land belonging to the association and to acquire and hold land on behalf of the association subject to such conditions imposed thereof;
(6) The trustees shall not interfere with the affairs of the Association; but if it appears to them, at any time, that the interest of the Association justifies such a course of action on their part, they may request the Executive to convene an extraordinary meeting of the Association, and if the Executive fails to do so within 30 days, the trustees may themselves convene a special meeting by giving 30 days notice of their intention to do so signed by them and specifying the objectives of the meeting.

ARTICLE 21:
COMMON SEAL:
(1) The Association shall have a common seal; such common seal shall be kept in the custody of the national Secretary who shall produce it when required for use, by the trustees;
(2) All documents to be executed by the trustees shall be signed by any five of them and sealed with common seal.

SCHEDULE
OATH OF OFFICE:
I ---- do solemnly swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to the NIGERIA ASSOCIATION OF THE BLIND;
That as ---- of the Association, I will discharge my duties to the best of my ability, faithfully, honestly and in accordance with the Constitution of the NIGERIA ASSOCIATION OF THE BLIND and always in the best interest of the Association;
That I will strive to preserve the aims and objectives of the Association contained in the Constitution of the Association;
That I will to the best of my ability preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the NIGERIA ASSOCIATION OF THE BLIND and I will devote myself fully to the service and well-being of the ASSOCIATION;
So help me God.

Signed:
David U. Okon,
National President,
Date: January 1 2011.