PREAMBLE

The Voices of Africa Magazine proclaims that it has been founded and is dedicated to promote and encourage amongst its members:

*Appreciation and awareness of African culture and past and current events*
*Dialogue about issues pertaining to the African Diaspora*
*An open forum to present their work pertaining to the African Diaspora*
*A network of individuals engaged in issues concerning African Diaspora at and beyond Princeton*

ARTICLE I
Voices of Africa

Section 1. The name of this student organization shall be the

*VOICES OF AFRICA*

Section 2. The words "VOICES OF AFRICA" shall not be used by any individual or group of individuals without the consent of the officers or the organization as a whole.

ARTICLE II
Membership

Section 1. Membership in this organization will be extended to all students at Princeton University who demonstrate interest in membership. Membership on the board is determined by application.

Section 2. No person who has expressed interest in membership shall be denied membership.

Section 3. The positions of the Executive Editor and President shall only be open to previous Executive Board members.

ARTICLE III
Officers
**Section 1.** There shall be an Executive Board of Officers, which shall consist of the following: President, Executive Editor, Publicity Chair, Editors, Treasurer, Secretary, and Webmaster

**Section 2.**
The Executive Board shall:

1. Conduct the business and affairs of the organization during periods between meetings of the members;
2. Act as arbiters in cases of disagreement among members;
3. Represent the organization in cases of liability, responsibility or honors.
4. Carry out the goals and objectives of the group
5. Use discretion in selecting submissions

Responsibilities of the President shall be to:

1. Oversee meetings
2. Represent the organization in cases of liability
3. Delegate tasks to other Executive Board members
4. Serve as a liaison between the group and other organizations
5. Overseer committees and logistical affairs

Responsibilities of the Executive Editor shall be to:

1. Help guide the creative vision of the publication
2. Foster communication and cooperation among editors and contributors
3. Vote on the final submissions
4. Fairly distribute submissions among editors
5. Manage publication schedule

Responsibilities of the Secretary shall be to:

1. Take detailed minutes of meetings
2. Monitor the email account
3. Email the group listserv when necessary
4. Add interested individuals to the listserv

Responsibilities of the Treasurer shall be to:

1. Monitor the finances of the group
2. Regularly update the group on financial stability
3. Solicit funding from various sources
4. Handle receipts, reimbursements, and vendor payments

Responsibilities of the Webmaster shall be to:

1. Maintain the website
2. Ensure that contributions are uploaded onto the website in a timely manner
3. Handle correspondence with website company

Responsibilities of the Publicity Chair shall be to:

1. Devise creative ways of publicizing the group and soliciting contributions
Responsibilities of the Editors shall be to:
(1) Contribute at least one piece to each cycle of publication
(2) Edit submissions
(3) Oversee topic-specific submissions
(4) Create a layout for a physical publication
(5) Participate in at least one event or campaign committee

Section 3. Meetings of the Executive Board shall be held weekly based on the schedules of the board members. Committee meetings shall be held as necessary. Attendance at all meetings shall be mandatory unless excused and three unexcused absences shall result in expulsion from the Executive Board.

ARTICLE IV
Election of Officers

Section 1. Election of the officers:

(1) The officers shall be elected by the organization at the end of the Fall semester by individual, secret ballot of a majority of the organization, for a term of one year. If a candidate does not receive a majority of the vote, a run-off will be held between the two candidates who received the highest amount of votes.

(2) Elections shall be held for the following officer positions: President and Executive Editor

(3) The President will preside over all election proceedings and will moderate the discussions; if the President is participating in a specific election, the subsequent officer will preside over the election; the Secretary, or a subsequent officer will tally all votes if the Secretary is participating in that specific election.

(4) Each candidate will have two minutes to present a speech while the other candidates leave the room; after the speeches have been given, all candidates will exit the room and the President will call for a vote by secret ballot.

(5) A member shall be awarded a proxy vote with valid reason subject to the approval of the Executive Board.

(6) The elected officials shall take office at the start of the Spring semester.

Selection of other officers and editors:
(1) Shall be through an application process where the interested party submits an application that is considered and decided on by the previous board.
ARTICLE VIII
Miscellaneous Provisions

Section 1. Conflict Resolution

(1) The President shall mediate conflicts within the group and if the President is involved in the conflict, the Executive Editor shall mediate. If the Executive Editor is involved, the subsequent officer shall mediate.

ARTICLE IX
Amendments

Section 1. This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the entire organization membership present at the meeting.

Section 2. A motion for an amendment to the constitution may be raised at the meeting to elect new officers.

ARTICLE X
Ratification

Section 1. This constitution will take effect following a unanimous vote of approval by the existing Executive Board.