

Bylaw Changes

The Leadership Committee moves the following changes be adopted at the October 2022 Annual Meeting:

Article 2.02 Annual Meetings

From: Annual Meetings. The October meeting of the Association shall be deemed the “annual meeting” of the Association and shall be held at a time and place recommended by the Leadership Committee.

To: Annual Meetings. The October meeting of the Association shall be deemed the “annual meeting” of the Association. ~~and shall be held at a time and place recommended by the Leadership Committee.~~ **This meeting, and other meetings, may be held virtually, if approved by the Executive Director and the Leadership Committee, and then the Association is notified not less than two weeks in advance.**

Explanation for change: This provision regarding the role of the Leadership Committee was proposed years ago, when the Leadership Committee assumed the responsibilities of seldom used committees, such as the “Annual Meeting Planning Committee”. However, the MDBA staff has accepted this responsibility and the Leadership Committee has never been involved. Provisions for virtual meetings should be included in our documents and this wording stipulates this possibility.

Article 6.09 Finance Committee

From: The Finance Committee shall be composed of six members who serve rotating three-year terms. The Treasurer is an ex-officio, voting member of the Committee. Meetings shall be held not less than quarterly. The Committee shall select its own chairperson.

To: The Finance Committee shall be composed of **three** members who serve rotating three - year terms. The Treasurer is an ex-officio, voting member of the Committee. **The Committee will meet at least three times per year.** The Committee shall select its own chairperson.

Explanation: For the last few years this Committee has functioned well with three members. In addition to the three members, the Executive Director and the Executive Administrator attend and, sometimes, the Association’s Treasurer. This number of people are very adequate to administer the budget. For many years, the Committee has not met in the last quarter of the year because there was no need.

Article 6.12 The Missions and Ministry Team

From: B. Administer the annual missions offering of the Association.

To: **B. Participate in the development of the annual Local Missions Offering of the Association.**

Explanation: The original wording should have been worded as the proposed change is worded. The team does not “administer” the funds. Rather the team is consulted in the choice of the ministries the offering will support.

Bylaw Changes, cont.

Article 9.01 Policy and Procedure Manual

From: The Middle District Baptist Association Policy and Procedure Manual details the policies and procedures used throughout the Association. It may be amended or changed by the Leadership Committee.

To: The Middle District Baptist Association Policy and Procedure Manual details the policies and procedures used throughout the Association. **In consultation with the Executive Director**, it may be amended or changed by the Leadership Committee.

Explanation:

Every change in the manual has been at the request and initiative of the Executive Director. The purpose of the Article is to ensure that changes proposed by the Executive Director do not go into effect without approval of the Leadership Committee. For this reason, the proposed change explicitly includes the role of the Executive Director, rather than assuming it. Likewise, the wording change ensures that recommended changes that originate from the Leadership Committee, are discussed with the Executive Director before being enacted.

Bylaw, Article 3.01.C Secretary of the Association

From: The Secretary shall keep an accurate record of the proceedings of the Leadership Committee.

To: The Secretary shall keep an accurate record of the proceedings of the Leadership Committee
The official copy of the records, digital and/or printed, shall reside in the Association’s office.

Explanation: All records should be maintained in the Association’s office, not in a personal residence.