

**AFRICAN ASSOCIATION OF  
ORAL AND MAXILLOFACIAL SURGEONS (AFAOMS)**

**CONSTITUTION**

**1. Name of the Region**

African Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons.

- 1a. Africa is a region of the IAOMS as described in Article 6.3 of the By-Laws and Regulations of the IAOMS.

**2. Aims**

- To improve the health care of the population of Africa by improvements in the delivery of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (OMS) To foster relationships between the countries of Africa by interchange of ideas, surgical teams and conferences.
- To follow and implement the mission of IAOMS
- To foster relations with the other regions of IAOMS
- To agree on common ground of basic education, standards of delivering patients and strategy of collaborative research
- To work towards producing an African Journal of OMS and to establish mechanisms for funding research students
- To forge links with other African Countries and African expatriates living abroad
- Achieve international accreditation of the Training Programs and establish centers of excellence in education in Africa

**3. Member Countries**

The following members of AfaOMS are: Egypt, Ghana, Kenya, Nigeria, South Africa, Tanzania.

All other countries are eligible to be members of AfaOMS.

**4. Membership**

- 4a. An Oral Maxillofacial Surgeon is a person who is entitled by training and qualification, to practice OMS as defined by regulations pertaining in the particular country in which the said person is resident. Where a National Association or Society affiliated with IAOMS exists, the person must be a member of the Association or Society.

- 4b. Membership will be in the following categories:

1. Fellows
2. Distinguished fellows
3. Honorary Fellows
4. Associate Members
5. Trainee Members

- 4ci. Fellows shall be members of the AfaOMS who are resident in the region and who are recognised as a Full Member of the National Association or Society of OMS. The AfaOMS will encourage its members to be fellows of IAOMS
- 4cii. Fellows are entitled to all privileges including attending general meetings, voting and holding office.
- 4d. Distinguished Fellows: As set down in the Regulations of the IAOMS.
- 4e. Honorary Fellows: As set down in the Regulations of the IAOMS.
- 4fi. Associate Members are members of AfaOMS who are resident in other regions as described by Regulation 6.3 of the Bylaws of the IAOMS.
- 4fii. Associate Members are entitled to all privileges of full membership except they may not vote or hold office, unless decided otherwise by the Executive Committee. The Ex. Comm. will establish the criteria of inclusion in this aspect.
- 4gi. Trainee Members are medical or dental graduates who are in a recognised OMS training program as defined by National Associations.
- 4gii. Applicants for Trainee membership must submit to the Secretariat of the AfaOMS written evidence that they are enrolled in a recognized program, supported by the President of the National Association.
- 4giii. Trainee Members are entitled to all privileges except that they may not vote or hold office, unless decided otherwise by the Executive Committee.

## 5. **Finances**

- 5a. Members of AfaOMS (except Honorary and Distinguished Follows) will pay annual fees due on 1 January each year as determined by the Executive Committee of AfaOMS.
- 5b. Each national Association will contribute to the funding of the AfaOMS Secretariat every year as determined by the Executive Committee of AfaOMS.

## 6. **Office Bearers**

- 6a. The Office Bearers of AfaOMS will be:
- 6b. . President  
. President Elect  
. Past President  
. Secretary General  
. Treasurer
- 6c. The President will hold office for two (2) years only. The Secretary General and the Treasurer may serve for two consecutive terms  
The President will become the representative of AfaOMS on the IAOMS Executive.

6d. The President must be a Fellow of the AfaOMS. Rotation of presidency among different African regions should be encouraged.

7. **Duties of the President**

The President shall:

- Preside over the meetings of the AfaOMS
- Attend the Executive meetings of IAOMS
- Report to the National Associations
- Be in direct liaison with the Secretary General
- Be in regular contact with other members of the Executive Committee

8. **Secretary General**

8a. The Secretariat of AfaOMS shall be based within the administrative structure of the National Secretary General.

8b. Secretary General will

- Be the focus of communication
- Be in direct contact with the President
- Help in organizing the annual report
- Maintain and update membership records
- Establish links with other Presidents of various National Associations in Africa
- Coordinate the National African Meeting
- Ensure the implementation of the agreed policies
- Keep and distribute the minutes of meetings
- Assist in securing funds and grants
- Coordinate ideas and thoughts to establish clear education and research strategies
- Prioritize and rationalize the AfaOMS' Strategic Plan
- Encourage attendance at the IAOMS Meetings
- Establish links with the secretaries of other regional associations

8c. **Treasurer**

8ci. Treasure will

- Be responsible for the management of financial resources of AfaOMS
- Provide an annual financial report
- Prepare a budget on an annual basis
- Assist in sourcing and securing funding for the AfaOMS

9. **Meetings**

9a The Biennial Meeting shall be held in conjunction with one of the National Meetings. The first African Conference will be held in 2006.

10. **General**

10a Fellows of the IAOMS who are residents outside Africa will be allowed to register for AfaOMS Scientific Meetings at the rate applicable to AfaOMS members.

10b The AfaOMS is subject in all matters to the By-Laws and Regulations, Rulings and Directions of the IAOMS.

11. **On Elections**

11.1 The Office bearers shall be elected by each member country or national association (1 vote per each member country or national association) of the AfaOMS at the Biennial Conference of the IAOMS.

12. **On amendments**

12.1 The AfaOMS Constitution may be amended only by a motion proposed by a member country and passed by a two third majority at the biennial meeting of AfaOMS.

12.2 Such a motion should be signed and circulated to member countries at least two months before the meeting.

This Constitution has been produced by the representatives of the following Nations to launch the African Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons (AfAOMS) at the African Summit Meeting held in Kenya during May 28 and 29, 2005, at the Hilton Hotel in Nairobi, with the presence of the President of International Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons, Professor Doctor Jose Luis Ferreria.

Country	Representative	Signature
Egypt	S. El-Mofty	
Ghana	G. Parkins	
Kenya	S. Guthua	
Nigeria	A. Olaitan	
South Africa	G. Kariem	
Tanzania	E. Simon	
Witnessed by		
IAOMS President	J Ferreria	
Acting Secretary-General	A. Ayoub	