



NIGERIAN BAR ASSOCIATION

(LAGOS BRANCH) 2025 ELECTIONS

MONDAY, 30TH JUNE 2025



The NBA Lagos Branch 2025 Electoral Committee hereby announces the following vacancies in the Executive Committee of the Nigerian Bar Association (Lagos Branch) for the year 2025 to 2027

POST	POST CALL	NOMINATION FORM FEE
Chairman	10 years	N25, 000.00
Vice - Chairman	10 years	N20, 000.00
Secretary	7 years	N20, 000.00
Treasurer	7 years	N20, 000.00
Financial Secretary	7 years	N20, 000.00
Social Secretary	5 years	N20, 000.00
Publicity Secretary	5 years	N20, 000.00
Welfare Secretary	5 years	N20, 000.00
Provost	5 years	N20, 000.00
Assistant Secretary	3 years	N10, 000.00

ELECTION GUIDELINES

1. ELIGIBILITY TO STAND FOR ELECTION INTO AN OFFICE (S. 14 NBA UNIFORM BYE - LAWS FOR BRANCHES)

- To be eligible to stand for election into an office, a member must:
 - Be validly nominated in writing by two members who are eligible to vote herein and who must themselves be qualified for the particular office as provided for in this Bye-Laws;
 - Have attended a minimum of five (5) monthly meetings of the Branch within the twelve (12) months prior to the close of nominations for the election;
 - Attain the post-enrolment qualification requirement for the affected office as at the date of the election as follows:
 - Chairman and Vice-Chairman, ten (10) years;
 - Secretary, Treasurer and Financial Secretary, seven (7) years;
 - Social Secretary, Publicity Secretary, Welfare Secretary, and Provost, five (5) years; and
 - Assistant Secretary, three (3) years.
 - Be a financial member of the Branch and shall have paid his/her bar practicing fees and annual branch dues as and when due for the three (3) years preceding the election, inclusive of the year of election.
- In reckoning post-call years, a person shall be regarded as having attained a post call year on each succeeding anniversary of his/her call to the Bar and not sooner.
- The Election Committee's decision as to eligibility of any candidate to stand for election shall be subject to the outcome of an appeal to the Branch Election Appeal Committee.
- A candidate for any branch elective office shall be nominated or proposed in writing by a member and seconded by another both of whom shall be qualified like the candidate in accordance with the provisions of this Bye-laws for the equivalent office and in good standing with their practicing fees and Branch dues.
- Candidates shall submit by email not more than four pages of A4-size electronic copy of their Curriculum Vitae, comprehensive manifestoes and other campaign material to the Electoral Committee for publication in the Branch website or electronic platform(s), not later than the day fixed by the Electoral Committee.
- The publication, printing or distribution of any campaign material, gifts and any form of souvenir whatsoever by a candidate or his supporter(s) is hereby prohibited and any candidate who contravenes this provision shall be disqualified from being voted for.
- The Electoral Committee shall collate all materials, arrange them in alphabetical order without regard for the position being sought and publish them in an electronic Election Magazine to be hosted on the Branch website or electronic platform(s) at least twenty-one (21) days before the election.
- Offices shall be vacant by effluxion of time, death, resignation, removal, or for any other reasonable cause.
- Any vacancy occurring in any office after a Biennial General Meeting may be filled by the General Meeting of the Branch.

2. ELIGIBILITY TO VOTE (S. 15 NBA UNIFORM BYE - LAWS FOR BRANCHES)

- To be eligible to vote, a member shall be a financial member of the Branch and shall have paid his/her bar practicing fees and annual branch dues, as and when due, for the two (2) years preceding the election or since enrolment, if less than two (2) years post-call, and shall have attended a minimum of five (5) monthly general meetings of the Branch within the twelve (12) months preceding the date of the election.
- The member's name must appear in the final list of eligible voters as compiled by the Electoral Committee and published not later than fourteen (14) days before the date of election.
- No provision of this Bye-Laws relating to qualification to vote and be voted for shall be waived by any person, the Branch, its organs, or committee set up by the Branch.

3. DUTIES OF THE ELECTORAL COMMITTEE (S. 16 NBA UNIFORM BYE - LAWS FOR BRANCHES)

- ot later than the Ninety (90) days to the date of the election, the Electoral Committee shall announce the date of the election as fixed by the Electoral Committee and invite nominations of candidates for the various offices, and shall publicize the provisions of the Bye-Law relating to eligibility to contest and eligibility to vote and also issue election and campaign guidelines. Provided that no candidate shall commence any form of public campaign until the campaign guidelines are issued or released.
- The Electoral Committee shall scrutinize all nominations to ensure that they comply with the provisions herein and shall notify candidates who fail to qualify of the reason(s) for their disqualification within seven (7) days of any decision to such effect; provided that such a disqualified candidate may apply to the Election Appeal Committee for a review of the decision of the Electoral Committee within seven (7) days whose decision shall be final.
- Where there is no qualified candidate to fill an office, the Electoral Committee shall fix a date for a By-election in respect of that office and shall call for fresh nominations thereto.
- Not less than thirty (30) days prior to the election, the Electoral Committee shall cause a list of the candidates for election to various offices to be publicized by same being displayed at the Branch Secretariat, Branch Website or electronic platform(s) and pasted at the venue of the election and the Notice Boards of the High Courts and such other places as it may deem fit within the jurisdiction of the Branch.
- Upon the close of nominations, the Electoral Committee shall cause ballot papers to be printed for the election with funds to be provided by the Branch.

4. PROCEDURE AT ELECTION(S. 17 NBA UNIFORM BYE - LAWS FOR BRANCHES)

- Voting at elections shall be either electronic voting or by physical voting by secret ballot, as may be determined by the Electoral Committee.
- Where electronic voting method is adopted, the Electoral Committee shall engage the services of competent and credible service providers to provide the electronic voting platform and shall conduct the elections in a transparent and fair manner in accordance with clearly published guidelines.
- Where physical voting by secret ballot method is adopted, the Electoral Committee shall engage such security and other adjunct personnel as may be necessary to ensure a transparent, free, fair and orderly conduct of the elections in accordance with clearly published guidelines.
- Votes at elections shall be counted immediately after the close of voting and the result shall be declared immediately by the Chairman of the Electoral Committee.
- To the extent of their functions, the decision of the Electoral Committee shall be subject to appeals to the Branch Election Appeal Committee whose decision shall be final.

5. SWEARING-IN OF NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS/ASSUMPTION OF OFFICE AND HANDING OVER(S. 18 NBA UNIFORM BYE - LAWS FOR BRANCHES)

- Following the declaration of the results, the newly elected officers shall be sworn-in at the Annual General Meeting immediately following the elections by the administration of the Oath of Office contained in the Second Schedule herein on them by a serving Judge or Notary Public. All elected officers shall be deemed to have assumed office immediately after being sworn in.
- Except otherwise resolved at a General Meeting, all Standing and Ad-hoc Committees of the Branch shall automatically become dissolved upon the swearing-in of the new elected officers.
- All vacating officers and committee secretaries of the Branch shall handover all records, monies, receipts, cheque books and any other property of the Branch in their possession to the newly elected Branch Chairman within seven (7) days of assumption of office by the incoming officers.
- It shall amount to an act of gross misconduct for any member or former officer of the Branch to violate sub-section (3) above and any such case shall be referred to the Disciplinary Committee.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

- All Nominators, Nominees and Voters should please familiarize themselves with the requirements as stated in the NBA Uniform Bye-Laws for Branches.
- Nomination Forms can be downloaded on the NBA Lagos Branch website: www.nbalagos.ng or on www.nbalagoselections.com.ng and are available for pick up at the NBA Lagos Branch Office, Nigeria Law School, Ozumba Mbadiwe, Victoria Island, Lagos.
- All Nomination Form fees are payable at the NBA Lagos Branch Office. On payment, a Nomination Form will be handed over to you and a copy of the Guidelines will be attached to the form.
- Nominations open on **Wednesday, the 19th of March, 2025.**
- Completed Nomination Forms should be returned on or before 3 pm on **Wednesday, 9th of April, 2025** to the Election Committee c/o NBA Lagos Branch Office.
- A photocopy of the Nomination Form fee receipt should be attached to the completed Nomination Form.

DATE OF ELECTION

ELECTIONS SHALL HOLD FROM 5:00 AM ON MONDAY, THE 30TH OF JUNE, 2025 TO 6:00 PM ON MONDAY, THE 30TH OF JUNE 2025.

ELECTRONIC VOTING

- ELECTIONS ARE BY ELECTRONIC VOTING, THE LINK TO THE SECRET BALLOT WILL BE SENT ELECTRONICALLY TO ALL ELIGIBLE VOTERS.
- ELIGIBLE VOTERS CAN VOTE ONLINE FROM THEIR COMPUTERS OR MOBILE DEVICES ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD.

- PLEASE VISIT THE NBA LAGOS WEBSITE: www.nbalagos.ng, LOG INTO YOUR MEMBER PORTAL AND CLICK ON “CONTACTS” TO VERIFY THAT YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER ARE CORRECT.
- IF YOU DO NOT HAVE AN ACCOUNT, KINDLY SIGN UP AND INPUT YOUR CORRECT CONTACT DETAILS.
- YOU CAN ALSO VISIT THE NBA LAGOS BRANCH SECRETARIAT TO UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION.

THE PUBLICATION, PRINTING OR DISTRIBUTION OF ANY CAMPAIGN MATERIAL, GIFTS AND ANY FORM OF SOUVENIR WHATSOEVER BY A CANDIDATE OR HIS SUPPORTER(S) IS HEREBY PROHIBITED AND ANY CANDIDATE WHO CONTRAVENES THIS PROVISION SHALL BE DISQUALIFIED AS A CANDIDATE IN THIS ELECTION.

PLEASE NOTE THAT HUSTINGS SHALL BE IN THE BEST TRADITIONS OF THE LEGAL PROFESSION.

PAYMENT FOR NOMINATION FORMS CAN BE DONE BY TRANSFER TO **NIGERIAN BAR ASSOCIATION** (LAGOS BRANCH)
ACCESS BANK: 0723555702.

ELECTORAL COMMITTEE 2025

- Kelechi Obi, SAN - Chairman
- Sola Adegbonmire - Member
- Carolynnda Anyanwu - Secretary
- Geraldine Wey - Member
- Andrew Malgwi, SAN - Member

DATED THIS 19TH DAY OF MARCH, 2025

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