



**THE FEDERAL UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY AKURE
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION WORLDWIDE
CENTRAL ELECTORAL COMMITTEE
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FINAL REPORT OF THE CENTRAL ELECTORAL COMMITTEE

INTRODUCTION

The Central Electoral Committee was duly constituted and inaugurated on the 13th of September, 2025 by the Central Working Committee in accordance with the FUTA Alumni Association Worldwide Constitution as amended, 2025. The committee comprises two (2) branch Chairman (Abuja and Oyo), two (2) branch General Secretary (Edo and Delta) and 1 member (Ondo).

2025 CEC MEMBERS

AGUNLOYE Benedict Olalekan	Chairman
OLADIMEJI Samuel Taiwo	Secretary
IBILEYE Ayodeji Ajibola	Member
OSUNBOR Osasere Osarodion	Member
BALOGUN Oshi Gabriel	Member

The Committee was mandated to conduct all activities necessary to ensure a free, fair, credible and transparent election towards filling all available Global Executive Positions by the Global Convention scheduled for 13th November, 2025.

The CEC immediately set out to work and came up with the following line of actions.

- Setting up of the Election Website/Portal
- Selection of e-voting consultant
- Call for Submission of Branch Financial Membership Lists
- Notification and Release of the Electoral Guidelines
- Collection of Nomination Forms by Aspirants
- Screening and publishing of provisional candidate list
- Verification and Publication of Financial Membership List and Allocation of Delegate Slots
- Testing of the Electronic Voting System
- Publishing of the final list of contestants
- Selection of Voting Delegates by Branches
- Validation of email addresses of all delegates
- Onboarding of delegates to the election runner for the election.
- Voting Activities
- Announcement of Results
- Presentation of Certificates of Return

Setting up of the Election Website/Portal

A portal of electoral committee was immediately put in place as it is a mandatory requirement for dissemination of information to the Alumni body by the constitution. The CEC email accounts are also to be based on the portal. The portal/website is also to be linked to the main Alumni website. This was duly and effectively done.

Selection of Electronic E-Voting Service Consultant

The process of appointing an electronic voting service consultant was publicly advertised through the CEC official website, the FUTA Alumni Association Worldwide platforms and the CWC platform to ensure widespread awareness.

The call for bids was announced on 21st September, 2025, inviting capable organizations to submit both technical and financial proposals between 21st and 24th September, 2025, in accordance with Section 11.0, Subsection (xiv) of FUTA Alumni Association Worldwide Constitution as amended, 2025.

By the close of submission on 24th September, 2025, four (4) organizations had submitted their bids via the official CEC email addresses. Evaluation of documents took place on 25th September, 2025, followed by an online interview via Zoom, where each bidder made a presentation to the Committee. The session was recorded and properly archived for documentation purposes.

Upon thorough assessment, Cadlinks was selected as the preferred e-voting service provider on 27th September, 2025.

Call for Submission of Branch Financial Membership Lists

Branches were notified on 22nd September, 2025 to forward their financial membership lists to the designated CEC email addresses in line with the electoral guidelines. The initial deadline of 10th October, 2025, was later rescheduled to 2nd October, 2025, to meet the constitutional requirement of completing all electoral activities at least 30 days before the convention.

However, due to the bank holiday on 1st October, 2025, the deadline was extended to 4th October, 2025. The submission was monitored until 11:59 p.m. on that day. A total of eight (8) branches, Ondo, Oyo, Abuja, Lagos, Osun, Kwara, Edo, and Delta—met the submission deadline. Two (2) branches Ekiti and Ogun failed to submit any list, no explanation, request or complain was received from the two (2) branches (Ekiti and Ogun) till the close of the stipulated deadline and extension.

Notification and Guidelines for the Global Election

The Notification of Global Election was released on 24th September, 2025 by the CEC, in line with Part III, Section 10.2 (f. i–v) of the Constitution. The notice officially declared the commencement of all electoral activities leading to the election of members of the Global Executive Council during the November 2025 convention.

All timelines and procedures were clearly outlined in the document

Collection of Nomination Forms by Aspirants

The collection of nomination forms commenced on Thursday, 2nd October, 2025, through the official CEC website. Aspirants were required to fill, complete, and submit their forms with all necessary attachments within the stipulated period.

Screening and publishing of provisional candidate list

The screening exercise for aspirants was conducted by the CEC, and the results were published on 8th October, 2025, listing 14 qualified aspirants vying for various executive positions.

Verification and Publication of Financial Membership List

The submitted list were subject to scrutiny and only listed names with verifiable matriculation number from the University matriculations register were taken as valid for further processing. The list indicating number of verified members for each branch and the corresponding number of delegates was published on 9th October, 2025, including details such as branch names, total members submitted, verified members, and eligible voting delegates.

Testing of the Electronic Voting System

Trial elections were held from 16th of October 2025 forward. The various trial elections availed various categories/organs of the association opportunity to interface with the voting platform. The members of the Board of Trustees, National Executive Council, Central Working Committee and Central Electoral Committee participated and gave positive feedbacks. Additionally, all aspirants, branch PRO/Publicity Secretary and Welfare Officers were all invited to participate in the trial elections.

Publishing of the final list of contestants

After publishing the provisional list of aspirants for over 24 hours and receiving no petition or complaint or objection to any of the candidates, as stipulated in the electoral guidelines. The final list of candidates was released on 11th October, 2025.

Selection of Voting Delegates by Branches

Branches were notified to select their delegates between 13th and 19th October, 2025 either physically or virtually, with their schedule communicated to the CEC at least 48 hours in advance to make adequate provision for due diligence. Delegate selection process was observed by a CEC representative and monitored for compliance. All the 8 branches with submitted financial members list complied and submitted the delegate lists before the submission deadline of 11:59 p.m. on 20th October, 2025. The final delegate list for all branches was published on 23rd October.

Validation of Email Addresses of all Delegates

The verification of submitted delegate email address was done by sending email from the email account of the CEC to all the 165 delegates with a request for response. All selected delegates are encouraged to validate their email by responding to the message from the electoral committee. Incorrect or invalid email addresses were replaced by branches until 11pm on Wednesday when 160 delegates were confirmed and responses from the remaining 5 awaited.

Onboarding of Delegates to the Election Runner for the Election

Following the verification of submitted email addresses, all 165 delegates were on-boarded (accreditation) for the election.

Voting activities

Voting was activated at exactly 09:00am on the 13th of November and set to automatically end by 03:00pm on the same day. Activity logged as attached to this report indicates that the first ballot came in at 09:07am (13/11/2025) and the last ballot at 02:57pm (13/11/2025). A total of 133 (81%) of the 165 delegates voted successfully. 4 of the 5 unverified emails return permanent failure.

Announcement of Results

S/N	POSITION	CANDIDATES	SCORE	REMARK
1	PRESIDENT	IBUJE Billy Ojiyowhi	127 (95%)	Elected
		OMONIYI Samuel Ojo	6 (5%)	
		VOID	0	
2	FIRST VICE PRESIDENT	ADESANYA Adeyemi Philip	123 (92%)	Elected
		FASOLA Olamide Samuel	7 (5%)	
		VOID	3 (2%)	
3	GENERAL SECRETARY	AJALA Adetunji David	119 (89%)	Elected
		ISHOLA John Oluwasina	13 (10%)	
		VOID	1(1%)	
4	ASSISTANT GENERAL SECRETARY	OKUBANJO Bababunmi Haruna	130 (98%)	Elected
		VOID	3 (2%)	
5	TREASURER	FAMBEGBE, Emmanuel Akinyemi	116 (87%)	Elected
		OLATUNJI Sylvester Oluyemi	15 (11%)	
		VOID	2 (2%)	
6	FINANCIAL SECRETARY	OJO Anthony kehinde	118 (89%)	Elected
		VOID	15 (11%)	
7	PUBLIC RELATION OFFICER	IDEDE Oseyande	121 (91%)	Elected
		ATOLUSI Damilola Anthony	10 (8%)	
		VOID	2 (2%)	
8	AUDITOR	FATOKI Joshua Akintunde	130 (98%)	Elected
		VOID	3 (2%)	
9	WELFARE OFFICER	AKINLAYO Joseph Akinkunmi	130 (98%)	Elected
		VOID	3 (2%)	

The results were declared at the convention venue at 3:05pm after an initial disturbance and attempted stampede by Omoniyi Samuel Ojo, one of the presidential candidates.

Presentation of Certificate of Return

The certificate of return was issued to all elected aspirants.

Observation and Challenges

- Branches record of members are not readily available and hence providing them is stressful
- Shortness of time leading to brevity of exercises in the process and aggressive timelines.
- Misconceptions by some leaders about the process and misgivings.
- Reluctance of branches to respond promptly to requests by the CEC.
- Deliberate attempts to thwart the process through campaigns of calumny.
- Email Verification: Voters require a valid and functional email address to facilitate their voting. Challenges were faced with voters who submitted invalid emails or non-functional email. Thus requiring several attempts at validation.
- Voter Details Mix-Up: Issue of mixing up Voter's details during collation. We had the challenge in the email of a delegate was mistakenly used for another member of a branch.
- Leaders in some branches did not carry their members along in the process either for the purpose of deliberate mischief or other hindrances we cannot tell.

Recommendations


1. All branches must begin to keep a comprehensive and ready updated list of members by their status thus ensuring robust Alumni records for any purpose that may arise.
2. There is a need to properly brief all members on the need to effectively embrace changes in the best interest of all.
3. The global secretariat should keep the record of members from all branches and request update every August before the convention activities commence.
4. Based on the observed process and known platform capabilities, we suggest the following recommendations to strengthen future elections (
 - The Alumni Portal can play a major role in authenticating all members using auto email verification system. If the portal is properly used, it can conveniently filter out financial and non-financial members based on due payment history.
 - The Voting application can take more than 10,000 voters which means the process can be opened up to all financial members of the association
 - Ensure alumni globally are aware of the election processes, timeframe, credential issuance, and have technical support to vote.
 - A proper sensitization of all members ahead of the election will do a good job.
 - After the election, a survey can be conducted for voters and non-voters to identify technical or procedural issues with a view to fix them long ahead of the next election cycle in 2027.
 - The general secretary (Mr. OMONIYI Samuel Ojo) and any other member involved in attempted stampede effort to thwart and subvert the electoral process should be considered for appropriate sanctions to serve as deterrent to forestall any such future occurrence.

Conclusion

The members of the CEC are thankful to the NWC for the opportunity to serve. Together we all can make the Alumni great by supporting innovation and effective participation from our various branches.



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