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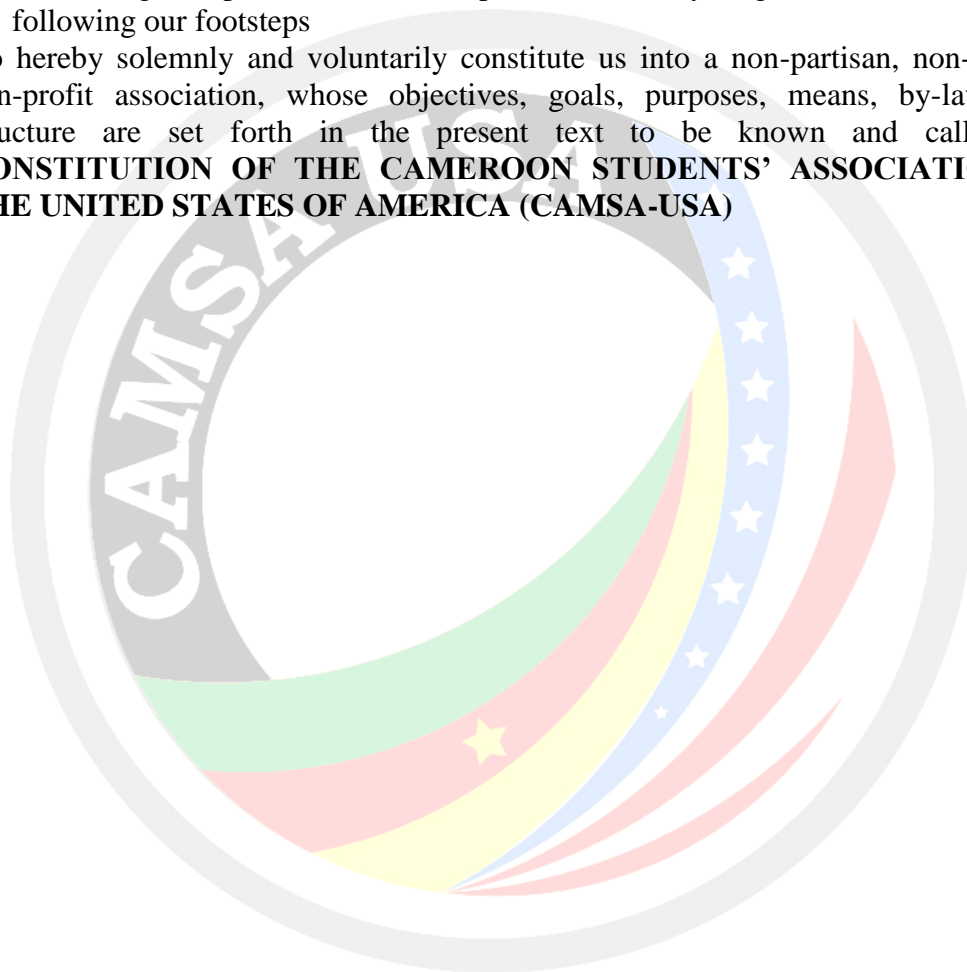
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PREAMBLE

We, the Cameroonian students residing in the United States of America,

- Conscious of our individual as well as collective duties and responsibilities at home and abroad,
- Mindful of our obligation to foster unity, solidarity, peace and harmony both in this our host country, the USA, and in our dear fatherland, the Republic of Cameroon,
- Mindful of our challenges as students and our need to work together for our common good, professional development and our younger brothers and sisters following our footsteps

Do hereby solemnly and voluntarily constitute us into a non-partisan, non-violent, non-profit association, whose objectives, goals, purposes, means, by-laws and structure are set forth in the present text to be known and called the **CONSTITUTION OF THE CAMEROON STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (CAMSA-USA)**



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CHAPTER I: IDENTIFICATION

ARTICLE 1: Name

The association shall be known and called the “CAMEROON STUDENTS’ ASSOCIATION IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA” hereafter referred to as **CAMSA-USA** or as the Association.

ARTICLE 2: Motto

The motto of CAMSA-USA shall be: “**UNITY, SERVICE, PROGRESS.**”

ARTICLE 3: Objectives

The objectives of CAMSA-USA shall be:

- (i) To address challenges facing Cameroonian students in the United States by organizing programs, forums to help promote professional and career development and enhance opportunities for academic success.
- (ii) To address concerns and problems facing Cameroonian students in the United states by serving as a voice representing them and acting as liaison to appropriate authorities including, but not limited to the Embassy of Cameroon to the United States
- (iii) To promote cooperation between American educational institutions and educational institutions in Cameroon for the mutual benefit and development of our brothers and sisters back home and here in the United States
- (iv) To promote in Cameroon the awareness of the opportunities, possibilities, and potential of the American educational system
- (v) To foster unity, friendship and comradeship among Cameroonians in the USA
- (vi) To contribute in an organized manner to the economic, cultural, and social development of our fatherland, Cameroon
- (vii) To develop friendship and understanding through cultural interaction and communication among ourselves as well as with students of other origins, nationalities or cultures
- (viii) To promote amongst ourselves the constant awareness of the realities of life back in Cameroon, particularly by affording our children the means of becoming acquainted and identifying with the culture of their ancestral fatherland
- (ix) To obtain for our membership the services, benefits, and advantages that a united and strong student body might be able to achieve particularly through the formal representation of the interests of our members and membership wherever and whenever the need may be
- (x) To collaborate with other organizations of Cameroon, Africa, and the rest of the World, operating in the USA or elsewhere, which share similar problems, concerns, goals or objectives with us, with a view to presenting concerted positions in matters of common interest to our respective organizations.

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ARTICLE 4: Composition

CAMSA-USA shall be comprised of individual persons, eligible for membership as stipulated by this constitution, registering directly by themselves or, preferably, indirectly through a Local Chapter, with the association's central organ the National Executive Committee.



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CHAPTER II: MEMBERSHIP

ARTICLE 5: Categories

There shall be three categories of membership in CAMSA-USA: Full Membership, Associate Membership and Honorary membership

ARTICLE 6: Full Members

Section 6 – 1: Full membership shall be open to Cameroonians residing in the United States of America (USA) and enrolled in an educational institution in the USA

Section 6 – 2: Individuals seeking full membership shall have the responsibility of showing proof of their enrollment in an educational institution either by a valid and current student identification card or a letter from qualified school official verifying their enrollment

Section 6 – 3: Any individual seeking Full membership shall do so through a Local Chapter

ARTICLE 7: Associate Members

Section 7 – 1: Associate membership shall be open to Cameroonians who are not Full members but are former or aspiring students in an educational institution in the USA

Section 7 – 2: Any individual seeking Associate membership shall do so through a Local Chapter

ARTICLE 8: Honorary Members

Section 8 – 1: Honorary membership shall be open exclusively upon invitation of the CAMSA-USA National Executive Committee (NEC), acting on its own initiative or upon the recommendation of a Local Chapter, to persons who have outstandingly demonstrated that they are capable of and willing to provide intellectual, civic, and/or material encouragement, inspiration, guidance, counsel, support, and/or patronage to the Association

Section 8 – 2: Current CAMSA members cannot be candidates for Honorary membership.

Section 8 – 3: Honorary membership shall be reviewed and approved by the Judiciary Committee

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ARTICLE 9: Membership – Obligations

Section 9 – 1: Full and Associate Membership in CAMSA-USA shall be effective after verification of eligibility and upon the payment of a Membership Registration Fee, the amount that shall have been set by the CAMSA Local Chapters

Section 9 – 2: Full and Associate Membership shall be validated on an annual basis by the payment of a Membership Validation Fee, the amount that shall have been set by the CAMSA Local Chapters

Section 9 – 3: Full members shall notify their CAMSA Local Chapters of any changes in their status as students especially those that will affect their membership (termination of course of study or non-enrollment for any other reason) or transfers from one institution to another

Section 9 – 4: Associate members shall notify their CAMSA Local Chapters of any changes in their status as students especially those that will affect their membership (debut of course of study or enrollment for any other reason)

ARTICLE 10: Membership – Rights and Privileges

Section 10 – 1: All registered members shall be entitled to proof of membership preferably in the form of CAMSA-USA Membership Cards, stating their membership status. This shall be used for identification purposes and verification of eligibility for enjoyment of other rights and privileges as stipulated by this constitution

Section 10 – 2: All validated members shall have their validation reflected in their membership cards for the specified period

Section 10 – 3: All registered Full and Associate members shall be entitled to participate in and vote at CAMSA-USA National Conventions

Section 10 - 4: All validated members shall have the right to nominate, second a nomination, table or second a motion, demand, claim, or receive any service, activity, favor, or benefit provided by, for, or on behalf of, or in the name of CAMSA-USA

Section 10 – 5: Associate members shall not be eligible to accept nomination for any office in the National Executive Committee. They may, however, nominate or second nominations of Full members for office, and vote at CAMSA-USA conventions

Section 10 – 6: Honorary members may receive service, activity, favor, or benefit provided by, or on behalf of, or in the name of CAMSA-USA, with the exception of voting, nominating, or candidacy for office rights, as deemed appropriate in honor of their membership status by the National Executive Committee

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ARTICLE 11: Membership – General Discipline

Section 11 – 1: Any member whose conduct becomes incompatible with or detrimental to the spirit, goals, purposes, objectives, rules, regulations or policies of the Association shall be subjected to such disciplinary action as shall be deemed necessary or appropriate by the National Executive Committee or the Judiciary Committee

Section 11 – 2: The following sanction, in ascending order of gravity, may be applied by the corresponding authorities.

- (a) Written warning – National President
- (b) Suspension from the Association for up to six (6) months –National Executive Committee subject to review by the Judiciary Committee
- (c) Suspension from the Association for up to twelve (12) months –Judiciary Committee
- (d) Suspension from the Association for more than twelve (12) months – Judiciary Committee
- (e) Expulsion from the Association – National Convention (National Assembly and National Convention Committee) or Judiciary Committee

ARTICLE 12: Membership – Loss of Membership

Section 12 – 1: Membership may be lost by resignation, expulsion, or death

Section 12 – 2: In case of loss of membership, the Association shall not be liable for the refund of any dues already received

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CHAPTER III: STRUCTURE

ARTICLE 13: Organs

The following four (4) permanent organs shall run the CAMSA-USA

- (A) Local Chapters
- (B) The National Executive Committee
- (C) The Judiciary Committee
- (D) The National Convention also referred to in this constitution as the Convention

A: LOCAL CHAPTERS

ARTICLE 14: Function and Composition

Section 14 – 1: Local Chapters shall be the basic organizational unit of the Association at the local level

Section 14 – 2: Local Chapters shall comprise any (number of) persons eligible for CAMSA-USA membership, grouping themselves for the purpose of being or becoming part of CAMSA-USA

Section 14 – 3: Local Chapter elections for office shall be held at least once a year

ARTICLE 15: Submission to National Authority

A Local Chapter need not have a distinct constitutional document. It may simply choose to adopt for its purposes this National Constitution. However, if it does have a separate and distinct constitutional document, its provisions must:

- (a) Be compatible with those of the present National Constitution with its goals and purpose consistent with that of the Association
- (b) Acknowledge the higher authority of National Organs

ARTICLE 16: Registration of Local Chapters

Section 16 – 1: A group of Cameroonian students in the USA, which desires to become part of CAMSA-USA, shall indicate such intention in writing, to the National Executive Committee

Section 16 – 2: The National Executive Committee shall, upon receipt of such indication, inform the said group of the fact of its registration as a CAMSA-USA Local Chapter

Section 16 – 3: A state shall be allowed to have more than one chapter, provided that no two (2) chapters shall exist within two hundred (200) miles apart. There shall not be two (2) or more chapters in the same metropolitan area

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ARTICLE 17: Participation of National Officials in Local Executive Bodies

All members of the National Executive Committee shall be ex-officio members of the executive bodies of their respective Local Chapters

ARTICLE 18: Attributions of Local Chapters

The attributions of a Local Chapter shall include the following:

- (a) Dissemination to its members, information received from the National organs or officials or from other sources acting in the name of, or on behalf of, the latter
- (b) Participation and assistance in the life and activities of the Association such as registration and validation of its members (collection of fees and dues), notification of termination of membership or change of status of its members, fundraising, conventions, meetings, symposiums etc
- (c) Collection for and transmission to the National authorities and/or other users of local information and data concerning Cameroonian students
- (d) Collaboration with National authorities in the pursuit of the Association's purposes and the implementation of its policies at the local level
- (e) Information or briefing of the National Executive Committee and/or the National President of the activities of the Local Chapter in order to enhance nationwide coordination

B: THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 19: Function and Composition

Section 19 – 1: The National Executive Committee shall be the executive organ of the Association

Section 19 – 2: The National Executive Committee shall comprise six (6) members elected by secret ballot of the Convention. These included:

- (a) The National President also referred to as the President in this constitution
- (b) The Vice-President
- (c) The Secretary
- (d) The Treasurer
- (e) The Public Relations Officer
- (f) The Financial Secretary

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Section 19 – 3: The National Executive Committee may co-op permanently, or on an ad hoc basis by reason of their special skills, expertise or other qualities no more than three (3) other members at a time. Such members shall be CAMSA-USA members and shall not have voting rights within the committee

ARTICLE 20: Vacancy in the Committee

Except as otherwise provided for in this constitution, if a vacancy occurs due to the death, resignation, promotion, dismissal, and/or expulsion of a member, the National Executive Committee shall substitute for the Convention, and elect an interim replacement

ARTICLE 21: Term of Office

The National Executive Committee shall have a term no more than twenty four (12) months, beginning from the date of election of the ticket and ending no more than 24 hours after the election of a new National Executive Committee. (See Amendment #1)

ARTICLE 22: Tenure of Meetings

Presided by the National President, the National Executive Committee shall meet at least twice a year, either on the initiative of the President or at the request of at least half of its (voting) members

ARTICLE 23: Quorum of Committee Meetings

Half of the number of voting members shall constitute a quorum for the valid deliberations of the National Executive Committee

ARTICLE 24: Deciding in the Committee

Section 24 – 1: Unless otherwise stipulated in the Constitution, the decisions of the National Executive Committee shall be carried by a simple majority of the members present and voting

Section 24 – 2: In case of a tie in a ballot, the National President may exercise discretion in casting a tie-breaking vote

ARTICLE 25: Attributions of the Committee

The attributions of the National Executive Committee shall include the following:

- (a) Establishment of specific policy and regulations for the Association consistent with its goals and purposes as stipulated in this Constitution
- (b) Guidance, counsel and control of the National President

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- (c) Coordination with the Local Chapters
- (d) Preparation of CAMSA-USA National Conventions
- (e) General discipline of members and officers, with due regard to the relevant provisions of the present Constitution
- (f) Fundraising for the Association
- (g) Any other matters that may be entrusted to it by the constitution and/or the Convention

(A) ROLE OF THE PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT

ARTICLE 26: Leadership and Responsibility

Within the committee, the President, assisted by the Vice-President, shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Association, assuming overall, responsibility for the conduct and running of its affairs

ARTICLE 27: Functions of the National President

The functions of the National President shall include:

- (a) Custodianship of the Constitution
- (b) Representation of the Association and its interests
- (c) Direction of the affairs of the Association
- (d) Assignment and/or supervision of the functions and duties to the members of the National Executive Committee, subject to the provisions of the Constitution
- (e) Delegation of powers, authority and functions with regard to the provisions of the Constitution
- (f) Implementation of Convention and Committee decisions and/or resolutions
- (g) Management of the Association's finances
- (h) Any other matters that may be entrusted to him/her by the Convention or the Committee

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ARTICLE 28: Functions of the Vice-President

Section 28 – 1: The Vice-President, in assisting the President, shall assume such functions as shall be delegated to him/her by the President

Section 28 – 2: The Vice-President shall deputize for the President in case of absence, and shall, as of right, assume the office of the President in case of vacancy

Section 28 – 3: In case of vacancy in the Vice-Presidency, a National Executive Committee member shall be elected by the Committee to assume the interim

(B) FUNCTIONS OF OTHER OFFICERS

ARTICLE 29: The Secretary

The functions of the Secretary shall include:

- (a) Secretariat of the Convention and the National Executive Committee, unless otherwise specified by the Constitution
- (b) Maintenance of records and documents relative to the activities of the Association, except as otherwise specified by the Constitution or the National Executive Committee
- (c) Collection, maintenance and updating of records and information regarding membership contacts in collaboration with the Local Chapters
- (d) Collection and preservation of information and documentation appropriate for the Association's needs
- (e) Collaboration with the National Executive Committee in the preparation, centralization, and coordination of the Association's correspondence and communications

ARTICLE 30: The Treasurer

The functions of the Treasurer shall include:

- (a) Custody of the Association's funds with the Association's banker(s)
- (b) Maintenance of financial records of the Association
- (c) Receipt and disbursement of the Association's funds subject to due authorization by the President and Financial Secretary

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- (d) Observance of all financial rules, regulations, and/or policies as shall be directed and/or stipulated by the Committee and/or the President, consistent with the provisions of this Constitution

ARTICLE 31: The Public Relations Officer

The functions of the Public Relations Officer shall include:

- (a) Material preparation of the Association's events, ceremonies, symposiums etc
- (b) Facilitation of social exchanges, contacts, and interactions within the Association membership as well as with outside persons or organizations
- (c) Information, publication and publicity for the Association

ARTICLE 32: The Financial Secretary

The functions of the Financial Secretary shall include the following:

- (a) Enforcement of financial policies, rules and regulations, as shall from time to time be adopted by the National Executive Committee
- (b) Enforcement and implementation of eventual audit recommendations
- (c) Collection, maintenance and updating of records and information regarding registration and validation of members of the Association and the status of their membership in collaboration with the Local Chapters
- (d) Maintenance of the Association's financial records and comparing periodically with the Treasurer's assure accountability
- (e) Temporary collection of the Association's funds upon due authorization by the National President

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C: THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 33: Composition and Function

Section 33 – 1: The Judiciary Committee shall comprise nine (9) members appointed by the National Executive Committee as follows:

- (a) Each Local Chapter will provide a list of candidates for appointment to the Judiciary Committee. This will be done, to the extent possible, on the basis of professional experience, trustworthiness and demonstrated willingness and ability to serve CAMSA-USA in an impartial and dedicated manner
- (b) The National Executive Committee will select members from the lists provided by the Local Chapters
- (c) No more than two Judiciary Committee members may come from the same Local Chapter list

Section 33 – 2: A (new) Judiciary Committee shall be formed every year, as soon as possible, when the (new) National Executive Committee is in office. The positions in the Judiciary Committee shall include a Chairperson

Section 33 – 3: The Judiciary Committee shall be charged with

- (a) Arbitration
- (b) Constitutional interpretation
- (c) Resolving disputes arising between National Executive Committee members, National Executive Committee and Local Chapters, or members and Local Chapters that the National Executive Committee has been unable to resolve
- (d) Review of disciplinary measures by the National Executive Committee and National President
- (e) Suspension of members for more than twelve (12) months
- (f) The Chairperson of the Judiciary Committee shall preside over the handing over of power and records from outgoing to incoming National Executive Committees
- (g) Auditing financial records and any other records of the Association at any time during an administration as requested by the National President, National Executive Committee, National Convention Committee or Local Chapter, for the purpose of determining, verifying or ensuring the efficient and regular management of the Association's affairs

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- (h) Verifying the accuracy of financial statements released by the Financial Secretary, Treasurer, or other person(s) in the National Executive Committee acting on their behalf in the name of the Association
- (i) Audit the complete financial records of an outgoing administration (National Executive Committee) prior to transfer of funds and documents to a new administration, for the purpose of determining, verifying or ensuring the efficient and regular management of the Association's affairs

Section 33 – 4: The Judiciary Committee shall be seized upon by, either aggrieved parties, the National Executive Committee or the Local Chapter to resolve only matters that the National Executive Committee has been unable to solve

Section 33 – 5: The Judiciary Committee shall have unrestricted access to any of the Association's records as deemed necessary for the accomplishment of their work and shall have the right to interview and seek statements or records from any individual(s) as deemed necessary for the accomplishment of their work

Section 33 – 6: If an Officer or member, subject of an audit, so demands, he/she shall have the benefit of advance notice of not more than ten (10) days

Section 33 – 7 (a): Audit reports shall be submitted in accordance with the terms of reference set by the commissioning authority. However, upon request of the National Convention Committee, audit reports shall be made available to such other authorities and/or parties as the National Convention Committee may choose

Section 33 – 7 (b): Audit reports of an administration (NEC) at the conclusion of their term of office shall be made submitted in a forum to ensure access by all Local Chapters and members willing to see, such as the Association's web site

ARTICLE 34: Misconduct in Auditing

Anyone who refuses to cooperate fully in the matter of auditing shall be liable to such measures, including disciplinary sanction, as the Judiciary Committee shall deem appropriate

D: THE NATIONAL CONVENTION

ARTICLE 35: Composition and Function

Section 35 – 1: The National Convention shall be comprised of two entities:

- (a) The General Assembly comprising of eligible, registered and validated members and

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- (b) The National Convention Committee comprising of the elected heads of the Local Chapters and the National President

Section 35 – 2: The National Convention Committee shall dispose of supreme and ultimate authority in all matters regarding the planning and running of the National Convention

Section 35 – 3: The National Convention Committee may co-op on an ad hoc basis by reason of their special skills, expertise or other qualities, other Full or Associate members. Such members shall not have voting rights within the committee.

ARTICLE 36: Tenure of the National Convention

Section 36 – 1: Under the chairmanship of the National President, in collaboration with the National Convention Committee, the National Convention shall take place once every Summer, preferably between the fifteenth day of July and the fifteenth day of August

Section 36 – 2: Under the chairmanship of the National President, the National Convention Committee shall be responsible for the planning and running of the Convention

ARTICLE 37: Validity of Deliberations

Section 37 – 1: There shall be no quorum requirement for the National Convention Committee deliberations.

Section 37– 2: The following procedures shall apply, in order to ensure a general public representative nature of the National Convention Committee deliberations:

- (a) Upon deliberation of the National Convention Committee, the National President shall announce to all registered Local Chapters the venue and date(s) of the National Convention at least eight (8) weeks in advance of the scheduled date of commencement, provided that, in warranted exceptional circumstances, justifiable changes may be made in dispensation of these stipulations
- (b) The National Convention Committee shall meet as often as necessary to ensure proper planning and running of the National Convention

ARTICLE 38: Attributions of the National Convention

The attributions of the National Convention shall include the following:

- (a) Determination of the broad policy orientations of the Association – General Assembly and National Convention Committee

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- (b) Adoption of Constitutional changes – National Convention Committee
- (c) Election of members of the National Executive Committee – General Assembly
- (d) Determination of the Local Chapter that will be hosting the next National Convention – National Convention Committee
- (e) Determination of further actions if there is no qualified running ticket for the National Executive Committee office – National Convention Committee
- (f) Determination of distribution of National Convention funds – National Convention Committee

ARTICLE 39: Deciding in the National Convention Committee

Section 39 – 1: Except as otherwise provided for in the Constitution, decisions of the National Convention Committee shall be carried out by a simple majority vote of eligible participants, present and voting

Section 39 – 2: Under no circumstances shall proxy votes be allowed

Section 39 – 3: In case of a tie in voting, the National President may exercise discretion in casting a tie-breaking vote

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CHAPTER IV: COMMITTEE MEMBERS – SPECIAL PROVISIONS

ARTICLE 40: Eligibility for Elections

Section 40 – 1: Any candidate for any office in the National Executive Committee, upon nomination or proposition shall show proof that he/she is a validated Full member of the Association, has been registered at an educational institution in the United States for at least twelve (12) months preceding the date of such nomination, and is currently a student attending an educational institution in the United States

Section 40 – 2: Any candidate for office in the National Executive Committee shall:

- (a) File a letter of intent through the local chapter president to the National Executive Committee at least eight (8) weeks prior to the date of the Convention
- (b) Sign a release authorizing the National Executive Committee to contact the educational institution he/she is attending and furnish the National Executive Committee with the name of the educational institution(s), address, name of registrar(s), and telephone number(s) of the said educational institution(s)

ARTICLE 41: Notification of Candidates and Public

Section 41 – 1: The National Executive Committee shall notify the candidates for office who fulfill the requirements in Article 40 above of validation of their candidacy for the office in question at least four (4) weeks prior to the date of the convention

Section 41 – 2: The National Executive Committee shall inform members of the Association through local chapters and the public of the candidates for office for the different offices at least four (4) weeks prior to the date of the convention

ARTICLE 42: Election of Officers

Section 42 – 1: Officers shall be elected on a ticket by a simple majority vote of ballots cast at the Convention by the General Assembly

Section 42 – 2: In case of a first-place tie, run-off ballots shall be held between the tickets in the tie to determine the winner

Section 42 – 3: The National Convention Committee shall determine detailed procedures and regulations for conducting CAMSA-USA elections

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ARTICLE 43: Transfer of Leadership and Authority

Following the election of a new National President, the outgoing National President shall, within twenty-four (24) hours of such election, concede the Association's leadership and authority in favor of the President-elect. The concession shall be contained in a "Transfer of Leadership and Authority" letter, addressed to the Convention, a copy of which shall be delivered to the President-elect in full session of the Convention

ARTICLE 44: Handing Over of Association Property

Section 44 – 1: The Judiciary Committee shall oversee the transfer of property from one administration to another

Section 44 – 2 (a): The outgoing National Executive Committee with the presence of the incoming (new) National Executive Committee, chairperson of the Judiciary Committee and the National Convention Committee, shall handover all property, finances, and records of the Association to the Judiciary Committee for auditing

Section 44 – 2 (b): The Judiciary Committee shall, within thirty (30) days of receipt of this information and material, complete an audit of the outgoing National Executive Committee and issue a report accompanied by transfer of all property, finances, and records handed by the outgoing National President, to the new National President

Section 44 – 2 (c): The Judiciary Committee, in performing this function, shall have the benefit and responsibility of all the provisions in Article 33 of this Constitution

Section 44 – 2 (d): The new National President, in the event of justifiable need by the Judiciary Committee for more than thirty (30) days to complete this function, may extend the time limit as deemed necessary by him/her

Section 44 – 3: The (new) National President shall be responsible for the effective handing-over and/or transfer of the Association's property from one member of a committee to another member of the same or other committee wherever and whenever the need may arise. Preferably, such exercise shall take place during a Committee meeting.

ARTICLE 45: Misconduct in Transfer and/or Handing Over

Anyone who delays, obstructs, or refuses to cooperate in any manner in the transfer or handing over of the Association's authority and/or property to its legitimate representative(s) and/or agent(s) shall be liable to such disciplinary sanctions as the Association may deem appropriate

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ARTICLE 46: Obligation to Serve

Members of the National Executive Committee or any other Committee, when they accept or stay in office, undertake to serve to the best of their abilities in respect of the functions of the office for which they were specifically elected or appointed as well as in respect of any other functions, duties, and roles that shall from time to time be assigned or delegated to them by the National Executive Committee and/or the President acting in the interest of the Association and with due respect to the provisions of the present Constitution

ARTICLE 47: Gratuity of Functions

The functions of the members of the National Executive Committee and all other Committees are free i.e. without remuneration. However, to the extent possible, expenses incurred by members in the performance of their duties, functions, or assignments, in the name of and/or on behalf of the Association, shall be paid for or reimbursed by the Association

ARTICLE 48: Auditing

All members of the National Executive Committee and all other Committees shall cooperate fully with the Judiciary Committee and provide all information or records in their possession as deemed necessary by the Judiciary Committee for the purposes of completion of their duty to audit as provided for in this Constitution

ARTICLE 49: Misconduct in Auditing

Any member of the National Executive Committee or any other Committee who refuses to cooperate fully in the matter of auditing shall be liable to such measures, including disciplinary sanctions, as the Judiciary Committee shall deem appropriate

ARTICLE 50: Change of Residence by Officer

Any member of the National Executive Committee or any other Committee who permanently cease to reside in the USA shall resign from office within one (1) month of such change. If he/she fails to do so, the National Executive Committee may dismiss him/her

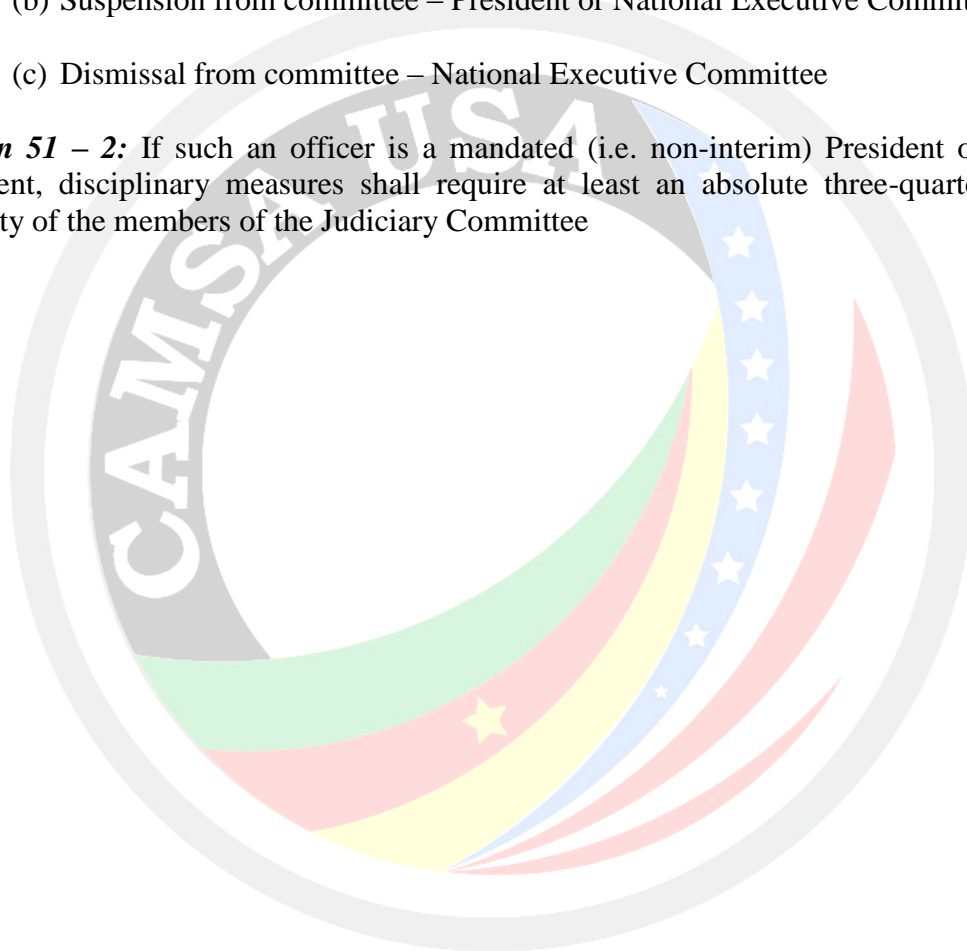
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ARTICLE 51: Discipline of Officers

Section 51 – 1: In case of misconduct on the part of an officer of the Association, member of the National Executive Committee or any other Committee, he/she shall be subjected, without prejudice to other appropriate measures, to any of the following disciplinary sanctions by the corresponding authority subject to review and approval by the Judiciary Committee:

- (a) Warning (Written) - President
- (b) Suspension from committee – President or National Executive Committee
- (c) Dismissal from committee – National Executive Committee

Section 51 – 2: If such an officer is a mandated (i.e. non-interim) President or Vice-President, disciplinary measures shall require at least an absolute three-quarter (3/4) majority of the members of the Judiciary Committee



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CHAPTER V: GENERAL PROVISIONS

ARTICLE 52: Changing the Constitution – Procedure

Section 52 – 1: This Constitution may not be modified, revised, replaced, or changed in any way except by at least a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the National Convention Committee and ratification by two-thirds (2/3) of the recognized Local Chapters

Section 52 – 2 (a): Anyone seeking a Constitutional change shall petition with the National Executive Committee through their Local Chapter

Section 52 – 2 (b): The National Executive Committee shall appoint an ad hoc Interim Constitutional Committee to study the petition. This committee shall invite all persons interested in the proposal for a discussion and/or exchange of views

Section 52 – 2 (c): The Interim Constitutional Committee shall adopt a Resolution, after deliberations, provided that only duly commissioned members may vote

Section 52 – 3: Only a motion intervening in accordance with the above procedure shall be admissible for debate and voted upon by the National Convention Committee

Section 52 – 4: By-laws shall be established to cover issues and procedures not included in the constitution

ARTICLE 53: Obligations of the Interim Constitutional Committee

The Association undertakes to respect and face up to all obligations and duties that the Interim Constitutional Committee or any persons acting in its name or on its behalf may have contacted in pursuit of the goal of establishing the present CAMSA-USA

ARTICLE 54: Founding Chapters

All groups present or represented at the convention of CAMSA-USA of August 1983 in Washington, DC shall remain ipso facto Founding Local Chapters of the CAMSA-USA

ARTICLE 55: Validity of the Constitution

The following Constitution replaces any previous documents that might exist for the purpose of organizing, on a nation-wide basis, Cameroonian students residing and studying in the United States of America under the banner of CAMSA-USA

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ARTICLE 56: Authentication

The above text having been adopted upon due deliberation and endorsement of at least two-thirds (2/3) majority of recognized Local Chapters in fulfillment of provisions of the previous Constitution of CAMSA-USA allowing for Constitutional changes as verified by the National Executive Committee this _____ day of _____, Two thousand and ___;

We the undersigned, having been duly delegated by the provisions of the previous CAMSA-USA Constitution and the Local Chapters of CAMSA-USA, do hereby solemnly append our signatures, as a mark of testimony to the said act and of authenticity of the present document which replaces the previous Constitution done on the _____ in _____. From this day henceforth, all shall honor this document as the Constitution of the CAMSA-USA

Martha Peghebe, National President
CAMSA - USA

Ndipabonga Tah, Constitutional
Committee

Linda Ndze, President
CAMSA - Wisconsin

Felix Leshey, President
CAMSA - DFW (Dallas)

Eric Befidi, President
CAMSA- Minnesota

Samuel Ndinjakat, Judiciary
Committee