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# **Preamble**

The ASEAN Law Students' Association was established at the First ASEAN Law Students' Conference in Jakarta, 18 May 1989. By 2002, the five member countries, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore and Thailand, came to the idea of extending its scope of membership in order to enhance the achievement of its objectives.

The International Law Students' Association of Peking University (ILSA PKU) which represents ALSA China was established in March, 2003. The Law Association, Hong Kong University Students' Union (LA, HKUSU) was established in 1969. It has long been a local student body serving law students in the University of Hong Kong. According to its constitution, LA, HKUSU represents its members locally and internationally. After attending a few conferences held by ALSA, it decided to join ALSA.

Enlightened by the vision and purpose of the European Law Students' Association in 1996, the Japanese law students decided to set up an Asian Law Students' Association in East Asian countries. By the Seoul Declaration in 2001, the International Department of Legal Aid Association of Peking University, ALSA Japan, ALSA Korea, and ALSA Taiwan officially decided to continue to discuss how to build a network between the countries. In 2002, after the Korean Conference and in the Asian Forum held in Japan, the merging with the ASEAN Law Students' Association was agreed. This was made upon the vision and purpose of the first ALSA members.

The basis for the national committee of the Asian Law Students' Association in Korea was first created by Seoul National University law school students in 1998 through ALSA SNU, a full national committee by the name of the Asian Law Students' Association of Korea was formed in the summer of the year 2000 consisting of two universities; Seoul National University and Ewha Womans University.

The ASEAN Law Students' Association which is composed of the member countries Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, and Thailand represented by Mr. Niti Nernchamnong, representatives of the International Department of the Legal Aid Association of Peking University, Law Association, Hong Kong University Students' Union of the University of Hong Kong (LA, HKUSU), Asian Law Students' Association Japan (ALSA Japan), Asian Law Students' Association Korea (ALSA Korea) and Asian Law Students' Association Taiwan (ALSA Taiwan) attended the Asian forum and signed the Tokyo Agreement on 7 September 2002 to agree to merge into a single association which took effect by a resolution passed unanimously by the ASEAN Law Students' Association, the International Law Students' Association of Peking University formerly known as the International Department of Legal Aid Association of Peking

University, LA, HKUSU, ALSA Japan, ALSA Korea, and ALSA Taiwan on 23 October 2003 in Bangkok, Thailand. We, the law students of the country of Brunei Darussalam,

CONSIDERING the visions and objectives promulgated in the Tokyo Agreement 2002;

REALISING the existence of problems due to the differences in legal systems and education in the economic, social, and cultural development of our country;

DESIRING cooperation towards the enhancement of understanding and in the resolution of complexities of the aforementioned problems;

HAVING AGREED to the establishment of an association of general cooperation among law students in the country of Brunei Darussalam based on provisions as follows;

## Article 1

#### INTERPRETATION

The following words and phrases will take on the assigned meanings unless otherwise stated:

- a. "ALSA Brunei Darussalam" means the Asian Law Students' Association of Brunei Darussalam;
- b. "Annual General Assembly" means the meeting of all representatives convened once every vear:
- c. "Date of Service" means the date when this constitution shall take effect;
- d. "General Assembly" means the meeting of ALSA Brunei Darussalam Council members;
- e. "National Board" means the National Board of ALSA Brunei Darussalam and such entity that is an association of elected representatives(s);
- f. "National Council" means the National Council of ALSA Brunei Darussalam;
- g. "Majority" means one-half (1/2) plus one;
- h. "Member" means the members of ALSA Brunei Darussalam;
- i. "Delegate(s)" means a member(s) of ALSA Brunei Darussalam who is authorised by a National Board in ALSA Brunei Darussalam as a representative(s) for international and national events of ALSA Brunei Darussalam;
- j. "Resolutions" are decisions and policies approved by voting upon a motion in all meetings

#### Article 2

## **GENERAL PROVISIONS**

### Section 1. Title

The title of the Association shall be the "Asian Law Students' Association of Brunei Darussalam".

## **Section 2. Declaratory Statement**

- 1. ALSA Brunei Darussalam is a non-political association and any acts done or representations made by any member, which suggest or impute that ALSA Brunei Darussalam has a political agenda shall be invalid and shall not bind other members of ALSA Brunei Darussalam.
- 2. ALSA Brunei Darussalam is a member of ALSA International and is bound to the ALSA Constitution.
- 3. ALSA Brunei Darussalam is registered under Persatuan Pelajar Universiti Islam Sultan Sharif Ali (PPUNISSA).

4. ALSA Brunei Darussalam runs legally in Negara Brunei Darussalam.

#### Section 3. Exclusion clause

As specifically provided in Article 5 Section 1, in no circumstances shall the Majlis Persatuan Pelajar Universiti Islam Sultan Sharif Ali (MPP UNISSA) possess the authority upon ALSA Brunei Darussalam in decision-making.

#### **Section 4. Code of Conduct**

Members are to be aware that their behaviour reflects on ALSA Brunei Darussalam and UNISSA. The members must always act in an appropriate manner. This includes, but is not limited to:

- a. Adhering to the rules and regulations of the Shariah;
- b. Adhering to the rules and regulations of UNISSA;
- c. Behaving in a manner that is not discriminatory to others, whether sexually, racially, culturally or otherwise;
- d. Accepting that there will be no tolerance of violence or sexual harassment and that appropriate authorities will be notified if such conduct occurs; and
- e. Obeying the Laws of Brunei.

## **Section 5. Failure to Comply with Code of Conduct**

- Failure to comply with the Code of Conduct may result in expulsion of the member from ALSA Brunei Darussalam. This will be at the discretion of the ALSA Brunei Darussalam National Council.
- 2. Breach of Conduct shall be reported to the authorities of UNISSA. The member will be given the opportunity to be heard and to defend himself/herself against charges raised against him/her.

### Section 6. Vision

ALSA Brunei Darussalam has the following visions:

- a. To focus a global vision on the promising future of Asia;
- b. To promote an awareness of justice;
- c. To facilitate the recognition of the social responsibilities on law students; and
- d. To represent the interests of the law students.



### Section 7. Purpose/Objective

ALSA Brunei Darussalam has the following purposes/objectives:

- a. To understand and appreciate the diversity and share the ideals of law in society through exchange and communication among Asian law students;
- b. To motivate law students to develop a creative spirit through a network of joint activities among Asian law students; and
- c. To encourage the enhancement of the capabilities of Asian Law students to become internationally minded, socially responsible, academically committed and legally skilled.

### **Section 8. Legal Instruments**

ALSA Brunei Darussalam shall be bound to comply with this Constitution.

#### Section 9. Means

- 1. To achieve the purposes/objectives, members of ALSA Brunei Darussalam must contribute an annual membership fee of BND 5. Should the annual membership be raised above BND 5, unanimous approval will be required.
- 2. For any arrears, a penalty, whether monetary or otherwise, shall be imposed subject to the approval of the National Board and National Council of every term.

### Section 10. Official Language

The English language shall be the official language of the Association.

#### Article 3

### **MEMBERSHIP**

### **Section 1. Definition**

- Students enrolled in a programme of Bachelor of Laws and Bachelor of Shariah Law and Higher National Diploma in Shariah Criminal Justice System are deemed to be members of ALSA Brunei Darussalam.
- 2. Any person who does not fall in the above category may still be admitted as a member at the discretion of the National Board.

## **Section 2. Privileges of Members**

The members of ALSA Brunei Darussalam shall have the privilege to participate in ALSA national and international activities.

#### Section 3. Patron

- 1. ALSA Brunei Darussalam may, at its discretion, elect a Patron(s) or Vice Patron(s) of ALSA Brunei Darussalam for such period as may be deemed necessary. Such Patron(s) or Vice Patron(s) shall not be eligible to vote.
- 2. The Patron for ALSA Brunei Darussalam is Universiti Islam Sultan Sharif Ali (UNISSA):
  - a. The Faculty of Shariah and Law, UNISSA, is an advisor to the National Board of ALSA Brunei Darussalam.
  - b. Should there be any conflict within the National Council (terms), The Faculty of Shariah and Law, UNISSA, will act as an advisor to the President.
  - c. The Faculty of Shariah and Law, UNISSA, shall be informed of the new elected President.

#### Article 4

#### **GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

### **Section 1. Authority**

The decision of a General Assembly of ALSA Brunei Darussalam shall possess the highest authority in all matters affecting ALSA Brunei Darussalam as a whole.

## Section 2. Composition of the General Assembly

- 1. The General Assembly shall be composed of members of the National Council.
- 2. The Annual General Assembly shall be composed of members of the National Council and two ALSA Brunei Darussalam members as representatives for all ALSA Brunei Darussalam members.

#### Section 3. Vote

Each member of the National Council and representatives shall be entitled to one (1) vote in the General Assembly.

## Section 4. Method of voting

The vote shall be composed of the majority of its members.

#### Section 5. Notice

A notice of the General Assembly and the agenda thereof shall be posted to the National Council at least one (1) week beforehand.

## Section 6. Quorum

At the General Assembly, the majority of the elected members present shall form a quorum.

## Section 7. Sessions of General Assembly

- 1. The General Assembly shall include the Annual General Assembly, Special Assembly, Council Meeting and National Council Meeting.
- 2. The Annual General Assembly shall be held every year hosted by the National Board President.
- 3. The Special Assembly may be held by the National Board and/or National Council either online or offline when extraordinary matters would arise.
- 4. Any other meetings in the presence of both the National Board and National Council shall be referred to as Council Meeting.

## **Section 8. Accountability Report**

The National Board shall prepare an Accountability Report to be reviewed in the Annual General Assembly.

## Article 5

### **NATIONAL COUNCIL**

### **Section 1. Authority**

The National Council shall be the highest decision-making body of the ALSA Brunei Darussalam after the General Assembly.

#### **Section 2. Functions**

The National Council shall have the following functions:

- a. To formulate plans of action;
- b. To devise activities for the achievement of ALSA Brunei Darussalam objectives;
- c. To promulgate rules of conduct of the ALSA Brunei Darussalam;
- d. To call a Special Assembly when extraordinary matters would arise;
- e. To command the National Board President to review the actions of the National Board member in cases when the latter is suspected of committing acts that are grounds for impeachment; and
- f. Every official of the National Council shall carry out each task conferred upon him or her by the ALSA Brunei Darussalam Constitution.

### Section 3. Chairman

The National Board President shall be the National Council Chairman. However, if the President cannot fulfil his/her duty as such, the President shall appoint a member of the National Board to act as the National Council Chairman.

### **Section 4. Composition**

The composition of the National Council is as follows:

- 1. Presidential Department:
  - a. Organisation and Development Officer(s);
  - b. Religious Officer(s); and
  - c. Logistic Officer(s).
- 2. Secretariat Department:
  - a. Transcription and Communication Officer(s).
- 3. Treasury Department:
  - a. Financial Management Officer(s).
- 4. Academic Activities Department:
  - a. Publications Officer(s); and
  - b. Academic Activities Officer(s).
- 5. Training, Exchange and Development Department:
  - a. Legal Training and Workshop Officer(s);
  - b. Legal Internship Officer(s); and
  - c. Legal Aid Officer(s).
- 6. Public Relations and Marketing Department:
  - a. Marketing, Promotion and Social Media Officer(s);

- b. Audio Visual Officer(s); and
- c. Master(s) of Ceremony.

### Section 5. Position and membership

The composition of the National Council may be subject to change in accordance with the discretion of the National Board.

## **Section 6. Presidential Department**

- 1. The function of the Organisation and Development Officer(s) includes:
  - a. To advise the President in matters pertaining to the Constitution;
  - b. To interpret the Constitution upon request from the President; and
  - c. To form and lead a Constitution Amendment Committee which specialises in the amendment of the Constitution of ALSA Brunei Darussalam.
- 2. The function of the Religious Officer(s) includes:
  - a. To advise the President in religious matters;
  - b. To recite do'a for the start or closing of any events or meetings; and
  - c. To oversee religious activities of ALSA Brunei Darussalam.
- 3. The function of the Logistic Officer(s) includes:
  - a. To assist the President in managing ALSA Brunei Darussalam events;
  - b. To oversee and prepare the equipment and facilities; and
  - c. To assist the President in technical matters.

## **Section 7. Secretariat Department**

- 1. The function of the Transcription and Communication Officer(s) includes:
  - a. To assist the Secretary-General in managing ALSA Brunei Darussalam's information database:
  - b. To compile and distribute minutes of meeting to National Councils (live transcriptions, meeting recording, revised meeting minutes); and
  - c. To assist in contacting and informing alumni for the alumni touchpoint program.

## **Section 8. Treasury Department**

- 1. The function of the Financial Management Officer(s) includes:
  - a. To assist the Treasurer in managing ALSA Brunei Darussalam funds;
  - b. To help the Treasurer in monitoring the association's revenue and expenditure;



- c. To assure that the funds are available to be used for the ongoing or upcoming project;
- d. To ensure that the funds are only to be used when necessary;
- e. To contribute ideas and to organise fundraising activities in the future; and
- f. To develop new sources of funds.

### **Section 9. Academic Activities Department**

- 1. The function of the Publications Officer(s) includes:
  - a. To assist the Vice President of Academic Activities in matters pertaining to the publication of law review, mainly in deciding topics for each National Chapter, promoting Law Review to ALSA Brunei Darussalam members, select contribution, editorialise contribution, facilitation of the Law Review Competition and adjudication and selection of the best paper from the Competition; and
  - b. To assist the Vice President of Academic Activities in, but not restricted to, determining topic for submission and calling for submission at least twice a year.
- 2. The function of the Academic Activities Officer(s) includes:
  - a. To formulate plans of action and devise activities for the National academic activities according to the theme established for the term; and
  - b. To assist the Vice President of Academic Activities in achieving ALSA Brunei Darussalam objectives regarding academic activities.

## Section 10. Training, Exchange and Development Department

- 1. The function of the Legal Training and Workshop Officer(s) includes:
  - To assist the Vice President of Training, Exchange and Development in organising workshops and other activities to enhance the legal knowledge and expertise of ALSA Brunei Darussalam members; and
  - b. To conduct research on the legal skills and other aspects of legal training ALSA Brunei Darussalam members need to work on.
- 2. The function of the Legal Internship Officer(s) includes:
  - a. To aid the Vice President of Training, Exchange and Development in creating new and managing existing internship programmes; and
  - b. To aid the Vice President of Training, Exchange and Development in building partnerships and other collaborative efforts with local law firms.
- 3. The Function of the Legal Aid Officer(s) includes:
  - a. To assist the Vice President of Training, Exchange and Development in Legal Aid activities; and
  - b. To conduct interviews for participants and help the Vice President of Training, Exchange and Development in managing all Legal Aid processes.

## Section 11. Public Relations and Marketing Department

- 1. The function of the Marketing, Promotion and Social Media Officer(s) includes:
  - a. To assist the Vice President of Public Relations and Marketing Department in monitoring and leading any marketing strategies;
  - b. Raising awareness of ALSA Brunei Darussalam merchandises to all ALSA Brunei Darussalam members;
  - c. Organising promotional events; and
  - d. Perform any other duties assigned by the Vice President of Public Relations and Marketing Department.
- 2. The function of the Audio Visual Officer(s) includes:
  - a. To create and produce visual and auditory media;
  - b. To monitor the clarity of visual images, adjust audio levels, check connectors and cables; Media coverage during ALSA Brunei Darussalam events capturing & editing; and
  - c. Perform any other duties assigned by the Vice President of Public Relations and Marketing Department.
- 3. The function of the Master(s) of Ceremony includes:
  - a. To be the Master of Ceremony in every event held under ALSA Brunei Darussalam and any event relevant to the National Chapter;
  - b. To be the spokesperson of ALSA Brunei Darussalam whenever necessary and permitted; and
  - c. Perform any other duties assigned by the Vice President of Public Relations and Marketing Department.

### Section 12. Meeting

The National Council meeting can be convened when one-fifth (1/5) of the National Council members so request and when circumstances would dictate.

#### Section 13. Decision Making in the National Council

- 1. Decisions of the National Council shall be made by the consensus of the members present.
- 2. In the event if a consensus as provided by Article 5 Section 6 (1) fails to be reached, the majority vote in the National Council shall render a decision final.
- 3. In the event if there are an equal number of votes, a vote by the National Council Chairman shall cast the deciding vote and thereby shall render a decision final.
- 4. Any decision made by the National Council may be affirmed or reversed by the General Assembly.



- 5. The majority of the members of the National Council shall constitute a quorum.
- 6. Each National Council member is entitled to one vote.
- 7. The decisions of the National Council shall be binding upon all members of ALSA Brunei Darussalam.
- 8. When a member raises a valid objection to a decision, the National Council shall reexamine the said decision.

## Article 6

#### **NATIONAL BOARD**

## **Section 1. Authority**

The National Board shall have the authority to execute the decisions of the National Council.

#### **Section 2. Functions**

The functions of the National Board are as follows:

- a. The National Board shall represent ALSA Brunei Darussalam in international and national affairs;
- b. The National Board shall set up the annual plan for the term;
- c. The National Board shall be responsible for the day to day management of ALSA Brunei Darussalam's international and national activities;
- d. The National Board shall evaluate the previous year's international exchange and activities; and
- e. Every official of the National Board shall carry out each task conferred upon him or her by the ALSA Brunei Darussalam Constitution.

## **Section 3. Composition**

The composition of the National Board is as follows:

- a. President;
- b. Secretary-General;
- c. Treasurer;
- d. Vice President of Academic Activities;
- e. Vice President of Training, Exchange and Development; and
- f. Vice President of Public Relations and Marketing.

### Section 4. President

- 1. The duties of the National Board President are as follows:
  - a. To head the ALSA Brunei Darussalam and the National Board;
  - b. To oversee all international and national activities;
  - c. To be in charge of international and national relations and contacts;
  - d. To represent the National Board in international and national affairs; and
  - e. To attend and act as Chairman during the National Council and General Assembly.
- 2. The National Board President shall consult the National Council regarding any matter that may contravene the ALSA Brunei Darussalam Constitution.
- 3. The National Board President shall have the authority to nominate another Chair of the General Assembly.
- 4. The National Board President may appoint a Vice President.

### Section 5. Secretary-General

- 1. The duties of the National Board Secretary-General are as follows:
  - a. To collect the overall information for ALSA Brunei Darussalam;
  - b. To keep track of all documents;
  - c. To prepare the agenda for meetings; and
  - d. To record the minutes of all ALSA international and national meetings that the National Board Secretary-General attends.
- 2. The National Board Secretary-General shall not disclose ALSA Brunei Darussalam information to any party without prior approval from the National Board.

#### Section 6. Treasurer

- 1. The duties of the National Board Treasurer are as follows:
  - a. To oversee all financial matters within the National Board of ALSA Brunei Darussalam;
  - b. To set up a budget plan according to the annual plan for the term;
  - c. To maintain the financial records of ALSA Brunei Darussalam;
  - d. To make financial reports to the National Council every 3 months; and
  - e. To be the custodian of ALSA Brunei Darussalam funds.
- 2. All funding received by ALSA Brunei Darussalam shall only be used by the National Board Treasurer pursuant to a National Board resolution.
- 3. The National Board Treasurer shall not disclose ALSA Brunei Darussalam financial matters to any party without prior approval from the National Board.
- 4. The National Board Treasurer shall have the authority to manage the bank account of ALSA Brunei Darussalam.

#### **Section 7. Vice President of Academic Activities**

- 1. The duties of the National Board Vice President of Academic Activities are as follows:
  - a. To organise and manage all matters pertaining to the academic activities of ALSA Brunei Darussalam;
  - b. To establish the major theme for the term that will bind all National academic activities;
  - c. To evaluate the theme and collect information about the conditions of the academic activities; and
  - d. To organise the updates of legal issues from all member boards.

## Section 8. Vice President of Training, Exchange and Development

- 1. The duties of the National Board Vice President of Training, Exchange and Development are to:
  - a. Oversee and coordinate the conduct of ALSA Brunei Darussalam internship and exchange activities;
  - b. Promote and support the organisation of the ALSA Brunei Darussalam internship and exchange activities;
  - c. Develop and maintain a framework through which ALSA Brunei Darussalam organise international internship and exchange activities;
  - d. Conceptualise and develop a training programme that will develop practical and technical skills of ALSA Brunei Darussalam members; and
  - e. Support and enhance existing corollary activities being conducted by ALSA Brunei Darussalam.
- 2. The goals of international exchange activities are to:
  - a. Provide ALSA members with opportunities to gather and communicate on legal and cultural matters through national and international events;
  - b. Cultivate an appreciation for diversity in, and better familiarity with the local and foreign legal systems through first-hand experiences; and
  - c. Support the development of strong relationships and the growth of ALSA as a whole.
- 3. The National Board Vice President of Training, Exchange and Development shall not disclose ALSA Brunei Darussalam internal matters to any party without prior approval from the National Board.

## Section 9. Vice President of Public Relations and Marketing

- 1. The duties of the National Board Vice President of Public Relations and Marketing are as follows:
  - a. To seek out benefactors of ALSA Brunei Darussalam;
  - b. To plan and execute a marketing strategy for ALSA Brunei Darussalam



- c. To assist in the recruitment of new members;
- d. To oversee the manner of publication and recruitment;
- e. To facilitate the flow of information between all ALSA Brunei Darussalam bodies;
- f. To produce or publish promotional materials for ALSA Brunei Darussalam;
- g. To utilise and manage the website of the ALSA Brunei Darussalam; and
- h. To design and publish a new logo for ALSA Brunei Darussalam every 3 years.
- 2. The National Board Vice President of Public Relations and Marketing shall not disclose ALSA Brunei Darussalam internal matters to any party without prior approval from the National Board.
- 3. The National Board Vice President of Public Relations and Marketing shall not incur marketing expenses without prior approval pursuant to a National Board Resolution.
- 4. The National Board Vice President of Public Relations and Marketing shall not change the logo for ALSA Brunei Darussalam without prior approval from the National Council.

### Section 10. Terms of Office

- The National Board Officers shall serve for a period commencing from the date of the election and until such time their successors have been duly elected in the next Annual General Assembly.
- 2. The term of office of the Vice President shall commence from the time the National Board President makes the appointment and shall last depending upon the discretion of the National Board President.

## **Section 11. Official Meetings**

The National Board shall hold a meeting at least once every three months. However, the National Board President may convene the National Board meeting whenever any contingency should arise.

#### Section 12. Resolutions of the National Board

- 1. Resolutions of the National Board shall be passed by a simple majority of Quorum of the National Board.
- 2. A resolution shall not be effective without the approval of at least one National Council. Where a Council does not give approval, the National Council shall be allowed to explain his or her stance. Following the Council's explanation, the resolution shall be put forth before the National Board for another vote. The passing of this resolution shall not be passed unless voted for by majority of the Quorum.

3. In the event of a tie, the President shall recess the meeting immediately, and upon its resumption, the motion or amendment shall be put to vote at once without any discussion. Upon a further tie of votes, the President shall have the casting vote.

### **Section 13. Acting President**

In case the President is permanently unable to fulfil his/her duties, the National Board and/or National Council shall convene a Special Assembly to elect a permanent Acting National Board President to serve out the remaining term.

## **Section 14. Acting Officers**

- 1. In case any National Board Officer would default in the performance of his/her duties, the National Board President shall appoint a replacement who shall act in a temporary capacity, after consulting with the National Council.
- 2. The National Council shall determine in the soonest possible opportunity whether to permanently replace the officer in default.
- 3. A permanent replacement shall serve the remaining term of his/her predecessor.

## Section 15. Resignation

- 1. Any written resignation tendered by a National Board or National Council Officer shall be tantamount to default of duty.
- 2. A National Board or National Council Officer must inform the National Council of his/her intent to resign at least thirty (30) days before he/she resigns.
- 3. The resignation of a National Board or National Council Officer must be granted by the National Council only if there is a justified basis for the said resignation.
- 4. The National Council shall determine the acceptance of the resignation within ten (10) days of receipt of the notice.
- 5. If the resignation is accepted, the National Council shall elect a replacement of the vacant post within thirty (30) days.

## Section 16. Impeachment

- 1. Any National Board or National Council Member may be impeached on any of the following grounds:
  - a. Gross neglect of duty;
  - b. Grave misconduct;



- c. Willful violation of the ALSA Brunei Darussalam Constitution;
- d. \*Absent without notice for 3 consecutive events.
- 2. Subjects shall be given warnings at the discretion of the National Board for acting based on the aforesaid grounds before filing a petition.
- 3. Impeachment proceedings may be initiated upon filing a petition by an elected representative to the National Council based on the aforesaid grounds.
- 4. The officer subject of the impeachment shall be given two (2) weeks opportunity to defend himself/herself.
- 5. A majority vote of the National Council shall be sufficient to impeach.
- 6. The impeachment proceedings must be acted upon receipt of the petition and the judgement must be rendered within one (1) week after the officer subject of impeachment has made his/her defence.
- 7. An immediate election pursuant to Article 6 Section 11 must take place to replace any impeached officers of the National Board.

### Article 7

#### **REGISTRATION & ELECTION**

## Section 1. Registration

- 1. Only members of ALSA Brunei Darussalam are able to register for the position of National Board or National Council.
- 2. An interested applicant may only register for one (1) position.

#### Section 2. Time

The election of the National Board shall take place at the Annual General Assembly.

#### **Section 3. Election Official**

The outgoing National Board President shall preside over the election of the new National Board.

### **Section 4. Qualifications for the National Board Officers**

- 1. A National Board Nominee must be a member of ALSA Brunei Darussalam.
- 2. No member board shall hold more than two (2) positions.

- 3. The National Board President Nominee must:
  - a. Have experienced attending international events hosted by ALSA International such as ALSA Conference or ALSA Forum or;
  - b. Have been associated with ALSA Brunei Darussalam as a National Board member or National Council member for at least one (1) year.

### **Section 5. Nominations**

- 1. Nominations for the National Board must be made at least one (1) day prior to Election Day.
- 2. The members of the National Council shall have the authority to nominate candidates for the National Board Election.
- 3. The persons nominated shall prepare a nominee profile for distribution before the presentation to the National Council, unless agreed otherwise. The profile must include a curriculum vitae and an action plan.
- 4. The persons nominated shall deliver a brief election speech regarding his plans and qualifications at the Annual General Assembly. The speech shall be five (5) to ten (10) minutes long.
- 5. Any member in the Annual General Assembly shall have the right to question each nominee on the future of ALSA Brunei Darussalam.
- 6. Where no persons have been nominated for a certain position on the National Board until the day of election, the newly elected National Board shall appoint an ALSA Brunei Darussalam member to assume that position during the General Assembly or a Special Assembly.
- 7. As specifically provided in Article 3 Section 3, the Head of Law from the Faculty of Shariah and Law, UNISSA has the discretion to take part in the Annual General Assembly and to question each nominee.

## Section 6. Method of Voting

- 1. Each member of the Annual General Assembly shall be entitled to one (1) vote.
  - a. Members of the Annual General Assembly shall include the National Board and National Council of ALSA Brunei Darussalam.
  - b. In the circumstances the member of the Annual General Assembly is running for the next National Board position, he/she is not entitled to vote throughout the Assembly even for positions of not his/her choice.
- 2. Voting shall be made by secret ballot. In the event of a postponed election, a Special Assembly shall be convened.
- 3. The positions in the National board shall be voted in this order:
  - a. President;
  - b. Secretary-General;
  - c. Treasurer;



- d. Vice President of Academic Activities;
- e. Vice President of Training, Exchange and Development;
- f. Vice President of Public Relations and Marketing.
- 4. The Candidates with the highest number of votes for each post shall be declared as the elected National Board Officer to assume the contested position.
- 5. In case of a tie, the winner shall be determined by a run-off election.
- 6. In case the tie persists, the Chairman of the National Council shall cast the deciding vote.

### Section 7. Re-election

- 1. No member who has served on the National Board shall stand for re-election for any position of the National Board for more than once, subject to exception in section 6(2).
- 2. Any National Board Member standing for re-election for any position in the National Board must inform the National Council during the Special Assembly.

### **Article 8**

#### **CONSTITUTION**

### **Section 1. Amendment**

This Constitution shall not be amended except by a motion carried at a General Assembly.

### Section 2. Interpretation

The interpretation of this Constitution shall first rest with the explanatory notes and then the National Council.

### Section 3. Motion

- 1. A motion to alter or amend any part of this Constitution shall be carried only when so agreed to by not less than two-thirds (2/3) of elected representatives present and voting at that session of the General Assembly.
- 2. Subject to paragraphs (3) and (4), the motion shall not become effective without the approval of the majority of the National Council.
- 3. If no National Council approves the motion, the motion is null and void.
- 4. If only one of the National Council approves the motion, the motion shall be put forward for another vote, unanimity is needed for the motion to become effective.

# Article 9

### **ADVISORY BOARD**

- 1. The alumni of the National Board may become an Advisory Board of ALSA Brunei Darussalam.
- 2. The appointment of the Advisory Board shall be upon the discretion of the newly appointed National Board.
- 3. The Advisory Board is to advise and to guide the National Board whenever they seek for assistance.
- 4. The Advisory Board shall be involved in the probation period for one semester to assist the newly appointed National Board.

## Article 10

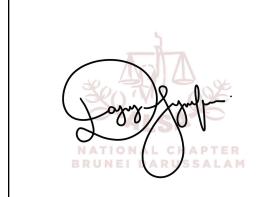
### **SAVING PROVISION**

All other matters not governed by the foregoing shall be decided upon by the National Council with consideration to justice, fairness and the ideals of ALSA Brunei Darussalam.

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## **SIGNATORIES**

To the ratification of the amendments to the ALSA Brunei Darussalam Constitution in the Special Assembly on the **5**<sup>th</sup> **June 2023**.



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