

# Kenya Scholars & Studies Association

10<sup>th</sup> General Assembly Resolutions – Friday, September 08, 2017

## Minimum Amendments to Facilitate Elections

KESSA was founded in 2007 as a not for profit organization under the Laws of the State of Ohio and was subsequently registered for tax exemption by the IRS.

After ten years, KESSA's current Articles of Incorporation are due for review. We propose to make a comprehensive review of these Articles and circulate them to you for approval by December 2017. In meantime, an urgent decision by the General Assembly is required to conduct our elections. Pursuant to Article IX of the KESSA Articles a motion is hereby moved to amend the following:

- 1) Article IV,
- 2) Article V, and
- 3) Article VI

### **Amend Article IV: Structure and Composition**

KESSA shall comprise: (a) General Assembly, (b) Advisory Board, (c) Executive Council, and (d) Governing Council.

- a) General Assembly shall consist of all the members of KESSA in a meeting convened and conducted in accordance with these By-Laws.
- b) Advisory Board shall consist of members drawn from the outgoing Executive Council and who shall serve for at least five years.
- c) Governing Council shall comprise members of the Executive (President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer), regional representatives, and two student representatives.
- d) The student representatives shall be appointed by the Governing Council with the approval of the Advisory Board.

ACTION: Call for a vote

### **Article V and VI: Office Bearers and Elections**

To ensure smooth transition, the outgoing Executive Council members should stay in office for one more year to support the incoming office bearers.

The current elections shall be conducted for the following positions:

- a) President Elect
- b) Vice President Elect
- c) Secretary Elect
- d) Treasurer Elect
- e) Regional Representatives (who will also deputize the Executive as needed)

Both the outgoing and incoming Executive Council members shall manage KESSA jointly. The new Executive will formally assume office at the end of the 2018 conference.

**ACTION:** Call for a vote