

**MINUTES OF THE
VIRGINIA STATE ASSOCIATION
OF FREE WILL BAPTIST**

*Sixty-First Session Held With The
Shiloh Free Will Baptist Church*

Bristol, Virginia
June 17-18, 1999

The next session will be held with the Great Bridge Free Will Baptist Church in Chesapeake, Virginia on June 15-16, 2000.

OFFICERS ELECTED-1999

Moderator (2000)	Hal Jones
Assistant Moderator (2000)	J.D. Norris
Clerk (2000)	Donald White
Assistant Clerk (2000)	Walter Statzer
Treasurer (2000)	Gary Hill
Assistant Treasurer (2000)	Home Mission Treasurer

Executive Board:

J. D. Kilgore	2000
Bill Fulcher	2001
Hal Jones.....	2002
Don Jones	2003
Willis Osborne	2004

Home Mission Board:

Jack Blanton.....	2000
Richard Barnes	2001
David Neitch	2002

Children's Home:

Donald White	2001
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National Association Board:

Glen Johnson	2000
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Promotional Secretary:

Howard Bass	2000
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CTS Representative:

CONTACT THE PROMOTIONAL SECRETARY

61st SESSION PROCEEDINGS

The 61st session of the Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptists convened at the Shiloh Free Will Baptist Church in Bristol, Virginia on Thursday, June 17, 1999, at 7:30 p.m.

Opening song, "Victory in Jesus," was led by Rev. Johnny Burton with Sis. Martha Stone playing the piano.

Rev. J.D. Norris led opening prayer then the Moderator, Rev. Fred Bates, welcomed the congregation.

The Mass Chior of the Southwestern Quarterly of the John Wheeler Association came and sang.

An offering of \$200.00 was received.

Rev. Dale Burden than came to bring the evening message. Reading from I Timothy 3 and I Peter 5, Rev. Burden preached a stirring message on "Leadership Qualities from God."

Moderator, Fred Bates, then called the business meeting to order

Clerk, Rev. Donald White, gave the response and introduced the officers of the State Association.

Committees were then appointed.

Nominating committee:

Dale Burden, Chair
Willis Osborne
Paul Collins
Willy Payne

Registration and Credentials Committee:

Walter Statzer, Chair
Mark Lewis
Thurman Alexander

Glenn Johnson reported as the Virginia General Board Member of the National Association.

The meeting was dismissed in prayer by Bro. Fred Warner.

Friday Session, June 18, 1999

Opening song, "Higher Ground" was led by Rev. Johnny Burton. Piano was played by Sis. Martha Stone.

Opening prayer by Bro. Melvin Worthington.

Moderator, Fred Bates took charge of the meeting.

Special music was offered by Nathan Salyer and Donna Dixon singing "The Blood Is Still There."

Rev. David Crow then came for devotions and reading John 6:9 spoke on "Stewardship."

Committees were dismissed into private session.

Rev. David Crow reported for National Home Missions.

Moderator, Fred bates called the meeting to order.

Minutes of the 1998 meeting were read for information. There was no old business

Standing delegates were recognized. Delegates listed on the District Reports were recognized. A motion to seat the listed delegates was approved by vote.

The following reports were given.

National Foreign Missions, Fred Wariner

Missionary to Korea, John Chang

Missionary to Harrisonburg, VA, Paul Collins

Associate Missionary to Puerto Rico, David Roy

Harvest Childcare Ministries, Martha Stone

Randall House Publishers, Billy Brown

Camp Jacob, Tim Elkins

State Promotional Director, Howard Bass

Free Will Baptist Family Ministries, Ralph Dingus

National Board of Retirement, Ray Lewis

Free Will Baptist Bible College, Jim Cox

The report of the registration committee was given. There were 54 ministers, 12 deacons, 18 delegates and 91 visitors registered for a total of 175.

The report of the Credentials committee was given.

Clinch Valley Association (approved)

Churches - 11

Fees - \$430.00 (+\$45.00)

Delegates:
Mary Winkle

Harmony Association (approved)

Churches - 5
Fees - \$300.00 (+90.00)

Delegates:
Gladys Dockery
Gwendolyn Pierson
Mary Ann Presley
Wince Hass
Ruby Hass

John Wheeler Association (approved)

Churches - 15
Fees - \$525.00

Delegates:
Barbara Neitch
Mildred Statzer
Joyce Sexton
Jo White
Linda Harless

Sandy Valley Association

Southwest Association (approved)

Churches - 31
Fees - \$1155.00 (+70.00)

Delegates:
Reoberta Blanton
Juanita Kilgore
Neva Miller
Faye Parsons
Glenna Slep
Alternate: Kim Jones

Tidewater Association

Churches - 18
Fees - \$630.00 (-35.00)

Delegates:
Pat Alexander
Tammy Lewis
Glenda Fulcher

The worship service opened by singing "We'll Work Till Jesus Comes".

Opening Prayer was offered by Rev. Richard Barnes.

Offering of \$123.25 was received while singing, "O, how I love Jesus."

Special music was provided by the shiloh Quartet singing "Just a Veil Between" and "He's Coming Back"

Rev. Don White then came and reading I John 1:1-4 preached on "Fellowship in Christ."

Dismissal prayer and blessing for lunch was given by Rev. Gary Hill.

The afternoon session opened by singing "Showers of Blessing."

Opening prayer was lead by Donald Jones.

Rev. Gary Hill presented the Report of the Treasurer.

A motion was made to give the Treasurer the authority to select a bank at his discretion and was approved by vote of "I" with no opposition.

Rev. Jennings Dotson presented the report of the Executive Committee.

A motion was made and approved to accept item 1. (2000 meeting to convene with the Great Bridge Free Will Baptist Church in Chesapeake, VA)

A motion was made and approved to accept item 2. (Executive Board to meet with the Northern VA churches of the Maryland Association to discuss the possibility of them joining the Virginia Association. Authority to accept these churches into the State Association is hereby granted to the Executive Board).

The report of the nominating committee was given and the following officers were elected.

Moderator, Hal Jones

Assistant Moderator, J.D. Norris

Treasurer, Gary Hill

Executive Board, Willis Osborne

(replaces Jennings Dotson whose term expired)

Executive Board, Don Jones

(replaces Raymond Baird who has resigned his position)

Home Missions, David Neitch

National Board, Glenn Johnson

Promotional Secretary, Howard Bass

Delegates to the National Association were elected.

Glenda Fulcher

Cindy Jones

Patty Collins

Danny O'Neil

A motion was made and approved to authorized the Moderator to appoint another delegate to the National if abvaialble.

The minutes were read and approved by vote.

A motion was made and approved that the Executive Board meet with the Promotional Secretary, Howard Bass to clarify the duties and compensation of that office.

Jack Blanton presented the report of the Treasurer. A motion to accept this report was approved by vote.

Rev. Jerry Grey led the Memorial Prayer.

George Gaskins

Jack Walker

Bernie Miller

Paul Penningnton

Elmer Minor

Donald Bolling

Emmitt Mullins

Milan Hall

Kathleen Welch Bolling

Wilson Godfrey

L.D. Blevins

Doug Powell

Fletcher Fraizer

Bill Harrison

Thelma Duesenberry

Jimmy Neitch

Bill Callis

Marcus Hunter

Ruth Brown

Mary Hughes

Robert Stidham

Mark Lewis came to bring devotions. Using Deuteronomy 2:1-3 as a text spoke on the thought "You Have Been Around This Mountain Long Enough."

Several delegates expressed their thanks and appreciation to Fred Bates for his service as Moderator for the last two years.

A motion to give Shiloh Church a rising vote of thanks for hosting the State Meeting was approved by standing vote of all present.

Dates for the next meeting were announced as June 15-16, 2000.

A motion to dismiss was approved by vote.

Dismissed in prayer by Hal Jones.

Notable motions approved during the 61st session of the Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptists.

1. Treasurer authorized to select a bank at his discretion.
2. Executive Board authorized to approve Northern VA Churches into the State Association if necessary.
3. Executive board to clarify the duties and compensation for the Promotional Secretary.

VIRGINIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREEWILL BAPTIST

Treasurer's Report
May 31, 1998 - May 31, 1999

Receipts

Bal. Fwd. \$1,227.78

Clinch Valley	\$ 505.00	
Southwest	\$ 1505.00	
Tidewater	\$ 630.00	
John Wheeler	\$ 525.00	
Sandy Valley	\$150.00	
Harmony (L.K. France)	\$300.00	<u>Total \$ 3,615.00</u>

Offerings

State Meeting \$ 142.91

Wilton Dail Offering

John Wheeler	\$ 100.00	
Bethany	\$ 100.00	<u>Total \$ 200.00</u>

Interest

	\$ 27.76	
Service Charge Ref.	\$14.45	<u>Total \$ 42.21</u>

Promotions Office

State	\$ 236.35	
Bethany	\$ 100.00	
Central	\$ 100.00	
Flrst FWB Richmond	\$ 408.39	
Great Bridge	\$ 372.00	
		<u>Total \$1216.74</u>

Total Receipts

\$5,216.86

Disbursements

Newsletter	\$	252.60
Promotion Sec.		
Promotion Reim.		
National Dues	\$	2175.00
Minutes	\$	496.00
1st FWB	\$	300.00
State Corp. Fee	\$	25.00
Moderator	\$	50.00
Clerk	\$	50.00
Treasurer	\$	50.00
Speakers	\$	479.60
Exec. Board	\$	585.51
Gen. Board	\$	305.92
Member Reimbursement		
Bank Fees	\$	36.95
Checks	\$	11.40
<u>Total</u>		<u>\$ 4,817.98</u>

Summary

Beg. Bal.	\$	1,227.78
Deposits	\$	5,216.86
Total	\$	6,444.64
Expenses	\$	4,817.98
Bal.	\$	1,626.66
5/31/99		

**VIRGINIA STATE HOME MISSIONS
of Freewill Baptists**

Bal. on 6-1-98.....\$31,343.69

Receipts:

Gateway FWB Church.....	\$496.55
John Wheeler (S.W. Quarterly).....	\$82.70
Shiloh FWB Church.....	\$191.21
King of Kings FWB Church.....	\$331.11
East Bristol FWB Church.....	\$909.54
Powell Valley Natl. Bank (int. on Now acct.).....	\$91.79
Powell Valley Natl. Bank (int. on Money Mkt acct.).....	\$439.54
Total Receipts	<u>\$2542.44</u>

Expenditures through May 31, 1999

Paul Collins (expenses to Natl. Convention).....	\$500.00
Natl. Home Missions (Paul Collins Acct.).....	\$10,000.00
David Neitch (travel & exp., Harrisonburg).....	\$186.94
Paul Collins (School rental & ins. - church services).....	\$850.00
Kline Realty (Security deposit for Church building).....	\$725.00
Meal exp. (Pastor's family & board members -1st service)....	\$79.37
Jack Blanton (travel & exp. - Harrisonburg).....	\$243.49
Richard Barnes (travel & exp. Harrisonburg).....	\$303.15
Paul Collins (conference call-board meeting).....	\$82.96
Total Exp.....	<u>\$12,970.91</u>

Balance to date:

NOW acct.....	\$ 2138.80
Money Mkt. Savings.....	18,314.69
Total Balance.....	20,453.49

Submitted by Jack R. Blanton
Treas. Va. State Home Missions

Report of the Executive Board: 1999

We the Executive Board of the Virginia State Association do hereby make the following recommendations.

- Item 1. That the 62nd session convene with the Great Bridge Free Will Baptist Church in Chesapeake, VA at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday before the third Sunday in June 2000 and continue in session until its work is completed.
- Item 2. That the Executive Board meet with the Northern VA Churches of the Maryland Association to discuss the possibility of them joining the Virginia Association. The Executive Board will need authority to accept these churches into the State Association if they so desire and everything is found to be in order.

Respectfully Submitted

Jennings Dotson

J.D. Kimore

Bill Fulcher

Hal Jones

CLINCH VALLEY ASSOCIATION

Total number of churches	11
Total number of churches in city/town	0
Total number of churches rural	11
Total number of churches reporting	11
Churches with Full-Time Pastors	1
Churches with Part-Time Pastors	10
Total Baptisms	40
Total members added	38
Total members lost	23
Total membership	470
Total income of all churches.....	\$111,067.87
Total number of churches with budgets	0
Total number of churches with parsonages	0
Total value of all church property	\$1,217,169.50
Total number of ordained ministers	33
Total number of licensed ministers	3
Total number of ordained deacons	27
Sunday School enrollment	465
Total CTS enrollment	0
Total WNAC enrollment	0
Total Master's Men enrollment	0
Number of state association minutes requested.....	70
Amount of representation fee enclosed	430.00

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HARMONY ASSOCIATION

Churches	5
Churches - City/Town	0
Churches - Rural	5
Churches Reporting	5
Churches with Full-Time Pastors	0
Churches with Part-Time Pastors	5
Number Baptisms	25
Members Added	59
Members Lost	11
Total Membership	301
Total Income of Churches	\$59,554.90
Churches with Budgets	0
Ordained Ministers	16
Licensed Ministers	1
Ordained Deacons	20
Churches with Day Care Centers	0
Churches with Kindergartens	0
Churches with Christian Day Schools	0
Value of Church Property	\$ 415,000.00
Sunday School Enrollment	282
CTS Enrollment	40
WNAC Enrollment	59
Master's Men Enrollment	0
Number of State Association Minutes Requested.....	25
Amount of Representation Fee Enclosed.....	\$ 300.00

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JOHN WHEELER ASSOCIATION

Churches	15
Churches - City/Town	4
Churches - Rural	11
Churches Reporting	15
Churches with Full-Time Pastors	7
Churches with Part-Time Pastors	8
Baptisms	66
Members added	86
Members lost	27
Total Membership	1285
Total Income	\$ 566,838.00
Churches with Budgets	1
Churches with Parsonages	3
Value of Church Property	\$ 1,250,000.00 (incomplete)
Ordained Ministers	29
Licensed Ministers	0
Ordained Deacons	45
Sunday School Enrollment	1067
CTS Enrollment	117
WNAC Enrollment	131
Master's Men Enrollment	20
Number of State Association Minutes Requested.....	50
Representation Fees.....	0

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SOUTHWEST ASSOCIATION

Total number of churches	31
Total number of churches in city/town	5
Total number of churches rural	26
Total number of churches reporting	31
Churches with Full-Time Pastors	3
Churches with Part-Time Pastors	28
Total Baptisms	19
Total members added	67
Total members lost	72
Total membership	1,481
Total income of all churches	\$93,903.76
Total number of churches with budgets	3
Total number of churches with parsonages	0
Total value of all church property	\$4,554,687.00
Total number of ordained ministers	67
Total number of licensed ministers	2
Total number of ordained deacons	94
Sunday School enrollment	1,244
Total CTS enrollment	364
Total WNAC enrollment	244
Total Master's Men enrollment	30
Number of state association minutes requested	78
Amount of representation fee enclosed	700.00

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TIDEWATER ASSOCIATION

Churches	19
Churches Reporting	13
Churches with Full-Time Pastors	18
Churches with Part-Time Pastors	1
Number Baptisms	89
Members Added	123
Members Lost	28
Total Membership	1925
Total Income of Churches	\$ 620,090.00
Churches with Budgets	0
Ordained Ministers	23
Licensed Ministers	12
Ordained Deacons	50
Churches with Day Care Centers	0
Churches with Kindergartens	0
Churches with Parsonages.....	5
Churches with Christian Day Schools	2
Value of Church Property	\$ 11,019,714.00
Sunday School Enrollment	472
CTS Enrollment	9
WNAC Enrollment	112
Master's Men Enrollment	10
Number of State Association Minutes Requested.....	25
Amount of Representation Fee Enclosed.....	\$ 630.00

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CONSTITUTION OF THE VIRGINIA STATE ASSOCIATION

(Adopted June 16, 1989)

PREAMBLE

We, the FREE WILL BAPTISTS of the State of Virginia, realizing the importance of a higher degree of cooperation and a greater spirit of unity, do ordain and constitute this Constitution and By-laws for the government of the State Association of Virginia and upon its adoption void any previous rulings, customs, practices or patterns heretofore followed.

ARTICLE I

NAME

The name of this association shall be known as the VIRGINIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS.

ARTICLE II

PURPOSE

The object or purpose of this organization shall be to unify the efforts of various local associations of this state and adjacent territory to devise and execute measures for the extension of Christ's Kingdom in this world by all of our churches.

ARTICLE III

SECTION 1

MEMBERSHIP

This State Association shall be comprised of those Free Will Baptist Yearly (or District) Associations who are in total agreement with the doctrines and system of church government of the Free Will Baptists as stated in the most current Treatise of the Faith and Practices of the Original Free Will Baptists, and who are in agreement with the declarations of this Constitution.

This Virginia State Association shall itself be a member of the National Association of Free Will Baptists and shall support all phases of the denomination's work as much as possible. This membership is voluntary, submits to no veto or dictatorial power, and can be discontinued at any time.

SECTION II

ADMISSION OF MEMBERS

Any organized Free Will Baptist Yearly (or District) Association desiring to unite with this association, which maintains gospel order and agrees with the position stated herein concerning doctrine and church government, which is in favor of our evangelistic enterprises as

stated in the final two paragraphs of our Free Will Baptist church covenant, may be received into this Virginia State Association in accordance with the procedure set forth in the Treatise, Part IV, Chapter III, Section V, A3, D, & E.).

SECTION III MEMBERSHIP REPRESENTATION

- A. Standing delegates:
1. "All ordained ministers and deacons in good standing belonging to the Virginia State Association upon registration become members in full standing and constitute the standing delegation of the Association." (Proposed 1965)
 2. All duly elected officers and members of standing committees or boards of this association.
- B. Elected delegates; Each association within the state shall be entitled to five (5) representatives to be chosen from the laity of the local association (1981) and two (2) additional delegates for each quarterly meeting to be chosen by the respective quarterly meeting (1989). Also, each local church shall be allowed one (1) delegate (1989) to the state meeting.

ARTICLE IV

DISCIPLINE: The State Association shall have the right to settle any question of discipline, doctrine, or usage that may properly come before it from any association, quarterly meeting or church composing said state association of the Free Will Baptist Church, or act upon any appeal that may be made by any body belonging to said association. Said appeal shall have been written and properly signed by the constituent body or bodies. Such appeals are to come before the state association after having been appealed from the lower body to the next higher body.

ARTICLE V SECTION I

- A. **OFFICERS:** The officers of the State Association shall consist of a Moderator, an Assistant Moderator, a Clerk, an Assistant Clerk, a Treasurer, and five member Executive Board.
- B. **OFFICERS' ELECTIONS:** The Moderator shall appoint a Nomination Committee consisting of at least three (3) members at the beginning of each session. They shall select a nominee for each office that is vacant and present the list to the

Moderator. The Moderator shall read the name that is nominated for each office, and declare the floor open for additional nominations. Each office shall be filled by a standing vote of the body at the close of each regular session, except the clerk and assistant clerk which shall be for a period of four (4) years (elected on leap year) or during good behavior, and the executive board which shall be elected according to a five (5) year rotation.

SECTION II

A. STATE EXECUTIVE SECRETARIES: When needed, the state executive secretaries of department work shall be as follows: foreign missions, home missions, young people's work, Sunday Schools, and education, and shall be nominated by the Nominating Committee and elected by a standing vote of the body at each regular session.

B. PROMOTIONAL SECRETARY: The State Association can have at its discretion a Promotional Secretary. If a volunteer, he will be voted in annually. If salaried, he will be employed by the State Association and elected every two (2) years and will work under contract with the Executive Board.

ARTICLE VI MEETINGS

1. Business Session: This State Association shall hold its regular meetings annually. The time of the meetings shall be at 7:30 P.M. on the Thursday before the third (3rd) Sunday in June each year, and shall continue in session until its work is completed - providing notice shall have been served to the clerk of each association composing the state association - said notice to have been given at least one (1) month prior to the time of the meeting stating the time and place of meeting.
2. This State Association will sponsor a Bible Conference on the Thursday of the conference meeting beginning at 11:00 a.m.
3. Adjourned sessions may be called by the moderator or the Executive Board when conditions demand.

ARTICLE VII

AMENDMENTS: This constitution may be altered or amended at any regular session of this State Association of Free Will Baptists by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of those members present and voting at any regular session; provided specific notice of such intended alteration has been given in writing to the clerk and tabled at the last previous day.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I

BRINGING THE SESSION TO ORDER: Each session will begin with prayer and congregational singing. After the welcome address and response by the clerk, the clerk will introduce the officers concluding with the Moderator. The Moderator, or in his absence the assistant moderator, will then declare the session to be in order for business. If a quorum is present, he shall then proceed with the business. ("The quorum consists of those who attend the meeting, provided it is either a stated meeting or one that has been properly called." Robert's Rules of Order Revised, 1971.)

ARTICLE II

MEMBERSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES: It shall be the duty of each body belonging to this association to send a letter to every annual session of this association, reporting in the same its spiritual condition, benevolent work and its statistics. Any local association which fails to report itself for two successive sessions will be considered dropped from this association. Letters and fees will be accepted from district associations with or without delegates (1965).

ARTICLE III DUTIES OF OFFICERS

SECTION I MODERATOR

1. It shall be the duty of the moderator to call each session to order for business and to preside over all business sessions of this State Association.
2. He shall appoint a Nominating Committee consisting of at least three (3) members at the beginning of each session as mentioned in Article V, Section 1B of the Constitution.
3. He shall appoint a credentials committee at the beginning of each session.
4. He is to see that all business is conducted according to Robert's Rules of Order Revised (1915 edition).
5. He is to maintain proper Christian order and not allow discussions when not carried on in a Christian spirit or when he thinks it will cause discord or division.
6. He is to preside over any special called meeting between sessions whether called by himself or the Executive Board.
7. He shall seat the delegates in a body in a designated section

of the assembly room at the beginning of each business session.

8. He is to promote the work of the Virginia State Association. (1977)
9. He is to meet with the Executive Board to plan the Bible Conference and State Association programs.

SECTION II ASSISTANT MODERATOR

He will help the moderator perform the duties inherent to that office and in the absence of the moderator will perform all of the duties of the elected moderator.

SECTION III CLERK

1. It shall be the duty of the clerk to keep clear, concise, accurate records of all proceedings of this body whether in special session or regular session.
2. The clerk is to compile the letters sent from member Yearly (or District) Associations so as to be sent to the National Association.
3. The clerk is to keep all rulings of this body in order and ready for easy reference.
4. The clerk will introduce the officers of this State Association at the beginning of each session.
5. The clerk is to mail each individual church clerk, pastor and association clerk a notice of the State meeting dates one month in advance noting that each local church is allowed one (1) delegate at the State Meeting. (1986 & 1987)
6. The clerk will meet with the Executive Board to plan the Bible conference and State Meeting programs and will keep records of these meetings.

SECTION IV ASSISTANT CLERK

The assistant clerk will help the clerk perform the duties inherent to that position and in the absence of the clerk will perform the complete duties of the elected clerk.

SECTION V TREASURER

1. The treasurer will receive and accurately record all money received by this State Association.
2. The treasurer will pay all dues and expenses of this association.
3. The treasurer will meet with the Executive Board to plan the Bible conference and State Association programs.

SECTION VI EXECUTIVE BOARD

1. The Executive Board shall have power to act in behalf of and for the state association from one regular session of the association to another, and shall have power to elect such officers as may be necessary for its own government, and to carry out the plans and undertakings of the state association.
2. This board shall have power to fill vacancies that may occur in its body, and shall also have power to fill any vacancies that occur in any department of work. It shall be the duty of this board to make written reports of all its work to the next regular session of the State Association.
3. This board shall consider whatever business placed upon it, or referred to it by this association or its membership.
4. This board shall promote the work of the Virginia State Association. (1977)
5. This board will plan each Bible Conference and State Association meeting (1986) along with the Moderator and Clerk.
6. This board will set the place for the State CTS competition each year (1988).
7. The Executive Board will oversee the office of the State Promotional Secretary.

ARTICLE IV DUTIES OF EXECUTIVE AND PROMOTIONAL SECRETARIES

The Promotional Secretary will generally promote the work of the Virginia State Association according to the direction of the Executive Board.

ARTICLE V CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

The credentials committee will examine all letters to the State Association and the credentials of the various delegates. The committee shall make recommendations to the Association concerning the seating of delegates.

ARTICLE VI

Denominational Enterprises: It shall be the right and purpose of this state association to establish and maintain home missions, publishing houses, orphanages, aged ministers' homes, and summer camps for young people.

ARTICLE VII STATE HOME MISSION BOARD

1. This State Home Mission Board shall be comprised of three (3) members elected on a rotating basis yearly.
2. The treasurer of the Home Mission Board will be a member of the Board.
3. This board will promote home mission work in this state.
4. This board will have its own constitution and By-laws detailing its own responsibilities under the direction and authority of this Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptists.

ARTICLE VIII

Committees as necessary shall be appointed by the chair unless otherwise provided for, and shall hold office until work is completed or until their successors are elected and installed.

ARTICLE IX RULES OF ORDER

1. Everything will be done in decency and in order. (1 Cor. 14:40)
2. This body will be governed as stipulated in the most current Treatise of the Free Will Baptists unless otherwise plainly stated in this Constitution and By-Laws.
3. The rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order Revised (1915 edition) shall govern the society in all cases to which they are applicable, and in which they are not inconsistent with the By-laws or the special rules of order of this society.
4. The moderator's rulings will stand unless challenged, seconded and passed by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote.
5. This association shall sit with open doors except when it shall go into a committee as a whole.
6. Any person not a member of this association may be allowed to take part in its discussions by obtaining permission of the moderator.
7. It shall be the duty of all members of this association to be present at the time appointed for each meeting and anyone wishing to retire shall first obtain leave of the moderator.
8. No member shall absent himself from the association during its meeting without first obtaining permission from the moderator.
9. No person shall be allowed to nominate more than one member of any committee, provided the person nominated be elected.
10. Anyone desiring to speak shall rise to his feet and address the moderator by the appellation, "Brother Moderator," but shall not speak further until recognized by the moderator.
11. The "yeas" and "nays" may be taken on any question by request of one-fifth of the members present.
12. No member of this association will be allowed to speak more than ten minutes nor twice on the same subject without permission of the moderator.

ARTICLE X AMENDMENTS

These By-Laws may be altered or amended by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of those present and voting at any regular session providing notice of such intended alteration has been given in writing to the clerk and tabled at the last previous day.

STANDING RULES

1. The Association will pay the Moderator, Clerk, and Treasurer \$50.00 per year. (1989)
2. Representatives on the National Boards are to be active at the state level. (1974)
3. The moderator cannot succeed himself more than one year. (1976)
4. The State Association will pay the fee for the youth contestants to participate in the National competition. (1976)
5. The Association will meet in Roanoke each year. (1983)
6. Office vacancies are to be filled by those who attend the State meetings regularly. (1987)
7. Each member Yearly (or District) Association is to send \$35.00 per church in its association to this State Association for National dues, plus an offering to help defray the expenses of this associational meeting and the printing of the minutes. (1993)
8. The State's recommendation to the National Association concerning who will serve as a General Board member of the National Association will be made and sent with the state report to the National on the even calendar years.
9. Speakers will be given a \$20.00 honorarium.
10. These Standing Rules can be changed in any fashion at any regular session by a simple majority vote.



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