Our Logo
Our Logo Symbolizes A Rising Sun Over the Nigerian Flag, representing a new dawn.
Our Logo colours are yellow, green and white.
Yellow signifying light

White for peace

Green for the land is green

All content in accordance will section 224 of the constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

CONSTITUTION OF THE MODERN DEMOCRATIC PARTY PREAMBLE

THE MODERN DEMOCRATIC PARTY

Is a political movement whose consciousness revolves around the need to, among other things:-

- 1. Promote a national political environment based on social justice, freedom, equity, peace and progress of the people.
- 2. Preserve and promote the sovereignty, unity and progress of the Federal Republic of Nigeria
- 3. Encourage the policy of service to our nation first as the motivating factors for participation in public while maintaining high sense of patriotism and unity in diversity amongst Nigerian citizens.
- 4. Promote a society that will guarantee equality of opportunity to all Nigerians devoid of any form of discrimination.
- 5. Ensure the development of a system of government that is based on the principles of separation of power to all segments of the country.
- 6. Establish and ensure that policies are put in places Guaranteeing the protection and safety of all the citizens of Nigeria and their property where ever they reside in Nigeria.

Therefore, we the Nigerian Masses Progressives Across Nigeria, Do Hereby And Solemnly Resolves to constitute ourselves into a political party, enact and gives to ourselves the following Constitution and accept to be bound by its provisions both in conduct and deliberation.

ARTICLE 1

SUPREMACY OF THE CONSTITUTION

Subject to the constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and any other law in force, this constitutions shall be supreme and its provisions shall have binding force on all members of he party.

Nigeria, that I will strive to pursue, enhance and Implement the aims and objectives of the Party as contained in the Constitution and manifestoes, that I will not allow my personal interest to influence my official decision, that in all circumstances, I will do right to all members and Organs of the Party and to all manners of people according to the law without fear or favour, affection or ill-will, that I will not directly or indirectly communicate or reveal to any person any matter which shall be brought under my consideration or shall become known to me as an officer of the party except as may be required for the due discharge of my duties and that I will devote myself to the service and wellbeing of the people of Nigerian.

So help me God

ARTICLE 2

NAME AND DESCRIPTION OF THE PARTY

1. The name of the political party shall be hereinafter referred to as Modern Democratic Party.

MOTTO:

2. The motto of the party is ONE NIGERIA

SLOGAN:

3. The Rising Sun

LOGO:

4. The sun rising in peaceful Nigeria under favorable condition. The green represents favorable economic condition. The white represents peace and the yellow a new dawn.

FLAG

5. Flag-Yellow, white and green

SECRETARIAT:

6. The Registered office of the Party shall be located at Abuja, the Federal Capital of Nigeria, with offices in every capital and local Government headquarters.

ARTICLE 3:

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES:

The aims and objectives of the party includes the following:

- 1. The attainment of political power through legitimate democratic and constitutional means for the purpose of evolving an egalitarian society where there is equality of opportunity in the production of wealth and its distribution based on principles of equity, freedom and social justice.
- 2. To encourage the development of education, agriculture, commerce and industry being the drawing forces for the achievement of mass literacy food sufficiency and security of lives and property.
- 3. To uphold and defend the constitutions of the Federal republic of Nigeria at all times.
- 4. To defend the sovereignty of the people of Nigeria and observance of an open and transparent democratic process in all

- organs of the party and government at all levels.
- 5. To promote the unity and political stability of Nigeria government all levels
- 6. To prmote the unity and political stability of Nigeria by instituting equitable principles of power sharing derivation and rotation for key public offices amongst the sixe geo-political zones and States of Nigeria.
- 7. To work at eliminating poverty, ignorance, discrimination, corruption and exploitation of all kinds from our society.
- 8. To ensure that the programmes and policies of the Party shall be in conformity with the provision of the constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria and that accordingly, the Party shall at all times pursue the political, economic, social, educational and other objectives and well as the directive Principles of States Policy as contained in the Nigeria Constitution. Provided that the Party shall put in place the process that will ensure the amendment of the said Constitution to reflect separation of power to the federating units in order to ensure true federalism.
- 9. To establish condition and structures which shall guarantee social justice, equality, in all spheres of national life, economic and political freedom, and the general well-being of all Nigerians.
- 10. To maintain and promote the secularity of the Nigerian Nation, religious tolerance and harmonious living among Nigerians.
- 11. To ensure purposeful mobilization of the creativity and resourcefulness of the people of Nigeria for the establishment of a high standard of living and the pursuit of happiness through equitable distribution of the wealth of the Nation.
- 12. To encourage and promote active public and private sector participation in all strategic sectors of our economy.
- 13. To design platforms for the purposeful development of the talents of Nigerian youths and the development of Youth Leadership capable of participating effectively in the management of our national institutions and resources within the government and Party.

Party

e) Primary health care means comprehensive health care, including basic medical

immunization, health education, essential drug supply to health institutions

designated for the purpose, environmental sanitation, nutrition, maternal and

Executive Committee at the National level, the State Executive Committee.

Local Government Area level, and Ward Executive Committee at the Ward level.

f) Transition period means the time between the formation of the Party and when it becomes established.

SCHEDULE 2

a) Oath of Constitutions "i" do solemnly

swear/affirm that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to the Modern

Democratic party and bear true allegiance to Nigeria and that I will preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of and the Constitutions of the Federal Republic

of Nigeria.

b) Oath of Office

"Í" do solemnly swear/Affirm

that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to the Modern Democratic

Party I wifl discharge my duties to the best of my ability, faithfully and in accordance with the Constitutions Modern Democratic Party And the law and always in interest of the integrity, solidarity, advancement, well-being and prosperity of the of the Federal Republic of

3. The election Panels at the State level shall be constituted by the State Executive Committee and shall consist of seven (7) Party members of proven integrity and shall reflect the State geo-graphical spread.

ARTICLE 21

AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTIONS:

The provision of this Constitution shall be subject to amendment if so decided by a minimum of two-third (2/3) of the financial members of the Party present and voting at a National Convention, providing that notice of such amendment shall have been filed with the National Secretariat not less than Thirty (30) days before

the National Convention, and circulated for les that 14 days before the date of the convention.

SCHEDULE 1

INTERPRETATION OF TERMS:

For the purpose of the Party and the context of this constitution, the following terms are hereby defined to wit,

- a) At all levels means at the National, State, Local Government Area and Council Ward levels.
- b) Egalitarian society means society in which members of that society are treated
- as equal legally, socially, morally and politically and exposed to equal
- opportunity to develop their inherent potentials as individuals without
- prejudice to ethnic origin, religion or circumstances of birth or sex.
- c) Officer means elected Officials
- d) Official means a person employed and paid by the

- 14. To ensure the creation of employment opportunities for the teaming population of Nigeria and incorporte same as an objectives of National policy.
- 15. To encourage the investment of private capital in the distribution and productions of wealth and to ensure the foundation of legislation to discourage private monopolies.
- 16. To pursue the realization of industrial, science and Technological transformations of our country with a view of placing Nigeria among the top in the country of Nation.
- 17. To protect the interest of the Farmers, Workers, and other masses of Nigeria and to strive to obtain for them the greater possible returns of fruits for their labours.
- 18. To embark on programmes for the integration of rural and urban development aimed at enhancing the quality of life of rural and urban dwellers.
- 19. The development of the Nigerian Youth through the establishment and sustenance of socio-cultural activities in all institutions of our National life.
- 20. To create a platform for activities of trade union organizations and co-operative movement in Nigeria for the development and maintenance of their economic progress, this will in turn positively stimulate the Nigerian economy.
- 21. To create opportunities and encourage full development of the political, socio-cultural and economic potentials of the Nigerian Women.
- 22. Pursuit of a proactive and dynamic foreign policy aimed at achieving the following to with:
 - a) Mutual friendship and reciprocal relations with all countries.
 - b) Total decolonization and self-determination of all people especially of African descent and all oppressed in the world.
 - c) Promotion of the socio-cultural values of black people all over the world and

- d) Maintenance of international peace, harmony and cooperation among the comity of nations.
- 23. To preach and defend the freedom of the press through the freedom of information Act and the fundamental freedom and human rights of all Nigerians.
- 24. To undertake positive activities and adopt measures for policies aimed at improving the general standards of living and well-being of all Nigerians.
- 25. Co-operate with any legitimate institution, group or association for the purpose of achieving the objectives of the Party.
- 26. To organize our Nigerian masses throughout the Federation, sponsor candidates and canvass for vote for their election into all elective offices in all tiers of government in Nigeria.
- 27. Generally to provide the basic necessities of life, i.e. education, food and water, security, primary health care, housing, roads etc. for all Nigerians.

ADMISSION INTO MEMBERSHIP

- 1. Membership of the Party shall be open to all Nigerians who are not below the age of 18 (eighteen) years and who undertake to abide by the provision of this Constitutions.
- 2. Prospective member shall register on his/her own Ward or origin or where he/she ordinarily resides or carries on business.
- 3. The application for membership shall be considered by the Ward Executive Committee upon payment of a prescribed fee.
- 4. Membership cards shall be issued to a registered member of the Party which shall bear the photograph of the member.
- 5. It shall be the duty of the National Headquarters of the Party to produce membership cards which shall be

Executive Committee through the State Working Committee.

- b) For members aspiring for Party positions or nominations for National Assembly, Governors or Deputy Governors, President or Vice President, the deciding authority shall be the National Executive Committee, through the National Working Committee. However the process of clearance for the waiver shall start from the Ward level,
- 7. In respect of any decision under this sub-head, an aggrieved persons shall have resources to appeal to the National Executive Committee, through the Party's National Working Committee.
- 8. There shall be a minimum of one year membership span for a member to be eligible to be considered for political Appointment, but this is without prejudice to the discretion of the appropriate authority.
- 9. Where the appropriate Committee rules to the Contrary, such ruling must be ratified by the immediate higher Executive Committee, save for the National Executive Committee which is the Final authority.
- 10. Candidates for the Party position must bosses a minimum of Secondary School Certificate or its equivalent as requisite qualification to be eligible to contest.

ARTICLE 20

ELECTION PANEL:

- 1. There shall be Election Panels to adjudicate on complaints of any candidates.
- 2. The election panel at the National level shall be constituted by the National Executive Committee and shall constitute Party members of proven integrity and reflect National geographical spread.

primaries shall be held at the Constituency headquarters of the Federal Constituency.

- c) In the conduct of primaries for the Party's candidates for the post of Senator, the primaries shall be held at the Senatorial headquarters of the district.
- d) In the conduct of primaries for the Party's candidates for the post of Governorship of the State, the primaries shall be held at the State Congress of the Party special convened for that purpose at a venue within the State Capital.
- e) In the conduct of primaries for the Party's candidates for the office of the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, the primaries shall be held at the National Convention of the Party specially convened for that purpose.
- 3. Congress for the election of Wards Officers, Councillorship candidates and the 3 delegates to Local Government Congress and State Congress, out of which at least one (1) shall be a woman, shall be by direct primaries in which all cards carrying members of the Party at the Ward level shall participate.
- 4. There shall be a minimum of one (1) year membership span to qualify a member to stand for election into any public office, unless the appropriate Executive Committee gives a waiver or rules to the contrary.
- 5. However, without prejudice to the foregoing, the National Executive Committee of the Party in consultation with the Executive Committee of the appropriate State may nominate a popular member of the Party that possesses the requisite wide acceptability, potentials and capacity to fly the flag of the Party at the relevant election at any level.

6. WAIVER

In considering a waiver for an aspiring member, the following shall apply:

a) For members aspiring for party nominations for election to the post of councillorship of the State House of Assembly, the deciding authority shall be the State

endorse by the National Chairman and the National Secretary.

- 6. Upon enrolment, a member shall:
 - a) Pay all fess and levies as may be prescribed from time to time by any of the National, State, Local Government and Ward Organs of the Party.
 - b) Be deemed to have accepted to abide by the provision of the Party's Constitutions as well as its policies and programs.
 - c) Be deemed to have accepted to abide by all Lawful directives and decisions of the Party or any of its organs and
 - d) Be deemed to have accepted to refrain from acts capable of undermining the aims and objectives of the Party.

ARTICLE 5:

REGISTER OF MEMBERS

- 1. The Party shall maintain a Register of its members at its Secretariat at all levels i.e. National, State, Local Government and Wards.
- 2. The register of members shall contain the Name of every members of the Party, his/her address and registration Number.
- 3. The member's name in the register of members, shall be the prima facie evidence of a valid membership registration of a member.
- 4. The membership registration shall continuously be updated to accommodate new members provided that the register so updated can only be relevant for congress 90 days before such congress or convention.

ARTICLE 6:

RIGHT AND OBLIGATION OF MEMBERS:

1. Good membership shall confer on the individual, the following rights and privileges:-

- a) Right to contest elections on the platform of the Party without any discriminations whatsoever.
- b) Right to democratic process and to free and fair elections
- c) Right to fair
- d) Right to governance and accountability within the Party.
- e) Any other rights or privileges conferred on membership by the Constitutions of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, this Constitution and any other rules and regulations of the Party.

CONSTITUTIONS OF PARTY ORGANS

The following shall constitute the organs of the Party:-

- a) The National Convention
- b) Board of Trustees
- c) The National Executive Committee
- d) National Working Committee
- e) The State Congress
- f) The State Elders Forums
- g) The State Executive Committee
- h) The State Working Committee
- i) The Local Government Area Congress
- k) The Ward Congress
- 1) The Ward Executive Committee

COMPOSITION OF PARTY ORGANS

7.5 There shall be a Ward Executive Committee which shall consist of the Following:-

- a) Chairman
- b) Deputy Chairman
- c) Secretary
- d) Assistance Secretary
- e) Treasurer
- f) Assistant Treasurer
- g) Financial Secretary
- h) Assistant Financial Secretary

candidate of the Party unless that member had been a financial member of the Party for at least six (6) months before the date of such Party elections, this clause shall not apply during the transition/formative period.

4. **RULES AND REGULATIONS:**

All Organs of the Party shall have power to make rules and regulations for the smooth running of the Party provided that such rules and regulations are not in conflict with the provision of this constitutions.

ARTICLE 19

NOMINATIONS OF CONDATES FOR ELECTION INTO PUBLIC OFFICES:

PARTY PRIMARIES:

- 1. The National Executive Committee shall, subject to the provisions of the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1999 as amended, the electoral acts as amended and the Party constitutions formulate guidelines and regulations for the nomination of candidates for election tin public office at all level and shall be the final authority for resolving all dispute arising from the choice of candidates from the Party for any election and for conveying to the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) or any other authority in that behalf, confirming names or list of names of the Party's candidates for any elective public office in Nigeria.
- 2. Notwithstanding the provision of Article 7 of the Constitution, the National Executive Committee shall regulate the procedures for selecting the Party's candidates for elective offices in the manner herein under provided.
- a) In the conduct of Primaries for the Party's candidates for the post of member for the Local Government Council, Council Chairman and State House of Assembly, the primaries shall be held at the Local Government Constituency headquarters.
- b) In the conduct of primaries for the Party's candidates for the post of member of house representatives, the

17.7 AUDIT

- a) A firm of Accountant shall be appointed by the Board of Trustees on the recommendation of the National Executive Committee to Audit all the accounts and report thereon to the National Executive Committee which shall consider the report and authorize its publication.
- b) A statement of the Party's assets and liabilities shall be published in accordance with the prevailing laws of the Federal on the Authority of the National Executive Committee.
- c) Without prejudice to Article 17.7 (a) of this Constitution, there shall be an internal auditing of the Party's finance.

ARTICLE 18

MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

1. **REGISTRATION:**

- a) A member of the Party shall be free to resign his membership at any time.
- b) Upon resignation, a member shall surrender all properties of the Party in his/her possession with the immediate effect.

2. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- a) Election of Officers of the Party at every level shall be held not latter than one month before the expiration of tenure of the incumbent executive Committee.
- b) Voting shall be open ballot for the Ward and Local Government levels but by secret ballot at State Congresses and National Conventions.
- c) The winner of an election shall be determine by a simple majority of the total votes cast.
- d) In the event of a tie in any ballot, the election for that particular Office shall be repeated for the tying candidates until a winner emerges.

3. ELIGIBILITY:

No member shall be eligible to contest any election as an officer or

- i) Organizing Secretary
- j) Assistant Organizing Secretary
- k) Publicity Secretary
- 1) Assistant Publicity Secretary
- m) Legal Adviser
- n) Assistant Legal Adviser
- o) Welfare Officer
- p) Assistant Welfare Officer
- q) Auditor
- r) Assistant Auditor
- s) Youth Leader
- t) Women Leader
- u) 2 Ex-Officio Members
- v) Members of the National Convention from the Ward
- w) Councilor
- 7.6 The Ward Executive Committee shall meet at least once in a Month to discuss matters affecting the Party at their level.

POWERAND FUNCTIONS

7.7 Ward Executive Committee

The Ward Executive Committee of the Party shall be the Principle Executive Organs of the Ward and shall exercise the following power:-

- a) Convene the Ward Congress and prepare its agenda
- d) Make recommendations on policies and programmes to the Ward Congress.
- c) Discipline its members Pursuant to Article 9 of this Constitution
- d) Implement the decision of the Local Government congress
- e) Handle all other matters that may be referred to it by the Local Government Executive Committee.

7.8 The Ward Congress

The Ward Congress shall consist of all registered members of the Party in the Ward.

7.9 The power and functions of the congress in each Ward shall includes the following:

- a) Evolving policies and programmes for the fulfillment of the aims and objectives of the Party in the Ward.
- b) Exercising all other power, authority and functions similar to those of the L.G.A Congress in the area of its jurisdiction.
- c) Nominate Councillorship candidates for the Local Government Council elections in accordance with the guidelines of the Party.
- d) Acting as Electoral Unit for the purpose of nominating candidates for the Local Government, State and National Assembly elections in its Constituency.
- e) Implementation of directives from the Local Government Congress.

7.10. Local Government Area Executives Committee:

Every Local Government Area shall have an Executive Committee of the Party whose members shall comprise:-

- a) Chairman
- b) Deputy Chairman
- c) Secretary
- d) Assistant Secretary
- e) Treasurer
- f) Assistant Treasurer
- g) Financial Secretary
- h) Assistant Financial Secretary
- i) Organizing Secretary
- j) Assistant Organizing Secretary
- k) Publicity Secretary
- 1) Assistant Publicity Secretary
- m) Legal Adviser
- n) Assistant Legal Adviser
- o) Welfare Officer
- p) Assistant Welfare Officer

FINANCE, BANKING AND AUDIT:

17:1 FINANCE

The funds of the Party at all levels shall be derived from all or any of the following sources.

- a) Membership fee/dues
- b) Income generated by property owned by the Party
- c) Profit from income enterprise owned by the Party
- d) Private funding i.e. gifts and grant by groups or individual, loans duly approved by the National Executive Committee
- e) Levies, donation and other grants
- 17.2 The National Executive Committee shall have the power to make special grants and donations or grant loans without interest to any Organ of the Party subject to guidelines and regulations approved by the National Convention.
- 17.3 The Budget of the Party at any level shall be approved by the appropriate Executive Committee and authorization of all expenditure there in shall be vested in the relevant Chairman.
- 17.4 A fee to be known as the membership fee shall paid to the Party by every member. The fee which shall be uniform amount throughout the Country shall be determined from time to time by the National Executive Committee of the Party.
- 17.5 A Financial Member of the Party shall be a member who have paid all approved dues, fees, and levies payable by him under this Constitution.

17.6 BANKING:

The Party at all level will operate accounts in Banks approved by the relevant Executive Committee. Withdrawals from such accounts shall be effected jointly by the Appropriate Chairman as principal signatory and either the Secretary or the Treasurer as co-signatory.

- appointed by the State Congress on the recommendation of the Local Executive Committee. This Forum shall hold Office for a period of three (3) years.
- 2. The State Elders Forum shall have at least one member from each L.G.A of the State and shall elect their Chairman amongst themselves.
- 3. The Governor, Deputy Governor and the Speaker of State House of Assembly who are members of the Party Shall be members of the Forum. The State Elders Forum shall at its level exercise the power of the Board of Trustees.

ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENT

- 1. All Parties posts prescribed by this Constitution shall be filled by Democratically conducted elections and in accordance with the guidelines that may be approved by the National Executive Committee of the Party.
- 2. In the events of nominations, elections or appointment for formation or participation in Government, the National Executive Committee shall make rules and regulations for the selection of candidates in consultation with the consideration and uphold the following.
- a) Aims and Objectives of the Party in Article 3.
- b) The Federal Character principles of geo-graphical spread and
- c) Equitable representation for Women and Youths.

ARTICLE 16

OATH OF OFFICE

a) Every Officer elected or appointed as an Officer of the Party shall subscribed to the Oath of Office as provided in schedule 2B of this Constitution before the Commissioner of the Oaths or Notary Public.

ARTICLE 17

- q) Auditor
- r) Assistant Auditor
- s) Youth Leader
- t) Women Leader
- u) Ward Chairman of the Party
- v) The Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Local Government Council who are members of the Party.
- w) 2 Ex-Officio Members from each Ward of the Local Government Area.

7.11. The Local Government Executive Committee

Shall meet at least once in a month

7.12. The Local Government Executive Committee Powers and Functions

The Local Government Area Executive Committee of the Party shall be the Principal Executive Organ of the Local Government Area Congress and in this capacity shall:

- a) Convene the Local Government Congress on the recommendation of the Local Government Area Executive Committee or in exceptional cases on directives from the National or State Executive Committee.
- b) Make recommendation on policies and programmes of the Party to the Local Government Congress.
- c) Implement the decision of the Congress.

7.13. Local Government Area Congress:

The Local Government Area Congress Shall Consist of:

- a) Chairman of the Local Government Area if he/she is a member
- b) Deputy Chairman if he/she is a member
- c) Local Government Area Executive Committee members of the Party.
- d) National and State Congress Members of the Party from the Local Government Area.

- e) Councilor who are members of the Party or Councillorship Candidates nominated by the Party.
- f) Ward Chairman and Ward Executives members of the Party within the Local Government Area.
- g) Three Local Government delegates elected from each Ward in the Area.

7.14. Local Government Area Congress: Powers and Function.

The Powers and functions of the Congress in each Local Government Area shall includes the following:

- a) Evolving policies and programmes for the fulfillment of the aims and objectives of the Party in the Local Government Area.
- b) Rectifying candidates in accordance with the guidelines approved by the National Executive Committee of the Party at a Special Congress convened for that purpose, this is without prejudice to the provisions of this Constitution.
- c) To undertake and ensure the implementation of directives from the State Congress.
- d) In cases where the Local Government Constitutes States and Federal Constituency, the Local Government Congress shall be responsible for the nomination of candidates into those houses.
- e) Exercising all other powers, authority and functions in its area of jurisdiction similar to those of the State Congress provided that State functions shall be replaced by the Local Government functions.

7.15. State Executives Committee

The State Executive Committee shall Comprise the following:-

- i. State Chairman
- ii. State Deputy Chairman
- iii. Three Vice-Chairman, one from each Senatorial district of the state
- iv. State Secretary
- v. Assistance State Secretary

- 2. Power and Functions of the Board of Trustees:
- a) The Board of Trustees shall be the conscience of the Party and shall ensure that high moral standard are observed in the conduct of the Party activities.
- b) Withou prejudice to the Provisions of this consititutions, the Board of Trustees shall not take part in the day-to-day running of the Party at any level.
- c) Members of the Board of Trustees can attend any meeting organized by any Organ of the Party but shall have no voting right at any of those meetings except at National Convention and meetings of the Board of Trustees.
- d) The Chairman and Secretary of the Board are full members of the National Executive Committee of the Party.
- e) A Trustee maybe removed from office by a resolution at the Annual Convention on the recommndations of Board on the ground of infirmity or misconduct.
- f) A Trustee may reisign his/her membership of the Board by tendering a letter to that effect to the Chairman of the Board which later must also be copied to the National Chairman of the Party.
- g) The Board of Trustee shall mediate in the event of disputes across the arms of the Party, Executive, and Legislative.
- h) The Board of Trustee shall coordinate, harmonize, review and advise when necessary on policies, programmes and activities of the Party.
- i) The Board of Trustees shall coordinate the funding activities of the Party.
- j) The Board of Trustees shall be the custodian of the Party assets.
- k) The Board of Trustees shall generally advise the National Executive Committee of the Party which Advise the National Executive Committee of the party shall consider appropriately.

ARTICLE 14

STATE ELDERS FORUM

1. There shall be a State Elders Forum of the Party which shall be

- d) Election Committee: Shall have the National Organizing Secretary as Chairman and six other members who shall advise the Party on legitimate strategies, logistics and modalities for conduct of campaigns and elections to ensure total success at election.
- e) Establishment Committee: Shall have the Party Secretary as Chairman and six other members at relevant level of the Party who shall advise the elected Chief Executive who is elected on the Platform of the Party on appointments.
- 2. Without prejudice to the provision of Article 12.1 of this Constitution, the National Executive Committee shall have power to set-up Ad-hoc Committee whenever the need for such Committee arises.

1. TRUSTEES

- i. There shall be a Board of Trustees of the Party which shall be appointed by the National Convention on the recommendation of the State Congress passed through the National Executive Committee and shall hold offie for the period of 5 years and no more
- ii. The Baord of Trustees shall have in its membership 3 members (one from each Senatorial District) from each State of the Federation including Abuja (FCT) at least one of whom shall be a woman. A Chairman shall be appointed by them from their membership.
- iii. The president, Vice President, Senate President and the Speaker of the House of Representative if they are members of the Party shall also be members of the Board of Trustees.
- iv. Qualification for appointment as a member of the Party's board of Trustees shall be the same as that a Senator in the National Assembly.

- vi. State Treasurer
- vii. Assistant State Treasurer
- viii. State Financial Secretary
- ix. Assistant State Financial Secretary
- x. State Organizing Secretary
- xi. Assistant State Organizing Secretary
- xii. State Publicity Secretary
- xiii. Assistant State Publicity Secretary
- xiv. State Legal Adviser
- xv. Assistant State Legal Adviser
- xvi. State Welfare Officer
- xvii. Assistant State Welfare Officer
- xviii. State Auditor
- xix. Assistant State Auditor
- xx. Youth Leader
- xxi. Women Leader
- xxii. National Executive Committee member of the Party from the State
- xxiii. The State Governor and the Deputy Governor if they are members of the Party.
- xxiv. The Speaker and Deputies in the State House of Assembly who are members of the Party.
- xxv. The Chairman and Secretary of the Party in each Local Government Area of the State.
- xxvi. Local Council Chairman and their Deputies who are members of the Party
- xxvii. One Ex-Officio members from each Local Government Area of the Party.

7.17 The State Executives Committee:

Power and Function

The State Executive Committee of the Party shall be the Principal Executive Organ of the State Congress and in this capacity shall:

a) Convene the State Congress on the recommendation of the State Executive Committee or in exceptional circumstances by the

- National Executive Committee.
- b) Organize and supervise nominations of candidates for Local Government Council, State and National Assembly election in accordance with the guideline approved by the National Executive Committee of the Party.
- c) Organize, Mange and supervise the election of Party Chairman and members of the Party Executive Committee in the Local Governments within the State in Accordance with the provision of these Constitution.
- d) Make recommendation on policies and programmes to the State Congress.
- e) Implement the decision of the State Congress.
- f) Where the Party is in power, guide and advise the government and generally assist in the implementation and achievement of the programmes of the Party.
- g) Generate funds for the achievement of the objectives of the Party.
- h) Carry out disciplinary actions against any erring member of the Party pursuant of Article 9 of this Constitution.
- i) The State Executive Committee may appoint sub-committee(s) and adhoc committees to carry out any of its functions from time to time as occasion demands.

7.18. The State Working Committee: Composition

- i. State Chairman shall be the Chairman
- ii. State Deputy Chairman
- iii. Three Vice-Chairman, one from each Senatorial district of the State
- iv. State Secretary who shall serve as Secretary to the Committee
- v. State Deputy Secretary
- vi. State Treasurer
- vii. State Deputy Treasurer
- viii. State Financial Secretary
- ix. State Deputy Financial Secretary
- x. State Organizing Secretary
- xi. State Deputy Organizing Secretary

- matters of the Party.
- f) Directorate of Social Welfare and Protocol who shall be responsible for Welfare and Protocol matters.
- g) Director of Security and intelligence who shall be responsible for Security and intelligence matters
- h) Directorate of Legal Services shall be headed by a Director of Legal Services who shall be responsible for Legal matters and must be of the legal profesion.
- 3. All Officials of the Party shall be appointed by the relevant Exective Committee
- 4. The salaries and other conditions of service of Officials shall be decided by the approprate Executive Committee which shall have power to employ and dismiss any official.

ARTICLE 12

COMMITTEES

- 1. The following shall constitute Standing Committees of the Party
- a) Ways and Means committee: Shall be headed by the Treasurer as Chairman; shall comprise a minimum of seven members including the Financial Secretary and shall advise the Party on ways and means of generating funds and property and investing these for the Party in accordance with the provisions of Article 17 of this consitution.
- b) Media and Publicity Committee: Shall have the Publicity Secretary as its Chairman and six others as members. This Committee shall advise the Party on genration and management if information, communication, publication, Public relations, education, mass media matters and community affairs.
- c) Disciplinary and Arbitration Committee: Shall have the Legal Adviser as Chairman and six other members and shall receive, examine, investigate, initiate and propose disciplinary and arbitration measures in matters affecting mebers or group of members and submit findings to the appropriate Executive Committee for Consideration and necessary actions.

- 4. Subject to the rectification by Convention or Congress an Officer shall be relived of his post at anytime if a vote of "No Confidence" is passed on him by Two-Third (2/3) of members of the relevant Party Organ.
- 5. Pursuant Article 10.4 of this Constitution, where a Vote of "No Confidence" on an Officer the relevant Party organ Shall Appoint another person to act in his plae pending ratification by the Convention or Congress as the case may be.
- 6. Any Officer at any level of the Party who wishes to contest an elective office into Government shall resign his Party nominations for the election, provided that all the general election the Party shall One Hundred and Twenty (120) days before the elections, issue and publish for the Convention and Congress at which candidates for election shall be nominated.

ADMINISTRATION

- 1. There shall be Administrative Officers at all levels of the Party who shall be responsible for the day-to-day Administration of the Party and report to the relevant Executive Committee through the Secretary.
- 2. Subject of Article 11.1 above, the Directorate in the Party's Aministration shall include:
- a) The Directorate of Organization which shall be headed by the Director of Organization and shall be responsible for the Organization of the Party at all levels.
- b) The Directorate of Administration and Training which shall be headed by the Director of Aministration who shall be responsible for personal and other administrative matters.
- c) The Directorate of Media and Publicity Which shall be headed by Director of Media and Publicity and shall administer all public relation matters.
- e) Directorate of Research, Planning and Programmes Which shall deal with research Planning and program and policy

- xii. State Welfare Officer
- xiii. State Deputy Welfare Officer
- xiv. State Publicity Secretary
- xv. State Deputy Publicity Secretary
- xvi. State Legal Adviser
- xvii. State Deputy Legal Adviser
- xviii. State Auditor
- xix. State Deputy Auditor
- xx. State Youth Leader
- xxi. State Women Leader

7.19 State Working Committee

The functions of the National Working Committee shall be carried out mutatis mutandis by the State Working Committee.

7.20 The State Working Committee

The State Working Committee shall meet at least once a month

7.21 State Congress

The State Congress shall consist of the following:-

- i. Chairman
- ii. Deputy Chairman
- iii. Three State Vice Chairman one of each Senatorial District.
- iv. The Governor and Deputy Governor if they are members of the Party.
- v. Members of the National Assembly who are members of the Party.
- vi. Members of the National Executive Committee of the Party who are from the State.
- vii. Members of the National Convention of the Party from within the State.
- viii. Members of the State Committee of the Party.
- ix. Members of the State House of Assembly who are members of the Party
- x. Chairman and Secretary of the Party in the Local Government

Area.

- xi. Local Government Council Chairman and their Deputies who are members of the Party.
- xii. All Ward Chairman
- xiii. 3 delegates from each Ward of the State elected for that purpose at least one of whom must be a woman.
- xiv. The Local Government Youth Leader and Women Leader from each of the Local Government Areas of the State.

7.22 State Congress: Powers and Functions

These State Congress shall have the following Powers and functions.

- a) Ratify list of aspirants for State elective office in accordance with guidelines approved by the National Executive Committee of the Party at a special Congress convened for the purpose, this is without prejudice to the provision of this constitution.
- b) Electing officers of the Party that will constitute the State Executive Commission of the Party.
- c) Electing members of the Party as candidates for gubernatorial election in the State.
- d) Ensuring the implementation of directives from the National Convention.
- e) Exercising all other powers, authority and functions similar to those of the National Convention in its areas of jurisdiction.

7.23 National Executive Committee

Members of the National Executive Committee shall comprise:-

- i. National Chairman who shall be the Chairman
- ii. Deputy National Chairman
- iii. National Secretary
- iv. Vice National Chairman Six (6) each whom shall represent a Geo-political zone of the Country.
- v. Deputy National Secretary
- vi. National Treasurer
- vii. Deputy National Treasurer

- 4. The Executive Committee at every level shall have power to decide on disciplinary measures against an offending member provided that only the National Convention shall have power to expel a member.
- 5. Notwithstnding any provision of this article, the Party may, where necessary invoke its rights to seek legal redress against any offending member.
- 6. A suspended member shall loose the privileges or membership for the period of suspension and may be required to fulfil certain conditions before the suspnsion is lifted.
- 7. A suspended member shall right to appeal to the Local Government Elders Forum in the case of suspension by the Local Government or Ward Executive Committees, to State Elder Forum in the case of suspension by the State Executive or the National Executive Committee.
- 8. Only the National Convention shall have power to expel a member from the Party
- 9. In all matters of discipline, every member of the Party shall enjoy the right o a fair hearing.

ARTICLE 10

TENURE OF OFFICE

- 1. Except as otherwise provided in the constitutions, all Officers of the Party elected into the Party's Organs shall serve in such Organs for a period of four (4) years and shall be eligible for reelection for another period of four (4) years only, provided that an Officer elected or appointed to fill a vacancy arising from death. Resignation or otherwise shall notwithstanding be eligible for election to the same office for two terms.
- 2. No member shall serve in the same office for more than eight (8) year continuously.
- 3. An Officer at the National and State levels of the Party shall not hold another office at State or National Organ of the Party concurrently, other than being an ex-officio member of that Organ

- may be presented or discussed at the end of the main agenda.
- i) Except upon a duly notified motion, a fresh deliberation or debate on a matter already concluded shall not be permitted.
- j) A member shall indicate a desire to speak by show of hand, sitting and shall rise to speak only when called upon to do so by the Chairman.
- k) The Chairman of a meeting shall have power to ask anyone who in his opinion is manifestly obstructing the conduct and peace of the meeting to leave the meeting.
- 1) Putting the question shall normal parliamentary procedure.
- m) Voting on any subject matters at a meeting shall be by a show hand or by a secret ballot.
- n) Except otherwise provide in this constitution, decision of any Organ of the Party shall be take by a simple majority of votes or members present at the meeting.
- o) No member shall leave a meeting without the leave of the Chairman
- p) Any member deviated from these rules or from the agenda of the meeting shall be immediately called to order by the Chairman or by another member raising a point of order.

DISCIPLINE OF MEMBERS

- 1. The Party shall be a discipline organization and all members of the Party shall be disciplined, honest, credible worthy and of good conduct and shll always be loyal to the Party and its constituted authorities.
- 2. The following shall constitution acs of discipline in the context of the Party, to wit-disloyalty, disorderly behavior at meetings theft, fraud, disrespect to the Party, immoral conducts, failure to fulfil financial obligations and other obligations of membership and conviction of criminal offence by a court of competent jurisdiction.
- 3. All acts of discipline shall be sanctioned. Such sanction shall vary according to the gravity of the offence committed.

- viii. National Financial Secretary
- ix. Deputy National Financial Secretary
- x. National Organizing Secretary
- xi. Deputy National Organizing Secretary
- xii. National Publicity Secretary
- xiii. Deputy National Publicity Secretary
- xiv. National Legal Adviser
- xv. Deputy National Legal Adviser
- xvi. National Welfare Officer
- xvii. Deputy National Welfare Officer
- xviii. National Auditor
- xix. Deputy National Auditor
- xx. National Women Leader
- xxi. Deputy National Women Leader
- xxii. National Youth Leader
- xxiii. State Chairman of the Party
- xxiv. The Chairman of the Party in Abuja Federal Capital Territory.
- xxv. The President and Vice-President if they members of the Party
- xxvi. State Governors who are members of the Party
- xxvii. President and Deputy President of the Senate, the Speaker and Deputy Speaker of the House of the Representative if they are members of the Party.
- xxviii. Majority or Minority Leader, Chief whip and their Deputies in the National Assembly who are members of the Party.
- xxix. Ex-officio members Six (6) each representing a geo-political zone of the Country.

7.25 National Executive Committee: Power and Functions.

The National Executive Committee of the Party shall be the Principal Executive Organ of the National Convention and in this capacity shall:-

- a) Convene the National Convention if necessary and may at any time constitute a committee to organize and summon Congresses of the Party.
- b) Prescribe guidelines and modalities for the election or nomination of candidates for elective positions or offices at all

levels.

- c) Implement the decisions of the National Convention
- d) Where the Party is in Power, it shall guide and advise the government and generally assist in the implementation of the Party's programmes.
- e) Where the Party is in Power at any level of government, it shall critically examine government policies and programmes and advise or constructively criticize the government as appropriate in order to ensure good governance at the levels of government in the interest of the Nation.
- f) Generate funds towards the achievement of the Party's aims and objectives.
- g) Approve the Annual Budget of the Party and recommend the adoption of the Audit Report to the Convention.
- h) Decide on final appeal on all matters of discipline of any members of the Party.

7.26 National Working Committee

The National Working Committee shall Comprise of the following:-

- i. National Chairman who shall be the Chairman
- ii. Deputy National Chairman
- iii. National Secretary
- iv. National Vice-Chairman Six (6) each of whom shall represent a Geo-political zone of the Country.
- v. Deputy National Secretary
- vi. National Treasurer
- vii. Deputy National Treasurer
- viii. National Financial Secretary
- ix. Deputy National Financial Secretary
- x. National Organizing Secretary
- xi. Deputy National Organizing Secretary
- xii. National Publicity Secretary
- xiii. Deputy National Publicity Secretary
- xiv. National Legal Adviser
- xv. Deputy National Legal Adviser

Rules for the Conduct of Meetings:

- a) All members of the various Organs of the Party shall follow the same or similar procedures as prescribed herin under. Irregular conduct of meetings shall be unconstitutional and shall accordingly render null and void decisions reached at such meetings
- b) The Chairman of any Organ of the Party shall presides over the meetings of such Organ except in the case of sub-committee where the presiding person may be appointed by the Executive Committee of the parent Organ or from amongst themselves.
- c) All Meetings of the Party shall be conducted and recorded in English Language. However, the Chairman of the meeting may use his discretion to allow the use of a local language if in his judgment communication and the peace of the meeting would be facilitated by such dscretion.
- d) With the exception of the following listed motions, no motion or amendment shall be entertained at a meeting unless at least seven (7) days notice of such motion had been given in writing to the Secretary or the Chairman.
- i. A motion that any subject matter be approved, differed or referred to a Committee or some other appropriate body.
- ii. A motion for adjournment
- iii. A motion proposing an amendment to some opinion already presented at the same meeting
- e) Every motion for amendment shall be seconded before discussion.
- f) A motion for amendment may be withdrawn at any time at the request of the mover
- g) Without prejudice to the Article 8.5(d), in urgent or emergency situations, the Chairman of a meeting shall have the discretion to dispense with the requirement to give notice of motion
- h) Deliberations at a meeting shall be srictly on the subject matters listed on the agenda of the meeting, provided that general issues

1. CONVENTIONS AND CONGRESSES:

- a) The Convention and Congresses of the Party at the National State and other levels shall be held at least once a year at a date, venue and time to be approved by the relevant Executive Committee.
- b) Special Conventions or Extra-ordinary Conventions may be convened consider special issues of paramount importance to the Party.

2. EMERGENCY MEETING

- a) The National Executive or Congress at any time, provided that at least seven (7) days' notice of the meeting is given to all those entitled to attend
- b) The Chairman to the Executive Committee of the Part at any level shall direct the Secretary of the Organ to summon a meeting of the Executive Committee as the case may be on joint application made in writing by at least one third (1/3) of the member of that Organ.
- c) Where the Chairman and Secretary fail to convene the meeting within seven (7) days of the receipt of the application, a meeting may be convened by a publication and in a National Newspaper made by the signatories to the joint application and in case of the Local Government and Wards by a notice pasted in the relevant Party secretariat.

3. Quorum

A quorum for a valid meeting of any organ of the Party shall be by one third (1/3) of the members of organs inclusive of the Chairman or his deputy.

4. Mode of Conveying Meetings

All meetings shall be summoned in writing and or through well circulated mass media.

- xvi. National Welfare Officer
- xvii. Deputy National Welfare Officer
- xviii. National Auditor
- xix. Deputy National Auditor
- xx. National Women Leader
- xxi. Deputy National Women Leader
- xxii. National Youth Leader
- xxiii. Deputy National Youth Leader
- xiv. Six Ex-Officio members from six Geo-political zones of the country

7:27 National Working Committee Shall:

- a) Be the Caucus of the Party and in the exercise of its responsibilities shall be responsible to the National Executive committee of the Party.
- b) Intervene in disputes and ensure equity and justice in the resolution of every matter
- c) Monitor all activities of the Party nationally to ensure conformity with the Party's norms and standards.
- d) Consider and make recommendations on disciplinary action(s) against any number, officer and Organ of the Party to the National Executive Committee of the Party pursuant to Article 9 of this constitutions.

7.28 National Convention

The National Convention shall comprise of:-

- i. The National Chairman
- ii. The Deputy national Chairman
- iii. All members of the National Executive Committee of the Party
- iv. State Chairman of the Party
- v. The State Secretaries of the Party
- vi. The State Treasurers of the Party
- vii. The President and Vice-President of the Country if they are members of the Party

- viii. Governors and Deputy Governors who are members of the Party
- ix. Members of the National Assembly who are members of the Party
- x. Party Chairman of the Local Government Areas
- xi. Party Secretaries of the Local Government Areas
- xii. Party Treasurers of the Local Government Areas
- xiii. All States Legislator who are members of the Party
- xiv. Local Government Council Chairman and Vice-Chairman who are members of the Party
- xv. Five National Delegates Elected for that purpose from each Local Government Areas.
- xvi. Members of the Board of Trustees

7.26 National Convention: Power and Functions

The National Conventions shall be the Party's supreme authority and shall among other tings, do the following:-

- a) Elect the National Officers fo the Party
- b) Consider and approve all recommendations for reviews and amendment of the Party constitutions.
- c) Consider the approve recommendations on the Party's Programs and manifestoes
- d) Nominate the Presidential and Vice-Presidential candidates of the Party in accordance with the Part's laid down guidelines.
- e) Receive, consider and decide on reports from other subordinate Organs of the Party.
- f) Take all necessary and legitimate steps to protect and promote the corporate interest to the Party in all parts of the Country.
- g) Take any other action which, in its opinion is in the best interest of the Party in particualr and the nation in general.

7.30 Power and Function of Officers

The National Officers of the Party shall have the following powers and functions.

Auditor

7.47 National Legal Adviser who must be of the Legal Profession shall

- a) Be responsible for giving legal advice to the Party
- b) Interpret the Constitutions of the Party and other relevant legal documents
- c) Arrange for the conduct of litigation and defence on beahlf of the Party including the Organs, Officers and Officials where the subject of litigation pertains to the Party's Interest.

7.48 Deputy Legal Adviser who must be of the Legal Profession shall:

- a) Assist the National Legal Adviser in the performance of is duties
- b) Act for him if he is absence
- c) Perform duties as may be assigned to him by the National Legal Adviser++

7.49 National Youth Leader

- a) Be responsible for the Promotion and protection of Youth issues in the Party
- b) Be responsible for the sensitization for the Youths through seminars, workshops and other forms of public enlightenment.
- c) Be responsible for the mobilization of the Youths to effectively participate in the affairs of the Party.

7.50 National Women Leader

- a) Be responsible for the promotion and protection of Women issues in the Party
- d) Be responsible for the sensitization of the Women through seminar workshops and other forms of public enlightenment.
- e) Be responsible for the mobilization of the Youths to effectively participate in the affairs of the Party.

National Organizing Secretary.

7.41 National Publicity Secretary shall:

- a) Be responsible for the public relations and general publicity of the Party
- b) Be the principal image makers of the Party
- c) Advise the Party on Media matters and relations
- d) Publicize the policies and programs of the Party

7.42 Deputy National Publicity Secretary shall

- a) Assist the National Publicity Secretary in the performance of his duties
- b) Act for him in his absence
- c) Perform such other functions as may be assigned to him by the National Publicity Secretary.

7.43 Deputy Welfare Officer shall

- a) Assist the National Welfare Officer in the performance of his duties.
- b) Act for him in his absence
- c) Perform such other duties as may be assigned to him by the National Welfare Officer.

7.45 National Auditor shall

- a) Quarterly Audit and account books of the Party and submit report of same to the National Executive Committee.
- b) Conduct other checks on the financial and assets of the Party as may be directed from time to time by the Chairman, National Executive Committee or the National Convention.

7.46 Deputy National Auditor shall

- a) Assist the National Auditor in the performance of his duties
- b) Acts for him if he is absence
- c) Perform duties as may be assigned to him by the National

7.31 National Chairman shall:

- a) Be the head of the Party, providing good, effective leadership and direction to the Party.
- b) Promote and implement the policies of the Party
- c) Appoint and inaugurate members of Standing and Adhoc Committee with the approval of the National Executive Committee and the National Working Committee respectively.
- d) Delegates duties by way of giving lawful directives to all Officers, Organs, Members and Official at all levels of the Party and exercise a casting vote where necessary.
- e) Autorize expenditures
- f) Ensure strict compliance with the provision of the Party's Constitutions
- g) Exercise all powers and functions vested in him by this constitution, the National Convention, National Executive and National Working Committees of the Party.

7.32 Deputy National Chairman shall

- a) Perform the functions of the Chairman in his absence
- b) Carry out any other duties that may be assigned to him by the Chairman, the National Convention or the National Executive Committee

7.33 National Secretary shall:

- a) Supervise the day-to-day administration of the Party
- b) Supervise and direct all Officials of the Party
- c) Ensure the implementation of the decision and directives of the Nationa Convention, the National Executive Committee and the National Working Commttee.
- d) Issue notice of meeting and make effective arrangement for the meeting of the National Convention, the National Executive Committee on the directive of the National Working Committee.
- e) Keep Accurate records of all proceedings at the National Convention, the National Executive Committee and the

- National Working Committee.
- g) Be the custodian of all Party documents and materials.
- h) Carryout all other duties that may be assigned to him/her from time to time by the Party.

7.34 Deputy National Secretary shall

- a) Asssit the National Secretary in the performance of his duties
- b) Perform the functions of the National Secretary in his/her absence
- c) Perform all such other duties as may be assigned to him by the National Secretary

7.35 National Treasurer shall

- a) Ensure that all revenues and expenses of the Party are properly accounted for.
- b) Be the custodian of all financial and security documents of the Party
- c) Advise the National Executive Committee and National Working Committee and financial matters.
- d) Pay monies dully approved by the National Chairman
- e) Propare and submit to the National Executive Committee a quarterly Statement of account of the Party.
- f) Ensure that all monies paid to the Party are duly receipted and paid into the approval Bank accounts of the Party within 24hours after collection, expect. During weekend and public holidays when such monies must be lodge on the next working day.
- g) Keep general impress account the limit of which sall be determined by the National Executive Committee.

7.36 Deputy National Treasurer shall

- a) Assist the Treasurer in the performance of his duties
- b) Acts as Treasurer in his absence
- c) Perform such other duties as may be assigned to him by the National Treasurer.

7.37 National Financial Secretary shall

- a) Collect and record all dues, levies, subscriptions and such other monies payable to the Party.
- b) Pay all such monies to the Party Treaurer within 24hours of collection
- c) Prepare and submit proposals for fund raising for the consideration of the National Executive Committee or National Working Committee as the case maybe.

7.38 Assistant National Financial Secretary shall

- a) Assist the National Financial Secretary in the performance of his duties
- b) Act for him in his absence
- c) Perform such other duties as may be assigned to him by the National Financial Secretary.

7.39 National Organizing Secretary shall

- a) Liaise with the State Chairman and members of the State Executive Committee for the purpose of mobilizing mebers of the Party towards winning elections at tall levels.
- b) Initiate strategies including budget for the purpose of winning elections
- c) Arrange and prepare venues for the Party functions including the Nationa Convention.
- d) Take any other directive from the National Chairman or National Executive Committee.

7.40 Deputy National Organizing Secretary shall

- a) Assist the National Organizing Secretary in the performance of his duties
- b) Act for him in his absence
- c) Perform such other duties as may be assigned to him by the