

Igbere Progressive Association International, Inc.

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AMENDMENTS TO THE IPAI CONSTITUTION - 2009

1. **PURPOSE**

The purpose for which the Association is formed is as follows:

A. To promote charitable, educational and scientific activities, and to develop and operate community-based services for Igbere people and others. The association shall be strictly socio-cultural, non-political, and non-religious. The Association will use methods consistent with the organization's non-profit, charitable, educational and scientific purpose as the directors may advise from time to time, all for the purpose of securing for the people the same basic rights as all other citizens of the world.

2. Article III, Section 2: **Registration and Dues**

Membership registration shall be \$50 (subject to change) and annual dues shall be \$120. However, annual dues shall commence from the month of initial registration.

3. Article V (d) - **Death of a Member**

If an immediate family member of an active member dies, the donation to the deceased immediate family shall be \$300.00. Immediate family member is defined to include any of the following: child, mother, father, and spouse.

4. Article VIII (b) – **Officers of the association**

All Igbere indigenes (son, or daughter or wife) that are active in IPAI shall require no sponsorship of any kind to run for elective offices. They simply have to be in good financial standing in both their local chapter, and in IPAI to qualify to vote or be voted for in IPAI election.

5. Article X, Section 1 (c) – **Board of Directors**

The National President shall appoint one person of his\her choice to the Board of Directors and the rest member of the BOD shall be elected by simple majority vote during election. The Board of Directors shall serve a term of 4 years. No Board of Directors member shall also serve as the President or Secretary of any IPAI Branch/Chapter. Any board member, who becomes financially inactive, shall be removed from office.

Functions of the President and Board of Directors' Oversight:

1. The President shall brief the Board of Directors quarterly on the state of the Association.
2. BUDGET Approval
 - a. It is the responsibility of the Financial Committee to prepare the IPAI budget proposal and present same to the Executive Committee, who shall then submit their approved proposed budget to the BOD for final approval, no later than three months from the commencement of its administration.
 - b. The Board shall complete all deliberations of the proposal and communicate approval, or disapproval, or any request for specific additional information on aspects of, or the entire budget to the president not later than one calendar month following the receipt of the initial proposal.
 - c. In the event that the executive is unable to complete and submit a draft budget proposal to the board as stipulated in (2a) above, the President shall notify the Board Chairman at least one month prior to the expiration of the 3-month timeline and shall decide, at its discretion, on an **extension for submission of proposal**, not exceeding one month, to allow the executive to overcome the adduced reasons and circumstances.

Benefits

- a. Once a person is registered he/she is entitled to all the benefits as well without conditions.
- b. Any member who attains the age of seventy (70) shall be exempted from paying all statutory dues and levies.

2009 IPAI CONSTITUTION REVIEW COMMITTEE

The following people reviewed the IPAI constitution prior to its debate, vote and ratification:

1. Chidi O. Ogbonnaya (Texas) – Chair
2. Maduka Egbuta Ogbuonye (United Kingdom)
3. Charmaine Elesie Eke (Canada)
4. Akachukwu Igu (Pacific Coast) &
5. Dick U. Ijioma (Southeast)