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Dear UNAA Members,

**UNAA 2021 ELECTIONS**

The UNAA Board of Trustees would like to inform the UNAA Membership that a final judgement has been made to permit ONSITE voting as the ONLY voting method used during the upcoming 2021 UNAA elections in Cincinnati, Ohio.

The UNAA BOT came to this consideration based on the following rationales:

- The UNAA BOT's interpretation of Article 6.13 of the current UNAA Constitution that states the election of the UNAA Executive positions will take place at the location of the UNAA Annual General Meeting.
- The UNAA BOT's consideration of the judicial opinion of Honorable Edward P. Leibensperger in the legal case of *Ugandan North America Association, Inc. vs Monday Silas Atigo, et al.* in their determination of the constitutionality of permitting offsite voting in UNAA elections.
- The UNAA BOT's determination that bypassing the UNAA membership to sanction offsite voting in defiance of UNAA's current Constitution can have legal consequences for the organization as well as contribute to electoral disputes.

The UNAA Constitutional Review Committee is currently reviewing the topic of offsite voting during UNAA elections. This effort would have to be passed by the UNAA Council then presented to the UNAA membership for debate and adoption during the UNAA Annual General Meeting. If agreed upon by the UNAA membership, the earliest offsite voting can be constitutionally implemented would be the 2023 UNAA Elections.

The UNAA BOT would like to recognize the UNAA Electoral Commission for driving the effort of incorporating offsite voting as a voting method to be used during the current election cycle. Unfortunately, a final decision was made solely by the UNAA BOT due to reasons mentioned earlier that detail the need to exclude offsite voting from the 2021 UNAA Election Cycle.

Sincerely,

**John Agaba**  
UNAA BOT Chairperson

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