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# 2011 AMMENDMENTS

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## **PREAMBLE**

**WHEREAS**, the Nigerian Institution of Surveyors as distinct from the Surveyors Council of Nigeria represents the juridical arm of the Surveying family, serving the welfare and interest of the membership to wit: maintaining high professional ethics, improving educational standard amongst members, speaking with one voice on national issues to mention a few;

**WHEREAS**, the Lagos State Branch of the Nigerian Institution of Surveyors is an affiliate of the National Body (the Nigerian Institution of Surveyors), performing similar functions of the National Body, albeit at the State level;

**WHEREAS**, it is acknowledged that in such an organization, there is the need to administer affairs governing such a relationship in a lawful, orderly and responsible manner, in the spirit of discipline and integrity which is the hallmark of true professionalism.

**AND WHEREAS**, it is trite that at all material times and purposes, whenever there is a conflict between any or all of the provisions of the constitution of the National Body and any or all of the provisions of the Branch Body, the FORMER shall prevail.

**WHEREFORE**, pursuant to these ideals as aforementioned, and having in mind the purpose of achieving the herein under-mentioned aims and objectives and for the furtherance of the welfare and professional growth of all Surveyors within the State Branch, on the principles of freedom of association, freedom of expression, justice and equity, WE do hereby make, enact, and give to ourselves the following constitution:

## **1.0 THE NAME**

The name of the Professional body shall be the “NIGERIAN INSTITUTION OF SURVEYORS – LAGOS STATE BRANCH” hereinafter referred to as “the Branch”.

The “NIGERIAN INSTITUTION OF SURVEYORS” shall hereinafter be referred to as “the Institution”.

The Branch shall have its Secretariat in the capital of the state. It shall also encourage the formation of subgroups such as Professional Divisions (Public, Private and Academics), Association of Private Practising Surveyors of Nigeria (APPSN), Body of Fellows and Women in Surveying (WIS), and other similar organizations to cater for special interests.

## **2.0 AIMS AND OBJECTIVES**

The aims and objectives of the Branch shall be:

- a) to generally represent the views of the Surveying Professionals in the state.
- b) to preserve and maintain its integrity and status, to consider and deal with matters affecting professional interests of members of the Branch.
- c) to promote and encourage the training of Surveyors.
- d) to promote the improvement of survey techniques through seminars, workshops, conferences, symposia, publications and the continuing education of Surveyors including Mandatory Continuous Professional Development (MCPD) programmes
- e) to set and maintain the highest standards of professional conduct, ethics and discipline among its members.
- f) to seek and protect the welfare and interest (economic and social) of members of the Branch and to foster public interest in matters affecting the practice of Surveying.
- g) to foster good relations among members of the Branch and members of other allied Professional organizations in the State and within the country.
- h) to provide avenues for free exchange of ideas between the Branch and similar organizations within the State and other parts of the country.
- i) to serve and advise the *State Government* on legislative and all other matters concerning the practice of Surveying in the *State*.

## **3.0 MEMBERSHIP**

Membership of the Branch shall at all times derive from membership of the Institution. This are categorised as Corporate and Non-Corporate.

Without prejudice to the above, members in NIS Lagos State Branch shall be treated as active or passive.

An active member shall:

- i. be a financial member who pays all levies and dues as and at when due
- ii. attends not less than  $\frac{3}{4}$  of total number of monthly meetings in a year
- iii. be fully interested and participate in all programs and events organized by the NIS Lagos State Branch

Any member who is deficient in any one of the above shall be treated as a passive member. For such a person to benefit from NIS Lagos, he or she must attend at least six consecutive branch meetings, observe the criteria mentioned above and any other additional instruction(s) stipulated by the Branch Council.

### **3.1 CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP**

There shall be two grades of Corporate Membership namely: Fellows and Members as put in place by the Institution.

#### **3.1.1 Fellows**

Any corporate member who aspires to be a Fellow of the Institution must:

- a) be fully interested and involved in the activities of the Branch and the Institution.
- b) be financial at all times; ensuring that payments are made as at when due.
- c) be not less than 10 years standing as a corporate member with records of noteworthy contributions to the progress, work, ideals and aspirations of the Branch, the Institution and the Profession.

A fellow shall be entitled to the use of the designation, F.N.I.S. (Fellow of the Nigerian Institution of Surveyors) after the investiture ceremony *by the Institution*.

### **3.1.2. Members**

Any person who aspires to enrol as a Member of the Institution shall be one with SURCON Registration with active Professional Practice. He shall be entitled to the use of the designation, M.N.I.S. (Member of the Nigerian Institution of Surveyors) after *the* induction at the Annual General Meeting of the Institution.

## **3.2 NON-CORPORATE MEMBERSHIP**

There shall be five (5) grades of Non-Corporate Membership namely Associates, Probationers, Students, Honourary and Sustaining Members as put in place by the Institution.

### **3.2.1 Associates**

Any person who desires to enrol as an Associate shall have at least a first degree or Professional Diploma in Surveying or its equivalent recognized by the Institution. Such an Associate shall be entitled to the use of the designation, A.N.I.S. (Associate of the Nigerian Institution of Surveyors) after *the* induction at the Annual General Meeting of the Institution.

### **3.2.2 Probationers**

- i. Any person with H.N.D. in Surveying or its equivalent approved by the Institution.
- ii. Any person who has at least a first degree in a discipline cognate to Surveying as approved by the Institution with a continuous working experience in a recognized Survey establishment.
- iii. Any person who has passed SURCON Examination for Technicians.

### **3.2.3 Students**

Student membership shall be opened to any person who is pursuing a course of study in Surveying at any Institution whose curriculum is approved by SURCON.

### **3.2.4 Honorary Members**

- i. The Branch may recommend the conferment of Honorary Membership on any eminent scientist in fields cognate to Surveying or any distinguished person who has been considered as making immense contributions to the Branch and the Profession of Surveying.
- ii. The Branch shall forward such recommendation for Honorary Membership award to the Institution stating the merit for such recommendation.
- iii. Such an individual becomes a Honorary Member upon acceptance by the Institution.

### **3.2.5 Sustaining Members**

This category of membership applies to any corporate organization or person interested in or who supports the objectives of the Branch as follows:

- i. advancing and demonstrating the public usefulness of Surveying, Mapping and Geoinformatic Sciences in the State.
- ii. fostering cooperation between and promoting unity of purpose and action amongst State Surveying, Mapping and Geoinformatic Organizations.

- iii. representing and promoting State's interest in Surveying, Mapping and Geoinformatics Nationally and Internationally.
- iv. furthering the professional development of its members.
- v. encouraging research, training and development in Surveying, Mapping and Geoinformatics.

### **3.3 PROCEDURE FOR ENROLMENT INTO MEMBERSHIP OF THE BRANCH.**

The procedure for enrolment into membership of the Branch shall be as stated in the subsisting guidelines for branch membership.

### **3.4 REGISTER OF MEMBERS**

The names and addresses of all members of the Branch shall be entered in a register to be kept by the Secretary and every member shall from time to time notify the Branch secretariat of his / her address and any change thereof, and any such other information as may be necessary to update the register.

### **3.5 SUSPENSION OF MEMBERSHIP**

Any member suspended by the Institution stands suspended by the Branch. In addition, the Branch can recommend any member to the Institution for suspension.

A person ceases to be a member of the Branch if he or she:

- a) ceases to be a member of the Institution.
- b) relocates to another state which negates the requirement of being a member of the Branch.
- c) is certified to be insane.
- d) is found guilty by the Branch of a professional misconduct of such a nature as may bring the Branch into disrepute, or necessitate the suspension or cancellation of his registration.
- e) is convicted by a court of law for a criminal offence.
- f) is found guilty by the Branch of acts contrary to the constitution of the Branch.
- g) he is in arrears of subscription and levies/dues for a period of more than twenty-four months, provided that if at any time he shall give to the membership committee a satisfactory explanation, he may, at the discretion of the Membership Committee be re-admitted to membership upon payment of all arrears.
- h) as contained in the subsisting guidelines for Branch Membership.

## **4.0 THE BRANCH EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**

The Branch shall be governed by an Executive hereinafter referred to as "the Branch Council". The Branch Council shall consist of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Publicity Secretary, Treasurer, Financial Secretary, Institution Council Representative, Internal Auditor.

The council may also co-opt any member whose service may be specifically required. Such a co-opted member shall attend Council meetings for such specific purpose only.

In the event of any vacancy, the Branch Council shall organize a bye-election, the tenure of which shall run concurrently with the serving Executive Council.

### **4.1 Branch Council Committees**

#### **4.1.1 Standing Committees**

The Branch Council shall from time to time appoint among others, the under mentioned Standing Committees from within its members or from members of the Branch. It shall refer and/or delegate to them such of its powers and duties, as it may consider necessary.

- i. Welfare, Social and Insurance
- ii. Secretariat Development
- iii. Ethics and Monitoring
- iv. Publicity and Programmes
- v. Education and Scholarship
- vi. Financial and General purpose

#### **4.1.2 Ad-hoc Committees**

The Branch Council shall appoint various Ad-hoc Committees as the need arises from within its members or from members of the Branch. It shall refer and/or delegate to them such of its powers and duties, as it may consider necessary.

#### **4.2 Duties of the Branch Council**

The duties of the Branch Council shall include but not limited to:

- a) executing decisions taken at all general meetings of the Branch.
- b) making regulations in pursuance of the aims and objectives of the Branch.
- c) initiating policies, plans and programmes for consideration and approval at the Annual General Meeting.
- d) reporting activities of Committees to the General Meetings for ratification where applicable.
- e) ensuring that the conduct of Branch members *is* in accordance with the code of ethics of the profession.
- f) investigating allegation(s) of misconduct or malpractice(s) by any member of the Branch through the Ethics and Monitoring Committee and taking appropriate action(s) after a publication of the findings of the committee to the house.
- g) presenting Annual Budget estimates for circulation at November General Meeting and its consideration and approval at December General Meeting.

**4.3** Any member of the Branch Council who is absent without a letter of apology from two consecutive Branch Council meetings shall be guilty of misconduct and section 7.11 shall apply.

**4.4** All regulations made by the Branch Council during its term of office shall be read out by the Secretary at the next General Meeting and shall be subject to approval.

#### **4.5 Terms of Reference of the Branch Standing and Ad-hoc Committees**

The Terms of Reference (TOR) of each Standing and Ad-hoc committee shall be as determined by the Branch Council.

### **5.0 ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION AND LEVIES**

**5.1** All members of the Branch, excluding honorary and sustaining members shall pay annual subscription and levies.

**5.2** The Branch annual subscription shall be half of the Institution annual subscription at every cadre of membership while the Branch Council shall determine levies to be paid as occasion warrants.

**5.3** The annual subscription shall be due and payable on enrolment of a member to the Branch and thereafter on the 1<sup>st</sup> of January in each year.

**5.4** Exemption from payment of *Annual* subscription shall be granted to members who have attained the age of 70 years provided that they have been corporate financial members of the Institution for not less *than* 30 years.

## **6.0 OFFICERS**

The officers of the Branch shall comprise the following: Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Publicity Secretary, Financial Secretary, Institution Council Representative and Internal Auditor.

### **6.1 ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

**6.1.1** Election to all offices of the Branch shall be held every two years.

**6.1.2** Members wishing to stand for election shall be active financial Corporate and non-corporate members of the Associate cadre. No non-financial member shall be eligible to vote or be voted for at the Annual General Meeting, or any other Branch meeting.

**6.1.3** Officers shall be proposed and seconded in writing on an appropriate form and election shall be by secret ballot not later than one (1) month before the Annual General Meeting. The Branch shall not return officers without due process of election procedure.

**6.1.4** The Branch Council shall appoint a Five (5) - member electoral committee which shall be responsible for the conduct of all elections to the Branch Executive Council

**6.1.5** All elected officers shall take the oath of office and be sworn in as provided for in the first schedule at the Branch Annual General Meeting. This shall be administered on the Chairman by either a Barrister at Law in the house or any member of the Board of Trustees, while the Chairman inturn administers it on other officers.

### **6.2 ELIGIBILITY OF OFFICERS**

#### **6.2.1 Chairman**

Any Corporate member who is:

1. a fellow of the Institution or any person who has attained a minimum of ten (10) years corporate membership; and
2. must have put in five years continuous active membership immediately preceding the time of nomination; and
3. must have served in the Branch Council.

#### **6.2.2 Vice - Chairman**

Any Corporate member who is:

1. a fellow of the Institution or any person with seven years corporate membership; and
2. must have put in five years continuous active membership immediately preceding the time of nomination; and
3. must have served in the Branch Council.

#### **6.2.3 Secretary**

Any Corporate member with continuous five years active membership. Such person must have served in the Branch Council or any recognized subgroup of NIS.

#### **6.2.4 Assistant Secretary**

Any member not less than Associate cadre with at least three years continuous active membership of the Branch preceding nomination.



### **6.2.5 Publicity Secretary**

Any member not less than Associate cadre adjudged suitable to promote good public relations for the Branch shall be eligible for election into this office. Such person must have been resident and active in the state for at least three years.

### **6.2.6 Treasurer**

Any Corporate member with continuous three years active membership. Such person must have served in the Branch Council or any recognized subgroup of NIS.

### **6.2.7 Financial Secretary**

Any member not less than Associate cadre with at least three years continuous active membership of the Branch preceding nomination.

### **6.2.8 Branch Council Representative**

Any Corporate member with continuous five years active membership. Such person must have served in the Branch Council or any recognized subgroup of NIS

### **6.2.9 Internal Auditor**

Any member not less than Associate cadre with at least three years continuous active membership of the Branch preceding nomination.

## **7.0 DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

### **7.1 Chairman**

He shall:

- a) preside over the meetings of the Branch Council.
- b) preside at the Annual General Meeting and monthly meetings of the Branch.
- c) cause the summoning of all meetings of the Branch either on his own initiative or after a request has been made in writing by at least twenty – five members.
- d) direct all other officers of the Branch in the performance of their duties.
- e) approve payment for all expenses.
- f) direct all processes to effect implementation of all decisions of the Branch Council.
- g) direct all processes to effect implementation of all decisions of General Meetings.
- h) inaugurate standing committees within two months of assumption of office.

#### **7.1.1 Chairman's Insignia of office**

The chairman shall wear a suitable insignia of office. Such insignia shall change hands at investitures to be held at Annual General Meetings

### **7.2 Vice Chairman**

He shall:

- a) in the absence of the Chairman, preside at all meetings over which the Chairman, by the Constitution has the power to preside
- b) serve as coordinator in respect of the Branch's national and state commitments and where he attends national conferences, he shall lead the delegation in the absence of the Chairman.
- c) be Chairman of the Editorial Board of the Branch's publication
- d) perform any other duty assigned to him by the Chairman

### **7.3 Secretary**

The Secretary shall perform the duties outlined below:

- a) to summon meetings of the Branch.
- b) to record and keep minutes of all meetings including a short summary of all decisions taken.
- c) to write and dispatch circulars, *letters* and other correspondences decided upon by the Branch Council.
- d) to keep a register of members of the Branch.
- e) to present an annual or special reports of the activities of the Branch or any of its organs.
- f) to maintain an inventory of all Branch property.
- g) serve as the official head of Branch Administration.
- h) to take custody of the Common Seal.
- i) perform other duties assigned by the Chairman.

#### **7.4 Assistant Secretary**

He shall assist the Secretary generally in the discharge of his duties but will have the following specific functions:

- a) to record the minutes at Branch Council meetings.
- b) to ensure smooth and orderly preparations for the Monthly General Meetings.
- c) to ensure effective supervision, discipline and welfare of staff in the Branch. This is without prejudice to the overall supervision of the Secretary;
- d) perform any other duty assigned to him by the Secretary

#### **7.5 Publicity Secretary**

He shall:

- a) act as Public Relation Officer of the Branch
- b) arrange to publish at intervals between Annual General Meetings (AGM) for distribution to members, news, events, and matters of the survey community.
- c) carry out any publicity duties as assigned to him by the Chairman.

#### **7.6 Treasurer**

The duties of the Treasurer shall be as follows:

- a) monitor all Branch Accounts
- b) settle all bills, after due process.

#### **7.7 Financial Secretary**

The duties of the **Financial Secretary** shall be as follows:

- a) to liaise with members towards ensuring that (fees, subscriptions, levies and other payments) are paid as and at when due.
- b) to ensure that Secretariat keeps proper financial records
- c) to furnish the Branch on a quarterly basis the report of the financial status of members.

#### **7.8 Institution Council Representative**

The duties of the Institution Council Representative of the Branch shall include:

- a) to present information (requests and suggestions) from the Branch to the Council of the Institution.
- b) to disseminate information (requests, suggestions and directives) from the Council of the Institution to the Branch after every Council Meeting.

#### **7.9 Internal Auditor**

The Internal Auditor shall examine the correctness or otherwise of Income and Expenditure account at least quarterly and present a report to the Branch Council.

#### **7.10 Tenure of Office**

The tenure of office for all officers of the Branch shall be one term renewable only once.

### **7.11 Assessment of Officers**

There shall be a mid-year report by every officer and this shall form the basis for the assessment of such officers by the general house.

### **7.12 Discipline of Erring Officers**

Every member of the Council would be assessed by the General house or a group of at least ten (10) corporate members.

If an Officer is accused of any misconduct or non-performance by;

1. 2/3 majority of Council members; or
2. a memo signed by not less than ten (10) Corporate members of the Branch.

The accusation shall be investigated by an independent panel set up by the Council and approved by the house and if found guilty, such an Officer may be suspended or impeached as decided by the house.

## **8.0 AUDITOR**

The accounts of the Branch shall be examined quarterly by the External Auditor before the Annual General Meeting. This is to ascertain the correctness or otherwise of the Income and Expenditure accounts and balance sheets. However, the report of the External Auditor shall be presented to members of the Branch at the Branch Annual General Meeting.

### **8.1 PAID STAFF**

The Branch shall maintain paid staff at its secretariat. Such paid staff shall be responsible to the Secretary.

### **8.2 SIGNATORIES TO THE ACCOUNT**

The Chairman shall be the "A" signatory, while the Treasurer and the Secretary shall be the "B" signatories to the Branch accounts out of which there shall always be only two signatures per time. No withdrawal shall be made without the "A" signatory.

The Branch accounts shall not for any reason be domiciled outside the State.

## **9.0 REPRESENTATION ON STATE PUBLIC BOARDS AND NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

**9.1** Members to represent the Branch on boards of Public Bodies and National Organization shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting. In an emergency, the Branch Council shall appoint representative to any board and seek ratification at the subsequent monthly general meeting.

**9.2** All representatives of boards of Public Bodies and National Organization shall submit reports of proceedings and activities of such bodies to the Branch Council, which in turn shall report to the monthly general meeting.

**9.3** Where such representative is more than one, the monthly general meeting or Branch Council shall elect a leader from among the members. The leader shall ensure that the Branch's mandate and aspirations are advanced and shall report the proceedings of such public body to the Branch Council for the purpose of information and assessment of the performance of the body.

## **10.0 MEETINGS**

There shall be a general meeting to be held in December of every year and it shall be called Annual General Meeting (AGM). There shall also be a general meeting of the Branch once every month and that shall be on the first Wednesday of the month between the hours of 4.00pm and 6:00pm unless otherwise stated.

- 10.1** The Branch Annual General Meeting (AGM) shall:
- a) be mandatory for every member of the Branch
  - b) approve the minutes of the proceedings of the previous Annual General Meeting and discuss matters arising thereof
  - c) receive, consider and approve all officers' and committees' report at the November Branch General Meeting
  - d) organize and execute technical sessions
  - e) conduct elections of officers at the December Branch General Meeting.
  - f) transact such other business as may be relevant at such meetings.

**10.2** There shall be at least one Branch Council meeting every month.

**10.3** There shall be a meeting of the Board of Trustees with the Branch Council at least once in a year.

## **11.0 QUORUM**

**11.1** The quorum at any Branch Council meeting shall be one third of the membership strength of the Branch Council provided at least one of the members present is the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman or the Secretary.

**11.2** The quorum at the Branch General Meeting as well as the Annual General Meeting shall be 30 or one quarter of the financial membership strength or whichever is less

## **12.0 TRUSTEES**

**12.1** The trustees of the Branch for the purpose of Land Perpetual Succession Ordinance shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting. Such Trustees shall not be less than three in number and they shall be known as the "Incorporated Trustees of the Nigerian Institution of Surveyors - Lagos State Branch".

**12.2** A Trustee of the Branch shall be any financial corporate *Member* of the Branch. Trustees shall hold office for a term of five years. Trustees may be advised by the Branch Council to withdraw on grounds of ill health or other considerations.

**12.3** Trustees at any time shall comprise at least one past Chairman. All trustee members are eligible for re-election only once.

## **12.4 COMMON SEAL**

Trustees shall have a common seal, such common seal shall be in the custody of the Secretary at the Branch Secretariat, and he shall produce it when required for use by the Trustees. All documents to be executed by the Trustees shall be signed by at least two of them and sealed *with* the common seal.

## **13.0 AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION**

**13.1** Where any member of the Branch or the Branch Council recognizes or identifies a need for an amendment to any provision of this constitution, such an amendment shall be approved at the Annual General Meeting on the acceptance of such recommendations presented by a review committee duly appointed for that purpose.

**13.2** Any provision of this constitution can also be amended by a motion from members of the Branch. Notices of such a motion shall be forwarded to the Secretary at *least* 30 days before the date of the Annual General Meeting at which the motion shall be considered.

**13.3** Any amendment shall be by two-thirds majority of all eligible voters physically present at the Annual General Meeting.

## **14.0 INTERPRETATION**

In this Constitution, unless otherwise expressly provided for or the context otherwise requires;

- 1) **“Associates”** refers to any person who has either been on a probationer status for at least 2 (Two) years, or has at least “First Degree” or “Professional Diploma” in Surveying or its equivalence from an accredited Institution.
- 2) **“Auditor”** includes the Internal and External Auditors of the Branch.
- 3) **“Branch”** specifically refers to the Lagos State Branch of the Nigerian Institution of Surveyors.
- 4) **“Corporate”** refers simpliciter to Fellows and Members of the Branch but SHALL NOT include Associates, Probationers, Students and persons of Honorary Status.
- 5) **“Council”** refers to the Branch Council comprising the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Publicity Secretary, Treasurer, Institution Council Representative and Internal Auditor.
- 6) **“Ethics and Monitoring Committee”** refers to the committee set up to investigate, warn and recommend discipline and sanction(s) for erring members of the Branch.
- 7) **“Fellow”** refers to any corporate member of not less than 10 (Ten) years standing and is considered fit and proper person by the Board of Fellows to be so named.
- 8) **“Honorary Member”** refers to any eminent personality of a field cognate to Surveying or any person who has made great contribution to the progress of the Surveying Profession and has been so recommended by the Board of Fellows of the Institution.
- 9) **“Institution”** refers to the National Body of the Nigerian Institution of Surveyors.
- 10) **“Institution Council Representative”** refers to the elected member representing the Branch on the Council of the Institution.
- 11) **“Meeting”** includes a monthly general meeting of the Branch holding every 1<sup>st</sup> (FIRST) Wednesday of the month between the hours of 4:00pm and 6:00pm AND an Annual General Meeting to be held in December of every year.
- 12) **“Officers”** shall include the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Publicity Secretary, Institution Council Representative and Internal Auditor.
- 13) **“Probationers”** refers to any person who holds either a Higher National Diploma in Surveying or a University Degree in a discipline cognate to Surveying, or has passed Surveyors Council of Nigeria (SURCON) examinations for Technicians.
- 14) **“Surveyor”** means a person registered by the Surveyors Council of Nigeria (SURCON) to practice the Surveying Profession anywhere within the Federation, pursuant to CAP 425, LAWS OF THE Federation of Nigeria 1990. It is noteworthy that pursuant to CAP 194, laws of the Federation of Nigeria 1958, such a person was known as Licensed Surveyor.
- 15) **“Student Member”** refers to a person undergoing a FULL TIME course of studies in Surveying in a Tertiary Institution whose program of studies is approved by the Surveyors Council of Nigeria (SURCON). It is noteworthy that such QUALIFIED

membership status as that for Associate, Probationers, Honorary and Student all fall within NON – CORPORATE membership.

- 16) “**Surveyors Council of Nigeria (SURCON)**” refers to the regulatory body for Surveyors in the country, and is charged with the control and regulation of Survey Practice in all its ramifications. This body came into force by virtue of Survey Decree No. 44 of 1989.

## 15.0 CITATION

This Constitution may be cited as The Constitution of the Nigerian Institution of Surveyors, Lagos State Branch 2011 (as amended).

The provisions of this Constitution shall come into force on the ....th day of December 2011.

### **Surv. (Prince) Afolabi O. Solesi fnis**

Chairman, Lagos State Branch,  
Nigerian Institution of Surveyors.

## **FIRST SCHEDULE**

### **OATH OF OFFICE**

I, ..... do solemnly swear/affirm that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to the Nigerian Institution of Surveyors, Lagos State Branch; that as ..... of Nigerian Institution of Surveyors, Lagos State Branch, I will discharge my duties to the best of my ability, faithfully and in accordance with the constitution of the Nigerian Institution of Surveyors, Lagos State Branch, and always in the interest of the **INTEGRITY, SOLIDARITY, WELL-BEING** and **PROSPERITY** of the Nigerian Institution of Surveyors, Lagos State Branch, that I will abide *by* the Code of Ethics and devote myself to the service and well being of members of the Nigerian Institution of Surveyors, Lagos State Branch.

So help me God

Name:-

Office:-

Signature:-

Date:-

Witness:

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*Oath Administerer*

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*Member, Board of Trustee*