

CONSTITUTION

Western Areas Students Association

DEFINITIONS:

- (a) YOUTH - shall mean all students and also those young people allowed membership.
- (b) COMMITTEE MEETING - shall mean a meeting of the Executive and Sub-Committees.
- (c) GENERAL MEETING - shall mean a conference of all members.
- (d) EXECUTIVE MEETING - shall mean assembly of the eleven Executive Committee members.
- (e) ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - shall mean the conference of all members where election of officials takes place and reports of Committees given.

DECLARATION

CLAUSE 1 : There shall be an organisation called the WESTERN AREAS STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION, hereinafter abbreviated W A S A.

CLAUSE 2 : The AIMS and OBJECTS of the WASA shall be :

- (a) To support, promote and encourage the educational, intellectual, social, cultural and moral development of the African Youth.
- (b) To get proper recreational facilities for the African Youth likes games (indoor and outdoor), garden parties, picnics, educational tours and the like.
- (c) To award bursaries to such African students as are deserving and whose ideas are not in conflict with those of the WASA.
- (d) To promote and encourage fraternity among the Youth and to support the incorporation of the different Students' Associations for the promotion of the welfare of the Youth, and
- (e) WASA shall also adopt a policy of co-operation with and goodwill to all associations and movements concerned with the improvement and upliftment of the African Youth.

MEMBERSHIP

- CLAUSE 3 : (a) Membership for WASA shall be open to all Youth residing in the Western Areas of Johannesburg.
- (b) This membership is subject to a registration fee of 1/- (one shilling) and annual subscription fee of 6/- (six shillings) payable 6d (sixpence) monthly.
- (c) Any member may terminate membership by submitting a written notice to this effect to the secretary, and none of his/her funds shall be refunded.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND ADMINISTRATION

- CLAUSE 4 : (a) There shall be an Executive Committee elected at an Annual General Meeting by the members present who will automatically be eligible for nomination. This Executive shall consist of the following eleven members :
 - (i) A Chairman who shall preside at all meetings.
 - (ii) A Vice-Chairman who shall help the chairman or assume chairmanship in the absence of the chairman.
 - (iii) A Secretary/....

- (iii) A Secretary who shall keep addresses of all members, inventory of property and all records and documents within his/her powers; the secretary shall work hand in hand with the Recording Secretary.
 - (iv) A Recording Secretary who shall keep and take minutes at all meetings. In his/her absence, the Secretary shall deputize,
 - (v) A Treasurer who shall be responsible for all money due to WASA and the keeping of such safely while in his/her possession.
 - (vi) Three Auditors concerned with auditing of all accounts belonging to the Association, and
 - (vii) Three Committee Members who shall join hands with the other Executive members in exercising their duties.
- (b) This committee shall execute the duties, aims and objects of the Association. It shall exercise Administrative Powers and Disciplinary Powers where necessary but subject to the Constitution.
- (i) The Secretary shall be responsible for the convention of meetings within at least fourteen days' notice being given with the authority of the chairman.
 - (ii) Six members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum at Executive Committee meetings.
 - (iii) In the event of vacancy occurring in the Executive Committee it shall be filled by getting the nominee who at the last annual General Meeting was best contender in votes.
 - (iv) The Executive Committee shall also be responsible for the appointment of the sub-committee when occasions for their necessity arises.
 - (v) In the absence of the chairman and vice-chairman any member of the Executive Committee with the exception of the Secretaries shall assume chairmanship.

CLAUSE 5 : MEETINGS:

- (a) There shall be an Annual General Meeting held at the beginning of the financial year, which shall be from the 1st July to the 31st June.
- (b) The report of the "outgoing" Executive Committee shall be read to the members of the association and shall be examined here.
- (c) There shall be at least one Committee meeting every three months, and these meetings shall be convened within at least seven days' notice by the Secretary.
- (d) Thirty per cent. (30%) of the Executive and Sub-Committee members shall constitute a quorum.
- (e) If no quorum is obtained at a Committee meeting, another Committee meeting shall be called for the same business and it shall automatically and of necessity constitute a quorum.

CLAUSE 6 : FINANCE:

- (a) The Treasurer shall collect and record all money due to WASA and shall be custodian thereof. All moneys belonging to WASA shall be deposited in the Bank in the name of WASA.
- (b) Withdrawals shall be effected only over the signatures of the Chairman, the Treasurer and the Secretary.

(a) The Treasurer/....

- (c) The Treasurer shall draw up an annual statement of accounts and a Balance Sheet which shall be audited and presented at the Annual General Meeting.

CLAUSE 7 : REGULATIONS:

- (a) All decisions and resolutions shall go by a simple majority except where the constitution is to be amended.
 - (b) The presiding chairman shall not exercise a deliberate vote but may cast a vote.
 - (c) In the case of one's membership being terminated by the executive while exercising its administrative and disciplinary powers, one shall be granted allowance to appeal through the house for clemency and withdrawal of accusations.
 - (d) Any suggestions shall be addressed to the Secretary and shall be discussed by the Executive.
 - (e) The Constitution may be rescinded, amended, or added to, only by two-thirds majority of members present at a meeting for all members when at least fourteen days' notice of this intention has been given.
 - (f) Upon dissolution of the WASA all property shall be auctioned and the funds so raised given to charitable institutions for Africans.
 - (g) The patrons of WASA shall be the influential members of the Community, shall as Ministers of Churches, Teachers, Shopkeepers, Property-owners and such as are of help to the Association.
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