

KANSAS-NEBRASKA CONVENTION OF SOUTHERN BAPTISTS CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I - Name

This body shall be known as The Kansas-Nebraska Convention of Southern Baptists.

ARTICLE II —~~Membership~~ Purpose

Section 1: This Convention shall ~~consist of messengers elected~~ furnish a means by which the cooperating ~~congregations in their sovereign capacity can work together in promoting all enterprises which they collectively deem necessary and helpful in carrying out Christ's Great Commission to make disciples of all peoples.~~

Section 2: ~~This Convention shall have no ecclesiastical authority, nor shall it assume to write creeds or exercise control over the cooperating congregations.~~

ARTICLE III – Statement of Faith

~~The Baptist Faith and Message as adopted by the Southern Baptist churches who contribute financially to the work of~~ Convention in 2000 shall be the doctrinal guideline for this Convention.

ARTICLE IV – Membership

Section 1: ~~The Kansas-Nebraska Convention of Southern Baptists (KNCSB) shall be comprised of messengers from congregations that have been granted affiliation with this Convention.~~

(a) ~~A Partner church is an autonomous church or church-type congregation which has requested and been granted such affiliation with this Convention.~~

(b) ~~An Associate church is a church or church-type congregation (e.g., "campus," "church plant," "location," "mission," "multi-site," "satellite," etc.) that does not meet the requirements to be a Partner church but which has requested and been granted affiliation with this Convention. A church or church-type congregation that is a subsidiary of some tier of a Partner church or affiliated Association shall automatically be recognized as an Associate church.~~

Section 2: Each ~~Partner~~ church shall be entitled to ~~three (3) messengers from a resident membership of up to fifty (50), and one (1) messenger for each additional fifty resident members or fraction thereof recorded on the most current Annual Church Profile (ACP). No church shall have more than twelve (12) messengers. The representatives of a mission are included with the resident membership of the sponsoring church.~~

~~In the event a church does not have an ACP on file for at least three (3) years, it~~ Each Associate church shall be entitled to ~~three (3)~~ two (2) messengers.

Section 3: A ~~church~~ congregation asking for affiliation with this Convention shall present ~~evidence to the Credentials Committee no later than August 1 a~~ petitionary letter and evidence of being in harmony with the doctrinal principles ~~generally held by Southern Baptists as printed in any "Baptist Faith and Message" of this Convention.~~

Section 4: Each ~~church~~ congregation shall demonstrate its desire to cooperate with this Convention in spirit and in practice, by supporting financially the program of the Convention.

Section 5: ~~The Convention shall recognize the right of any cooperating church~~ congregation to withdraw from its affiliation with this Convention.

Section 6: This Convention shall retain the right to exercise moral and spiritual persuasion to encourage a ~~church~~ congregation to remain in cooperation with this Convention.

Section 7: ~~This Convention will not affiliate with the National Council of Churches, the World Council of Churches, or any other federating or unionizing body.~~

ARTICLE III – Purpose V - Meetings

Section 1: ~~This Convention shall meet annually and at such time as may be designated by the~~

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Section 2: In case of interruption of the regular meeting of the body or failure through unforeseen events to hold the regular meetings of the Convention at the time and place appointed, the KNCSB Mission Board shall have the authority to determine the time and place of the next Annual meeting or to call a meeting of the Convention at such time and place as it may determine.

~~Section 1: This Convention shall furnish a means by which the cooperating churches in their sovereign capacity can work together in promoting all enterprises which they collectively deem necessary and helpful in carrying out Christ's great commission to make disciples of all peoples.~~

~~Section 2: This Convention shall have no ecclesiastical authority whatever nor shall it assume to write creeds or exercise control over the cooperating churches.~~

Section 3: In case of extreme emergency, the President and the Executive Committee may call a special session of the Convention at the time and place they may designate.

ARTICLE IV-VI - Officers, Trustees, Executive Director-Treasurer

Section 1: The officers of this Convention shall be a President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Assistant Recording Secretary, Historical Secretary, and Parliamentarian.

Section 2: The ~~Parliamentarian~~ Convention officers shall ~~be appointed by~~ hold the ~~newly elected or re-elected President at same positions on both~~ the ~~first (1st) Mission Board and the Executive Committee Meeting subject to the approval of the Board.~~

Section 3: Should the President vacate the office for any reason, the Vice-President shall assume the vacated office. In the event that both President and Vice-President offices are vacated at the same time, the Mission Board shall conduct elections to fill the unexpired terms for both offices. If the Vice-President's office of Parliamentarian is vacated for any reason, the Recording Secretary shall assume the vacated office. If the Recording Secretary's office is vacated for any reason, the Assistant Recording Secretary, the President shall assume that office. bring a nomination to the Executive Committee for approval. All other vacated offices shall be filled by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Mission Board members present and voting at a regular or called meeting as they deem necessary.

Section 4: For the purpose of carrying out the plans of the Convention, the Mission Board shall employ the Executive Director-Treasurer whose duty it shall be to superintend the entire work of the Board in all of its departments and to have general charge of the educational, missionary, and benevolent interests of the Convention in the area which it serves.

Section 5: The President, Recording Secretary, and the Executive Director-Treasurer shall be the Trustees of the Convention. Compensation, if any, for KNCSB Trustees shall be set by the Convention in Annual Meeting.

ARTICLE VII - Executive Committee

Section 1: The Executive Committee shall be a standing committee of the Convention, comprised of the Convention officers, the immediate Past President having served at least one full term, and one member of the Mission Board from each affiliated Association, to be elected by the Convention.

(a) The elected members of the Executive Committee shall serve terms of three (3) years, with one-third of the members being elected annually by the Convention.

(b) Unexpired terms which are vacated or unfilled for any reason may be filled by another individual from the same affiliated association by election by the Mission Board.

(c) Membership on the Executive Committee shall terminate automatically if, for any reason, a member no longer holds a position on the Mission Board.

Section 2: The Executive Committee shall be authorized to transact business for the Convention and its

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Mission Board between regular meetings of the Mission Board and shall perform such other duties as the Convention or its Mission Board may designate.

Section 3: The Executive Committee shall serve as the Convention's committee on personnel, budget, and finance.

(a) The Executive Committee shall work with the Executive Director-Treasurer as a nominating committee for the selection of all paid employees except support staff which shall be employed by the Executive Director-Treasurer. Nominees shall be presented for election by the Mission Board.

(b) The Executive Committee shall work with the Executive Director-Treasurer to prepare a Convention budget proposal for the ensuing year. The proposed budget adopted by the Executive Committee shall be published as a matter of information in Convention publications at least three weeks prior to the Annual Meeting.

(c) The Executive Committee shall review and adopt the annual report from the independent auditors. The report of the independent auditors shall be presented to the Mission Board for their information only.

Section 4: The Executive Committee shall serve as the Convention's committee on resolutions.

Resolutions may be presented to the Convention or its Mission Board for adoption. Resolutions submitted by outside parties must be submitted to the Executive Committee by August 1 in order to be considered by the Executive Committee for action at that year's Annual Meeting.

Section 5: The Executive Committee shall serve as the Convention's search committee when seeking an Executive Director-Treasurer. Their nominee shall be presented for election by the Mission Board at a regular or special meeting of the Mission Board and must receive a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote to be elected.

ARTICLE VIII - Mission Board

Section 1: Mission Board Composition

(a) The Mission Board shall be comprised of the following:

1. All Convention officers.
2. The immediate Past President having served at least one full term.
3. One member from each affiliated association, to be elected by the Convention.
 - i. A second member shall be added when the affiliated association's resident membership reaches 1000.
 - ii. A third member shall be added when the affiliated association's resident membership reaches 3,000.
4. Four additional members-at-large, each of whom is to be representative of an ethnicity, race, or sex which is a minority on the Mission Board; or a sparsely populated geographic area within KNCSB.

(b) At least one-fourth of the total membership of the board shall be men and women other than ministerial staff.

(c) Mission Board members are elected by the Convention to terms of four years.

1. Unexpired terms which are vacated or unfilled for any reason may be filled by another individual from the same affiliated association by election by the Mission Board.
2. No member shall be eligible for re-election for one year after the completion of a term, except one who was elected to fill a vacated or unfilled term and served less than two years of that term.
3. Membership on the Mission Board shall terminate automatically when a member moves from the association from which elected.

(d) Each member of the Mission Board must be an active resident member of a congregation that is affiliated and cooperating with KNCSB.

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ARTICLE VIII - Meetings

~~Section 1: This Convention shall meet annually and at such time as may be designated by the Convention in annual session.~~

~~Section 2: In case of interruption of the regular meeting of the body or failure through unforeseen events to hold the regular meetings of the Convention at the time and place appointed, the KNCSB Mission Board shall have the authority to determine the time and place of the next Annual meeting or to call a meeting of the Convention at such time and place as it may determine.~~

~~Section 3: In case of extreme emergency, the President and the Executive Committee of the Mission Board may call a special session of the Convention at the time and place they may designate.~~

ARTICLE IX - Amendments

~~Section 1: This Constitution may be amended at any regular meeting of the Convention by two-thirds (2/3) majority of the messengers voting provided that notice of such amendment shall have been given in writing and approved by the Executive Committee in its fall meeting. The Amendment, once approved, will shall be published as a matter of information in The Digest preceding Convention publications at least three weeks prior to the Annual Meeting.~~

~~(Due to changes in the Annual Meeting due to Covid 19 changes were presented at the October 2020 Mission Board Meeting and approved.)~~

~~(Constitution changes were presented at the March 2020 Mission Board Meeting. Due to changes in the Annual Meeting due to Covid 19, they were presented at the October 2020 Mission Board Meeting and approved.)~~

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~~ARTICLE I – Constituency – Election~~

~~Section 1: The Kansas Nebraska Convention of Southern Baptists shall be made up of messengers from churches that have been granted affiliation with this Convention. Officers~~

ARTICLE II – Officers

~~Section 1:~~ Section 1: At each Annual Meeting of the KNCSB, nominations shall be received, in order, for the offices of President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Assistant Recording Secretary, and Historical Secretary.

~~(a) These officers of the Convention, except the Parliamentarian, shall be nominated from the floor and elected by ballot, except where there is only one nominee. In such cases, the election may be by acclamation of the body, or the vote of the body may be cast by the Secretary. In such cases, the election may be by acclamation of the body, or the vote of the body may be cast by the Secretary.~~

~~(b) The officers shall be elected by a majority of the votes cast. If no candidate receives a majority of the votes cast, the two receiving the highest number of votes shall be declared the nominees, and a second ballot subsequent ballots shall be taken until a candidate is elected.~~

~~Section 2:~~ Section 2: The Parliamentarian shall be ~~appointed~~nominated by the newly elected or re-elected President at the first (1st) Executive Committee meeting. ~~Meeting~~ subject to ~~the approval by of the Board~~the approval of the Executive Committee.

~~Section 23:~~ The officers of the Convention, except the President, may be eligible to serve indefinitely. The President shall be eligible to serve only two terms in succession.

ARTICLE III - Committees, Boards, and Electees

~~Section 1:~~ The President shall appoint ~~three (3) members to the a Nominating Committee on Committees at the first session consisting of the Convention one person from each Association. This Committee committee shall during the second session of the Convention nominate members to the following committees to report to the be appointed at or before the first regular meeting of the Convention: Mission Board following the annual meeting.~~

~~(a) Three (3) members on Time, Place, and Preacher Committee. They are to serve a three (3) year term with one-third (1/3) of the committee members rotating off each year. This Committee shall recommend the preacher and alternate preacher to give the sermon for the next Annual meeting of the Convention. It shall also recommend the time and place of the Annual meeting three (3) years in advance.~~

~~(b) Three (3) members on Resolutions Committee. They are to serve a three (3) year term with one-third (1/3) of the committee members rotating off each year.~~

~~(a) The Nominating Committee shall bring nominations to the next annual meeting for the following:~~

- ~~1. Members of the Mission Board.~~**
- ~~2. Members of the Executive Committee.~~**

~~Section 2:~~ Section 2: ~~By the final session of the Convention, the Committee on Committees shall appoint members to the following committees. These Committees are to report at the next Annual meeting of the Convention:~~

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the general Convention, such institution must comply with the following requirements:

- (a) Its President or Chief Executive Officer and all of the members of its Board shall be members of Southern Baptist ~~churches cooperating congregations~~ affiliated with the Convention.
- (b) It shall not be conducted for private or corporate gains, but all funds received shall be disbursed at the direction of the Convention.
- (c) If it is an educational institution, all of its teachers shall be members of Southern Baptist ~~churches cooperating congregations~~ affiliated with the Convention.
- (d) If it be a benevolent institution, it shall engage principally in the care of the sick, and/or orphans, and/or the aged, or other needy persons; and it shall do ~~as much significant~~ gratuitous and charity work ~~as possible~~.
- (e) Each and every such institution shall be officially received, or set up, by the ~~Annual Convention in Annual Meeting~~; however, such may be temporarily received by the Mission Board during the interim.

Section 2: The property of each educational and benevolent institution must be safeguarded to the best interests of Baptists in a manner satisfactory to the Convention. ~~Each of these institutions shall submit its books and works to the inspection of the Mission Board or anyone authorized by the Convention whenever requested; and, the. The~~ financial exhibit of each report shall be audited in a manner acceptable to the Convention.

ARTICLE ~~V~~IV – Parliamentary Authority

Section 1: Any question that may arise that is not provided for in the Constitution or ~~By-Laws~~Bylaws shall be decided in accordance with Parliamentary Law by ~~Robert's~~Robert's Rules of Order, Revised.

ARTICLE VI

~~Section 12:~~ The ~~By-Laws~~Bylaws herein adopted shall conform to the Constitution of The Kansas-Nebraska Convention of Southern Baptists which has been adopted; and, in case of conflict between the Constitution and ~~By-Laws~~Bylaws, the provisions of the Constitution shall prevail.

ARTICLE ~~VII~~IV - Amendments

~~Section 1:~~ These ~~By-Laws~~Bylaws may be amended and others adopted at any Annual meeting by a majority vote of the messengers voting provided that no amendment shall be offered or voted on the last day of the session unless such amendment shall have been given in writing and read on a previous day of said Annual ~~meeting~~. ~~Meeting~~.

~~(By-Law changes were presented at the March 2020 Mission Board Meeting. Due to changes in the Annual Meeting due to Covid-19, they were presented at the October 2020 Mission Board Meeting and approved.)~~

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KANSAS-NEBRASKA CONVENTION OF SOUTHERN BAPTISTS MISSION BOARD BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I – Government Instrument

~~Article VI of the Constitution and Article III, Section 4, of the By-Laws of the Kansas-Nebraska Convention of Southern Baptists is hereby made the governing instrument of the Mission Board.~~

ARTICLE II – Meetings

~~Section 1: Unless otherwise ordered, the Mission Board shall have regular meetings on dates selected by the Mission Board.~~

~~Section 2: In case of emergency, special meetings of the Mission Board may be called by the Executive Committee any time and place it may choose to consider a matter beyond the Executive Committee's authority or propriety. A special meeting may also be called by the President and the Executive Director-Treasurer.~~

~~(a) Section 3: A majority of the elected members of the Mission Board being present shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. In the event of a called meeting, two thirds (2/3) of the elected members being present shall constitute a quorum. The Recording Secretary shall keep a record of attendance at all Board meetings. Members who are absent from two (2) meetings without providing an acceptable reason to the~~

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~~Executive Committee through the recording secretary shall be considered to have resigned, and the unexpired term shall be filled upon election by the Mission Board.~~

ARTICLE III – Cooperation

~~Section 1:—Whereas The Kansas-Nebraska Convention of Southern Baptists is cooperating with the Southern Baptist Convention, the program directed by this Mission Board and its employees shall be in accord with the general plan of work as promoted by the agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention unless otherwise ordered by The Kansas-Nebraska Convention of Southern Baptists.~~

~~(a) Section 2:—The Mission Board recognizes the necessity for cooperation with the local Associations of the state, and the Executive Boards of those Associations are the proper mediums through which such cooperation should be carried out.~~

ARTICLE IV – Executive Committee

~~Section 1:—An Executive Committee shall be comprised of nine (9) members in addition to the Convention officers. The elected members shall serve terms of three (3) years with three (3) members being elected annually as provided in Article VI, Section 7, of the Convention Constitution.~~

~~Section 2:—This Committee shall be charged with the business of the Board during the interim of its regular meetings and shall perform such other duties as the Board may designate. The Executive Committee shall also work with the Executive Director-Treasurer as a nominating committee for the selection of all paid employees except support staff which shall be employed by the Executive Director-Treasurer. The Executive Committee may give approval on behalf of this Board in the employment of field missionaries providing approval has previously been received from the church and/or the governing body of the cooperating Association.~~

~~Section 3:—The Executive Committee shall in consultation with the Executive Director-Treasurer prepare a proposed budget for the ensuing year. The total itemized proposed budget shall be published as a matter of information in an official publication at least three weeks prior to the Convention.~~

: Proposed Revision:

~~Section 4:—The Executive Committee will serve the Mission Board as the Search Committee when seeking an Executive Director-Treasurer. Their nominee may be presented at a regular or called Mission Board meeting and must receive a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote in order for the Executive Director-Treasurer to be elected.~~

ARTICLE V – Workers

~~Section 1:—For the purpose of carrying out the plans of the Convention, the Mission Board shall employ the Executive Director-Treasurer whose duty it shall be to superintend the entire work of the Board in all of its departments and to have general charge of the educational, missionary, and benevolent interests of the Convention in the area which it serves.~~

~~Section 2:—This Mission Board shall employ such Convention Personnel, as it deems necessary for the promotion of the work and interests of the Convention. It shall be the duty of these workers to serve under the direction of and in cooperation with the Executive Director-Treasurer and to aid him in keeping the interests and institutions both of the State Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention before the churches and Associations.~~

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ARTICLE VI—Amendments

~~These By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the Mission Board members present and voting. The action of the Mission Board may be taken in any regular meeting provided that such proposed amendment (s) be read to the Mission Board in its preceding meeting and a copy filed with the Recording Secretary. The said amendment (s) shall be printed in an official publication prior to the convening of the Convention.~~

~~(Mission Board By-Law changes were presented and voted on at the March 2020 Mission Board Meeting.)~~

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