

NOTICE TO MEMBERS IN RESPECT TO THE EXTRA ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF THE TANGANYIKA LAW SOCIETY.

On 29th November 2023, TLS received requisition notice for Extra Ordinary General Meeting of the Tanganyika Law Society from Divina Attorneys on behalf of one hundred and forty members (140) in support of the requisition.

On the 30th November, 2023, the Governing Council Conducted an emergency Extra Ordinary Meeting to deliberate, among other things, on the lodged notice for requisition. Upon scrutiny of the notice, the Governing Council noted that the notice for requisition does not meet the mandatory requirements of section 22(1) of the Tanganyika Law Society Act Cap. 307 as amended by the written Laws (Miscellaneous Amendment) Act No. 1 of 2020. The provision reads;

'Notwithstanding section 21, the Council may convene a general meeting of the Society where at least one third of members of good standing consisting of equal percentage representation from each Chapter, at any time requisitioning a general meeting by written notice in that behalf signed by them, specifying the object of the proposed meeting, and deposit with the Executive Director"

However, following the current prevailing circumstances on legal practice of TLS members and the amendment of the TLS Act in respect of the qualifications for Governing Council members and proposed bill on TLS regulation of the reporting persons (advocates) under Anti- Money Laundering Act, the Governing Council resolved to invoke its discretion under section 21(2) of the TLS Act as amended to convene Extra Ordinary General Meeting of the Tanganyika Law Society. Section 21(2) of the TLS Act provides as follows;

"The Council may, where circumstances so permit, convene other general meetings of the Society"

It was then resolved that the Extra Ordinary General Meeting should have two agenda which are Composition and Powers of the National Advocates Committee and Regional Advocate Committee; and Way Forward on the Amendments of the Tanganyika Law Society Act passed in November 2023.

However, in respect of Compulsory East Africa Law Society Membership fees, which was one of the agenda on the lodged requisition, the Governing Council resolved, in considering members resolutions during the 2023 Annual General Meeting (AGM), that the matter be deliberated during the AGM 2024.

Attached to this Notice is the formal Notice of the Society's Extra Ordinary General Meeting for your information and further action.

Issued at Dar es Salaam on 1st December, 2023 by the Order of the Governing Council.

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