

Constitution

of

**Nigeria Diaspora Youth
Coalition
(NDYC)**

North America

ARTICLE I

Name

This Organisation shall be known as Nigeria Diaspora Youth Organization , otherwise known as:

“NDYC”

ARTICLE II

NDYC is a social, economic, and political organization design to:

1. To promote the spirit of patriotism amongst Nigerian youths in diaspora and to encourage their participation in the affairs of Nigeria and her development.
2. To promote civic and social justice advocacy in Nigeria.
3. To ensure that the views and voices of Nigerian youth are heard in order to advance their rights and take part in decision-making within the community.
4. The Organization shall serve as a networking apparatus amongst Nigerians living in North America and elsewhere as well as with community groups, voluntary organisations, government departments, statutory and non-statutory authorities, businesses, individuals and all other organisations, and in particular based on pressing social, economic, democratic and cultural issues in Nigeria.
5. The organization shall organize an annual conference and a suitable time and venue, as agreed by the members.

ARTICLE III

Membership

- A. The organization is open to all Nigerian youths residing in North America.
- B. The age range for membership shall be 18-45 years old.
- C. The organization shall not discriminate against any person on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, creed, disability, marital status, political opinions or affiliations, or veteran status.

D. Dues: 50 and above.

E. Membership allows one to vote and join a committee. Membership will be renewed by registration at the beginning of each fiscal year.

F. Removal of Members

Grounds for removal of members include:

- a. Violation of public Policy
- b. Violation of the organization's Code of Conduct

A member may be removed by the following process:

1. A petition shall be submitted to the President containing the signatures of at least 20% of the voting members. When such a petition is received, the President shall call a meeting of the organization to decide on removal.
2. The grounds for removal are to be presented by the President at a regular or special meeting of the organization.
3. The member in question shall be provided one week to present a defense either in person or in writing.
4. A 2/3 majority vote of the voting membership shall decide upon removal, with voting not to occur sooner than one week after the presentation of the grounds and defense have been made. There must be a quorum for the vote of removal.

ARTICLE IV

National Responsibilities

All members recognize that they are part of the NDYC community, and that as such, they are subject to the rules and regulations set forth in the Code of Conduct, as well as national, state and city laws.

ARTICLE V

Funding

The organization will have a treasurer designated as the party responsible for finances. All monies raised through organization allocations, dues, donations, or fundraisers are acknowledged. No monies associated with this organization will be held in accounts outside the organization.

ARTICLE VI

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

- The Board of Trustees shall be made up of the founding fathers
- The Board of trustees shall meet at the initial stage of the association to elect the principal officers of the association
- The board of trustees shall have the power to override the president and other elected official with a $\frac{2}{3}$ majority
- The responsibility to elect principal officers of the association shall shift to the general house as membership of the association grows.

ARTICLE VII

Officers

The officers of this organization shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer.

ARTICLE VIII

Elections

Section 1: Members- Members in good standing shall comprise the electorate. Each member of the electorate shall be entitled to vote.

ARTICLE IX

Duties of Officers

Section 1: Duties and responsibilities of the President.

- A. Be the chief executive of the organization
- B. Preside over meetings of the organization
- C. Serve as the liaison between the organization and the administrative offices.
- D. Call special meetings of the organization
- E. Meet with advisors
- F. Take care that this constitution and the laws of the body are faithfully executed.
- G. Perform any administrative power or duty not provided for in this constitution

Section 2: Duties and Responsibilities of the Vice President

- A. Exercise presidential duties in absence of the president
- B. Assume presidential office upon vacancy
- C. Appoint staff aides as deemed necessary
- D. Make sure event registration forms and program report forms are completed and updated

Section 3: Duties and Responsibilities of the Treasurer

- A. Keep complete and accurate account of the organizations funds
- B. Sign requisitions for organization funds
- C. Prepare the annual budget request packet with the president
- D. Report to the President and the Board of directors

Section 4: Duties and Responsibilities of the Secretary

- A. Take minutes at organization meetings
- B. Maintain complete and accurate records of all organization meetings.
- C. Maintain and update the organisation website
- D. Issue press release approved by the Board of Directors
- E. Report to the President

ARTICLE X

Vacancy of Office

Section 1: President- In the event that the president position becomes vacant; such vacancy shall be filled by the succession of the Vice-President.

Section 2: In the event that the positions of the Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer become vacant (chose one)

- a. The members elect the new officer.
- b. The President appoints the officer and $\frac{2}{3}$ of the members would need to approve.

ARTICLE XI

Removal of Officers

Grounds for removal of an officer include:

1. Violation of organization's code of conduct and public policy
2. Consistent failure to perform the duties of the office as set forth in the constitution and bylaws of the organization. Consistency here would be determined by the majority of members.
3. Failure to uphold the provisions of this constitution and bylaws.
4. Declaration of Incapacity. Motions to declare Incapacity of an Officer shall require the same removal process as other petitions for removal, as stated in this constitution.

An officer may be removed by the following process:

1. A petition to remove the officer in question must be submitted to another officer. Such a petition must contain the signature of at least 20% of the voting members of the organization. When such a petition is received the officer shall call a meeting of the organization to decide upon removal.
2. The grounds for removal are to be presented by the officer in charge at a regular or special meeting of the organization.
3. The officer in question shall be provided one week to present a defense either in person or in writing.
4. A 2/3 majority vote of the voting membership shall decide upon removal, with voting not to occur sooner than one week after the presentation of the grounds and defense have been made. There must be a quorum for the vote of removal.
5. Duly removed officers are to embark on any undue retaliatory action aimed at soiling the image of the organization.

ARTICLE XII

Advisors

Section 1: This organization will have numerous advisors, as to be determined by the members as presented by a resolution.

Section 2: Duties and responsibilities of the Advisor(s)

1. Be available to all members for consultation for advice, counsel, and as a resource
2. Meet regularly with officers of the organization.
3. Attend organization's meetings and activities

ARTICLE XIII

Amendments

- After deliberation of proposed amendments it shall be tabled until the next meetings, at which time it will be brought up for vote. A 2/3 majority will be required to pass amendments.
- Any amendments will be added following Article XIII. If there is a change of earlier articles, they will supersede the previous conditions. There is no need to continually change the document.

ARTICLE XIV

Affiliations

Section 1: This section of the constitution should indicate whether or not the group is affiliated with any state, regional, or national association, and whether members will have to pay them dues.]

ARTICLE XV

Miscellaneous

Section 1: Hierarchy of Law- The provisions of this Constitution are governed by and subordinate to the constitution and laws of the State of Texas as well as the policies of the Board of Trustees of Nigeria Diaspora Youth Coalition.

Authorized signatures:

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