

Baptist Convention of Iowa  
CONSTITUTION

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2. Two members shall be chosen from each association.
3. There shall be seven members chosen as at-large members which will properly represent more heavily populated areas of the state.
4. An effort shall be made to ensure balance between pastors and laity, and between male and female; however, the primary consideration for selection of Executive Board members shall be their expertise to serve effectively.
5. When vacancies occur between annual meetings of the convention, these may be filled upon recommendation of the Administrative Committee and a two-thirds vote of the Executive Board present and voting.
6. All members of the Board shall be members in good standing of Baptist churches which cooperate with the Convention in its programs of work and the Cooperative Program.
7. A member shall be elected for a term of three years and may be re-elected for a second three-year term. After a lapse of one year he may serve again if elected.
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9. Members of the Executive Board may be removed in accordance with the Articles of Incorporation, Article IX.

ARTICLE VIII, DUTIES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

1. The Executive Board shall be the executive, administrative, and promotional agency of the Convention and shall act under the instructions of the Convention, acting in its own capacity as a body through its administrative committee.

2. The Executive Board shall recommend to the Convention both a proposed goal or objective for raising funds, and a proposed distribution. The Board shall promote all missionary, educational and benevolent causes of the Convention, and receive and disburse all funds according to the annual budget adopted by the Convention.
3. The Executive Board shall have authority to act, as a body or through its administrative committee, in all matters committed to it by the Convention and in matters which may arise between Convention sessions.
4. With the exception of the state office building, the Executive Board shall have authority to purchase, sell or lease property and to incur indebtedness necessary for the operation of the Convention. The state office building shall not be sold or leased without the approval of the messengers in an annual or called meeting.
5. It shall be the specific duty of each member of the Board to promote the Convention's program in his/her respective area of the state.
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BY-LAWS

Bylaw III - CONVENTION COMMITTEES

1. Nominating Committee:

- a) Purpose: This committee shall serve to nominate members of those committees and Boards specifically related to the Convention. These committees shall include a Credentials Committee, Program Committee, Nominating Committee, Constitution Review Committee, History Committee and other continuing committees created by the Convention.
- b) Functions: Nominations for members on these committees and boards, including a stipulation of which member shall be chair, shall be presented at the last session of the annual meeting of the Convention. After opportunity for nominations from the floor, these committees shall be elected by the Convention and shall serve from the conclusion of that Convention meeting. The primary consideration of this committee shall be that those persons being nominated shall have special abilities or expertise that equips them to serve effectively in the area of their specified committee. An effort shall be made to see there is geographical representation as well as a balance between ministers and lay persons, and between male and female. Such concern for balance; however, shall not override concern for electing persons with skills to serve on the various committees. (Article VII, Executive Board)
- c) Composition and Selection: This committee shall be composed of six (6) members serving on a rotating basis, with two (2) elected annually for three (3) years.

2. Credentials Committee:

- a) Purpose: This committee shall serve as the registration committee for the Convention's annual meeting
- b) Function: As the Convention's registration committee during the annual meeting of the convention, this committee shall organize necessary procedures to effect the orderly certifying and seating of messengers.

All questions of registration of messengers shall be referred to this committee. This committee shall make reports to the Convention as to numbers of messengers and guests registered.

- c) Composition and Selection: There shall be five (5) members of this committee on a rotating basis with members elected annually for three years.

3. Program Committee:

- a) Purpose: This committee shall plan and recommend the program for the annual meeting of the Convention.
- b) Function: This committee shall plan the next annual program sufficiently far in advance that provisional programs can be publicized to the constituency not less than one month before the scheduled meeting of that Convention. This committee shall recommend to the Convention the date and place of meeting for the next two (2) years. Previously published dates and places shall be used except when special reasons for changing are noted and approved by the Convention or the Executive Board.
- c) Composition and Selection: This committee shall be composed of five (5) members elected to serve one (1) year.

4. Baptist Foundation Committee:

- a) Purpose: It shall be the purpose of this committee to serve the Baptist Convention of Iowa by receiving assets to be held and invested for the purpose for which they are received, i.e. scholarships, loan funds, mission funds.
- b) Function: This committee shall receive and invest assets with the Executive Director-Treasurer serving as Chief Executive Officer working with the committee to serve Baptists in Iowa and the causes of Christ.
- c) Composition and Selection: This committee shall be composed of six (6) members serving on a rotating basis with two (2) being elected annually for a three year term. A member shall serve no more than two (2) three year terms until the lapse of at least one year. The members shall be nominated to the Convention by the Executive Board Nominating Committee.

5. Constitution Review Committee:

- a) Purpose: This committee shall review the constitution and by-laws for needed updating and revising, and shall receive referrals from the Convention.
- b) Function: This committee shall review the constitution and by-laws to be certain it is in harmony with the corporation charter and is consistent with all procedures and practices adopted by the Convention. This committee shall review and report to the Executive Board all motions for

revision presented during the annual meeting of the Convention and/or to the Executive Board, with evaluations and recommendations ultimately being made to the Convention. This committee shall assist any messenger in presenting motions for revision to assure he shall be acquainted with proper procedures for amending the constitution and by-laws

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(2) elected annually for three (3) years.

6. History Committee:

- a) Purpose: This committee shall be responsible for accumulating, indexing, and communicating to our constituency information about our history.
- b) Function: This committee shall bring to the attention of the Convention occasions when anniversaries or special events need to be commemorated. It shall print in the annual publication brief, updated digests of the history of the Baptist Convention of Iowa.
- c) Composition and Selection: This committee shall be composed of three (3) members serving on a rotating basis with one (1) elected annually for three (3) years.