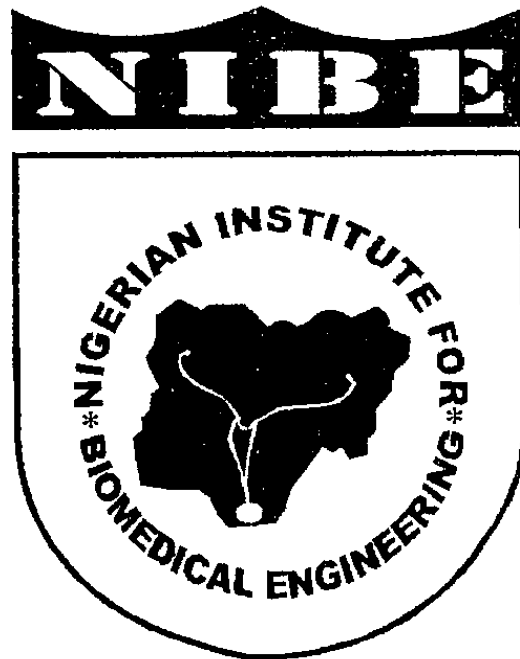


THE CONSTITUTION OF
**NIGERIAN INSTITUTE FOR
BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERING**



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PREFACE

The Nigerian Institute for Biomedical Engineering (N.I.B.E.) was conceived in 1998. This informs its adoption of the E-mail address, nibe98@yahoo.com. However, it was not until 1999 that it was formally incorporated as a professional, non-profit-making and non-governmental trustee organisation.

In my keynote address at the inauguration of NIBE which I entitled "**NIGERIAN INSTITUTE FOR BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERING: A new millennium dream**" I gave the dream of the Institute as follows; *To develop and advance the biomedical science, health and social well being of Nigerians through modern technological approaches comparable to those obtainable in any developed country of the world.* Here I tried to convert this **dream** into **goals** (which we adopted as our aims and objectives), the **goals** into definite **steps**, and the **steps** into specific **tasks**.

In pursuing these tasks, we appreciate that to develop and advance biomedical science, health and social-well-being of Nigerians will involve strictly three things in succession: research, documentation/follow-up and practical implementation of findings. This, tagged the **professor-administrator-soldier** approach, had been adapted from the "all three persons in one" philosophy for education in Nigeria propounded by Professor A.O.E- Animalu*. For according to him, **professor** indicates the conduction of research, **administrator** means the documentation and follow-up of instructions while **soldier** stands for the waging of battle in the field of practical implementation.

Further, in appreciation of the multi-disciplinary posture of biomedical engineering as a profession, we have hybridized it to include all known science professions that are relevant to achieving health and social well being of man including the biological, medical, physical, engineering, environmental and management/social sciences. This fact is reflected in our current divisional groups.

Kenneth Ikechukwu Nkuma-Udah
FOUNDER/FIRST PRESIDENT

* Professor A.O.E. Animalu is a professor of Physics of the University of Nigeria.

NAME

1. The name of the organisation shall be "**NIGERIAN INSTITUTE FOR BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERING**" abbreviated N.I.B.E. and hereinafter referred to as the Institute.

NATIONAL HEAD OFFICE

2. The registered head office of the Institute will be situated in Nigeria.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

3. The aims and objectives for which the Institute is established are:

- (a) To create an avenue for co-operation and information sharing between professionals in the fields of biological, medical, physical, engineering, environmental, management/social sciences.
- (b) To apply engineering and physical principles, concepts and techniques to biomedical science, health care, human and social well being.
- (c) To develop and promote the study and practice of biomedical science and engineering.
- (d) To conduct training and educational courses and disseminate professional information to enable members update their knowledge in biomedical science and engineering.
- (e) To design and evolve suitable methods, instruments and materials aimed at pursuing the technological advancement of biological and medical science research and practice.
- (f) To instil in members and affiliate industries, the required maintenance culture in the biomedical health and allied industries.
- (g) To enhance and maintain links with national, international and multinational organs and bodies required to promote the Institute's objectives.
- (h) To set standards for the professional practice of biomedical engineering in Nigeria.
- (i) To issue regulations for safe use and application of biomedical equipment and techniques.
- (j) To promote health and safety at work, at home and everywhere.

MEMBERSHIP

4. The Institute shall consist of the following classes of membership:

(i) Individual:

- (a) Honorary Fellows
- (b) Fellows
- (c) Honorary members
- (d) Members
- (e) Associates
- (f) Students

(ii) Affiliate

5. Any person or corporate body desirous of being admitted or transferred into any class of membership of the Institute shall apply to the Institute on the prescribed N.I.B.E. form stating to which class of membership he seeks admission.

6. An Honorary Fellow shall be:

- (a) A person who is distinguished by his work in biological, medical, physical, engineering, environmental or management/social sciences as it relates to health or human and social well being, or
- (b) A distinguished person whom the Institute desires to honour for service rendered to the Institute or whose association therewith is of benefit to the Institute.

Any person so elected shall receive a diploma denoting this honour and shall enjoy such privileges as the Council may from time to time approve as well as be exempted from the payment of enrolment fees or annual subscription. The total number of Honorary Fellows at any time shall be fixed by the Council.

7. A Fellow shall have:

- (a) been in the class of Members of the Institute for a period of at least seven years, and
- (b) had not less than ten years experience in a superior responsibility as well as in practice of biological, medical, physical, engineering, environmental or management/social sciences, and
- (c) satisfied the provisions of Articles 5,9 and 10 and
- (d) obtained the Institute's Professional Diploma in any specialised area of biomedical engineering (PDB) or Post Graduate Diploma in biomedical engineering (PGDBME) or otherwise which satisfies the Institute relevant regulation as approved by the Council.
- (e) one vote at every General Meeting at which he is present, provided that his subscription is not in arrears.

8. An Honorary Member shall be:

- (a) A person who, not being eligible for election as an Honorary Fellow, satisfies the Council that he has or shall render important services to the Institute and to the development of biomedical science and engineering or their applications.

An honorary Member may be elected by the Council into any Committee/ Board of Council but shall not have a voting right at meetings, which he is present. Other than this an honorary member shall enjoy all the privileges of a Member of the Institute but shall be exempted from the payment of enrolment fees or annual subscription.

9. A Member shall have:

- (a) been in the class of Associates of the Institute for a period of at least two years, and
- (b) had not less than five years experience in the practice and/or application of biological, medical, physical, engineering, environmental or management/ social sciences, and satisfied the provisions of Articles 5 and 10, and
- (c) obtained the Institute's Professional Certificate in Biomedical engineering (PCB) or otherwise which satisfies the Institute's relevant regulation as approved by the Council.
- (d) one vote at every General Meeting at which he is present personally. provided that his subscription is not in arrears.

10. An Associate shall have:

- (a) a relevant degree, higher national diploma or its equivalent in biological, medical, physical, engineering, environmental and management/social sciences from institutions approved by the Council, and
- (b) had not less than one year experience in his professional practice or the
- (a) NYSC discharge certificate, and (c) satisfied the provision of Article 5. and
- (c) the intention to qualify for admission into the class of Members as provided by the relevant regulation.

11. A student shall have:

- (a) been undergoing a regular course of study in the tertiary or allied institution in any of the fields of biological, medical, physical, engineering, environmental or management/social sciences approved by the Council, and
- (b) satisfied the provision of Article 5 above.

12. Any corporate body or establishment may apply for affiliation with the Institute and such body shall if approved, be admitted as an Affiliate of the Institute.

13. The Council shall reserve the right to elect and/or transfer individuals or corporate bodies to any class of membership of the Institute.

14. Subject to such regulation and on payment of such fees as she may prescribe from time to time, the Council may issue to any member a certificate, showing the class to which he belongs. Every such certificate shall remain the property of and shall on demand be returned to the Institute.

15. An Honorary Fellow as well as an Honorary Member shall be entitled to the exclusive use after his names of the designation as follows:

- (a) Honorary Fellow: **Hon. F.N.I.B.E.**
- (b) Honorary Member: **Hon. M.N.I.B.E.**

16. Every Fellow or Member who has complied with the provision of Article 14 may use appropriately after his names the following:

- (a) Fellow: **F.N.I.B.E.**
- (b) Member: **M.N.I.B.E.**

17. Individual Members and Affiliate bodies shall enjoy such rights and privileges as the Council may from time to time prescribe: the rights and privileges of an individual member of any class shall be personal to himself and likewise those of an affiliate body, and shall not be transferable by his/its own or by operation of law.

18. A member of any class or affiliate shall cease to be so by giving one month's notice in writing to the Executive Director of his intention, and upon expiration of the notice, he shall cease to be a member or affiliate.

ENROLMENT FEES AND ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

19. The Council shall have power at any time to prescribe the respective enrolment fee, transfer fee, annual subscriptions and other levies.

20. All annual subscriptions become due on first of January of each year.

21. Any member of any class whose annual subscription remains unpaid after the 30th June shall not be entitled, before he has paid his subscription in full, to exercise or benefit from any of the rights or privileges of members.

Such person shall be so notified.

22. Any member of any class whose annual subscription remains unpaid for one calendar year may by resolution of the Council be excluded from the Institute, and he shall thereupon cease to be a member and his name shall be removed from the Register; but such removal shall not relieve him from his liability for the payment of the arrears of subscriptions due to him up to the year of his exclusion.

Such a person shall be so notified.

PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT AND DISCIPLINARY ACTION

23. Every member of any class shall at all times so order his conduct as to uphold the dignity and reputation of the Institute, and act with fairness and integrity towards all persons with whom his work is connected and towards other members and to safeguard the public interest in matters of safety and health or otherwise.

24. Any conduct by a member of any class which:

(a) breaches these provisions

(a) is deemed by the Council to be injurious to the Institute.

(b) is seen as a false representation in applying for membership of the Institute shall attract a disciplinary measure to be stipulated by the Council.

25. The Council may suspend any member/affiliate from exercising all or any of the right and privileges of membership or else terminate his membership for such period as it thinks fit, provided that he may be invited by Council exercising their discretion to any meeting of the Institute whilst a question relating to his suspension or the cessation of his membership is being discussed. Suspension of a member/affiliate shall not exempt him/it from liability for any subscription or other sum falling due from him/it to the Institute during the term of such suspension.

26. The Council may readmit to membership in the appropriate class any person or corporate body whose membership has terminated from any cause provided that such a, person or body is worthy of readmission and pays such amount in respect of entrance fee and arrears of subscription as N.I.B.E. may determine. In the event of the Council deciding to refuse readmission in any particular case, they may do so without assigning any reason.

THE COUNCIL

27. The Institute shall be governed by a Governing body known as **The Council**

28. The Council shall be composed of:

The President

the Executive Vice President

the Executive Director and Secretary

the Vice President (North-Central)

the Vice President (North-East)

the Vice President (North-West)

the Vice President (South-East)

the Vice President (South-South)

the Vice President (South-West)

the Immediate Past President

the Co-ordinator of each of the thirty-six States and Abuja

the Chairman and the Secretary of each Division
the Chairman and the Secretary of each of the Boards/Committees
five Honorary Fellows
ten Honorary Members
the Trustees

all of whose offices shall be honorary and without remuneration except that of the Executive Director

29. The President shall

- (a) be a Fellow of the Institute
- (b) be elected at the A.G.M. by the general assembly from those who are or have been Vice Presidents for not less than two years.
- (c) have a Tenure of one year and be eligible for re-election, but not more than three times.
- (d) preside as chairman at all meetings of the Council, the Executive Committee and other general meetings of the Institute at which he is present or any other member of the Council so appointed.
- (e) may act on behalf of the Council in between Council meetings and shall seek Council's retroactive approval for such actions at the next meeting of the Council.
- (f) be an ex officio member of every board, committee or division so created by the Council.

30. Each of the Vice Presidents shall:

- (a) be a Fellow of the Institute
- (b) be elected at the A.G.M. from those who are or have been members of the Council for not less than two years.
- (c) have a tenure of two years and be eligible for re-election, but not more than two times
- (d) perform duties as may be assigned to him by the President.

31. The Executive Vice President shall in addition to the provision 30 above assist the President and /or deputise for him in his absence.

32. Each of the six zonal Vice Presidents shall in addition to the provision 30 above be resident in the geographical zone he represents.

33. The Immediate Past President shall have a right of attendance at all Council meetings but shall have no voting rights.

34. The Executive Director shall:

- (a) be a Fellow of the Institute
- (b) be appointed by the Council
- (c) be the Secretary of Council and of the Institute
- (d) be the head of service of the Institute
- (e) conduct the correspondence of the Institute
- (f) attend all meetings of the Institute, of the Council and of committees, boards and divisions
- (g) take minutes of the proceedings of such meetings as may be directed by the Council.
- (h) read all minutes and communications that may be ordered to be read.
- (i) superintend the publication of such papers and publications as the Council may direct.
- (j) have charge of the library, the research laboratories/centres, and all the properties which the Institute shall from time to time procure.

- (k) direct the collection of the subscriptions and other amounts due to the Institute and the preparation of the account of the expenditure of the funds, and to present all accounts to the Council for inspection and approval.
- (l) engage, subject to the approval of the Council and be responsible for all persons employed under him.
- (m) generally conduct the ordinary business of the Institute under the direction of the Council.

35. The Executive Committee of Council shall:

- (a) consist of the President, the Executive Vice President, the six zonal Vice Presidents, the Immediate Past President and the Executive Director (who is the Secretary of the Committee). Members of this Committee shall be known as *Officers* of the Institute.
- (b) meet at least six times in a year
- (c) report to the Council on all matters affecting the policy and development of the Institute.
- (d) be charged with electing the Ordinary members of Council as well as other boards and committees of Council and of the Institute.
- (e) be responsible for directing and co-ordinating the work of all other boards and committees of Council or of the Institute which boards/committees shall report to it.

36. Members of the Council other than the Officers shall be known as *Ordinary members* of the Council.

37. Each of the co-ordinators of the thirty-six States and Abuja shall

- (a) be a Fellow or Member of the Institute
- (b) be elected by the Council provided his subscription is not in arrears
- (c) have a tenure of two years and be eligible for re-election, but not more than two times.
- (d) be resident in the state or area he represents
- (e) perform duties as may be assigned to him by the President.

38. Each of the Chairmen and the Secretaries of Divisions shall:

- (a) be a Fellow, Honorary Member or Member of the Institute
- (b) be elected by the Council provided his subscription is not in arrears (as the case may be).
- (c) have a tenure of two years and be eligible for re-election, but not more than two times.
- (d) pursue the professional and learned society activities of the Institute with respect to the scope of the Division he represents as approved by the Council.

39. Each of the Chairmen and the Secretaries of the other boards/committees shall function as constituted by the Council.

40. Each of the five Honorary Fellows shall

- (a) be elected by the Council
- (b) have a tenure of two years and be eligible for re-election for as long as his involvement is beneficial to the Council and to the Institute.
- (c) perform duties as may be assigned by the Council

41. Each of the ten Honorary Members shall:

- (a) be elected by the Council

- (b) have a tenure of two years and be eligible for re-election for as long as his involvement is beneficial to the Council and to the Institute
- (c) perform duties as may be assigned by the Council.

42. The trustees shall:

- (a) be Honorary Fellows, Fellows, Honorary Members and/or Members
- (b) be appointed and re-appointed by the Council
- (c) be not less than seven but not more than twelve in number and shall be known as "THE REGISTERED TRUSTEES OF NIGERIAN INSTITUTE FOR BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERING"
- (d) hold office for life but each shall cease to hold office if he:
 - (i) resigns his office, or
 - (ii) ceases to be a member of the registered Trustee of Nigerian Institute for Biomedical Engineering, or
 - (iii) becomes insane, or
 - (iv) is officially declared bankrupt, or
 - (v) convicted of a criminal offence involving dishonesty by a court of competent jurisdiction, or
 - (vi) is recommended for removal from office by the Council provided there is a two-third majority vote of no confidence from members of Council.
- (e) meet at least twice a year to review the progress of the Institute.
- (f) act as custodian of the assets and objectives of the Institute and shall not be limited in the exercise of its discretion to ensure that the assets of the Institute are judiciously and economically applied in achieving the objectives of the Institute.
- (g) invest all the moneys of the Institute, not required to meet the current expenditure of the Institute in any mode in which they are or shall be by law in absence of special direction, authorised to invest trust moneys under their control.
- (h) decide any cases of doubt or difficulty as to eligibility for or retirement from office
- (i) upon winding up or dissolution of the Institute undertake payment of debts and liabilities of the Institute contracted before winding up, and of the costs, charges and expenses of winding up, and for the ownership of the Institute's properties and assets.

43. The Council shall:

- (a) manage the property and affairs of the Institute in accordance with the constitution and bye laws of the Institute and may exercise all such powers of the Institute as may be exercised by the Institute, and which are not hereby required to be exercised by the Institute in general and other meetings.
- (b) meet as often as the business of the Institute may require but not less than once a quarter at every meeting of the Council ten members shall form a quorum except for provision 44 (e) below in which twenty members shall constitute a quorum.
- (c) pass its decision by a simple majority of those present, except where otherwise provided, each member present having one vote. in the event of an equality of votes the Chairman shall have a casting vote in addition to his original vote as a member of the Council.
- (d) have power to appoint committees of the Council from members of the Council or committees for special purposes consisting of members of the Council and others, and may delegate to committees appointed under this bye-law such powers as they may prescribe; a board or committee may ordinarily consist of not less than three and not more than fifteen members.
- (e) pay to the Executive Director and to all persons employed under him such salaries, wages or remuneration as the Council shall from time to time think proper.

- (f) arrange for the publication in any manner which they may deem advisable of such papers, documents, and publications as may be considered by the Council to be likely to advance biomedical science and engineering knowledge and the objectives of the Institute.
- (g) have power at any time to cause continuing education and examinations to be held for the purpose of qualifications of candidates for election or transfer to any class of membership, and shall from time to time define the subjects to be comprised in such programmes and shall fix the fees to be paid or deposited by candidates for such purposes.
- (h) have power at any time to establish training and courses and cause examinations to be held for the purpose of testing individual's proficiency and knowledge of biomedical science and engineering; the Council may grant certificates on the results of such examinations, and shall fix the fees to be paid or deposited in respect thereof.
- (i) upon receipt of a request to that effect from any society with objectives kindred to those of the Institute and by their discretion, arrange for the union, alliance, or incorporation of such society with the Institute.

44. The office of any member of Council shall ip so facto be vacated if

- (a) he becomes of unsound mind. or
- (b) by notice in writing to the Secretary of the Council he resigns his office, or
- (c) he ceases to be a member of any class of the institute, or
- (d) without leave of the Council he absents himself from more than half the meetings of the Council held in any session, and the Council resolves that his office be vacated, or
- (e) a resolution is carried out by at least two-third majority of members of the Council removing him from the Council because he is guilty of any conduct which is considered by the Council as dishonourable or derogatory to the profession or Institute or calculated to be prejudicial to the attainment of any of the objectives of the Institute provided that the affected member of Council has been given a prior opportunity to defend himself before an investigation pane! of members of Council appointed for that purpose: the said member of Council shall immediately vacate his seat in the Council.

45. The Council shall have absolute discretion to either fill occasional vacancies in the Council without waiting for a General Meeting or call a General Meeting to decide on the filling of the vacancies until the next A.G.M.; any person so appointed to fill a vacancy shall hold office only until the next General Meeting following his appointment,

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

46. To be eligible for nomination and election as an Officer of the Institute, such a person must in addition to the various relevant provisions, not have his subscription in arrears.

47. Not later than two months to the expiration of the tenure of any member or members of Council, the Secretary of Council shall publish in respect of vacancies to occur in the next newsletter of the Institute.

48. Any member wishing to nominate another member for election as an officer of the Council shall do so notifying the Secretary of Council on the prescribed form duly signed by the nominees at least one month from the date fixed for the next A.G.M. provided both members subscriptions are not in arrears.

49. Not later than two weeks to the date for the next A.G.M. the Secretary of Council with approval of the Council shall compile the list of qualified nominees for the respective vacant

seats and circulate such to every member of the Institute in respect of the seats in the Executive Committee of Council.

50. During the conduct of the election of Officers of the Council in any A.G.M., absent nominees shall be eligible to stand for election provided that they give in writing an indication of their willingness to serve if elected.

51. Conduct of every election in any A.G.M. shall be by secret ballot.

52. All elected members of Council shall take office on the first day of January next following.

53. The members of Council whose terms of office would otherwise expire on the thirty-first day of December in any year shall in all cases continue in office until others are elected in their place.

ACTIVITIES

54. The National Secretariat of the Institute shall be in Aba or any other place as the Council may from time to time prescribe; at least one Corporate office shall be maintained by the Secretariat in each of the six geographical zones of North-Central, North-East, North-West, South-East, South-South and South-West, the areas of which shall be prescribed by the Council.

55. The Secretariat shall undertake the employment of staff who are professionals in their various disciplines and which day-to-day management shall be under the charge of the Executive Director as approved by the Council.

56. The annual activities of the Institute shall begin on the first day of January of each year.

57. The Institute shall hold an Annual General Meeting (A.G.M.) once a year in a place and at a time that the Council deems fit; the purpose of any A.G.M. shall be to transact the business of the Institute, the election of officers of the Council, to receive and adopt the accounts of the Institute and the report of the Council and for discussing any matters incidental to the profession; at every A.G.M. or any General Meeting one hundred members shall form a quorum, except for provision 83 where two hundred members shall constitute a quorum.

58. In any General Meeting of the Institute and subject to a poll being demanded, every question shall be decided by a simple majority of the members present personally. Any member wishing to bring before any A.G.M. a motion not relating to business specified in provision 57 above shall submit such motion to the Secretary of Council not later than four weeks before the date of such meeting; no such motion shall be put before an A.G.M. unless notice has been so given; copies of all such notices shall be posted to each member at his last registered address at least two weeks before the date of the meeting.

60. An annual Biomedical Engineering Conference (B.E.C.) of the Institute shall hold for the purpose of reading and discussion of papers on biomedical science and engineering, and allied subjects.

61. The B.E.C. and the A.G.M. (BEC/AGM) may be convened concurrently as the case may be.

62. Learned and professional papers shall be read and discussed at one or more of the Institute's seminars, symposia, workshops, lectures, courses, colloquia and such meetings at a place and venue as the Council will from time to time approve.

63. The Institute shall publish:

- (a) its activities and events in biomedical science and engineering in a newsletter regularly to members.
- (b) an official journal, *Nigerian Journal of Biomedical Engineering* any other periodical which the Council shall determine from time to time.

COPYRIGHT

64. Every paper presented to the Institute, and accepted for reading, or for publication in full or in abstract, and even' paper read at a meeting of the Institute or any part thereof, and the copyright therein, shall be the property of the Institute; the Council, in such cases as they may think fit, shall have power to release or surrender the rights of the Institute in respect of any such paper or the copyright therein; the right of publishing all such papers and the reports of the proceedings and discussions at meetings of the Institute or any part thereof shall be reserved to the Council who may, as they think fit, give their consent to publication in approved cases.

DIVISIONS

65. The Council may, at their discretion, create one or more additional Divisions of the Institute, for the fostering of such branches of biomedical science and engineering and the Council shall have power to dissolve any Division at any time.

STUDENTS WING/CAMPUS CENTRES

66. The Council may at their discretion and upon receipt of a request to that effect from a group of students of any tertiary institution approved by the Council or from any geographical area. create a Students Wing/Campus Centre in such Campus or area for the holding of regular meetings; such group of students shall not number less than fifty.

67. The Council shall frame the bye-laws and regulations of such campus centre and shall have power to vary same from time to time as it deems fit, subject to the constitution of the Institute.

68. Each of the students constituting the campus centre shall be required to register formally with the Institute, having his enrolment fee and annual subscription paid up, prior to establishment of the Centre.

69. The Council shall have power to dissolve such centre at any time after it has been formed.

CORPORATE OFFICES

70. The Council shall reserve the right to establish a Corporate office at any city in Nigeria as the case may be.

71. The Council shall have power to remove such offices at any time after they have been formed.

INDEMNITY

72. All members of the Council of the Institute shall be indemnified by the Institute from all losses suffered by them in the discharge of their duties on behalf of the Institute except such as occur through their own respective wilful act or negligence.

73. A member may be entitled to seek legal assistance from the Institute in the event of prosecution for acts done in the cause of his professional duties and for the protection of his professional rights but not for damages or prosecution arising from his wilful negligence.

FINANCE

74. The funds of the Institute shall be banked in the name, **NIGERIAN INSTITUTE FOR BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERING** with such bank(s) as the Council may appoint and shall be operated by the signature of the Executive Director and countersigned by the President.

75. The Council shall cause true accounts to be kept of the monies received and expenditure by the Institute and of the matters in respect of which receipt and expenditure take place.

AUDITORS

76. Auditors shall be engaged to audit the accounts of the Institute annually. They shall certify and sign the annual statement of the accounts before it is submitted by the Council at the A.G.M.

LEGAL ADVISER(S)

77. The Council shall appoint one or more Legal Advisers who shall be professional Lawyers to undertake the legal matters of the Institute.

REGISTER OF THE INSTITUTE

78. The Council shall cause a register of members to be kept containing the names of all persons who are or have been members of the Institute, the class of membership, the dates on which they become and (where applicable) cease to be members, the nature of the members' business and their last known address; the register shall be open to inspection of members at all reasonable times and shall be published as an official register once every three years.

THE SEAL

79. The Council shall provide a common seal for the Institute which shall be affixed on the authority of the Council to such approved documents only in the presence of the President and/or the Executive Director or such other persons as the Council may appoint for that purpose, and the President or the Executive Director or such other persons so appointed by them shall sign every document or instrument to which the Seal of the Institute has been affixed in their presence.

LIBRARY

80. The Institute shall maintain a Reference Library for the exclusive use of members; it shall consist of periodically updated collection of books, journals and papers on all aspects of biomedical science and engineering, and allied subjects. Provision shall be made for the proper up-keep and custody of books and other documents deposited therein.

RESEARCH LABORATORIES/CENTRES

81. The Institute shall maintain Research Laboratories/Centres for the purpose of research work and professional development of members in the various fields of biomedical science and engineering in designated areas as prescribed by the Council.

Provision shall be made for the proper up-keep and custody of the Laboratory equipment kept therein.

SPECIAL CLAUSE

82. The provision of 42(h)) above relating to winding up shall have effect here.

AMENDMENT OF CONSTITUTION

83. No alteration of the Constitution shall be made unless a resolution for amendment is passed at an A.G.M. by two-third of members present and provided any such proposal of amendment had been referred to the Executive Director not less than four months to the A.G.M. by the proposing member; the said proposal notice shall be circulated to all members of the Institute and in accordance with the Companies and Allied Matters Decree 1990.

84. Any resolution for amendment when passed is referred to the Council for appropriate action and as approved by the Registrar of Companies.

ENDORSEMENT

85. This Constitution is endorsed by the Registered trustees of the Nigerian Institute for Biomedical Engineering (Board of Trustees, B.O.D.):

ADOPTION

86. The constitution is adopted by the following Council members:

- (a) Kenneth Ikechukwu NKUMA-UDAH;
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/PRESIDENT
10 Irowa Obaze Street, Off Federal Government Girls College Road,
Ugbowo, Benin City. Signature:.....
- (b) Emmanuel Ubiomo UBOKU;
VICE PRESIDENT (SOUTH-SOUTH)
Department of Electrical/Electronics Engineering, University of Benin,
Benin City.
Signature:
- (c) Oluwole OTUKOYA;
VICE PRESIDENT (SOUTH-WEST)
College of Medicine. University of Benin. Benin City.
Signature:
- (d) Moses Uloho-Igho OKUEGHA;
DELTA STATE COORDINATOR
Department of Petroleum Engineering.
University of Benin, Benin City.
Signature:
- (e) Felix Aibuedete AISIEN;
EDO STATE COORDINATOR
Department of Chemical Engineering University of Benin, Benin City.
Signature:
- (f) Dan Akinola BABAIWA;
CHAIRMAN, DIVISION OF BIOMEDICAL PHYSICS,
Department of Physics
University of Benin, Benin City.
Signature:
- (g) Chukwuemeka AZUBUIKE;
CHAIRMAN, DIVISION OF BIOMEDICAL SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING
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