



African Association of Agricultural Economists (AAE)

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About African Association of Agricultural Economists (AAAE)

African Association of Agricultural Economists (AAAE) was established at its inaugural symposium on 6-8 December 2004 in Nairobi, Kenya and registered in Kenya on September 19, 2005. The meeting brought together over 80 representatives of African universities, research and development institutions, business and the public sector from 24 countries in Africa and the rest of the world.

The association has over 451 registered members working in over 100 subjects in agricultural and resource economics as well as in other social sciences, spread in over 24 African countries and Diaspora. Membership is open to interested social scientists for US \$30 and \$15 for professionals and students respectively, over a two year period or until the next AAAE international conference. New Membership registration can be conducted through the association's regional and national representatives or directly to the secretariat and online on Paypal.

The key objectives of the Association are:

1. To improve liaison between agricultural economists with an interest in African issues at the regional and international levels;
2. To promote training, research, policy dialogue and interest in Agricultural Economics on the continent of Africa as envisaged in Article 3.
3. To contribute to broad-based rural development, poverty reduction, food security and sustainable use of natural resources in the continent of Africa.

The Executive Committee

The committee is made up of the President, Vice-President, Past President, Secretary and four regional representatives from Eastern, Western, Northern and Southern Africa; and Chief Editor of AfJARE Journal. The Secretary is non-elective post. The committee holds office for a period of about two years and new officer bearers elected at the next General Meeting of the Association. The inaugural executive committee was elected during the launch of the Association in December 2004, in Nairobi, Kenya (see members below). The second AGM was held at the Second international conference during 20-22 August 2007 in Accra Ghana and new executive committee elected to run the Association until 2010 conference in Cap Town, South Africa.

The Association is continuously developing a database of national representatives in order to mobilize members and coordinate Association activities in individual African countries and Diaspora. If your country does not have a representative, contact the Secretariat in order to initiate the process of identifying one.

Regional demarcation

The regions represented in the committee covering the whole of Africa were renamed and constituted as follows:

1. Western Africa (including Cameroon, Central Africa republic and Gabon)
2. Eastern Africa (including Congo, Democratic Republic of Congo, Madagascar and Mauritius)
3. Southern Africa
4. Northern Africa

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AAAE Secretariat

The Executive Committee of AAAE has mandated FORMAT to host the Secretariat and conduct all its businesses. The secretariat manages the affairs of the association on a day-to-day basis. These include fundraising, program management, administration, conferences and committee meetings, networking, publication of the African Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics (AfJARE) and annual reports, among other duties. The secretariat mobilizes agricultural economists in various countries to work closely with governments in order to realize effective reforms in agriculture, improved agricultural productivity and mitigate against negative impacts from globalization and climate change. It also facilitates improved access to scientific publications and career development opportunities for members through its website. The AAAE Secretariat can be reached at the contacts address below:

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Association Website: www.aaae-africa.org

The site is updated regularly with information contributed by members and friends. The site has been visited by over 56000 users for the last four years. The website announces new training and scholarship opportunities for members, upcoming conferences, publications and other online resources useful to members. The website disseminates the AAAE journal, AfJARE and contact details of all its members. The proceedings of the Inaugural symposium have been disseminated through the website. The site is also assisting in registering new members.

The AAAE E-newsletter

The newsletter will be revived and be available through the website and email on quarterly basis. It will cover announcements, information material and scientific articles. The newsletter is intended to enhance exchange of information amongst members and strengthen interactions among Agricultural Economists in Africa. The key areas to be covered in African agricultural research and activities of the association include:

1. updates on the activities of the association and its members
2. announcements for meetings, publications, programs, and websites
3. profiles for member organizations and departments
4. advertisements for services and products.

AAAE Journal and Editorial Board

During the last Executive Committee meeting held in Brisbane, Australia, African Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics (AfJARE) was unanimously accepted as a suitable name for the association's Journal. AfJARE publishes and disseminates research findings on issues affecting the productivity, sustainability and poverty alleviation contributions of African agriculture. The journal is published two times in a year and the first issue of the Journal was released in March 2007. The journal is available over the internet at <http://www.aaae-africa.org/afjare>. In the future, internet and email access to the journal will only be available to paid up members. Editorial Board Members are:

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How the association benefits members

All these is explained by the objectives of the association, the purpose of e-newsletter, the role of the AfJARE journal and, AAAE-organized and collaborative conferences such as IAAE.

Members need to pay registration and annual subscriptions to realize the following benefits:

- all members and their full contact addresses are available online, exposing them to opportunities and peer contacts
- receive the AAAE journal, AfJARE
- discounted registration fees for AAAE organized conferences
- receive regular issues of AAAE e-newsletter
- recommendation for sponsorship to attend events organized by partner associations
- invitations to AAAE events
- publication of your research findings in AAAE journal

Progress since 2004

- AAAE is registered in Kenya as a professional society and operates a Secretariat
- Registered over 451 members since 2004
- Conducted inaugural conference (Nairobi, 2004) and second conference (Accra, 2008)
- Published and widely distributed proceedings of the first conference both as hardcopies, CD and on the internet at the University of Minnesota online library <http://agecon.lib.umn.edu>.
- Maintains an active website, www.aaae-africa.org
- Published two regular and one special issues of the AfJARE journal
- Conducted a special scientific session at the concluded IAAE conference held in Brisbane Australia during October 2006.
- Conducted special meeting of members alongside IAAE conference in Brisbane, Australia
- Association maintains an internet directory of agricultural economists and social scientists
- Conducted a special general meeting during IAAE conference in Brisbane in August 2006
- Participating in American Agricultural Economics Association (AAEA) meeting, July 26, 2008

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1. Swedish International Development Agency (SIDA)
2. Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation
3. African Economic Research Consortium (AERC)
4. International Development Research Centre (IDRC)
5. The Rockefeller Foundation
6. International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)
7. Forum for Organic Resource Management and Agricultural Technologies (FORMAT)
8. Department of Agricultural Economics, University of Ghana
9. Ghana Association of Agricultural Economics
10. Department of Agricultural Economics, Extension and Rural Development, University of Pretoria
11. Centre for Environmental Economics and Policy in Africa (CEEPA), Dept Agricultural Economics, University of Pretoria

Inaugural Distinguished Fellows of AAEE

In recognition of the scientific and development contribution made by members to agricultural development in Africa and that of the profession of Agricultural Economics, the Association conferred upon four leading scientists the titles of Honorary Fellows of the AAEE during its conference held in August 2007 in Accra, Ghana. The Fellows will champion the growth of the profession of Agricultural Economics; inform debate on agricultural development in the continent through Distinguished Fellows Lecture Series and nurture young talent.

1. Adrian Mukhebi, Kenya Commodity Exchange, Kenya
2. Anthony Ikpi, University of Ibadan, Nigeria
3. Dunstan Spencer, Enterprise Development Services, Sierra Leone
4. Simeon Ehui, The World Bank, Nigeria

AAAE Scientific Awards, Accra, 2007

A total of 4 outstanding papers and 4 posters were awarded prizes and honorary mentions by the AAEE second conference held in Accra, Ghana during 20-22 August 2007.

The Best Scientific Paper Presentation - *Household Food Security in a Subsistence Economy: Application of Translog Cost Function to Cross-Sectional Data in Vihiga District, Kenya.* **Philip M. Nyangweso**, Moi University, Eldoret, Kenya

Second Best Scientific Paper Presentation - *Determinants of Adoption and Intensity of Use of Balanced Nutrient Management Systems Technologies in the Northern Guinea Savanna of Nigeria.* **Adebayo Akinola**, Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, Nigeria

Third Best Scientific Paper Presentation - *Impact Des Politiques D'alphabetisation Sur La Production Et La Securite Alimentaires Au Togo.* **Kpotogbé Homevor A**, LARPSAD, ESA-UL, Lomé, Togo

Best Poster Presentation - *Classification and Influence of Agricultural Information on Striga and Stemborer Control in Suba and Vihiga Districts, Kenya.* **Esther Njuguna**, KARI, Mbita, Kenya

Runner-Up to Second Best Poster Presentation - *The Economics of Biotechnology (GMOs) and The Need for a Regional Policy: The Case for COMESA Countries.* **Isaac Minde**, ICRISAT, Matopos Research Station, Bulawayo, Zimbabwe

Best Honorary Mention - *Assessing Rural Women Food Producers Capacity to Adopt Modern ICTs – A Case Study of the Mfantseman District of Ghana.* **Dennis Sampong**

2nd best Honorary Mention – *Compétitivité De La Filière Anacarde Au Bénin: Une Analyse Des Effets Aux Prix De Référence.* Laurent Oloukoi, INRAB/PAPA, Cotonou, Bénin

3rd best honorary mention (poster) - *Agricultural Growth, Rural Poverty and Hunger in Africa.* Zippora Awuor Otieno, University of Nairobi, Kenya;

Future actions of AAAE

My vision is one of a dynamic and vibrant Association, supporting capacity building activities of members, with expanded opportunities for young scientists, and contributing significantly to policy research and development on African agriculture. The executive committee will work to make the AAAE a world-class professional association - and one that is relevant in spearheading major development issues that affect agriculture in Africa.

There is real need for a professional association such as ours with credible intellectual voice to inform and guide national and regional agricultural development issues. We must be relevant to the development issues of the day. We should strive to become the 'go-to' organization when it comes to issues of African agricultural development. A platform wherein governments, farmers, development organizations, research bodies turn to for evidence-based guidance on how to rapidly transform the agricultural sectors of Africa and achieve broad-based agricultural and rural economic growth and development.

Ours is an association of academicians. That is not enough for success. The challenge today is not ourselves, but how others view us and how relevant we are. We must be relevant; and to be relevant, we need to broaden and become inclusive. We need to reach out to the rest of the stakeholders in the agricultural and business sectors to build a broad coalition for mobilizing support for agriculture, and providing the best policies and institutional options for achieving and sustaining agricultural growth. We must build partnerships. We must let others know more about us by investing in communications.

The new Executive will work in an expansive way to position the association as a lead group for the agricultural development sphere in Africa. We will work hard to make AAAE the recognized association of excellence and the first point of call for guiding agricultural development on the continent. This will require that we become relevant at the national, regional and international levels, and that we be able to effectively engage and communicate on best practices for development. We will build and strengthen national associations of agricultural economists, encourage our members to become the leading focal points on national agricultural policy issues and develop new ways of engaging with NEPAD/CAADP, Regional Economic Communities and the Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa, to inform the development of new and transformative regional agricultural policy frameworks.

We will work to broaden our memberships to mainstream the public and private sector. We will expand our membership and develop new innovative and strategic ways of engaging with and including the private sector (especially in finance, agribusiness and insurance and other service sectors) in our association. We need to broaden our financial support base to include a significant share from the private sector and establish an Endowment for the Association.

We will work to strengthen our departments of agricultural and applied economics, expand opportunities for high-quality training, identify, support and promote young professionals, provide new tools to our members to re-build their toolkits for engaging on cutting-edge research, and raise the quality of journal submissions for our association's journal as well as contributions by our members into the International Association of Agricultural and Applied Economists and other leading journals.

Finally, we will develop and strengthen linkages with other associations, especially the International Association of Agricultural Economists, the European Association of Agricultural Economics, the Asian Association of Agricultural Economics and the American Association of Agricultural Economics, among others. We will work to ensure that all of our members participate and have opportunities to enhance their professional capacities. And we will work to recognize, celebrate and enhance our linguistic diversity across Africa. Our diversity is our strength.

We will develop a compelling collective vision. The vision will be discussed, expanded and shaped in consultation with our esteemed members. It is your association and your participation, involvement, ownership and support are crucial for the success of our collective efforts. As the Executive Committee, we count on your support and active participation in the activities of the Association. Together, we will succeed in the exciting years ahead.

Summary of the Inaugural Symposium of the African Association of Agricultural Economists

The Inaugural Symposium of the African Association of Agricultural Economists was held at the Grand Regency Hotel in Nairobi, Kenya, during 6-8 December 2004. Over 120 abstract submissions were received and the meeting attended by over 90 representatives from African universities, research and development institutions, business and the public sector in 24 countries of Europe and Africa. It was officially opened by the Assistant Minister of Planning and National Development Hon Peter Lesrima on behalf of the Minister. It was closed by the Deputy Director of Agriculture who represented the Minister. The objective of the symposium was to mobilize agricultural economists and other social scientists throughout the continent by increasing their knowledge of other nations' challenges, promote mutual understanding and goodwill. Several scientists made presentations on six themes of interest to the association. The theme of the symposium was "Shaping the Future of African Agriculture for Development: The Role of Social Scientists". The symposium was conducted through plenary, panel and group presentations and discussions. A number of organizations also exhibited several scientific publications during the meeting. The meeting provided a convenient opportunity for exchange of ideas on improving the productivity of African agriculture. A symposium CD and proceedings will be completed and distributed to participants and various research and development institutions during the second quarter of 2005. The symposium program is available at the association website, www.aaae-africa.org.

The conference facilitated the official launching of the African Association of Agricultural Economists (AAAE). This new association will address the pressing issues facing African agriculture as well as forming a platform for new ideas and establishing instruments of information exchange, and engaging African scientists and governments in affecting global initiatives. The members will also collaborate to help Africa to promote the structural transformation to enable each sector of development to become a sustained source of regional wealth by working closely with NEPAD in implementing the framework of action. The association registered 83 new members who participated in the inaugural Annual General Meeting that elected a new Management Board as follows: Willis Oluoch-Kosura (President), Akin Adesina (Vice-President), Board Members: Isaac Minde (East and Central Africa), Egnonto Koffi-Tessio (West Africa), Johann Kirsten (Southern Africa), and Mohammed Moussaoui (North Africa).

Constitution

The African Association of Agricultural Economists (AAAE)

Article 1: Name and legal entity

- 1.1 The name of the association is
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Article 2: Objectives

The key objectives of the Association are:

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- 2.2. To promote training, research, policy dialogue and interest in Agricultural Economics on the continent of Africa as envisaged in Article 3.
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Article 3: Activities

- 3.1 AAAE shall organize a continental conference once in two years.
- 3.2 AAAE may arrange and/or assist ad hoc symposia, lectures or discussions at national or regional level.
- 3.3 AAAE may publish Newsletters to make known its activities and those of its members as well as other matters of importance.
- 3.4 AAAE may publish a journal.
- 3.5 AAAE may support and/or publish meritorious papers on Agricultural Economics on an ad hoc basis.
- 3.6 AAAE may give recognition to persons who have rendered exceptional service over a long period of time, in the interests of education and research in Agricultural Economics as well as in its application in Africa.
- 3.7 AAAE may affiliate with other organizations on condition that the rights of members are not prejudiced and may collaborate with organizations with which AAAE is affiliated when such affiliation and collaboration furthers the aims of AAAE.
- 3.8 AAAE may permit other organizations to affiliate and collaborate with it provided that such affiliation and collaboration will promote the objectives of AAAE, and subject to such regulations as may be prescribed by AAAE.
- 3.9 AAAE may support worthy activities of any affiliated member, associations financially or otherwise, provided that such activities promote the objectives of AAAE.

Article 4: Membership

- 4.1 Membership consists of Ordinary members, Student Members, Associate Members and Fellows
- 4.1.1 Ordinary Members, are members who:
 - a) have obtained at least a three-year university degree specializing in Agricultural Economics, Economics and/or other applications of Economics.
 - b) have an interest in the application of Agricultural Economics on account of their experience, position and/or profession, provided that their membership will promote the objectives of AAAE.
- 4.1.2 Student Members are bona fide undergraduate and full-time post-graduate students in Agricultural Economics, Economics and/or other applications of Economics
- 4.1.3 Associate Members are Companies, Agricultural Control Boards, Agricultural Cooperatives and other bodies who have an interest in agriculture.
- 4.1.4 Fellows are persons who have substantially contributed to the activities of AAAE and who have been proposed as Fellows in the prescribed way.
- 4.2 Applications for Ordinary Membership, Student Membership and Associate Membership for AAAE shall be made on a form approved by AAAE for this purpose.

- 4.3 The election of any member as fellows will only take place after receipt by AAAE of a written proposal, signed by at least six Ordinary Members and/or Associate Members of AAAE. The proposal must give the name and address of the proposed Fellows as well as a complete account of the reasons for the proposal in terms of the regulations under Article 4.1.4 of this Constitution.
- 4.4 Members' Obligations
 - 4.4.1 Subscriptions for each conference period as decided by AAAE from time to time. Fellows are exempted from paying membership fees.
 - 4.4.2 Student Members must indicate in writing, when paying subscriptions, whether they are still bona fide undergraduate or full time postgraduate students.
 - 4.4.3 All members must notify AAAE without delay of any change of address.
 - 4.4.4 All members undertake to abide by the regulations of this Constitution.
- 4.5 Members' Rights
 - 4.5.1 All Ordinary Members, Student Members, Associate Members and Fellows are entitled to the following:
 - a) Receipt of an AAAE membership list, during conferences.
 - b) Receipt of all circulars and notices from AAAE.
 - c) Receipt of all newsletters from AAAE.
 - d) Receipt of Journal/s of AAAE if such journal/s are published.
 - e) Receipt of any other publication that AAAE may decide to publish from time to time for general distribution among members.
 - 4.5.2 All members of AAAE who are present at a General Meeting of AAAE at the time of voting on any AAAE business, with the exception of Student Members, have equal right to vote on such business.

Article 5: Executive Committee

- 5.1 The Management of AAAE will consist of nine members, i.e. a President, Vice President, the Past President, the four additional members to represent each sub region who will be elected during the conference, as well as a Secretary/Treasurer, the journal editor who will be appointed by the six elected members.
- 5.2 Any Ordinary or Fellow of AAAE may be elected as a member of the Management Committee.
- 5.3 The term of the elected Management Committee is as follows:
 - 5.3.1 The normal term for each member of the Management Committee is taken to be from the close of the conference at which such a person is elected until after the close of the second conference which follows the meeting at which the member was elected.
 - 5.3.2 The President shall serve for one normal term of 2 years as President followed by 2 years as Past President consecutively.
 - 5.3.3 Other elected representatives may stand for re-election as elected representatives and/or stand for election as President or Vice-President
 - 5.3.4 The Editor and Secretary/Treasurer will serve a minimum of 2 two year terms.
 - a) Expiration of the normal term of service of the person, as defined in Article 5.3;
 - b) A written resignation by such a person as member of the Management Committee;
 - c) Termination of a person's membership of AAAE.
 - 5.3.5 Any member of the Executive Committee may cease to serve on the Executive if one or more of the following hold: [a, b and c as article 5.3.4 of the constitution]
- 5.4. Vacancies, which may occur on the Management Committee, with the exception of those of the Secretary/Treasurer and the Past President, shall be filled by way of election at the next conference.
- 5.5 The duties of the President are as follows:
 - 5.5.1 The President is the chief executive officer of AAAE as well as the Chairman of the Management Committee and the General Meetings of AAAE.
 - 5.5.2 Should the President not be available for any reason or not be able to attend to his duties, the Vice-President will officiate as President.
- 5.6 At meetings of the Management Committee five members will form a quorum if all the nine posts in the Management Committee are filled at the time of the meeting concerned; otherwise four members will form a quorum.

- 5.7 The Management Committee may co-opt any person to attend any meeting of the Management Committee as an observer and/or adviser. Such persons shall not have any right to vote at the meeting conserved.
- 5.8 The resolution of a majority of members of the Management Committee who are present at a Committee meeting becomes a decision of the Committee. When the votes are equal, on any matter voted once, the President, or the person acting in his place, as the circumstances may be, has a casting vote in addition to his Ordinary vote.

Article 6: Procedures at the election of members for the Management Committee

- 6.1 Only ordinary members and Fellows may submit nominations and secondments for vacancies on the Management Committee.
- 6.2 Written nominations for vacancies on the Management committee of AAAE must reach the Secretary/Treasurer before the commencement of or during the conference at which members are elected.
- 6.3 The signature of the nominator and his or her seconder or as well as the signature of the nominee to show his acceptance of the nomination must accompany nomination for vacancies on the Management Committee of AAAE. There may also be need to check the rest of the draft constitution for gender balance
- 6.4 Voting will be by secret ballot at the conference. Each eligible voter of AAAE will be entitled to one vote for each vacancy, which is to be voted for.
- 6.5 No candidate for the Management Committee may be elected unless the candidate has gained an absolute majority of votes in the ballot concerned.
- 6.6 A nomination committee consisting of 4 members of the association, one for each region shall be constituted by the President to receive nominations.

Article 7: Duties and Powers of the Management Committee

- 7.1 It is the duty of the Management Committee to execute the resolutions of the General Meetings of AAAE.
- 7.2 The Management Committee has power to give effect to the objectives and undertakings of AAAE, including the following:
 - 7.2.1 To convene the conference and other General Meetings as set out in Article 11.
 - 7.2.2 To rule on the admission of members to AAAE under Article 4.
 - 7.2.3 To appoint special committees from the ranks of AAAE and to co-opt members on an ad hoc basis.
 - 7.2.4 To appoint executive officers of AAAE as set out in Article 7.
 - 7.2.5 To circulate notices among members of AAAE and to authorize publications in the name of AAAE.
 - 7.2.6 To make known any decisions of AAAE in the name of AAAE.
 - 7.2.7 To make recommendations to the conference of AAAE in respect of the confirmation of Fellowship under Article 4.1.4.
 - 7.2.8 To exercise responsible control over the financial affairs of AAAE and to give a proper account of the financial position of AAAE.
 - 7.2.9 To determine the venue of the conference at least two years in advance.
- 7.3 The Management Committee may decide on co-operation with other organizations and bodies under Article 3.11.
- 7.4 The Management Committee may make recommendations to the conference of AAAE regarding affiliation with other organizations under the Articles 3.9 and 3.10. Should AAAE consider affiliation with another organization and such affiliation would put the constitution of AAAE in a subordinate position, this affiliation will be recommended as a constitutional amendment.

Article 8: Duties and powers of the executive officers of AAAE

- 8.1 The President of AAAE will be responsible to the Management Committee as chief executive officer under Article 5.6.1. As chief executive officer (s)he is responsible for the effective management of the administrative and financial business of AAAE.

- 8.2 The duties of the Secretary/Treasurer are:
 - 8.2.1 To act as Secretary at the conference, General Meetings and meetings of the Management Committee of AAAE.
 - 8.2.2 To inform members of AAAE, by way of announcements, about important decisions taken at all the conferences and meetings of the Management Committee or by making announcements in AAAE publications.
 - 8.2.3 To receive all AAAE funds, to endorse and deposit these to the credit of AAAE.
 - 8.2.4 To make payments in the name of AAAE subject to the regulations of the Management Committee under Article 7.2.8 and subject to co-signature of the President of AAAE or a representative of the management Committee appointed ad hoc by the President.
 - 8.2.5 To keep archives of AAAE consisting of
 - (i) Lists of Members
 - (ii) Constitution
 - (iii) Minutes of conferences, Special General Meetings and meetings of the Management Committee
 - (vi) Lists of AAAE executives
 - (v) Professional journals of AAAE and
 - (iv) Newsletters
 - 8.2.6 To manage any other AAAE business as authorized by the President on the recommendation of the Management Committee.
 - 8.2.7 To manage the secretariat

Article 9: Meetings of AAAE

- 9.1 The conference of the members of AAAE is to be held at a time and place to be determined by the Management Committee. Written notice shall be given to all members at least one calendar month before the meeting. Accidental omission to give notice of a meeting to a member or the non-receipt of a notice of a meeting does not invalidate the proceedings of that meeting.
 - 9.1.1 A quorum for the conference is one third of the registered members of the Association entitled to vote at the time of the meeting concerned.
 - 9.1.2 The President of AAAE takes the chair at the conference of AAAE under Article 5.6.1 and in his absence the Vice-President presides under Article 5.6.2. If both the President and Vice-President are absent or if both are absent fifteen minutes after the time of the commencement of the conference, the members of AAAE who are present at the meeting must appoint a Chairman from their ranks to act as Chairman of the meeting.
 - 9.1.3 Meetings called by AAAE will be bi-annual, Special General Meetings which can be called ad hoc, as well as special gatherings such as Symposia, lectures and discussions which can be arranged under Articles 3.1, 3.2 and 3.3.
- 9.2 The regulations for the bi-annual General Meeting are as follows:

Article 10: AAAE Finances

- 10.1 The Financial year of AAAE shall begin on the first day of January and end on the last day of December of the same year or at such other times as the Board may from time to time determine.
- 10.2 Immediately after the close of the conference an Income and Expenditure account, which will reflect the financial position of the Association, must be drawn up. The Auditor, appointed by the Management must audit this account.
- 10.3 In order to improve the financial position, AAAE may according to rules determined by the Management Committee, do any of the following: Solicit funds through appreciation clubs, proposals to funding agencies, recognition awards, defined contributions, and gifts; establish trust funds; and make dedicated fixed deposits.
- 10.4 The funds and assets of AAAE shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objects of AAAE as set forth in this constitution; and no portion thereof shall be paid or

transferred directly, or indirectly by way of dividend, gift, bonus or otherwise by way of profit to a member of AAAE provided that nothing herein shall prevent the payment, in good faith, of reasonable and proper remuneration to any officer or servant of AAAE or any member of AAAE, in return for any services actually rendered to AAAE, or prevent the payment of interest at a rate not exceeding current bank rate on money lent or reasonable and proper rent for premises demised or let by any member to AAAE.

- 10.5 If upon the dissolution of AAAE there remains after the satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities, any property whatsoever, the same shall not be paid to or distributed amongst the members of AAAE, but shall be given or transferred to some other institution or institutions having objects similar to the objects of AAAE, and which shall prohibit the distribution of its or their income and property amongst its or their members to an extent at least as great as is imposed on AAAE. Provided also that such institution or institutions is or are to be determined by the members of AAAE at or before the time of dissolution, and in default thereof, by a judge or the High Court of Kenya, and if so far as effect cannot be given to the aforesaid provisions, then to some other charitable object.

Article 11: Trustees of AAAE

The Nominations committee shall facilitate the election of the Fellows from among whom the trustees will be elected by the conference. The Board of Trustees will consist of five members, at least one from each region.

Article 12: The office of AAAE

The location of the central office of AAAE shall be at a place determined by the Management Committee

Article 13: Amendments to the Constitution

- 13.1 This Constitution may be amended only during a conference or a special General Meeting of AAAE. Notification of the proposed amendments shall be given to members at least six months prior to the date of the bi-annual conference or Special General Meeting. Any proposed amendments to the Constitution shall be submitted in writing to the Secretary/Treasurer at least three weeks before the relevant conference or special meeting and these shall be duly seconded by at least two members. During such a General Meeting these proposed a two-thirds' majority of the recorded votes should pass amendments.
- 13.2 Amendments to these proposed amendments may be handed in during the conference or special general meeting concerned. Amendments shall be accepted on condition that these are approved by a simple majority of votes. If accepted, an amendment shall supersede the original proposal, if this amendment should embrace the proposal in its entirety.

Article 14: Dissolution

- 14.1. The association shall not dissolve itself without prior consent in writing from the Registrar of Societies of the Republic of Kenya obtained upon a written application addressed to the Registrar of Societies and signed by three of the officials of AAAE.

President _____

Secretary/Treasurer _____