

**MINUTES**  
OF THE  
**39th ANNUAL SESSION**  
OF THE  
OHIO STATE ASSOCIATION  
OF  
FREE WILL BAPTISTS

HELD AT  
FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH  
SPRINGFIELD, OHIO  
JUNE 24-25, 1977



FRIDAY, JUNE 24, 1977

The Friday Morning Session began with 39th session called to order by introduction of the Moderator by the Clerk.

Moderator Message was taken from I Peter 5:14. Remarks were made concerning pastor feeding the flock, watching of the flock and guiding the flock.

Report of Executive Committee on credentials to receive letters and seat delegates with exception of Waynesburg and Cuyahoga-Lorain Conference. (See Report No. 1)

Appointment of Committees:

BUSINESS

1. Rev. Clyde Perry
2. Rev. Roy McVey
3. Rev. Fred Taylor

OBITUARY

1. Rev. William Curfman
2. Rev. Danny Baer
3. Rev. Bobby Blackburn

RESOLUTION

1. Rev. Clifford Ball
2. Rev. Elmer Church
3. Brother George Beal

APPRECIATION

1. Rev. Ferrell Rood
2. Rev. Morse Young
3. Rev. Homer Brooks

Brother Charlie Lykins had requested to be replaced on the Nominating Committee.

The floor was opened for nominations and Rev. Elmer Sizemore was chosen by acclamation.

The visiting brethren were welcomed. These included Dr. Roger Reeds, Rev. and Mrs. Robert Crawford, Rev. Jim Henderson, Mr. and Mrs. John Castle, and Rev. Rolla Smith.

Report of the National Board of Retirement and Insurance was given by Rev. Herman Hersey.

Report of National Foreign Missions was given by Rev. Rolla Smith.

Report of State Mission Board was given by Rev. Jim Cox and Rev. Jim Blair. (See Report No. 2)

Motion was made, seconded and carried to recess for worship.

Rev. Bill Pitts led the congregation in singing, "Look and Live".

An offering was received in the amount of \$80.39, while Rev. Herman Hersey provided music on the piano.

Special music was provided by Rev. Bill Pitts singing, "Jesus Will Outshine Them All".

A song of invitation was given, "There Is A Fountain" and the session was adjourned for lunch.

#### AFTERNOON

The afternoon session was opened by Moderator and Devotion by Brother Dale Humphreys reading Genesis 26: 26.

Report of the C.T.S. was given by Director Brother Dale Humphreys. Motion was made, seconded and carried to receive the report. (See Report No. 3)

Report of Board of Directors was given by Rev. Robert Prichard. (See Report No. 4)

Report of Promotional-Secretary was given by Rev. Alton Loveless with proposal to increase The Cooperative Giving from 5% to 8% to The Mission Board. Motion was made, seconded and carried. (See Report No. 5)

Report given by Rev. Loveless was amended to include statistics of Little Miami Conference.

Report of National C.T.S. was given by Rev. Jim Henderson.

Report of Ohio State Womans Auxiliary was given by Sister Nora McCarty. Motion was made, seconded and carried to accept report. (See Report No. 6)

Report of National Sunday School Department was given by Dr. Roger Reeds.

The floor was opened for nominations on Nominating Committee to replace Rev. Millard Green for this session. Brother Glenn Webb was chosen by acclamation.

Report of the Executive Department of the National Association was given by Rev. Rufus Coffey.

#### SATURDAY, JUNE 25, 1977

Service opened with the congregation singing, "Victory in Jesus". Devotion was given by Rev. Floyd Wolfenbarger from John 2:13-17.

Report of National Home Missions Department was

given by Rev. Robert Shockey.

Report of Free Will Baptist Bible College was given by Rev. and Mrs. Robert Crawford.

Delegates were appointed to 1977 National Association in Detroit, Michigan.

1. George Beal
2. Robert LeMaster
3. Bill Stidham
4. Roger Dempsey
5. Alex Pressnell

Motion was made, seconded and carried to recess for worship.

Service was opened with congregation singing, "Higher Ground". Special music was given by Rev. Allie Skaggs, "The Great Physician", The William's Family, "Love Lifted Me" and "While Ages Shall Roll".

Rev. Robert Shockey brought the message on "The Coming Shepherd", Isaiah 1:4.

Benediction was given by Rev. Kenneth Frisbee.

#### AFTERNOON

Rev. Bill Chadwick gave the devotion using Psalm 23.

Report of the Executive Committee was given by the Clerk. Motion was made, seconded and carried. (See Report No. 7)

The report was divided to be voted on item by item. The items were C.T.S. competition and Music and Arts to receive \$25.00 per participant and \$100.00 was voted toward the choir expense.

Report of the Appreciation Committee was given. Motion made, seconded and carried. (See Report No. 8)

Report of Obituary Committee was given. Motion made, seconded and carried. (See Report 9)

Report of Resolution Committee was given. Motion made, seconded and carried. (See Report No. 10)

Report of Business Committee was given. Motion made, seconded and carried. (See Report No. 11)

An amendment was made to original report to have all letters in to Clerk by June 15th. Motion was made, seconded and carried.

The letter from the State Association to the National Association was read.

Report of Gateway Bible College was given by Rev. Mike Marshall.

The floor was opened for invitation of the 1978 Ohio State Association of Free Will Baptists. An invitation was accepted by the Association to go to the Tabernacle at Slocum Station, Sciotoville, Ohio. Motion was made, seconded and carried.

Report of Nominating Committee was given. (See Report No. 12)

Motion was made, seconded and carried to adjourn.

## REPORT NO. 1

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

We received letters from every Association and move to seat their duly elected delegates with the exception of Waynesburg and Cuyahoga-Lorain Conference to be seated when dues are received.

The conferences to be seated were: Central Ohio, Franklin, Great Lakes, Ohio River Yearly, Scioto Yearly, Northwestern, Northeastern, South Central, and Trinity.

### GIVING FROM CHURCHES AND CONFERENCES

Bethel	10.00
Central Ohio	70.00
Franklin	210.00
Greater Columbus	25.00
Great Lakes Conference	120.00
Lawrence Conference	80.00
Little Miami Conference	150.00
Newton Falls	10.00
Northeastern	32.00
Northwestern	30.00
Ohio Yearly	140.00
Porter Conference	25.00
Scioto Yearly	300.00
South Central Conference	30.00
Trinity Conference	60.00
TOTAL	\$1,292.00

OHIO STATE HOME MISSION BOARD

Greetings-- to each of you from your State Mission Board.

On December 20, 1975, the State Mission Board and National Home Mission Director met to consider Rev. Arnold Shrewsbury as Missionary for a Joint Project here in our State. After much questioning, a decision was reached to accept Rev. Shrewsbury and Family as Missionaries. It was also decided they start their itinerate work March 1, 1976.

June, 1976, Rev. Shrewsbury moved from Columbus, Ohio to Canton, Ohio where he was to begin a new Free Will Baptist work. At this time his itinerate fund was growing very good.

October 2, 1976, the Mission Board met with Missionary Arnold Shrewsbury. At this time, Arnold had been having services approximately three months. His average Sunday School attendance was 20 and Morning Worship 25. At this same meeting we met with four members from the Newark Mission and discussed the work there. They were without a pastor and had been for some time.

January 3, 1977, the Mission Board met again with The Franklin Conference Mission Board, along with a committee from the Newark work. Rev. Shrewsbury from the Canton work was present also. Rev. Shrewsbury had an encouraging report. They had reached a record attendance of 51 at that time. The Newark committee gave their report and requested assistance from the State Mission Board especially in locating a pastor and advising them in every way they could in the Newark work back as a Mission Board Project. It was agreed by the Mission Board to meet with Rev. Bill Adkisson from Missouri to interview him for pastoral work at Newark. The Board agreed to open a Newark Mission Account to help start a full time pastor. An amount of \$1,000.00 was placed in that account with the agreement that the money would be returned such time when the Newark Account would have sufficient funds to do so.

January 15, 1977 the Mission Board met again to interview Rev. Bill Adkisson for the pastor at Newark. After an extensive interview, the Board agreed to hire Rev. Adkisson. Also, at this time a Joint Project was discussed and confirmed with the National Home Mission Board Director, Rev. Robert Shockey and the work became a Joint Project.

February 5, 1977, the Mission Board met again to discuss the installation of the new pastor and informed them about the Joint Project and how it worked. At that time the men of the Newark Mission agreed to shelter \$1,000.00 of their Building Fund for the Adkisson Account.

April 2, 1977, the Mission Board met. Present were both Missionaries, Rev. Shrewsbury and Rev. Adkisson. A full report was given by each of them.

At this same meeting, the Mission Board agreed to establish a perpetual Loan Fund for the purpose of lending to Free Will Baptist congregations money that will allow them to buy land or materials for an initial structure.. If more information is desired, minutes of this meeting are available.

August 15, 1975, we entered into our first Joint Missionary Project with the National Home Missions Department and the Lord has greatly blessed the work. We urge your support and prayers in this most important work.

May God bless our great denomination. Thank you.

James A. Blair  
Secretary and Treasurer

REPORT NO. 3

#### CTS DIRECTOR

1. A good year for CTS.  
Increased budget and established separate operating fund. Several churches have started CTS programs this year. Two statewide rallies and a camping seminar were conducted.
2. State competitive activities.  
Due to increased involvement the competitive events will be conducted at the times shown on



the schedule. Awards will be presented during the evening service. Speaker for the evening worship service is Rev. Jerry Griffith. Everyone is invited to attend any or all of the CTS events.

3. NATIONAL YOUTH CONFERENCE.

Be sure you pick up your schedule for the NYC. Registration for the NYC is necessary even to go as a spectator. The fee increases after July 1. Coaches of winning contestants -- be sure to fill out registration forms to enroll your contestants in the national competition. This applies to winners in the games and in the music arts alike.

4. Financial Report.	Balance forwarded	80.00
	Ohio State Association	500.00
	Lebanon Church	13.00
	South Charleston Church	16.00
	Bethlehem Church	10.00
	TOTAL RECEIVED	\$618.00

Expenses:	CTS Materials (paid to National CTS)	340.60
	NYC registration fees	
	and honorarium (est)	100.00
	Bank service charges (open new acct.	
	print checks)	12.65
	CTS Director (phone, \$35.12, postage,	26.00
	mileage, \$86.40 per 1,087	
	miles	147.52
	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$600.77
	Balance on Hand	17.23

REPORT NO. 4

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors met twice during the past year. In the meeting held on September 27, 1976 at the Bookstore in Columbus, Ohio, Dr. Hobert Ashby was elected to serve as Chairman of the Board and Rev. Robert Prichard was elected as Secretary.

In each meeting, Rev. Alton Loveless gave reports of his work and the progress of the bookstore. The

bookstore has grown to the point that it is necessary to hire someone to train as manager of the store which already has four full-time employees and one part-time.

In the opinion of the Board of Directors, Rev. Loveless has done an outstanding job of promoting the work in the State and managing the bookstore at the same time. He and his dedicated staff of workers are to be commended for a job well done.

The proposed budget for the coming year was carefully considered and adopted by the Board in the meeting held June 13, 1977.

Robert L. Prichard, Secretary

REPORT NO. 5

#### STATE PROMOTIONAL-SECRETARY'S

Greetings from the Ohio State Association and the Ambassador Bible Bookstore.

I believe I can honestly say the Lord has progressed our work this year.

As the report will show, we have advanced, although some departments more than others. You will note we exceeded our anticipation overall.

For everything, I am grateful to a dedicated staff of workers.

We have not only seen growth benefits but the store has seen many saved therein and it is not known the added effects on the outside as unsaved have made their purchases here.

Please find attached the audit, the accountant's letter and the proposed budget.

Two of our employees will be leaving in July. Pray for the work load increases during the training of new employees.

Alton E. Loveless  
Promotional-Secretary

FINANCIAL REPORT (June 76 - May 77)

Balance - June 1, 1976 \$17,085.09

	<u>Total Income</u>	<u>Total Expenses</u>
Bookstore	163,188.76	166,570.70
Coop	30,469.65	9,530.85
Ambassador	8,648.17	8,182.72
Home Mission	8,013.20	8,598.12
State Office	6,991.56	29,027.46
TOTAL INCOME	217,311.34	
TOTAL EXPENSES		218,909.85
Balance - May 31, 1977		\$15,961.17

STATEMENT OF LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH

Amount in Bank (June 1, 1976)		15,961.17
Accounts Receivable		
Assets: Inventory	38,000.00	
Fixtures	7,125.00	
Equipment	3,900.00	
Car	<u>4,200.00</u>	
	53,225.00	<u>53,225.00</u>
Total Assets		81,442.41
Unpaid Accounts (Store)	3,200.00	
State Office	<u>4,138.76</u>	
Balance	<u>7,338.76</u>	<u>7,338.76</u>
NET WORTH		74,103.65

PROPOSED BUDGET

	<u>INCOME</u>	<u>EXPENSES</u>
Bookstore	175,000.00	168,960.00
Coop Plan	35,000.00	11,000.00
Ambassador	4,450.00	8,100.00
Home Mission	8,000.00	4,500.00
State Office	<u>7,000.00</u>	<u>28,362.76</u>
TOTAL	229,450.00	220,922.76

BALANCE - June 1, 1977 \$15,961.17

PROPOSED BALANCE - May 31, 1978 \$24,013.82

Proposed increase of Coop percent to State Mission Board from 5% to 8%.

### GIVING BY CONFERENCES

	AMBASSADOR	STATE HOME	COOP	TOTALS
		MISSION		
Central Ohio	168.25	429.00	390.47	987.72
Cuyahoga-				
Lorain	160.00	771.71	1,556.79	2,488.50
Franklin	571.00	2,168.50	11,590.21	14,329.71
Great Lakes	152.50	340.00	334.32	826.92
Jackson	255.00	220.00	945.00	1,420.00
Lawrence	107.00		1,115.00	1,222.00
Little Miami	380.35	451.31	6,828.97	7,660.63
Meigs	30.00	50.00		80.00
Northeastern	40.00			40.00
Northwestern	115.00		675.00	790.00
Pine Creek	947.00	398.66	1,483.00	2,828.66
Porter	290.00	605.00	2,248.34	3,143.34
South Central	12.00		1,554.43	1,586.43
Trinity	203.37			203.37
Waynesburg	17.00			17.00
Unaffiliated	77.00		1,016.11	1,093.11
Ohio Womans				
Auxiliary	195.00	1,074.89		1,269.89

REPORT NO. 6

### WOMAN'S AUXILIARY REPORT

The Lord blessed our meeting as He met with us all day.

We registered 135. We reported six local auxiliaries, four districts and 319 in membership.

We gave for Haas Account last year \$1,226.26, Arnold Shrewsbury's, \$1,166.26 which totaled \$2,392.52. We gave total to Mission Projects over \$6,000.00

Rev. Shrewsbury, State Home Missionary from Canton and Mr. Jerry Pinkerton from Ivory Coast blessed us with their messages.

Sister Carol Pinkerton spoke from her heart about the women in Africa and her work there, during our banquet at the Holiday Inn. There were 95 in attendance.

Our new project for the year is \$1,500.00 for Clint and Lynette Morgan and \$1,500.00 for State Home Missions and \$1.00 from each local auxiliary for Ambassador.

Our new officers are: Joanne Sizemore, President; Delois Loveless, Vice-President; Secretary, Yvonne Wolfenbarger; Treasurer, Diane Cox; Betty Frisbee, Dorothy Naves and Jean Blair, Members-at Large; Nora McCarty and Mary Benner, Field Workers.

Our Retreat was planned for September 30 thru October 1, 1978.

REPORT NO. 7

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

We recommend we support \$25.00 per participant in the Youth Competitive Activities with consideration from the body on Music and Arts.

Motion made, seconded and carried.

REPORT NO. 8

#### APPRECIATION COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Appreciation Committee would like to thank the host church and pastor for fine hospitality and kindness to each one.

Also, we appreciate the very fine messages we heard and special music.

Most of all, we appreciate the Lord's presence with us during these meetings.

Ferrell M. Rood, Chairman  
Homer S. Brooks  
Morse Young

#### REPORT NO. 9

#### OBITUARY REPORT

We recommend that this body stand in silent prayer for one minute with the Moderator closing in prayer for the following:

Sister Edith Webb, wife of Deacon Glenn Webb  
Deacon Lester Green from Porter Conference  
Deacon Walter Ishmael from Pine Creek Conference  
Rev. W. E. Curfman  
Rev. Bobby J. Blackburn  
Rev. Danny Baer

#### REPORT NO. 10

#### RESOLUTION COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Resolution Committee recommend that our churches stand opposed to homosexuality in the State of Ohio and not back any legislation in our State for it.

Rev. Clifford Ball  
Rev. Elmer Church  
Brother George Beal

#### REPORT NO. 11

#### BUSINESS COMMITTEE REPORT

We recommend that all conferences schedule their second quarterly meeting so as to report to the State Clerk two weeks before the State Association.

Recommendation was changed to say all letters to be in the hands of the Clerk by June 15.

Rev. Clyde Perry  
Rev. Fred Taylor  
Rev. Roy McVey

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

GENERAL BOARD

Central Ohio  
Franklin  
Cuyahoga-Lorain  
Great Lakes  
Little Miami  
Jackson  
Meigs  
Northeastern  
Northwestern  
Lawrence County  
Pine Creek  
Porter Conference  
South Central  
Trinity  
Waynesburg

Brother Glenn Webb  
Rev. Marvin Booth  
Rev. Fred Dutton  
Rev. Kenneth Frisbee  
Rev. Homer Brooks  
Rev. Allie Skaggs  
Rev. John Jeffrey

Brother Gene Brammer  
Rev. Allen Williams, Jr.  
Rev. William Chadwick  
Rev. Jerry Griffith, Jr.

MISSION BOARD

1984  
1983  
1982  
1981  
1980  
1979  
1978

Paul Collins  
James Blair  
Robert Nelson  
Don Hix  
Jim Cox  
Roger Johnson  
Henry Hawkins

CTS DIRECTOR

Carl Dunn  
Roger Dempsey, Assistant

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

1980  
1979  
1978

Millard Green  
Clyde Perry  
Elmer Sizemore

STATE OF OHIO GENERAL BOARD MEMBER

1978 Floyd Wolfenbarger

MEMBER-AT-LARGE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Allie Skaggs  
Glenn Webb  
Kenneth Frisbee  
Allen Williams, Jr.

MODERATOR

Floyd Wolfenbarger

ASSISTANT MODERATOR

Franklyn Harness

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1984	Hobert Ashby
1983	Paul Thompson
1982	Robert Prichard
1981	William Naves, Jr.
1980	Delmar Sparks
1979	Calvin Evans
1978	Clyde Perry

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.



