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OROKOUSA NJA ASAWAKA BY-LAWS

OROKOUSA Nja asawaka fund is the brainchild of Oroko Cultural Association USA.

Objectives:

- To assist registered members in case of the death of a member
- Ensure that Oroko USA will support in times of grief
- Boost enrollment and membership of OROKOUSA

The OROKOUSA Nja asawaka fund shall be managed by the national executive who shall present biannual financial reports to registered members.

Membership:

Membership is open exclusively to registered members of OROKOUSA and their eligible dependents, in good standing as at the time a death occurs (it should be noted that the calendar year for OROKOUSA begins in September each year, at which time annual registration is due). Enrollment shall be done preferably through chapters, except in the case of a "member at-large", where a chapter does not exist. Payment of premiums can be through the local chapters and/or the OROKO-USA Financial Department. The Chapter Presidents will remit the premiums received from registered members who have paid their Nja asawaka premium within



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48 hours to the National Treasurer; and furnish the receipt to the National Financial Secretary as well.

Obligations:

Whereas Oroko USA contracts to pay the sum of \$10,000 to the bereaved family, through the designated beneficiary at the time of enrollment, in the event of the death of a registered member.

Members agree to pay a one-time registration fee of \$100. At the end of a fiscal year, members shall have a grace period of two (2) weeks from the beginning of a fiscal year to pay their registration through their various chapters or individually.

After such a period, a members' coverage will lapse. Such members will be required to pay their OROKOUSA \$100 registration and a one-time registration fee of \$100 to become active.

Nja asawaka funds:

The Nja asawaka funds, generated from the lifetime registration of members, shall be maintained in a separate account with the national president, financial secretary and treasurer as signatories. The Nja asawaka premiums shall be held in an escrow account strictly for the payment of death benefits.



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Claims: Claims shall be submitted by the chapter president or designee, where the deceased member belonged to a chapter, or the family head or beneficiary, in the case of a member at large

Benefits:

Once a claim has been approved by the national executive, OROKO-USA shall dispatch an envoy to the bereaved family, within two weeks of the occurrence, with a check in the amount of \$10,000 (ten thousand dollars) to be handed to the designated beneficiary, in the presence of a local chapter member (where the deceased belongs) or a family head, in the case of a member at large. Benefits will be paid to active members with residence in the USA.

Eligibility:

Members are eligible to receive benefit **ninety days (90 days)** after initial registration or re-registration. Eligibility will remain in force for as long as the member remains in good standing, by renewing their annual registration with OROKO- USA.

Loss of Benefits/Membership:

Membership/benefits shall be lost if a member.

- Fails to update their annual registration with OROKO-USA within two weeks of the beginning of a fiscal year (From convention to convention)



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- Voluntarily withdraws from the insurance fund

Life Span:

The Nja asawaka Fund shall exist in perpetuity, until such a time when its members shall deem fit to either dissolve it or change its composition. In case of Dissolution of the OROKOUSA Nja asawaka Fund, the registered members who have paid into the Nja asawaka and are current with their premiums will divide the funds equally among all the members.

Miscellaneous Provisions:

These bylaws are subject to amendment as proposed and adopted by the national executive.

Entry into Force:

These bylaws shall enter into force on the of its adoption, as specified herein below.

Nja asawaka having been reviewed, debated, and adopted by the general assembly of members on month of March 26th, 2023, and voted upon.

Drawn up on September 2nd, 2023, in Houston, Texas in witness by the undersigned.

Chairman, Board of Directors

Dr. Fred Bébé

National President

Tata Winston Okole

National Secretary General

Iya Magdaline Nfam Tosam