

**Old Achimotan Association  
Resumed Annual General Meeting  
Sunday, April 28, 2013, 1400 GMT  
Aggrey Memorial Chapel, Achimota School**

**Summary of Proposed Amendments**

<b>RULE</b>	<b>CHALLENGE</b>	<b>REASONS</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS</b>	<b>YES/ NO</b>
<b>RULE 1</b> Name of the Association	The day to day designation of the Association does not conform with what is in the Constitution.	To bring clarity to the designation of the Association.	"The Association shall be called Old Achimotan Association (OAA)".	<b>YES</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>NO</b> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>RULE 2</b> Objects of the Association	The raison d'être of the OAA has been portrayed as providing services and support to Achimota School but the welfare and collaboration among members has tended to be downplayed.	To clarify the objects of the Association to include promotion of the welfare of its members.	The Association shall have for its chief object the formation of a bond of union between Old Achimotans and the School, to promote the maintenance of their interest in the School and their willingness to assist in its welfare and to promote the welfare of its members and the ideals for which Achimota was founded.	<b>YES</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>NO</b> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>RULE 3</b> Membership	Current qualification for membership demands being awarded a certificate at the A or O-Level or its equivalent which if enforced vigorously will exclude some of the most active Old Achimotans who left to complete school elsewhere .	To rectify the situation where old students from the primary department and students who did not complete O-Level or its equivalent at Achimota School are excluded.	Membership a) To be a member of the Association, one must have attended classes at any of the departments of Achimota School (Primary, Secondary, College etc) for a minimum of 2 years and subscribe to the vision and ideals of the Founders of Achimota School of unity in diversity (that all may be one), services to community (living waters to a thirsty land) and aspires to a lifestyle that ensures that no one may learn evil from him/her.  b) Classes of membership: <b>i. Ordinary members</b> Old students who qualify for membership	<b>YES</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>NO</b> <input type="checkbox"/>

<p><b>RULE 3</b> Membership (contd.)</p>			<p>under 3(a) above and apply in writing to the OAA Secretariat and are approved as members shall be designated as ordinary members.</p> <p><b>ii. Guest members</b> The spouses of ordinary members who do not otherwise qualify to be members themselves under 3(a) above, shall be admitted as a member upon presentation by a member. These spouse-members shall be designated as guest members who shall have the same rights and privileges as members except the right to vote.</p> <p><b>iii. Honorary members</b> There shall be a category of members to be designated as honorary members. Honorary members shall be people who are deemed and recognized by members of the Association as having demonstrated belief in the ideals of the School, and who would have been recommended by members, and approved for honorary membership at an Annual General Meeting.</p> <p>c) Membership of the Old Achimotan Association shall imply acceptance of the rules and regulations of the Association as from time to time provided.</p>	
--	--	--	--	--

<b>RULE</b>	<b>CHALLENGE</b>	<b>REASONS</b>	<b>AMENDMENTS</b>	<b>YES/ NO</b>
<p><b>RULE 8</b> Fees, Subscription and Donations</p>	<p>Lack of clarity in membership fees and subscription obligations.</p>	<p>To bring clarity to the fundamental obligations of members and exempt certain members from dues' payment.</p>	<p>8.1 There shall be no admission fee. Members eligible for full membership shall pay annual dues as determined from time to time by the Annual General Meeting through their regional or virtual groupings to the Executive Secretary, for deposit with the Treasurer.</p> <p>8.2 Akoras who have celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (Golden Jubilee) shall have the option of paying 50% of the agreed membership dues.</p> <p>8.3 Akoras above the age of 75 years who have been in good standing for at least 20 years shall be exempt from paying dues but may make a donation.</p> <p>8.4 Honorary and Guest members are not obliged to pay dues but may make donations.</p> <p>8.5 Akoras still studying in institutions of learning at vocational, technical or tertiary levels may pay 50% of agreed membership dues.</p> <p>8.6 All members of the Association may be invited by the Executive Committee from time to time to make further subscriptions or donations for purposes of projects and activities approved by the Executive Committee or the Annual General Meeting.</p>	<p><b>YES</b> <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><b>NO</b> <input type="checkbox"/></p>

RULE	CHALLENGE	REASONS	AMENDMENTS	YES/ NO
<p><b>RULE 10</b> Time and Quorum for Annual General Meeting and Emergency General Meeting</p>	<p>The month of November has proven not suitable for getting adequate attendance for meetings.</p> <p>April seems more suitable and makes it possible to prepare and submit audited accounts of the Executive Committee's tenure for discussion at the Annual General Meeting.</p> <p>A quorum of 50 is big and proving an obstacle to a successful AGM</p>	<p>To generate more participation</p> <p>To have a number that is easily attainable</p>	<p>1. The Annual General Meeting of the Association shall be held at Achimota School during the month of April every year or at such time as the Executive Committee of the Association may decide.</p> <p>The quorum for Annual General Meeting shall be 35 (thirty-five). The Executive Committee shall give at least 21 (twenty-one) calendar days' notice for the convening of an Annual General Meeting.</p> <p>Where there is no quorum at an AGM the rule for quorum shall not apply at the resumed AGM or EGM.</p> <p>2. <b>Notice of Meeting:</b> The Association shall issue written and electronic notices stating the date, time, and place of the Annual General Meeting, and shall transmit such notices to members who are in good standing through the most appropriate means including but not limited to e-mail and by placement on the OAA website at least twenty-one (21) calendar days before the date scheduled for the meeting.</p>	<p><b>YES</b> <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><b>NO</b> <input type="checkbox"/></p>

RULE	CHALLENGE	REASONS	AMENDMENTS	YES/ NO
<p><b>RULE 12</b> Notice Period and Quorum</p>	<p>Time for convening an Emergency General Meeting (EGM) is too long</p>	<p>To bring the timing to the normally accepted 21-day norm</p>	<p>1. <b>General:</b> The Executive Committee shall, upon a written request from twenty (20) OAA members, call an Extraordinary General Meeting if the request is received at least twenty-one (21) calendar days in advance and states the purpose of the meeting.</p> <p>2. <b>Notice of Meeting:</b> The Association shall issue written and electronic notices stating the date, time, and place of the Extraordinary General Meeting, and shall transmit such notices to members in good standing through the most appropriate means including but not limited to e-mail and by placement on the OAA website at least twenty-one (21) calendar days before the date scheduled for the meeting.</p>	<p>YES <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>NO <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p><b>RULE 16</b> Regional Branch, Year Group and Virtual Groupings</p>	<p>Members of OAA are now scattered all around the globe. Access to internet provides more participation irrespective of the part of the world one finds him or herself</p>	<p>To encourage more participation by all members especially those in the diaspora in decision-making and voting</p>	<p>1. Regional branches of the Old Achimotan Association shall exist in the administrative regions of Ghana and overseas and as Internet-based virtual groups.</p> <p>2. The Executive Committee shall put in place arrangements to facilitate absentee or electronic voting by members as well as communicating through the most appropriate means including but not limited to e-mail.</p>	<p>YES <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>NO <input type="checkbox"/></p>

RULE	CHALLENGE	REASONS	AMENDMENTS	YES/ NO
<p><b>RULE 17</b> Arrangements for Absentee and Electronic Voting</p>	<p>Members in the diaspora as well as those who cannot be present at the meeting have limited opportunity to participate in OAA decision-making.</p>	<p>To bring up to date and enhance participation of members who cannot be physically present during a period a vote is taking place at an AGM and may cast their vote through the use of ICT</p>	<p><b>General:</b> The Executive Committee shall Facilitate absentee or electronic voting in the most appropriate medium or format.</p> <p>The Executive Committee shall put in place arrangements to facilitate communications among members who cannot be physically present to vote by proxy or electronically.</p> <p>Members in good standing, and who reside outside Accra , or are absent during the period when a vote is taking place at an Annual General Meeting or Extraordinary General Meeting, may cast their vote in absentia, by either:</p> <p>(i) submitting a completed absentee ballot form to the Executive Secretary at the OAA Secretariat directly or through a personal proxy,</p> <p>(ii) Completing an electronic version of it online or downloaded from the OAA website.</p>	<p><b>YES</b> <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p><b>NO</b> <input type="checkbox"/></p>

Eunice Quarcoopome  
Executive Secretary

27<sup>th</sup> March 2013