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FRIDAY, JUNE 25, 1976

The Friday morning session began with devotion by Rev. Fred Dutton. The 38th session was called to order by introduction of the Moderator by the Clerk. Report of the Executive Committee, serving as the Credential Committee, recommended: (See Report No. 1)

Appointment of Committees:

*BUSINESS*

1. Brother William Curfman
2. Brother Kenneth Frisbee
3. Brother Wendall Combs

*OBITUARY*

1. Brother Bob Blackburn
2. Brother Frank Church
3. Brother Elmer Huff

*RESOLUTION*

1. Brother Paul Oppy
2. Brother Clyde Perry
3. Brother Dale Humphrey

*APPRECIATION*

1. Brother Bill McCarty
2. Brother Gary James
3. Brother Danny Baer

Visiting brethren were welcomed. Present were: Dr. Charles Thigpen, Dean, Free Will Baptist Bible College; Brother Joe Haas, Missionary to France; Rev. Roy Thomas, Associate Director of National Home Mission Department and Jim Walker, Bible Literature International.

Motion was seconded and carried that we set on the table the Proposed Constitution.

Report of Promotional-Secretary, Rev. Alton Loveless, (See Report No. 2). Motion was seconded and carried to accept the report and to give a standing vote of appreciation.

An offering of \$54.75 was received while the congregation sang, "When We All Get To Heaven."

Oral report of the Board of Directors was given by Rev. Paul Thompson. Motion was seconded and carried to recess for Morning Worship.

Special music by Rev. and Mrs. Danny Baer, "The Touch of Jesus."

Dr. Charles Thigpen brought the keynote message from Colossians 1:15-19, 2:9. The message on "Pre-eminence of Christ in the Word."

Prayer of thanks offered by our Moderator.

## Announcements.

Prayer for the noon meal was given by Rev. Robert Prichard.

## AFTERNOON

The afternoon session began with the congregation singing, "The Cleansing Way." Prayer by Rev. Robert Nelson; remarks by Rev. Hertis Stone.

Rev. Elmer Sizemore, being absent on the Nominating Committee, the moderator declared the position vacant and Rev. Billy McCarty was elected in his stead.

Report of the Executive Department of the National Association which had been mailed, in Rev. Rufus Coffey's absence, was given by Rev. Floyd Wolfenbarger.

Report of the Ohio State Woman's Auxiliary was given by Sister Yvonne Wolfenbarger. A rising vote of support was given in appreciation of their contribution.

Report of the National Sunday School Department was given by Brother Delbert Wood, printing production manager of this department.

Report of Church Training Service was given by Brother Guy Tucker, field representative for the department.

Report of the National Home Mission Department was given by Rev. Roy Thomas, associate director of the National Home Mission Department.

Report of Free Will Baptist Bible College was given by Dr. Charles Thigpen, academic dean of the College.

Report of the Foreign Mission Department was given by Brother Joe Haas, Missionary to France.

Report from Board of Retirement and Insurance was passed out. It had been received by mail and comments were made by Rev. Floyd Wolfenbarger.

Appointed delegates to 1976 National Association in Tulsa, Oklahoma:

1. George Beal
2. Anna Lee Sparks
3. Roger Dempsey
4. Alex Pressnell
5. Morris Justice

Report by Rev. Forrest Chamberlin on Rev. Andrew Workman breaking his leg. A fund had been set up by Porter, Pine and Lawrence Conferences to send monies to Dailyville Free Will Baptist Church.

Motion was seconded and carried to adjourn.

## FRIDAY EVENING

Service opened by Rev. Roger Johnson presiding. The congregation sang, "Send the Light" and "Jesus Saves," while an offering was received in the amount of \$113.03.

Brother Guy Tucker gave song, "Onward Christian Soldiers" on trumpet.

Rev. Roy Thomas brought message from Colossians 1:21-28, 1:18; the message on "Pre-eminence of Christ in the Church."

Invitation

## SATURDAY MORNING

The Saturday session was opened by prayer offered by Rev. Russell Dickens. Moderator then led congregation in singing, "To God Be the Glory."

Devotion by Rev. Robert Prichard reading Scripture from Matthew 5:13-16.

Report of State Mission Board was given by Rev. James Blair. Motion by Rev. W. E. Curfman, seconded by Rev. Billy McCarty. Carried. (See Report No. 3)

Report of the State Church Training Service by Director Dale Humphrey. Vote of appreciation was given.

### Report of Committees:

1. Report of the Executive Committee given by Clerk. (See Report No. 4)

2. Report of Obituary Committee. (See Report No. 5)

A. The Association stood in silent prayer of thanks for the work of those who have passed on this year.

B. Each conference should send a list of those who have deceased for the Obituary Committee each year.

3. The Business Committee had no business to report.

4. Resolution Committee. (See Report No. 6)

A. Proposal of financial assistance given to Executive Committee for further study. Motion was seconded and carried.

B. We recommend the budget be raised from \$250.00 to \$500.00 annually and an operating fund be established by Director.

a. Without question or objection, the authority to divide the motion was granted to the Moderator.

b. Motion to amend the budget from \$250.00 to \$500.00. Motion was seconded and carried.

c. Motion was seconded and carried that a separate operating fund be established by Director.

C. Motion was seconded and carried that the state allot \$25.00 for each of the fourteen (14) young people representing the state in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

5. Appreciation Committee Report (See Report No. 7)

A. The Association stood in a vote of thanks to those recognized in report.

The floor was opened for invitation of the 1977 Ohio State Association of Free Will Baptists. An invitation was accepted by the Association to go to the First Springfield Free Will Baptist Church, 1028 Lafayette, Springfield, Ohio, on June 23, 24, and 25, 1977.

Rev. Kenneth Frisbee gave dates September 10 and 11, 1977 for the Woman's Auxiliary Prayer Retreat at Camp Bethany.

Recess for morning worship.

The congregation stood in prayer in behalf of the Secretary of the Amherst Church family in loss of loved ones and prayer for the morning service.

The congregation then sang, "At Calvary" and "Love Lifted Me."

An offering was received in amount of \$67.56.

Our souls were refreshed by testimony of several brothers in Christ.

The message was brought by Rev. Jim Cox. Scripture was taken from Colossians 1:9-12, 20-23, 1:18, on the "Pre-eminence of Christ in the Christian."

Invitation

Benediction and prayer of thanks for the food by Rev. Jack Hartman.

## SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Service opened by the congregation singing, "Redeemed." Prayer by Mr. Carl Dunn.

Devotion was given by Rev. Delmar Sparks using Scripture from Ephesians 4:1, 17; 5:2, 7, 15. Rev. Sparks made remarks pertaining to the Christian walk.

Motion to take proposed constitution from table and to adopt the constitution was given by Rev. Wendall Combs and seconded by Rev. Elmer Huff. Motion was carried.

A unanimous vote was taken to accept and adopt the proposed By-Laws and Constitution.

Motion seconded and carried that since the Treasurer's Office had been vacated, an additional member-at-large be elected.

Report of Nominating Committee (See Report No. 8)

Election of officers (See Officers elected Report No. 8)

Adjournment

### REPORT NO. 1

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

An Executive Board Meeting was held July 3, 1975 at the State Office. Present were: Alex Pressnell, Floyd Wolfenbarger, Alton Loveless, and Richard Pressnell. We worked on a program for 1976, the constitutional convention and an honorarium for the speakers of the State Association in 1975: Hobart Ashby—\$100.00, Don Sexton—\$100.00 and \$131.79 designated to his account and Leroy Forlines—\$100.00.

An Executive Board Meeting was held on March 27, 1976. Present were: Alex Pressnell, Floyd Wolfenbarger, Robert Pritchard, and Richard Pressnell. A program for 1976 was discussed.

#### STATE PROGRAM

##### THEME

Charles Thigpen

Roy Thomas

Jim Cox

##### PRE-EMINENCE OF CHRIST

A. In the Word—Colossians 1:15, 16, 17

B. In the Church—Colossians 1:18, 24-28

C. In the Christian—Colossians 1:9-12, 20-23

### REPORT NO. 2

#### STATE PROMOTIONAL-SECRETARY'S REPORT

(June 75-May 76)

|                | Bookstore  | Co-op        | Ambassador | H. Missions | State Office | Misc.  |
|----------------|------------|--------------|------------|-------------|--------------|--------|
| Total Income   | 128,391.80 | 30,694.19    | 5,035.70   | 5,288.57    | 6,369.42     | 374.25 |
| Total Expenses | 112,336.33 | 9,466.56     | 4,050.00   | 8,099.51    | 27,696.22    | 55.00  |
| TOTAL INCOME   |            | \$176,154.53 |            |             |              |        |
| TOTAL EXPENSES |            | \$161,703.62 |            |             |              |        |

## STATEMENT OF LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH

|                               |             |             |
|-------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Amount in Bank (May 31, 1976) |             | \$17,085.09 |
| Accounts Receivable           |             | 14,882.02   |
| Assets: Inventory             | \$35,000    |             |
| Fixtures                      | 6,000       |             |
| Equipment                     | 3,900       |             |
|                               | \$44,900.00 |             |
|                               |             | 44,900.00   |
|                               |             | \$76,867.11 |
| Unpaid Accounts               |             |             |
| Store                         | \$16,644.91 |             |
| State Office                  | 5,562.05    |             |
|                               | \$22,206.96 |             |
|                               |             | -22,206.96  |
| NET WORTH                     |             | \$54,660.15 |

### GIVING BY CONFERENCES AND CHURCHES

|                    | Ambassador | State Home Missions | Co-op     | Totals    |
|--------------------|------------|---------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Central Ohio       | 238.40     | 459.00              | 664.56    | 1,361.96  |
| Cuyahoga—Lorain    | 214.50     | 151.95              | 1,734.08  | 2,100.53  |
| Franklin           | 691.00     | 943.87              | 12,448.97 | 14,083.84 |
| Great Lakes        | 15.00      | 45.35               | 506.33    | 566.68    |
| Jackson            | 287.50     | 254.50              | 571.50    | 1,113.50  |
| Lawrence           | 168.00     |                     | 1,100.00  | 1,268.00  |
| Little Miami River | 309.96     | 338.00              | 5,274.39  | 5,922.35  |
| Meigs              | 1,048.00   | 40.00               | 60.00     | 1,148.00  |
| Northeastern       | 22.00      |                     |           | 22.00     |
| Northwestern       | 31.00      | 25.00               | 900.00    | 956.00    |
| Pine Creek         | 1,129.00   | 511.12              | 1,810.20  | 3,450.32  |
| Porter             | 336.00     | 432.00              | 1,785.45  | 2,553.45  |
| South Central      |            | 398.00              | 1,489.67  | 1,887.67  |
| Trinity            | 100.00     |                     |           | 100.00    |
| Waynesburg         | 20.00      |                     |           | 20.00     |

### PROPOSED BUDGET

|              |             |            |              |              |
|--------------|-------------|------------|--------------|--------------|
| Bookstore    | Co-op Plan  | Ambassador | Home Mission | State Office |
| \$15,000.00  | \$35,000.00 | \$5,000.00 | \$5,000.00   | \$6,000.00   |
| TOTAL BUDGET |             |            | \$201,000.00 |              |

### REPORT NO. 3

### OHIO STATE HOME MISSION BOARD REPORT OF 1976

Members on the Board are Rev. Jim Cox, Chairman; Rev. James A. Blair, Secretary-Treasurer; Donald Hix, Jerry Newman, Paul Collins, Henry Hawkins,

and Roger Johnson.

This Board met seven times since the 1975 State Association. First meeting was August 15, 1975 at West Jefferson Free Will Baptist Church. At this time we met with the National Home Mission Director to discuss the possibility of engaging in a Joint Mission Project between the National Home Mission and our State Home Mission Board. Rev. Robert Shockey explained the project then motion was made and second to take on a joint project with the National Home Mission Board. Motion was passed. The Board agreed to pray and send men to various cities to survey the possibilities there. Also, to start taking applications and interviews for a missionary.

On December 20, 1975, State Mission Board met again with Rev. Robert Shockey and five Board Members. Also, Alton Loveless, Ohio State Promotional-Secretary and Missionary applicant, Rev. Arnold Shrewsbury for the purpose of interviewing Rev. and Mrs. Arnold Shrewsbury for missionaries. After the joint project rules and contract was read and explained and also Rev. Shrewsbury's application, both National and State Mission Boards agreed at this time that Rev. Shrewsbury would start itinerate work March 1, 1976.

On February 18, the board met at Williams Road Church to make a decision on a location for the new mission work and after much prayer and surveying cities in Ohio, we selected Canton, Ohio for the new mission work.

Then, on April 10, 1976, the Board met at Williams Road Church with Missionary Appointee, Rev. Shrewsbury and Missionary Dana Booth from Newark. Rev. Shrewsbury gave his report on the itinerate work he had done and the work was progressing very good at this time.

In the May 15th meeting of the Mission Board Meeting, Rev. Shrewsbury gave his report. He had at this time \$1,266.06 in faith pledges and in cash \$2,006.06. Rev. Shrewsbury moved to Canton on June 15 as was planned in the May 15 meeting so we ask you to please support the Shrewsburys with your prayers and finances.

Concerning the Newark work where Dana Booth has been pastoring, we met with Rev. Booth in the February 14 meeting and Dana informed us that they were moving the church to a new location being leased from the Westside Assembly of God, 1494 West Main Street, Newark, Ohio. At this time, Brother Booth asked to be released from the employment of the State Board to seek full time employment outside the church. Rev. Booth's request was granted by the Board Members.

Rev. Booth is no longer employed by the Mission Board. The Newark Church has taken the responsibility of self support. We thank God for this work. They certainly deserve our prayers.

Secretary, Rev. James A. Blair

#### REPORT NO. 4

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

We have received a letter from every Association and we move to seat their duly elected delegates.



We wish to meet with the delegates at lunch upstairs from the Waynesburg Conference.

We have received a petition from the Scioto Yearly Meeting concerning the Great Lakes Conference having received a church which they considered to be out of fellowship. We recommend that the Executive Committee meet with the Great Lakes Association to bring resolution to this discord. Motion seconded and carried.

## REPORT NO. 5

### OBITUARY COMMITTEE

We, the Obituary Committee, recommend that we stand in silent prayer for:

Sister Nellie Lykins, wife of Rev. Charles Lykins

Brother Henry Scott from Old Kyger Church

Rev. Bobby Joe Mabry from the Rosedale Free Will Baptist Church.

Rev. Elmer Church

Rev. Bobby Blackburn

Rev. Elmer Huff

## REPORT NO. 6

### RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

#### ITEM 1

We, the Resolution Committee, after having considered the proposal feel that it should be given more study and possible consideration by the Executive Committee, for one year, and to be acted upon at our next annual association.

#### ITEM 2

We also recommend that the current budget be raised from \$250.00 to \$500.00; and the C.T.S. director be authorized to establish a separate operating fund.

#### ITEM 3

We also recommend that the State Association consider as a measure for this year a \$25.00 allotment to each of the 14 youths representing the state at the National Convention in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Rev. Paul Oppy

Rev. Clyde Perry

Brother Dale Humphrey

## REPORT NO. 7

### APPRECIATION COMMITTEE

We, the Appreciation Committee, would like to recognize the following

for their outstanding work that has contributed to the success of our State Meeting.

1. The host pastor, Rev. Hertis Stone.
2. To all Keynote Speakers for outstanding preaching.
3. Rev. and Mrs. Alton Loyless for the success of our state owned bookstore and state work.
4. To all the ladies who graciously gave of their time to prepare the food.
5. Rev. Floyd Wolfenbarger for a job well done as Moderator.

Rev. Billie McCarty  
Brother Gary James  
Brother Danny Baer

We would like the congregation to stand in appreciation of a good job done for the Lord Jesus Christ.

## REPORT NO. 8

### NOTE FOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE

#### *MISSION BOARD*

|      |               |
|------|---------------|
| 1983 | James Blair   |
| 1982 | Robert Nelson |
| 1981 | Don Hix       |
| 1980 | Jim Cox       |
| 1979 | Roger Johnson |
| 1978 | Henry Hawkins |
| 1977 | Paul Collins  |

#### *CTS DIRECTOR*

Dale Humphrey

#### *NOMINATING COMMITTEE*

|      |                |
|------|----------------|
| 1979 | Clyde Perry    |
| 1978 | Charlie Lykins |
| 1977 | Millard Green  |

#### *STATE OF OHIO GENERAL BOARD MEMBER*

Floyd Wolfenbarger (term expires 1978)

#### *MEMBER-AT-LARGE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE*

|        |               |
|--------|---------------|
| 1 year | W. E. Curfman |
| 1 year | Fred Taylor   |

#### *MODERATOR*

Floyd Wolfenbarger

#### *ASSISTANT MODERATOR*

Franklyn Harness

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

1983 Paul Thompson  
1982 Robert Prichard  
1981 William Naves, Jr.  
1980 Delmar Sparks  
1979 Calvin Evans  
1978 Kenneth Frisbee  
1977 Hobart Ashby

**CLERK**

Richard Pressnell

**ASSISTANT CLERK**

Danny Baer

**CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS**

**ARTICLE I**

**NAME**—This Association shall be called the Ohio State Association of Free Will Baptists and shall be composed of all regularly organized and disciplined Free Will Baptist Quarterly or Yearly Associations as may embody themselves under this constitution.

**ARTICLE II**

**PURPOSE**—The objective of this Association shall be the bringing together of Free Will Baptists of the State of Ohio in an annual gathering that we may become better acquainted with one another and enact such business as will promote the cause of Christ among Free Will Baptist churches of this Association, and a world wide outreach of souls.

**ARTICLE III**

**MEMBERSHIP**—

**Section I**—The members of this Association shall consist of one delegate for each local church in a local association and one delegate from each local church within the state, together with all ordained authority and the assistant clerk of this Association.

**Section II**—Any well organized and well regulated local Association in the state by application and conforming to the faith and practice of the original Free Will Baptist denomination, shall be received into this Association by a majority vote of the Association.

## ARTIVLE IV

### OFFICERS—

1. The officers of this Association shall consist of a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk and Assistant Clerk who shall be elected annually at the close of each session and hold their office until their successors are elected and qualified and may succeed himself only twice.
2. The officers of this body shall submit, at every session, a report of the work done for this Association.
3. The Moderator shall be the principle executive officer of the Association and he shall sign, with the Clerk or any other people, officers, or agent of the Association, thereunto authorized by the General Board, any deeds, mortgages, bonds, contracts, or other instruments which the General Board has authorized to be expected except in cases where the signing and execution thereof shall be expressly delegated by the General Board or by this Association, or shall be required by law to be otherwise signed or executed. The duties of the moderator shall include presiding at the meetings of the State Association, the General Board and the Executive Committee; to call special meetings of the General Board and Executive Committee; and in general, to fulfill whatever responsibilities may be commensurate with his office or delegated to him by the body or General Board.
4. In the absence of the Moderator, or in the event of his death, inability or refusal to act, the Assistant Moderator shall perform the duties of the Moderator, and when so acting, shall have all the powers of and be subject to all the restrictions upon the Moderator. The Assistant Moderator shall perform such duties as from time to time may be assigned to him by the Moderator or by the General Board.
5. A. The Clerk shall keep an accurate record of all business transactions; shall superintend the printing of the minutes and shall receive an honorarium of an amount agreed upon by this body.  
B. The Clerk shall: (a) keep the minutes of the Association and of the General Board meetings in one or more books provided for this purpose; (b) see that all notices are given in accordance with the provisions of these by-laws or as required by law; (c) be custodian of the Association records and of the seal of the Association and see that the seal of the Association is affixed to all documents the execution of which on behalf of the Association under its seal is duly authorized; (d) in general, perform all duties incident to the office of Clerk and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned to him by the Moderator or by the General Board.
6. In the absence of the clerk, or in the event of his death, inability, or refusal to act, the Assistant Clerk shall perform the duties of the Clerk and when so acting, shall have all the power and be subject to all the restrictions upon the Clerk. The

Assistant Clerk shall perform such duties as from time to time may be assigned to him by the Clerk or by the General Board.

## ARTICLE V

### BOARDS—

1. All standing boards shall be composed of seven members, exclusive of the General Board. Standing boards include the Home Mission Board, Board of Directors and the General Board.
2. The duties of the various standing boards shall be to plan a program and supervise its operation in their respective fields, and to receive, hold, manage, use or convey any funds and property entrusted to said Boards.

## ARTICLE VI

### ELECTION—

1. The personnel of each of the foregoing, exclusive of the General Board shall be elected as follows: The first named for a term of one year, the second for a term of two years and a third for a term of three years, the fourth for a term of four years, and the fifth for a term of five years, sixth for a term of six years and seventh for a term of seven years and thereafter each shall be elected for a term of seven years.
2. The personnel of the General Board shall be composed of the officers of the State Association; the chairman of all standing boards and one member from each local Association to be elected by the State body whose term of office shall be two years and so constituted that the expiration date of the term of office of half of these shall expire one year and the other half the following year. This shall be determined by alphabetical order of the name of the affiliated Association.
3. No person shall fill more than one office at the same time except as he may become a member of the General Board by virtue of being a chairman of the Board of which he is an elected member.
4. Any vacancy occurring in the General Board may be filled by the affirmative vote of a majority of the remaining Board members though less than a quorum of the General Board.
5. All Board members elected to fill a vacancy shall be elected for the unexpired term of his predecessor in office.
6. Any member of the standing board of the State Association who does not put forth any interest in or function on said board for the period of one year, shall have his office declared vacant and a new member be elected by this Association to fill his unexpired term of office.

## ARTICLE VII

### *DUTIES—*

1. The General Board shall have power to act in behalf of, and for the State Association from one regular session to another, and shall have power to elect such officers as may be necessary to carry out the plans and undertakings of the State Association.
2. The Board of Directors shall have the right to employ a Promotional-Secretary who shall serve as Treasurer of the Association and be responsible for handling all monies of the Association except in cases where this responsibility shall be expressly delegated by the General Board or by this constitution to some other officer, agent or Board of the Association. He shall make an annual audited financial report to the Association.
3. The General Board shall have power to fill any regular vacancies that may occur in its own body and shall also have power to fill any irregular vacancies that may occur in any department of work between sessions of the State Association. It shall be the duty of the Board to make written reports of all its work to each session.
4. An Executive Committee, consisting of seven members of the General Board, shall be composed of the Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk of the State Association, and four other members to be elected annually by the State Association whose duty it shall be to act on all matters coming within the scope of the work of the Board when said Board is not in session. It shall also plan and execute the program for the annual sessions of the Ohio State Association.
5. A majority of the number of the General Board members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the General Board.
6. By resolution of the General Board, the Board members shall be paid their expenses including travel expense of 15¢ per mile for attendance of special meetings of General Board and Regular Meetings of Executive Committee.

## ARTICLE VIII

### *MEETINGS—*

1. The session of this Association shall be held on Friday before the fourth Saturday in June, 9:30 a.m., the place being in any local Association as requested and placed by vote of the Association.
2. In the event the necessity arises from war, or pestilence, or any cause which prevents a regular meeting of the State Association, whether such a condition is of a local or general condition, then the General Board shall be privileged to call and act with full authority in all matters pertaining to the general welfare of the State Association, providing whatever transaction passed shall be by two-thirds

vote of the members present, and providing that such transactions shall not conflict with the purpose and edicts by the By-Laws of the State Association.

3. All business meetings shall be opened by singing, reading a portion from God's Word, and prayer and shall be closed with prayer.

4. Special meetings of the General Board or the Executive Committee shall be called when necessary by the Moderator, with the written consent of three other members of the Executive Committee. Special meetings of the General Board shall also be called upon the written request of one-fourth of its members. Special meetings of the Executive Committee shall also be called upon the written request of a majority of its members.

5. Notice of any special meeting shall be given at least fifteen days previously thereto by written notice delivered personally or by mail to each board member at his business address.

## ARTICLE IX

### AMENDMENTS—

1. This Association shall have power to adopt any regulations and by-laws that are consistent with this constitution or usages of the Free Will Baptist denomination.

2. This constitution and by-laws may be altered or amended by vote of this Association at any session by a two-thirds majority vote.

## BY-LAWS

### SECTION I

The Clerk shall call the Association to order and in his absence the oldest minister present shall call the Association to order.

### SECTION II

It shall be the duty of each body belonging to the Association to send a letter giving statistics to the body.

### SECTION III

The Association shall sit with open doors except when it goes into a committee as a whole.

### SECTION IV

No person shall nominate more than one person if that person be elected.

## SECTION V

The Moderator shall not allow any conversation except it be in a Christian spirit or when he thinks it will cause discord.

## SECTION VI

Anyone desiring to speak must rise to his feet and address the Moderator.

## SECTION VII

Voting must be done by the show of the right hand.

## SECTION VIII

No member shall be allowed to speak more than twice on any subject and not more than five minutes at a time.

## SECTION IX

It shall be the duty of the Moderator to seat the delegates in a convenient place.

## SECTION X

The form of financing the State Association shall be an offering from each church in the state, an offering at each morning and evening service, \$10 for each local church in a conference and \$2 for each local church sending a local delegate.

## SECTION XI

That all standing boards must be in session called by the chairman to make money appropriations.

## SECTION XII

That this Association pay the Clerk \$100 per year.

## SECTION XIII

That this Association be governed by the National Treatise and Roberts Rule of Order.

## SECTION XIV

That all ministers be male members only. That no minister can be a member of this Association who has two living wives or whose wife has two living husbands.



