



ELECTORAL COMMITTEE OF THE NIGERIAN BAR
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NOTICE NO.11, GUIDELINE (NO. C) FOR THE 2024 ELECTIONS OF NATIONAL OFFICERS OF THE NIGERIAN BAR ASSOCIATION (NBA) AND NBA REPRESENTATIVES TO THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE BAR

1.0 INTRODUCTION

As we approach the election day, the ECNBA wishes to issue these further guidelines to Candidates and eligible Voters on the Voters register first published on 28th May 2024. The Voters register remains accessible on the ECNBA website at www.ecnba.org. You can check your eligibility and details by clicking voters list and enter your SCN number in the “search information” bar without any spacing and submit.

2.0. Pursuant to the close of the verification of voters’ details and clean-up exercise that followed, the ECNBA presented a report of findings to Candidates at its stakeholders’ parley held on 10th June 2024, and further to the NBA NEC at its meeting on 20th June 2024 which ratified the findings and proposals of ECNBA. The extracts of the NEC ratification and additional findings and resolutions presented at the stakeholders meeting with candidates on 12th July 2024 are presented as follows:

- A) 72,071 members qualified as eligible to vote in the NBA 2024 Elections who paid their Bar Practising Fees within the regulated period of 1st January and 31st March 2024.
- B) Verification of members on the Voter list commenced on 28th May with members required to check their names on the voters’ list and where corrections were required, to submit a form accessible on the voter list verification page. It should be emphasized that the submission of the google forms by any person did not automatically correct the voter database entry for security reasons, it merely populated a google form for submission to be further vetted by ECNBA before any correction could be made on the voters list

At the end of the verification exercise, **9,123** entries for correction were submitted on the website via the google form provided. Of this, after multiple filtration, validation and checks, a total of **113** submissions on phone number corrections were made, **12** email errors were corrected, and **36** verified entries of both phone number and emails were corrected on the database, making a grand total of only **161 entries** corrected on the database.

- C) Some members were found to have duplicated details (SCN, phone numbers/emails) and some with strange looking SCNs. While a number of such SCN duplications were resolved with the Supreme Court enrolment office and concerned members notified, those yet unresolved, along with strange looking SCNs (starting with letters EXM....) may not be able to participate in the elections until the Supreme Court Enrolment office resolves them in due course. Affected members are advised to contact the Supreme Court Enrolment office accordingly.

- D) Members found to have shared/duplicated phone numbers with others will not receive voting credentials and codes via such duplicated phone numbers. Those members will however still receive their voting credentials and codes via their unique email addresses. Similarly, members sharing same email addresses with others shall not receive voting credentials and codes via such duplicated email addresses. Those members will however still receive their voting credentials and codes via their unique phone numbers (if any).

3.0 VOTER SENSITIZATION

Voter sensitization and Voter education meetings across the zones and regions were scheduled and conducted across the Northern , Eastern and Western Zones in 3 cities in each zone demonstrating the voter platform and required steps to vote on election day. An animation video of the process has also been produced and has been circulated to members on all our channels of communication to members. Kindly watch to be familiar with the E-voting process.

4.0 VOTER CREDENTIALS TEST MESSAGES

ECNBA and its service providers in compliance with the Constitution sent out test messages by SMS and email to members eligible to vote and whose details are captured as verified on the Voter database. A total of **72,071** records were uploaded for this purpose and the broadcasts were sent out on 28th June 2024 with supplementary SMSs sent out days after, to those returned undelivered for various reasons. Members are

urged to ensure they remove any “Do Not Disturb” (DND) feature on their phones to ensure they receive voter credentials, while also ensuring to check their email spam/junk folders for receipt of voter credentials.

5.0 END OF CAMPAIGN

Campaigns, in both physical and electronic forms ends **12.00 midnight on Thursday 18th July 2024**. From the end of campaign date, there shall be no further campaign, assembly, solicitation, posts, nor candidate announcement of any sort, on any medium, either by a candidate or his/her supporters.

For the avoidance of doubt, Friday 19th July 2024 shall be totally campaign free.

6.0 ELECTION DAY INSTRUCTIONS AND GUIDE

The Voter sensitization videos circulated give a step by step instructions for voting. We advise members to follow the instructions strictly. Once received by SMS or email, **PLEASE, DO NOT SHARE YOUR VOTING CREDENTIALS WITH, ANYONE.**

A) Your voting credentials/Voting link codes shall be sent to you from 12.00 AM GMT+1 on Saturday, July 20, 2024, to the email address & phone numbers attached to your profile as verified on the Voter database. **Please check your Inbox, Spam, Junk and Trash Folders** for a message from *ecnba@evm.ng* for the emailed credentials.

B) Ensure your phone and number are not on **DO NOT DISTURB (DND)** mode so you can receive your voting credentials. If by reason of your telecommunication network provider default, you do not receive the codes by SMS, check your email for your voting link as same will be sent to you by both SMS and email.

C) Elections will run from **12.00AM GMT+1 on Saturday 20th July** and close at **11:59pm GMT+1 on Saturday, 20th July, 2024**. Additional reminders will be sent via email and text messages throughout the day to those who have not voted, to do so.

D) Click on the voting link received by SMS or email which takes you to the landing page to enter your Supreme Court Number (SCN) and unlock your ballot to vote, **OR** Copy the link to your browser, ensuring you copy correctly with no missing character, to arrive at the landing page, enter your SCN (e.g. SCN123456) and unlock your ballot to vote, and

follow the instructions. Do not insert any space between your SCN and the numbers.

E) Upon submitting your ballot, you will receive an acknowledgement mail. For further voter education, information including, FAQs, visit go.ecnba.org

We wish all our members successful elections.

Dated this 15th Day of July 2024



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Chairman.



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Secretary.