

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

*Sixtieth Session Held With The
First Free Will Baptist Church*

Roanoke, Virginia
June 18-19, 1998

The next session will be held with the Shiloh Free Will Baptist Church in Bristol, Virginia on June 17- 18, 1999.

OFFICERS ELECTED-1998

Moderator	Fred Bates
Assistant Moderator	J.D. Norris
Clerk - 2000	Donald White
Assistant Clerk - 2000	Walter Statzer
Treasurer	Gary Hill
Assistant Treasurer	Home Mission Treasurer

Executive Board:

Jennings Dotson	1999
J. D. Kilgore	2000
Bill Fulcher	2001
Hal Jones.....	2002
Raymond Baird	2003

Home Mission Board:

David Neitch.....	1999
Jack Blanton.....	2000
Richard Barnes	2001

Children's Home:

Donald White	2001
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National Association Board:

Glen Johnson	1999
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Promotional Secretary:

Howard Bass	1998
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CTS Representative:

CONTACT THE PROMOTIONAL SECRETARY

60TH SESSION PROCEEDINGS

The 60th session of the Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptists convened at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Roanoke on Thursday, June 18, 1998, at 7:30 p.m.

Opening song was, "Dwelling in Beulah Land". Opening prayer was led by Rev. Bill Fulcher.

Host Pastor, Rev. Jerry Gray welcomed the congregation.

Clerk, Rev. Donald White, introduced the officers.

The congregation sang, "Saved, Saved". Offertory prayer was given by Rev. Jack Blanton. An offering of \$142.91 was received while Sis. Sarai Bates Fulcher played the piano.

Special music was given by Junior Johnson singing "Beautiful Scars."

Rev. Ronnie Adkins read Ephesians 4:7-16 and spoke on "The Preacher's Method".

The Moderator, Rev. Fred Bates took charge and declared the business meeting to be in order.

The Nominating Committee was appointed: Rev. Jennings Dotson, chairman, Rev. Raymond Baird, Rev. Bill Fulcher and Rev. Hal Jones.

The Credentials Committee was appointed: Rev. J.D. Norris, chairman, Rev. Walter Statzer and Rev. Gary Hill.

The members of the Host Church were recognized.

Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Eugene Waddell.

The meeting reconvened Friday, June 19, 1998 at 9:00 a.m.

Opening song, "In My Heart there Rings a Melody". Opening prayer, Rev. Richard Barnes.

Special singing by Junior Johnson, "He Still Speaks".

Devotion was given by Rev. Roger Rowe speaking from Ecclesiastes 1: 1-18.

The minutes of the 59th (1997) session were read as information.

The report of the registration committee was read by the clerk. There were 29 ministers, 9 deacons, 14 delegates and 52 visitors for a total of 104 registered.

The report of the Credentials committee was read by the clerk.
(Reports are included elsewhere in this minute)

Delegates were recognized from the reports as follows:

Clinch Valley: Bro. James M. Baker

Harmony: Sis. Jolena Kincer Sis. Mary Ann Presley
 Sis. Ruby McDavid Sis. Gladys Dockery
 Sis. Helen Carter

John Wheeler: Sis. Joyce Sexton Sis. Barbara Neitch
 Sis. Mildred Statzer

Sandy Valley: None

Southwest: Sis. Juanita Kilgore Sis. Roberta Blanton
 Sis. Vida Baird Sis. Glenna Slemp
 Sis. Margie Blevins

Tidewater: Bro. Doug Walls Sis. Glenda Fulcher
 Bro. Ken Stipes Sis. Gaye Sutton
 Bro. Junior Johnson

Danny Baird reported for Southeastern Free Will Baptist Bible College.

Eugene Waddell reported for National Foreign Missions Department.

Bill Fulcher expressed personal appreciation for Rev. Waddell's faithful service to the Foreign Missions Department. Rev. Waddell will be retiring this year.

Kevin Trimble reported for Free Will Baptist Family Ministries.

Jim Cox reported for Free Will Baptist College.

Billy Brown reported for Randall House Publishing.

Ray Lewis reported for the Free Will Baptist Board of Retirement and the Free Will Baptist Foundation.

Paul Collins reported for National and Virginia State Home Missions.

Larry Russell reported for Virginia State Promotional Office.

Glenn Johnson reported for the General Board of the National Association.

The worship service opened by singing "Power in the Blood". Opening Prayer by Rev. Eugene Waddell. Special music was provided by Junior Johnson, Willie Payne and Fred Bates singing "Just Over Yonder". Rev. Jennings Dotson read Acts 20:27 and II Timothy 4:2 and preached on "The Preacher's Message".

Grace for the noon-time meal was given by Earl Sutton. Dismissed for lunch.

The afternoon session began by singing "At the Cross".

Opening prayer by James Bullock.

Special music was provided by Junior Johnson, Willie Payne and Fred Bates singing "What a Day That Will Be".

Devotions were given by Jerry Grey reading and speaking about II Timothy 3:1 and 4:2.

Ed Slemp reported for Camp Jacob.

Martha Stone reported for Harvest Child Care Ministries.

A motion was made to remove from the table the resolution concerning the Promise Keepers movement from last year's meeting. The motion to "un-table" was seconded and approved by vote.

After some discussion clarifying the National Association vote to not support nor promote the Promise Keeper movement, a motion was made to withdraw the resolution. The motion to withdraw was seconded and approved by vote.

Gary Hill presented the Treasure's Report. A motion to accept the report was seconded and approved by vote.

A motion was made to pay the expenses of Ronnie Adkins, Home Missions Representative and Billy Bevins, Southeastern Bible College Representative if their respective organizations do not do so. Fred Bates will contact the organizations and inform the Treasurer

of any action required. This motion was seconded and approved by vote.

The report of the Executive Board was read. The Executive Board Report can be found elsewhere in this minute.

A motion was made and seconded to accept Item #1 (location of the yearly State Meeting). This motion was approved by vote.

A motion was made and seconded to accept Item #2 (seating of audit committee.) This motion was approved by vote.

The report of the Nominating Committee was read and the following officers were elected.

Moderator:	Fred Bates
Assistant Moderator:	J.D. Norris
Executive Board:	Raymond Baird
Home Mission Board:	Richard Barnes
Free Will Baptist Family Ministries Board:	Don White
National Association Board:	Glenn Johnson
Promotional Secretary:	Howard Bass

A motion was made and approved that Virginia State Association Churches be requested to receive a love offering for the Wilton Dale Memorial offering, used to underwrite the expenses of the Promotional Office.

Pledges to underwrite the expenses of the Promotional Office for the coming year were received as follows. (Pledges made by pastors.)

Gateway FWB	\$ 500.00
Bethany FWB	\$ 100.00
Hyde Park FWB	\$ 200.00
East Bristol FWB	\$ 200.00
Great Bridge FWB	\$ 300.00
Virginia Beach FWB	\$ 200.00
First FWB, Richmond	\$ 100.00
First FWB, Pennington Gap	\$ 100.00
Central FWB	\$ 100.00
Willis Chapel FWB	\$ 100.00

An offering of \$ 136.35 was received for the same purpose.

A motion was made and passed that the office of CTS Representative be discontinued. If any churches have young people competi

ng and intend to participate at the National level, they are to contact the Promotional Secretary.

Members of the Audit Committee were elected. Newl Dotson and Thurman Alexander.

Delegates to the National Association were elected.

Glenda Fulcher	William Johnson
Cindy Jones	Debbie Bullock
Martha Stone	

Jack Blanton reported as the Virginia State Home Missions Treasurer.

A motion was made and seconded that the Home Missions Board use its account to fund the cash account of Paul Collins, Home Missionary to Harrisonburg, VA. After some discussion the motion passed. NOTE: The Home Mission Board has the authority to disperse funds at their discretion.

The minutes were read for approval. A motion to accept the minutes as read was approved by vote.

A motion to receive a rising vote of thanks to the First Free Will Baptist Church of Roanoke for their hospitality to the Virginia State Association through the years was passed by standing vote.

Alter prayer was led by Ken Stipes in memory of the following individuals.

Hobart Lane	Grace France
Ivor Grills	Donna Mosley
Marie Pierson	Rachel Elliot
Ray Dockery	Mack Carter
Nannie Belle Jennings	W.D. Stuart
Tammy Norris	Kindra Nichole Norris
Mildred Pike	Ray Harris
Liz Dolan	Lawrence Skiffington
Edna Trivett	Sandy Bentley
George Franklin Stout, Jr.	Creed "Skeeter" McAmis
Kenneth R. Gardner	James Carlow

A motion to dismiss was approved by vote.

Notable motions approved during the 60th session of the Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptists.

1. To withdraw the resolution concerning the Promise Keepers movement in favor of action by the National Association.
2. To change the location of the State meeting on a yearly basis.
3. To seat an audit committee to review the financial records of the State Association.
4. To request that Virginia State Association Churches receive an offering for the Wilton Dale Memorial to underwrite the expenses of the State Promotional Office.
5. To discontinue the office of C.T.S. Representative. Participants interested in going to the National C.T.S. competition should contact the State Promotional Secretary for instructions.

VIRGINIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREEWILL BAPTISTS

Treasurer's Report

May 31, 1997 - May 31, 1998

Receipts

Bal. Fwd. \$2,920.48

Clinch Valley	\$ 300.00	
Southwest	\$ 1085.00	
Tidewater	\$ 630.00	
John Wheeler	\$ 525.00	
Sandy Valley	\$150.00	
Misc.	\$1191.00	
		<u>Total \$ 3,881.00</u>

Offerings

State Meeting	\$ 141.00	
L.K. France	\$ 300.00	
		<u>Total \$ 441.00</u>

Wilton Dail Offering

John Wheeler	\$ 100.00	
Shiloh	\$ 277.45	
		<u>Total \$ 377.45</u>

Interest

	\$ 36.21	<u>Total \$ 36.21</u>
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Total Receipts

\$4,735.66

Disbursements

Newsletter	\$ 982.72
Promotion Sec.	\$ 500.00
Promotion Reim.	\$ 650.27
National Dues	\$ 2175.00
Minutes	\$ 480.00
1st FWB	\$ 300.00
State Corp. Fee	\$ 25.00
Moderator	\$ 50.00
Clerk	\$ 50.00
Treasurer	**
Speakers	\$ 510.00
Exec. Board	\$ 405.37
Misc. (Bank Correction)	\$ 300.00

Total **\$ 6,428.36**

Summary

Beg. Bal.	\$ 2920.48
Deposits	\$ 4735.66
Total	\$ 7656.14
Expenses	\$ 6428.36
Bal. 5/31/98	\$ 1227.78

**VIRGINIA STATE HOME MISSIONS
of Freewill Baptists**

Bal. on 9-30-97.....32,333.71

Receipts:

Gateway FWB Church.....	{ \$444.61 pre 9-30}	\$373.70
John Wheeler (S.W. Quarterly) { \$ 12.28 pre 9-30}.....			35.25
Shiloh FWB Church.....			216.08
King of Kings FWB Church { \$67.28 pre 9-30}.....			258.63
East Bristol FWB Church { \$178.00 pre 9-30}.....			558.62
Park Lane FWB Church (loan paid off)..{ \$300.00 pre 9-30}			325.00
Community FWB Church.....			100.00
First Tenn. Bank (int. on savings acct. - 9-30 317.49).....			
Powell Valley Natl. Bank (int. on Now acct.).....			166.84
Powell Valley Natl. Bank (int. on Money Mkt acct.).....			487.44
Total Receipts			<u>\$2521.56</u>

Expenditures through May 31, 1998

Natl. Home Missions (Paul Collins acct.).....	\$ 3500.0
Checks (State Home Missions acct.).....	\$11.58
Total Exp.....	<u>\$ 3511.58</u>

Balance to date:

NOW acct.....	\$ 8522.54
Money Mkt. Savings.....	22821.15
Total Balance.....	<u>31,343.69</u>

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

Executive Board Report Report: 1998

The executive committee wants to thank the state of Virginia for the opportunity to serve this past year. It has been expressed by several churches (including First Church Roanoke) a desire to change the location of the state meeting. We also express a deep gratitude to First Church of Roanoke for their wonderful hospitality this year.

Our recommendation is beginning June 1999; the state meeting rotate around the state beginning at Shiloh FWB Church; Bristol, Va. The following year to be held in eastern Va.

2nd Recommendation: The executive board and state treasurer recommend to the state of Virginia the need for an audit committee. We appreciate the work of the treasurer; but feel an audit committee would lend support to the position and help maintain good stewardship. This audit committee would consist of two persons for the period of one year.

Raymond Baird
Hal Jones
Bill Fulcher
Jennings Dotson

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	10
Churches with Full-Time Pastors	0
Churches with Part-Time Pastors	10
Total Baptisms	14
Total members added	38
Total members lost	37
Total membership	425
Total income of all churches.....	\$105,964.49
Total number of churches with budgets	0
Total number of churches with parsonages	0
Total value of all church property	\$1,217,169.54
Total number of ordained ministers	32
Total number of licensed ministers	0
Total number of ordained deacons	26
Sunday School enrollment	526
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	470.00

Moderator: Roger Herron
308 Cannon St.
Kingsport, TN 37664

Clerk: Debbie Strong
207 Parker Estates Rd.
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HARMONY ASSOCIATION

Churches	4
Churches - City/Town	0
Churches - Rural	4
Churches Reporting	4
Churches with Full-Time Pastors	0
Churches with Part-Time Pastors	4
Number Baptisms	31
Members Added	26
Members Lost	26
Total Membership	242
Total Income of Churches	\$37,026.27
Churches with Budgets	0
Ordained Ministers	19
Licensed Ministers	1
Ordained Deacons	19
Churches with Day Care Centers	0
Churches with Kindergartens	0
Churches with Christian Day Schools	0
Value of Church Property	\$ 405,000.00
Sunday School Enrollment	215
CTS Enrollment	50
WNAC Enrollment	49
Master's Men Enrollment	0
Number of State Association Minutes Requested.....	20
Amount of Representation Fee Enclosed.....	\$ 300.00

Clerk: Mary Ann Presley
 203 Patterson Road
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Ordained Ministers

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Henry Kincer Rogersville, TN
Terry Rhoten Rt. 1 Fort Blackmore, VA 24250
James Mann Rt. 1 Nickelsville, VA
Steve McNew Rt. 1 Dungannon, VA 24245
Danny Keith McNew Rt. 1 Dungannon, VA 24245
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Terry Begley Rt. 1 Dungannon, VA 24244
Ralph Begley Rt.1 Dungannon, VA 24244
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Fletcher Frazier Fort Blackmore, VA 24250
Charles Puckett Rt. 1 Fort Blackmore, VA 24250
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Jackie Dorton Duffield, VA 24244
George Lane Duffield, VA 24244
Sam Hileman Castlewood, VA

Licensed Ministers

Larry W. Nelson 1329 E. Sullivan Court Kingsport, TN 37663

JOHN WHEELER ASSOCIATION

Churches	15
Churches - City/Town	3
Churches - Rural	12
Churches Reporting	15
Churches with Full-Time Pastors	6
Churches with Part-Time Pastors	9
Baptisms	77
Members added	91
Members lost	32
Total Membership	1164
Total Income	\$ 504,209.67
Churches with Budgets	4
Churches with Parsonages	3
Value of Church Property	\$ 1,328,300.00
Ordained Ministers	29
Licensed Ministers	0
Ordained Deacons	45
Sunday School Enrollment	969
CTS Enrollment	105
WNAC Enrollment	134
Master's Men Enrollment	39
Number of State Association Minutes Requested.....	45
Representation Fees.....	\$ 525.00 + \$100.00 for Promotional Office

Moderator: Rev. Bob Surber
9405 Moore Creek Rd.
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Clerk: Rev. Donald White
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SANDY VALLEY ASSOCIATION

No. Quarterly Meetings	8
No. Quarterly Meetings Reported	8
No. of Churches	8
Church Membership	365
No. of Sunday Schools	14
No. of Ordained Ministers	15
No. of Ordained Deacons	23
Paid Pastors	\$ 950.00 + Love offering
Paid Evangelist	2,013.64
Home Missions	0
Building and Repair	20,628.58
Value of Church Property	542,545.00
Enclosed for Association	\$150.00

Moderator: Bro. Guy Harris
Rt 1 Honaker, VA 24260

Clerk: Sis. Gladys Compton
Rt. 2 Honaker, VA

SANDY VALLEY MINISTERS

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Bro. Roger Barnett, Amonate, VA
Bro. John Cachran, Richlands, VA
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Bro. George "Ed" Hankins, Rt. 1 Box 119 Cedar Bluff, VA
Bro. Russell Honaker, Amonate, VA
Bro. Danny Starling, Amonate, VA
Bro. Clarence Yates, Rowe, VA

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	2
Churches with Part-Time Pastors	29
Total Baptisms	37
Total members added	100
Total members lost	46
Total membership	1,514
Total number of churches with budgets	2
Total number of churches with parsonages	0
Total value of all church property	3,409,687.00
Total number of ordained ministers	70
Total number of licensed ministers	2
Total number of ordained deacons	93
Sunday School enrollment	1,352
Total CTS enrollment	340
Total WNAC enrollment	219
Total Master's Men enrollment	16
Number of state association minutes requested	110
Amount of representation fee enclosed	980.00

Moderator: Rev. Lawrence Rutherford
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Clerk: James V. Pochadzay
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Rev. Oscar Neece, Rt. 2 Box 31, Clintwood, VA 24228

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Lee County Ministers

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Rev. Jack B. Cope, Rt.3 Box 117, Pennington Gap, VA
24277, (540) 546-4079

Rev. Donald Jones , Rt.2 Box 140, Pennington Gap, VA
24277, (540) 546-4369

Rev. Raymond Baird, Rt. 4 Box 270, Jonesville, VA 24263,
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TIDEWATER ASSOCIATION

Churches	18
Churches - City/Town	15
Churches - Rural	3
Churches Reporting	18
Churches with Full-Time Pastors	16
Churches with Part-Time Pastors	2
Number Baptisms	120
Members Added	132
Members Lost	59
Total Membership	2069
Total Income of Churches	\$ 513,669.93
Churches with Budgets	7
Ordained Ministers	25
Licensed Ministers	4
Ordained Deacons	56
Churches with Day Care Centers	1
Churches with Kindergartens	2
Churches with Parsonages.....	2
Churches with Christian Day Schools	2
Value of Church Property	\$ 9,422,714.00
Sunday School Enrollment	489
CTS Enrollment	0
WNAC Enrollment	92
Master's Men Enrollment	22
Number of State Association Minutes Requested.....	0
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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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