

**THE REVISED CONSTITUTION  
OF THE  
ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION**

**ARTICLE 1. NAME**

- 1.1 The name of the Organization shall be “**THE ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION**” hereinafter referred to as “**ABBA**”.
- 1.2 It shall carry an emblem and banner or such other object of recognition approved by ABBA.

**ARTICLE 2. AIMS AND OBJECTIVES**

The aims and objectives of ABBA shall be:

- 2.1 To control, promote, develop, organize, regulate and administer the sport of basketball in the State of Antigua and Barbuda in accordance with the rules, regulations and general By-laws of FIBA.
- 2.2 To maintain current and active affiliate relations with the National Olympic Committee (NOC), FIBA, FIBA Americas, the Caribbean Basketball Confederation (C.B.C) and any other regional and/or international body responsible for the Sport as deemed fit by ABBA.
- 2.3 To be responsible for organizing local, regional and international basketball tournaments and competitions in Antigua and Barbuda.
- 2.4 To provide or facilitate training of coaches, basketball administrators, referees and other officials of the Game.
- 2.5 To support the formation and development of auxiliary representatives group (i.e. Coaches, Referees, Player, Trainers, etc.).
- 2.6 To work in conjunction with the Ministry of Sports to support the development of young basketball talent in Antigua and Barbuda.
- 2.7 To carry out such other objectives in the interest of Basketball as may be deemed appropriate.

**ARTICLE 3. POWERS**

ABBA shall have the power to do all such things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the objects described in the preceding Clause, and in particular shall be empowered:

- 3.1 To be the sole competent national authority in Men’s and Women’s basketball in Antigua and Barbuda and to obtain the recognition of such role by FIBA, the National Olympic Committee and the Government of Antigua and Barbuda.
- 3.2 To keep such records as are necessary.
- 3.3 To suspend, disqualify, fine or otherwise deal with any Member or officer thereof which or who has committed any breach of this Constitution or of any By-Laws or Rules made there under.
- 3.4 To maintain absolute political and religious neutrality and not admit any racial or other form of discrimination.

- 3.5 To provide for the representation of Antigua and Barbuda at any competition at which the National Team of Antigua and Barbuda or any other Team from Antigua and Barbuda will be participating.
- 3.6 To provide for the representation of Antigua and Barbuda at Regional and International Meetings.
- 3.7 To impose and receive fees, and dues.
- 3.8 To purchase, take on lease, or in exchange, hire or otherwise acquire property and hold, occupy, use, employ, sell, lease, license, hire-out, manage, grant, convey and surrender any property.
- 3.9 To accept any sponsorship or gift whether subject to a special trust or not.
- 3.10 To borrow or raise and secure the payment of money in such manner as ABBA thinks fit whether the same be money borrowed or owing by ABBA.
- 3.11 To sign, draw, make, accept, endorse, discount, execute, issue, negotiate and transfer cheques, promissory notes, drafts, bills of lading, coupons, warrants, debentures, and all negotiable or transferable instruments.
- 3.12 To execute and deposit Powers of Attorney.
- 3.13 To make gifts or donations to any authorities, institutions or associations.

#### **ARTICLE 4. MEMBERSHIP**

4.1 ABBA shall be an independent body formed by the local basketball club teams and individual members that are in good standing in accordance with the Articles of this Constitution and general Rules and By-Laws.

4.2 Membership in ABBA shall be of three (3) types:

##### **4.2.1 Ordinary Member**

Registered club teams currently participating in ABBA's domestic league program;

##### **4.2.2 Honorary Members**

Distinguished persons, being a citizen or permanent resident of Antigua and Barbuda who, in the opinion of Members, may be able to render eminent service to the cause of Sport. Honorary Members do not pay dues and are not eligible to vote or be elected to the Executive Committee save and except they are also Ordinary or Individual members and;

##### **4.2.3 Individual Members**

Persons who are accepted for membership in ABBA by the Executive after application on a prescribed form accompanied by the applicable annual membership fee. The number of Individual Members of ABBA shall be capped at a level that prevents the voting strength of the Individual Members exceeding 33.3% of the voting strength of ABBA.

4.3 The group of persons representing the Referees and Table Officials (hereafter referred to as the **Officials Body**) shall be entitled to be registered as **Ordinary Members** of ABBA with the same rights and privileges as all Ordinary Members, provided that the Officials Body applies for said membership and pays the relevant registration fee.

- 4.4 Application for individual and ordinary membership shall be submitted annually to the General Secretary of ABBA on a prescribed membership or registration form. Such application shall, however, not be considered valid unless accompanied by the annual club team registration or membership fee as set by the Executive from time to time. Said application for membership once properly received by a prescribed deadline, should not reasonably be denied.
- 4.5 To be eligible to vote, and to be properly nominated to hold office, an individual member must be a member for a minimum of one year, that is Three hundred and sixty-five (365) days immediately prior to the Annual General Meeting at which an election is to be held.
- 4.6 Upon approval of application for membership, each applicant club, upon request, shall be furnished with the following documents and information:
  - 4.6.1 A certified copy of the Constitution, and Rules & Regulations;
  - 4.6.2 A list of the current officers, their positions and;
  - 4.6.3 The annual membership fee, players' registration and insurance fees as determined by ABBA, being due and payable.
- 4.7 Each applicant club shall furnish to ABBA:
  - 4.7.1 A list of the current officers, their positions and duties for the club, as approved by the respective members of the clubs.
- 4.8 ABBA may by "Special Resolution" expel officers, members, officials or club teams from the Organization on the ground that the conduct of such officer, member, person, official or club team is considered to bring ABBA or the Sport into disrepute. Such expulsion shall operate as a cancellation of membership of that officer, member, official or club team in any and all capacities.

#### **ARTICLE 5. GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

An Assembly of the General Membership shall take place before the end of December in each year, at such time and place as Executive may direct, with at least (21) Twenty-one days notice to each individual member and member club teams. Such notice is to be given by the General Secretary on request of the President.

- 5.1 The General Assembly shall be the Supreme Decision making authority of ABBA.
- 5.2 The General Assembly alone shall have the power to amend the Constitution and to ratify any changes or alteration of any general Rule or Regulation of ABBA.
- 5.3 Any decision taken at a General Assembly shall come into operation and become binding on the membership after the closing of the Assembly or, in circumstances may dictate, at such other date fixed by the assembly.
- 5.4 The General Assembly shall comprise the individual members and two (2) official representatives from each member club team that are properly registered and who participated in ABBA's current domestic league season.
- 5.5 The General Assembly shall be responsible for electing an Executive Committee at any schedule in keeping with FIBA statutes.

5.6 The General Assembly shall ratify candidates appointed to fill and post that become vacant in the Executive Committee.

**ARTICLE 6. ADMINISTRATION**

6.1 General Administration of ABBA shall be vested in the Executive Committee that shall govern the affairs of the Organization.

**ARTICLE 7. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

7.1 Executive Committee shall consist of the following persons each of whom shall be elected or appointed for a four (4) year term unless decided otherwise:

- a. A President
- b. Two (2) Vice Presidents
- c. A General Secretary
- d. A Deputy General Secretary/Assistant Treasurer
- e. Treasurer
- f. A Public Relations Officer
- g. Two (2) Floor Members

7.2 The election of officers and members to serve on the Executive Committee shall form part of the Agenda of the General Assembly held every four (4) years save and except if amended by special resolution of the members.

7.3 Each officer and member elected to the Executive Committee shall retire from office as soon as his/her successor is duly elected at the General Assembly at which an election becomes due and is held.

7.4 Any person desirous of holding office must be an individual member, or player of a member club team properly registered with ABBA and whose club team participated in the current league season to be eligible for nomination and election to the executive committee.

7.5 All officers and member of the executive shall be eligible to be re-elected provided however, that they remain an individual member in good standing, or a member of a club team properly registered in the current season.

7.6 Should any officer or member of the Executive Committee become defunct or relinquished their post, they shall be immediately replaced by appointment made by the Executive Committee and subject to ratification at the next General Assembly that is held.

7.7 The Executive Committee shall meet, as often as necessary, to conduct the affairs of ABBA but in any event, not less than once each month.

**ARTICLE 8. ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

8.1 Officers to the Executive Committee shall be elected in the following manner:

- 8.1.1 The individual desirous of being elected President shall, no later than fourteen (14) days prior to a General Meeting at which an election of the Executive Committee is to be held, present to General Secretary of ABBA a slate of candidates for the following posts:
- a. **General Secretary**
  - b. **Treasurer**
  - c. **A Public Relations Officer**
- 8.2 Each member in the list of candidates on the slate of the prospective President must be nominated by a member in good standing, and seconded by two (2) members in good standing. The prospective President and his slate of candidates will be circulated to the members of ABBA no later than seven (7) days prior to the General Meeting at which an election is to be held, along with verification of their proper nomination by the General Secretary. At the election of the Executive Committee, the members will vote for the President and his/her corresponding slate of candidates simultaneously.
- 8.3 The following positions shall be individually nominated, seconded and voted upon at the General Assembly by the members present and in good standing.
- a. **First Vice President**
  - b. **Second Vice President**
  - c. **Deputy General Secretary/Assistant Treasurer**
  - d. **The two (2) Floor Members**

#### **ARTICLE 9. EXECUTIVE DUTIES AND POWERS**

- 9.1 The Executive Committee shall be vested with the following duties and powers:
- 9.1.1 To be responsible for the General administration of ABBA.
  - 9.1.2 Responsibility for formulating the rules to govern Basketball in Antigua and Barbuda
  - 9.1.3 To make such rules and regulations as maybe necessary from time to time to control the conduct of the League and other auxiliary programs of ABBA.
  - 9.1.4 To sanction any officer, individual team member, club team, player or official of ABBA in conjunction with the disciplinary committee;
  - 9.1.5 To appoint a disciplinary committee independent of its members.
  - 9.1.6 To deliberate disciplinary matters in the event that the said committee is not yet constituted or becomes dysfunctional for any reason.
  - 9.1.7 To receive, control and expend the fund of ABBA in a manner that is consistent with the good financial management and as considered most and official for the purposes of ABBA.
  - 9.1.8 To co-opt members to the committee as maybe necessary and fit from time to time.
  - 9.1.9 To raised funds required for the furtherance to ABBA's aims and objectives

- 9.1.10 To fix membership fees from time to time
- 9.1.11 To declare vacant and fill the post of any officer of member who:
- a. Is consistently absent from executive meetings during a period of (3) consecutive months without proper cause and/or failure of notification;
  - b. Suffers permanent incapacity that, in the opinion of the executive committee, would restrict his/her taking further active part in the Committee's work;
  - c. Is found guilty of misconduct that is so serious that it would not be reasonably expected that his/her service to the committee be continued; provided that, the officer/member shall have the right to a fair hearing before the disciplinary committee or the executive, whichever is applicable, before a final determination and decision. Such decision must, however, be ratified by the general assembly in order to take effect.
- 9.1.12 To make By-Laws and rules to regulate conduct and effectively enhance the administration of ABBA's affairs, provided always that these rules and/or By Laws do not conflict with the letter or spirit of this constitution and are presented for review and ratification at the next General Assembly to be held or specially convened.
- 9.1.13 To do all things, that maybe incidental to the above objectives, as deemed necessary from time to time for the proper functioning of ABBA.

#### **ARTICLE 10. DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

- 10.1 The **PRESIDENT** as chief executive officer of ABBA shall;
- a. Preside over the General Assembly and all special ordinary and executive meetings
  - b. Have an ordinary vote and, where votes are equal, a casting vote;
  - c. Be the general administrator of ABBA 's activities and be responsible for seeing to it that all the plans and decisions of ABBA are effectively carried out.
  - d. With the approval of the executive committee, shall appoint such sub-committees as deemed necessary to fulfill any objective of ABBA:
  - e. Be an ex-officio member of all committees appointed.
  - f. Assesses all accounts, books, documents and letters of ABBA;
  - g. Be one of the signatories to all ABBA accounts and;
  - h. Perform any other duty that maybe assigned by the executive committee from time to time.
- 10.2 The **FIRST VICE PRESIDENT** shall;
- a. Preside at all meetings of ABBA in the absence of the President and shall be similarly empowered;
  - b. Assist the President in the general supervision of ABBA activities and affairs;

- c. Perform such other duties as may be assigned by the President or executive committee from time to time.

10.3 The **SECOND VICE PRESIDENT** shall;

- a. Preside at all meetings of ABBA in the absence of both the President and the first Vice President and be similarly empowered;
- b. Assist the President and the Vice President with the supervision of ABBA's affairs and activities;
- c. Perform such other duties as may be assigned by the President or Executive committee from time to time.

10.4 The **GENERAL SECRETARY** shall;

- a. Be responsible for supervising the implementation of the activities and programs of ABBA;
- b. On the instruction from the President, convene special, ordinary and/or general meetings of ABBA.
- c. Give notice to the membership of the date, venue and time of all meetings to be held;
- d. Record, certify and keep permanent records of the Minutes of all meetings.
- e. Be the custodian of the official records, assets and equipment of ABBA;
- f. Receive regular reports and copies of all committee and sub-committee activities and disseminate information to the Executive Committee in an efficient and timely manner;
- g. Be mainly responsible for receiving and sending official correspondences of ABBA on the instructions from the President and/or Executive Committee;
- h. Be responsible for the distribution of minutes, decision and circulars to the membership as may be necessary and directed by the Executive Committee;
- i. Along with the President and Treasurer, be one of the signatories ABBA's bank accounts and may assess the books of ABBA;
- j. Perform such other duties as may be assigned by the President and/or Executive Committee.

10.5 The **DEPUTY GENERAL SECRETARY/ASSISTANT TREASURER** shall;

- a. Deputize and perform the appropriate duties in the absence of the General Secretary;
- b. Assist the General Secretary in the performance of his/her duties;
- c. Perform such other duties that may be assigned by the General Secretary and/or the Executive Committee from time to time.
- d. Assist the Treasurer in the performance of his/her duties and during his/her absence shall deputize and discharge such functions and exercises such powers as delegated to him/her by the Executive Committee.

10.6 The **TREASURER** shall;

- a. With the approval of the Executive Committee, receive, control and expend ABBA's funds;
- b. Be a mandatory signatory to all bank accounts and cheques of ABBA;
- c. Be responsible for supervising the collection and account for all funds of ABBA;
- d. Be responsible for submitting a quarterly financial update to the Executive Committee and to provide the general membership with a financial report on an annual basis;
- e. Be responsible for having the financial report properly prepared and audited by a certified auditor or firm for submission to the Executive Committee, and subsequent presentation to the General Assembly;
- f. Be responsible for keeping and reporting all financial matters of ABBA;
- g. Prepare and present a budget estimate of Income and Expenditures for the pursuing year's activities, to the annual Executive for subsequent presentation to the General Assembly;
- h. Receive and lodge funds received on ABBA's behalf in a n account at a bank, approved by the Executive Committee, within three (3) days of receipt of funds;
- i. Properly record all funds received, issue receipts and keep receipts of all funds expended on behalf of ABBA;
- j. Perform any other duty that may be assigned by the Executive Committee from time to time.

10.7 The **PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER** shall;

- a. Be responsible for publicizing all events and activities of ABBA;
- b. Ensure that the general public is kept aware of the work and progress of all activities of ABBA;
- c. Be responsible for and do everything possible to enhance and protect ABBA's public image;
- d. Liaise with the media for the purpose of sensitizing the public about activities and programs of ABBA;
- e. Assist in securing sponsorship for the activities of ABBA;
- f. Be ABBA's spokesperson on matters of national importance as directed by the President and or Executive Committee;
- g. Perform any other duty that may be assigned by the First Vice President and/or the Executive Committee.

#### **ARTICLE 11. FINANCE**

- 11.1 There shall be a Finance Committee comprising five (5) persons appointed by the Executive Committee for a period at its leisure. The Treasurer shall preside over this Committee and shall advise the Executive on all financial matters.
- 11.2 The Finance Committee shall be responsible for the planning and execution of fundraising activities for ABBA
- 11.3 The Financial Year of ABBA shall be from 1<sup>st</sup> November to 31<sup>st</sup> October.



- 11.4 Membership fees shall be paid annually. All such fees shall be accompanied by an application for new membership renewal.
- 11.5 All expenditure funds shall be recorded on a payment requisition voucher signed by the Treasurer with the signature of either President or General Secretary confirming Executive approval.
- 11.6 Cheques, drafts, bills, of exchange, promissory notes, and other negotiable instruments drawn on ABBA's bank account shall be, in each case, signed by two (2) Officers, one of whom MUST be the Treasurer, the other being either the President OR the General Secretary:
- 11.7 All financial matters of ABBA shall be recorded on the Treasurer's book or ledger, which shall always be kept in proper order and may be subject to inspection at any time without notice by the President or the Executive Committee.

#### **ARTICLE 12. AUDIT**

- 12.1 The Executive Committee shall ensure that the Treasurer submits the Accounts of ABBA for annual audit by an approved auditor or firm.
- 12.2 The General Assembly shall appoint a reputable individual or firm of chartered accountants to examine and audit the accounts of ABBA before the Treasurer presents it at the Annual General Meeting. The appointment of auditor shall be for four (4) years where possible.
- 12.3 Any financial member or club team shall, upon giving twenty one (21) days written notice to the General Secretary, have the right to inspect the books of ABBA at such time and place as the Executive Committee may direct.
- 12.4 The appointed auditor or any member of the external audit team shall not be a member of the Executive or Finance Committee of ABBA.

#### **ARTICLE 13. REPRESENTATIVE**

- 13.1 Each member club or team shall be entitled to send two (2) representatives to each ordinary meeting and General Assembly of ABBA.
- 13.2 The names of these representatives shall be submitted to the General Secretary of ABBA at least seven (7) days before each ordinary meeting and at least seven (7) days before any General Assembly.
- 13.3 Only registered representatives may actively participate and vote at any meeting of ABBA.
- 13.4 In matters of discipline and protest, any member, official or club team, may be represented by any person or organization of its choice.
- 13.5 For the purpose of the general meetings of ABBA, no representative shall be permitted to represent more than one entity, club or team.
- 13.6 During their term in office, any officer or member of the Executive may act as a representative of their respective club team.
- 13.7 Only officials properly registered as the club team representatives are entitled to participate in any question put to a vote at the Annual General Assembly.

13.8 Observers may speak at meetings of ABBA only through their selected club team representative but subject always to the expressed permission from the Chairman.

#### **ARTICLE 14. MEETINGS OF ABBA**

14.1 The Annual General Assembly shall be held no later than December 31<sup>st</sup> each year save for extenuating circumstances, which must be forwarded to the members by the General Secretary.

14.2 At least twenty-one (21) days notice of the Annual General Assembly must be given by the General Secretary to each member club team. Such notice is considered duly given if published in a daily newspaper no less than twenty-one (21) days prior to the date of the General Assembly, or prominently on the website of ABBA.

14.3 The business to be transacted at the Annual General Assembly will be as follows:

- a. Roll Call
- b. Minutes
- c. Matters Arising
- d. Executive Report
- e. Special Motions (if any)
- f. Financial & Audit Reports
- g. Vote on Approval of audited Financial Statement
- h. Appointment of Auditor (if due)
- i. Election of Officers (if due)
- j. Any other business
- k. Adjournment

14.4 The General Secretary shall convene the annual Assembly on instruction of the President.

#### **14.5 Ordinary General Meetings**

14.5.1 May take place as often as necessary to conduct the business of ABBA.

14.5.2 At least seven (7) days notice shall be given of such meetings.

#### **14.6 Executive Meetings**

14.6.1 Shall be summoned and presided over by the President, and shall take place as often as necessary to plan and conduct the affairs of ABBA but not less than once monthly.

#### **14.7 Special/Extraordinary General Meetings**

14.7.1 Shall be held upon written petition from one-third ( $\frac{1}{3}$ ) of member club teams in good standing;

OR

14.7.2 Shall be convened by the President at the written request of any five (5) members of the Executive Committee;

14.7.3 The President of ABBA may also convene such a meeting at such time with seven (7) days notice and stating the precise reason for the meeting;

#### **ARTICLE 15. QUORUM AND VOTING**

15.1 Any five (5) members shall make up the quorum at the Executive meetings.

15.2 In keeping with the following:

- **FIBA Statues 14.1.5** “...*No quorum is required for a session of the Congress*”;
- **FIBA Americas Statutes 7.9** “...*No quorum shall be required for a meeting of the Congress*”;
- **C.B.C General Statutes 8.1.5** “...*No quorum shall be required for a meeting of the Congress*”.

No quorum shall be required for the convening of any meeting of the membership of ABBA provided that sufficient notice of said meeting was provided.

15.3 Voting at meetings shall be by a show of hands unless a majority of members present and in good standing request a ballot. HOWEVER, election of officers and members to the Executive Committee shall be held by secret ballot,

15.4 Only financial member club teams shall be eligible to vote at any meeting of ABBA.

15.5 Each club team shall have two (2) votes at the General Assembly.

15.6 Each Individual member shall have one (1) vote at the General Assembly.

15.7 All financial documents (Checkbooks, Deposit Book and Cash) shall be transferred from the Outgoing Executive to the Incoming Executive Immediately following the election of the New Executive. All other files from the Outgoing Executive to the Incoming Executive shall be handed over within seven (7) days.

#### **ARTICLE 16. AMENDMENTS**

16.1 The Constitution of ABBA shall only be amended, altered or change by two-third ( $\frac{2}{3}$ ) majority of the membership entitled to vote and present at the Annual General Assembly or at a Special General Meeting convened by the Executive for the specific purpose.

16.2 Any member club team who wishes to propose amendment or change to the Constitution, is required to forward a Resolution in writing to the General Assembly or Special Meeting at which resolutions are to be considered seven (7) days prior to the General Meeting or Special Meeting.

#### **ARTICLE 17. INDEMNITY**

17.1 Every officer of ABBA or any person employed by ABBA, shall be indemnified out of funds of ABBA against any liability lawfully incurred by such person in performing the duties of such office or employment.

**ARTICLE 18. SUSPENSION & CESSATION OF MEMBERSHIP**

- 18.1 Failure by a Club/Member to pay all or part of its Affiliation Fee before the Annual General Meeting of the Executive following the date on which it becomes due and payable, or to pay any other fees decided by the Executive on or before the due date for payment, shall entail the automatic suspension of the Club/Member in default.
- 18.2 The suspension may be set aside, with the defaulting Club/Member restored to membership, by:
- 18.2.1 The Executive, by a two-thirds ( $\frac{2}{3}$ ) majority and if satisfied that the Club/Member is of good standing and that all fees including arrears of fees, and other amounts due to ABBA will be paid in full within three (3) months of the Executive setting aside the suspension, or
  - 18.2.2 The Executive, on payment of the money in arrears and of such fines as may be deemed appropriate by the Executive, or
  - 18.2.3 The execution by the Club/Member of a valid and binding agreement or deed evidencing arrangements to pay all outstanding fees upon terms which are acceptable to ABBA.
- 18.3 Any club/member may be expelled from membership of ABBA for the following reasons:
- 18.3.1 Any violation by a member of the Constitution, By-Laws or Rules of ABBA or of any order made in conformity therewith shall render such member liable to suspension from ABBA by the Executive until the next meeting, at which meeting the member may be liable for expulsion.
  - 18.3.2 Any member of ABBA, including Honorary members, may, on the motion of the Board, be liable for expulsion for:
    - 18.3.2.1 Any violation of the Constitution, By-Laws or Rules of ABBA or of any order made in conformity therewith,
    - 18.3.2.2 Conduct unbecoming of a member, or
    - 18.3.2.3 Conduct not in the interest of ABBA and the promotion of its objects.
- 18.4 Expulsion of a member shall be decided by the Executive Committee and shall require:
- 18.4.1 In the case of a Club or Individual member, a two-thirds ( $\frac{2}{3}$ ) majority vote of the Executive members present at such meeting, and
- 18.5 At such meeting of the Executive, the member the subject of the motion to be expelled shall be given the right to address the Executive. The Executive shall cause such member to have been given notice of the motion for expulsion and a short statement of reasons therefore at least fourteen (14) days prior to the meeting in question.

**ARTICLE 19. FEES AND DUES**

- 19.1 Each Club/Member shall pay annually to ABBA an Affiliation Fee to be determined annually by the Executive in conjunction with its approval of the annual budget. Such Affiliation Fee shall be due and payable on such terms and by such time as is determined and approved by the Executive.
- 19.2 Each Club/Member shall also be liable to pay to ABBA, from time to time, such other fees and on such date(s) as may be decided by the Executive.

**ARTICLE 20. INTERPRETATION**

- 20.1 The Executive Committee shall be the authority for interpreting the provisions of this Constitution and Rules and Regulations of ABBA or for taking any decision upon which the Constitution and/or By-Laws are silent or inconclusive.
- 20.2 Any matter not provided for under these Articles or in the general By-Laws shall be settled by the Executive Committee, whose decision shall be final. Decision in matters of legislation, however, shall not become operative until they have been approved by the General Assembly.
- 20.3 For the purposes of this Constitution, a Member in Good Standing, is considered to be a member who meets the criteria for membership, including but not limited to being up-to-date with dues and any other moneys owed to ABBA.

**ARTICLE 21. COMMON SEAL**

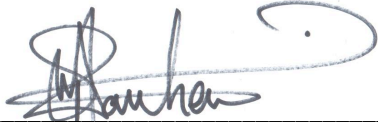
- 21.1 ABBA shall have a Common Seal and shall provide for its safe custody.

**ARTICLE 22. DISSOLUTION**

- 22.1 ABBA shall not be dissolved except with the consent of at least three-fourths ( $\frac{3}{4}$ ) of the members present and eligible to vote at a Special General Assembly convened for the purpose.
- 22.2 In the event of the decision to dissolve ABBA, the disposal of funds and other assets shall also be decided at the meeting.

**ARTICLE 23. EFFECTIVE DATE**

- 23.1 This revised **CONSTITUTION** shall come into effect as soon as it has been approved at a Special General Assembly to be convened on directive of the President.
- 23.2 This revised **CONSTITUTION** was approved by the General Assembly at a Special Meeting convened at the **MULTIPURPOSE CULTURAL CENTER** on the **SIXTEENTH** day of **OCTOBER** 2014, and takes effect in accordance with the provision of Article 23.1



**PRESIDENT**

**DARYLL S. MATTHEW**



**GENERAL SECRETARY**

**ALDO McCOY**