



## *The Global Goodwill Ambassadors of The Republic of The Gambia*

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### **CSO/NGO Global Constitution**

#### **Article I: Organization Name and Purpose**

- Section 1: The name of this organization is *The Global Goodwill Ambassadors of the Republic of the Gambia*, with chapters in the US and The Republic of the Gambia.
- Section 2: This organization's:
- a) *Mission*: To re-focus on Rural Access to Maternal Care and systematically reduce the Maternal/Infant Mortality and Morbidity rates of The Gambia. To prepare students interested in serving their community for successful and satisfying futures in Community Health Care.
  - b) *Purpose*: To offer a sustainable line of health defense and expertise within the Tribes, Villages and the Ummah (Community). To recognize more informed, intellectual, and assertive approaches to access and inclusion to care and the needs of Rural Women and Vulnerable Populations.
  - c) *Vision*: To have the next generation of newborns thrive in nurturing homes and inclusive communities of honor.
  - d) *Program*: To promote the understanding and broaden the appreciation by creating leadership opportunities, organizing events such as:
    - a. Professional Panels of guest speakers offering expert advice on their respective fields.
    - b. Community Networking events and Corporate/NGO peer-to-peer Business Bartering
    - c. Assisting in providing Internships for students to encourage working in the field
    - d. Volunteerism for those that are unemployed, under-employed preparing for college and those returning from incarceration and needing a vocational change.
    - e. Full program is found at [www.belliesofgracee.weebly.com](http://www.belliesofgracee.weebly.com)

#### **Article II: NGO/CSO Board Membership**

- Section 1: Any currently educated, trained, instructed, or interested volunteer, who is in good communal standing with the law and regulations of the City and Rural Municipalities, fulfills the membership requirements which coincide with the purposes of the organization is eligible for Board membership.
- Section 2: Privileges of active members include free community activities, voting, nominations, serving as an officer, meeting attendance, and fundraising efforts.
- Section 3: In order to guarantee equal rights to all members of Global Goodwill Ambassadors of The Republic of the Gambia, equal opportunities shall be afforded to all students without regard to race, color, national and/or ethnic origin, religion, creed, gender, marital status, sexual orientation, age, citizenship, veteran status, or physical disability.

### **Article III: Executive Board Officers**

Section 1: The elected officers of *The Global Goodwill Ambassadors of The Republic of The Gambia* shall be as follows:

- a) *CEO/Executive Director* - This will be the connection between the Board, the Volunteers and Interns and the Program Managers.
- b) *President* – Executive Program Manager; overseer of the day-to-day functions of the area and regional programs. Responsible to progress to the Stakeholders and Donors to the organization.
- c) *Vice President* – Assist to the President; responsible to troubleshoot policies and protocols of the organization for growth and expansion.
- d) *Treasurer* - Fiscal responsibility to the Organization: there will be two people involved in this process for proper checks and balances.
- e) *Fundraiser/Public Relations* – Brand Ambassador; responsible for public promotion and social media presence.
- f) *Secretary* – Corporate Scribe; holder of the meeting minutes and scheduler of events, meetings and panels.
- g) *Parliamentarian* - Shariah-Compliant Officer; keeper of the protocols and plans of the organization and the legal correspondence for the organization.

Section 2: All officers shall meet the following requirements:

- a) Legal Resident, Rural Native and/or Student of the Republic of the Gambia or US Representative for the CSO/NGO.
- b) Commitment to serve in the appointed position throughout the office's term.
- c) Ability to conduct oneself in a fashion that actions will not reflect negatively on the image of the organization, its members Stakeholders.

Section 3: Length of term for appointed offices will be twenty-four (24) months. Upon completion of the term, officers who wish to maintain the same position must be re-elected; max service time is three (3) terms or six (6) years total.

Section 4: The selection of any and all Advisor(s) for the organization shall be voted on by the Executive Director.

Section 5: Duties of Officers:

- a) The presence of all members of the Board is mandatory for all regular meetings.
- b) The CEO/ED or the President shall oversee all meetings and activities and shall make sure that, at all times, the organization abides by the rules and regulations set forth by the organization. In the case that a representative is needed, the Parliamentarian will represent the organization on its behalf (except in the case where another member has been assigned).
- c) The Vice President shall assist and support the President in all duties and responsibilities of the organization and oversee the needs of the organization, including supplies and additional resources needed.
- d) The Secretary shall work closely with the President and Vice President to keep abreast of organizational goals, needs, policies, and procedures. The Secretary shall document and communicate meeting dates and minutes and shall manage and maintain all Business-4-Success documents and files.
- e) The Treasurer shall keep a comprehensive record of any and all Finances, balances and expenses, research and report current financial needs, and maintain a positive working relationship with Philanthropist, Stakeholders and Corporate In-kind personnel. The Treasurer shall consult with fellow officers on budget needs and limitations before proceeding with decisions.

**Article IV: Advisor(s)**

Section 1. Any and all Advisor(s) of *The Global Goodwill Ambassador of The Republic of The Gambia* shall work with the Executive Board in coordinating campus activities, meetings, community service projects, and other functions to ensure achievement of its objectives.

Section 2: The Advisor(s) shall be responsible for providing guidance and leadership to all members, approving appropriate activities, and overseeing the growth and betterment of the organization.

**Article V: Elections**

Section 1: All good-standing Board members may nominate and vote in an election.

Section 2: Elections for Executive Board officers will take place the first Friday of May, of the election year.

**Article VI: Election Procedures**

Section 1: Method of Nomination: Any active member (Volunteer, Intern, In Residence and Board, et al) can nominate someone within the organization to candidacy with an explanation of why they feel that he or she is qualified to fill the specified position. The nomination is to be followed by a motion to support given by another active member. Each position within the Executive Board shall be voted upon separately.

Section 2: All active members of shall be allowed to vote anonymously by casting their individual votes.

Section 3: When necessary, special tasks and committees can be assigned to members by vote.

**Article VII: Meetings**

Section 1: *The Global Goodwill Ambassadors of The Republic of The Gambia* shall meet monthly on a day and time to be determined by the Board. Meeting dates and times will be confirmed and announced during the next meeting.

Section 2: Emergency, special interest, or additional meetings shall be confirmed by the President and/or Vice President. Members will be given at least three (3) days prior notice of meeting time, date, and objective.

Section 3: Active members must attend at least two (2) meetings per fiscal quarter.

**Article IX: Finances**

Section 1: Fiscal Operating Year runs from **July 1 through June 30**.

Section 2: No money shall be spent or guaranteed without the approval of the CEO/ED, the President, and the Treasurer.

Section 3: Approval for financial spending or earning (fundraising) must include the CEO/ED or President and the Treasurer, and by way of at least two signatures on all original financial documents. All fundraising must be approved in advance by the CEO/Executive Director

**Article X: Amendments**

Section 1: Amendments to the organization's constitution can only be made by a vote. All amendments shall be proposed and discussed during a regular meeting.

Section 2: If approved, copies of the amended constitution must be provided to the Advisor(s) and the Office of Student Life for administrative approval.

**Article X: Ratification and Enactment**

Section 1: This Constitution shall become effective immediately upon its approval by a two-thirds vote of a quorum of members and/or administrative approval.

Section 2: This Constitution shall become the official governing document for *The Global Goodwill Ambassadors of The Republic of The Gambia*.