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ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Introductory Sermon.
2. Association called to order.
3. Read letters and enroll names of delegates.
4. Call for Petitionary Letters.
5. Election of officers.
6. Invite visiting brethren to seats.
7. Call for correspondents.
8. Appointment of committees.
9. Report of standing and other committees.
10. Election of messengers to S. B. C. and State Convention.
11. Miscellaneous business.
12. Adjourned.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

R. W. Jones	Windsor, Fla.
P. W. Corr	Gainesville, Fla.
G. W. Riles	McMeekin, Fla.
E. A. Holt	Island Grove, Fla.
N. T. King	Hampton, Fla.
Geo. T. Leitner	Hawthorn, Fla.

LICENTIATES.

Robert McClellan	Gainesville, Fla.
T. J. Fowler	Melrose, Fla.
H. T. Murphy	Alachua, Fla.
J. F. Culpeper	Rochelle, Fla.

MINUTES.

MELROSE, FLA., October 30, 1894.

The Santa Fe River Baptist Association met today with the Eliam church at 11 a. m. The Introductory Sermon was preached by Rev. Geo. T. Leitner, from Rev. 1:13. The Association was welcomed by the pastor of the church, Rev. H. M. King. Replied to by Bro. E. A. Holt.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Association called to order by the Moderator at 1:15 p. m. Prayer by Rev. W. N. Chaudoin. Letters of the churches called for and read by Revs. N. A. Bailey and E. W. Coakley, and names of the following Messengers enrolled:

Gainesville—By Letter.
Campville—B. F. Camp, E. E. Stokes, Mrs. B. F. Camp.
Hawthorn—R. B. Weeks, Geo. T. Leitner, W. P. Riles, G. W. Scarbrough, G. W. Riles, Mrs. J. J. Godwin.
Ochwilla—J. C. Barrington and Frank Jerkins.
Eliam—E. B. Perry, T. W. Thompson, T. B. Lovelace,
W. H. Lee, Miss Lizzie McRae, Mrs. LaDora Bates.
Hampton—N. T. King and Frank Hicks.
LaCrosse—C. A. Butler.
Orange Creek—J. I. Ergle, J. E. Cochram, J. Abstein.
Rochelle—A. J. Jones, J. F. Perry.
Waldo—W. O. Dickenson, Mrs. W. O. Dickenson.

Proceeded to the election of officers. Rules waived. Clerk instructed to cast ballot for old officers, which were elected:

R. B. Weeks, Moderator; Geo. T. Leitner, Clerk; E. E. Stokes, Treasurer.

Visitors were invited to seats. Responded to by Revs. N. A. Bailey, Alachua Association; D. B. Farmer, Alachua Association; D. Spencer, St. Johns Association; J. C. Porter, Florida Baptist Witness; W. N. Chaudoin, D.D., Corresponding Secretary State Board of Missions; J. L. Gullabeau, Georgia.

Correspondents—Marion Association, E. W. Coakley, T. J. Porter. St. Johns Association, L. E. Timmons. Beulah Association, B. R. Moseley.

The following committees were appointed by the Moderator:

On Religious Exercises—Pastor and deacon of Eliam church, and B. F. Camp and Frank Jerkins.

On Nominations—W. P. Riles, J. F. Perry, W. H. Lee.

On Publications—E. A. Holt, C. A. Butler, W. O. Dickerson.

On Missions—Geo. T. Leitner, T. W. Thompson, J. C. Barrington.

On Woman's Work—N. A. Bailey, M. E. Weeks, John Perry, Mrs. LaDora Bates, Miss Lizzie McRae.

On Spiritual Condition of the Churches—E. W. Coakley, T. W. Lovelace, E. E. Stokes.

On Education—T. J. Porter, W. H. Lee, G. P. Griffin.

On Deceased Ministers and Deacons—E. B. Perry, J. C. Cochram, G. W. Scarbrough.

On Temperance—D. B. Farmer, M. E. Weeks, J. C. Barrington.

On Sunday Schools—W. H. Lee, B. F. Camp, Frank Hicks.

On Finance—T. W. Thompson, C. A. Butler, T. B. Lovelace.

On Letters and Queries—T. W. Thompson, J. I. Ergle, A. J. Jones.

The Association was addressed by J. C. Porter and W. N. Chaudoin in behalf of the Florida Baptist Witness.

The Committee on Religious Exercises reported Rev. D. B. Farmer to preach to-night at 7 o'clock, and to-morrow at 11 a. m. J. C. Porter.

Association adjourned to meet at 9 a. m. to-morrow. Prayer by Rev. E. W. Coakley.

There was no preaching at the night session on account of the rain.

WEDNESDAY—SECOND DAY.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator at 9 a. m. Prayer by Bro. S. E. Timmons. Reading of the minutes and the same approved. Proceeded to regular order of business.

No committee being ready to report, the Association proceeded to elect delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention, which resulted in the election of Geo. T. Leitner, and R. B. Weeks alternate.

The following delegates were elected to the State Convention:

E. A. Holt, W. H. Lee, R. B. Weeks, T. W. Thompson, G. W. Riles, Geo. T. Leitner, B. W. Smith, H. C. Parker, J. C. Barrington, M. E. Weeks.

Delegates empowered to fill all vacancies.

The following brethren were elected as members of the Executive Committee: R. B. Weeks, J. B. Strickland, T. W. Thompson, E. A. Holt.

Resolved, that any member of this Association be empowered to act as correspondents to sister Associations.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

The Committee on Missions made the following report, which was discussed by G. T. Leitner, W. N. Chaudoin and N. A. Bailey.

God is the author of missions. He saw lost and fallen man and sent His Son into the world to perfect a plan whereby man might be saved, rescued. That Son, whom God loved, called man to His help in proclaiming that wonderful salvation, commissioning them to "go into all the world and teach all nations." Thus Jesus became the great founder of a great truth—missions. "Ask of me

and I will give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost part of the earth for a possession." And yet, there are those who are asking the question, "Can't the heathen be saved without the Gospel?" Mr. Spurgeon aptly replied, "It is not a question of the heathen, but can we be saved if we refuse to send the Gospel to the heathen?" The work is immense, the field the world. The darkness is great. Do we really believe in missions? It is said that the Mormons have one missionary to every seventy members. The Baptists, one to every 12,500. Can we expect a great harvest of spiritual blessings at home when so many seem to refuse to heed the great command, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature." Go, we must, and proclaim the glad tidings of good news to all.

The harvest is great, but the laborers are few. The doors are open, the Macedonian cry is, "Come over and help us," both from the field and the missionaries. Our fathers prayed to God to open the doors of the nations. Those, long locked by superstition, prejudice, governmental pride, avarice and, iniquity, have all been opened, with a single exception, one in Central Asia. Workers are ready. Men and women are waiting, begging to be sent as missionaries. These are among our brightest and best. They cannot be sent for lack of funds. Whose fault is it? Oh! may God help us to hear the words of the Master, "Go forward!"

God is blessing our work very graciously. Many baptisms are reported from different fields, cheering news from all around. Courage, brethren, laborers together with God, the kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdom of our Lord and his Christ. Remember, Christ's method is individual effort, and, while he masses us into churches, it is that we may exhort one another and provoke one another to love and good works. May we all be filled with His Spirit and so accomplish His will.

G. T. LEITNER,
T. W. THOMPSON,
J. C. BARRINGTON,
Committee.

Report adopted.

Preaching at 11 a. m. by Rev. J. C. Porter from John 21:16. After the sermon a collection was taken up amounting to \$17.75.

Committee on Religious Exercises reported Rev. N. A. Bailey to preach to-night at 7 p. m. and Rev. D. Spencer to-morrow at 11 a. m.

Adjourned to 2:30 p. m.

EVENING SESSION.

Association called to order by the Moderator.
Prayer by Rev. D. Spencer.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

The Committee on Nominations reports as follows:

We recommend that Rev. E. A. Holt preach the Introductory Sermon at our next annual meeting in October, 1895, and would also recommend that our next Association meet with the LaCrosse Baptist Church, LaCrosse, Florida.

Respectfully submitted.

W. P. RILES,
W. H. LEE,
J. F. PERRY,
Committee.

Report adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WOMAN'S WORK.

Committee on Woman's Work made the following report, which was discussed by N. A. Bailey.

Paul wrote to one of his co-laborers this instruction: "Help these women." These women were not objects of charity. The help enjoined was not for their support, but in the work they were doing. So we learn that there was a sphere of service for women in the churches at that time. History tells of the noble Christian work of the women in every age of the churches. This work was in strict accord with woman's sphere in life. It is evident

from the Scriptures that this special service of the women was conducted by themselves; so now the female members of our churches can and ought to work together in their own way and by themselves in forwarding the kingdom of Christ in the world. The field is large; the work is great; the time is pressing; the nations are calling for the bread of life. Oh, Christian women, be up and doing. Soon the opportunity for working will be past. Hasten, then. Organize; combine your efforts; despise not the day of small things; talk and sing and pray together over the perishing, and then put your offerings into the Lord's treasury and send it on the wing of your prayers, to bless the nations. Brethren, help the sisters. Encourage them. Arrange for them to have their meetings. Divide your money with them. Don't give it all yourself. Let your wives and daughters have the pleasure and blessing of giving. Let every church have its woman's mission society and let every sister be a member.

Respectfully submitted.

N. A. BAILEY,
M. E. WEEKS,
JOHN PERRY,
MRS. LADORA BATES,
MISS LIZZIE McRAE,
Committee.

Report adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DECEASED MINISTERS AND DEACONS.

The Committee on Deceased Ministers and Deacons report as follows:

Your Committee report that, with profound thankfulness, we find no removal of any of our standard bearers from earth to heaven within the bounds of this Association during the past year, and your Committee suggest

that the body, on the reception of this report, join in prayer of thanksgiving for such special mercies from our Heavenly Father.

Respectfully submitted.

J. E. PERRY,
J. E. COCHRAN,
G. W. SCARBROUGH,
Committee.

Report adopted. Bro. B. R. Moseley led the Association in a special prayer.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

The Committee on Temperance made the following report, which was discussed by D. B. Farmer, B. R. Moseley, D. Spencer, W. N. Chaudoin, Geo. T. Leitner and R. B. Weeks.

It is unnecessary for us to attempt to describe the evil results of intemperance. All true Christians recognize the fact that bar-rooms and dram-drinking demoralize society, destroy moral character and are enemies to the cause of Christ. The habitual use of strong drink hardens the hearts of sinners and, in many cases, renders them almost impervious to the Gospel; and even when they are converted the habit often returns and injures their influence as church members. One of the great hindrances to the progress of christianity is intemperance within the ranks of religious organizations.

Therefore, we recommend the following rules of action: 1. That our pastors not only gather facts with respect to the effects of intemperance on morality and religion, but also acquaint themselves with the effects of alcohol on the bodies of those who drink habitually and in sermons or lectures instruct the people more thoroughly and emphatically than they generally have done in the past. 2. That we reaffirm the position heretofore taken by this Association that the churches should declare their opposition to the iniquitous liquor traffic by withdrawing

fellowship from all members who sign petitions for bar-room license, or in any way sanction and encourage the sale and use of intoxicating beverages, except they repent and promise not to repeat the offense. 3. That Christians should carry their principles into all political work and not support candidates for office who patronize barrooms, or favor the liquor business and will not help in making and executing laws against this terrible curse. We should vote as we believe and pray.

Respectfully submitted.

D. B. FARMER,
M. E. WEEKS,
J. C. BARRINGTON,
Committee.

Report adopted.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

1893.

Oct. 26, Received from Finance Committee.....	\$30 00	
Oct. 26, Paid G. T. Leitner.....		\$15 00
Nov. 16, " for minutes.....		27 50
" 16, Received from R. B. Weeks.....	24 66	

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June 1, Paid W. N. Chaudoin.....		\$12 66
Feb. 4, Received from R. B. Weeks.....	\$ 5 60	
Apr. 29, " " W. B. Adkins.....	44 00	
Sept 29, " " " ".....	37 26	
Oct. 31, " " R. B. Weeks.....	9 30	
" 31, Paid G. T. Leitner.....		1 00
" 31, Balance on hand.....		94 66

Total.....\$150 82 \$150 82

Respectfully submitted.

E. E. STOKES,
Treasurer.

Report adopted.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

To the Santa Fe River Baptist Association:

Your Committee, at a meeting in June, 1894, employed Bro. F. J. Fowler to work as a Sunday School missionary in the Association during his vacation. Bro. Fowler to make his appointments and report the amount of work done, the Association to pay him what they may think the work worth. His work embraced about three months. Your committee recommend that we give him \$85 00. After deducting the expenses of the Association turn over the balance in our treasury to Bro. Chaudoin.

Respectfully submitted.

T. W. THOMPSON,
Secretary.

Report adopted.

Association adjourned to meet at 9 a. m. to-morrow.

Prayer by Rev. N. A. Bailey.

Preaching at night by Rev. N. A. Bailey from I John 3:2-3. Prayer by D. B. Farmer.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Association called to order at 9:45 a. m. Prayer by Rev. G. W. Riles. Minutes read and approved.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATIONS.

The Committee on Publications made the following report, which was discussed by D. B. Farmer and S. E. Timmons.

This is an age of literature and by reading lives are shapened. Especially is this true of the young, and it has been said that character can be determined by the class of literature read. We heartily believe and endorse this statement. In view of this fact we need to see that good, sound literature be placed in the hands of our people, and by our financial help, our advice and our prayers thus help the Lord's cause. To this end, we recommend the Flor-

ida Baptist Witness as taking first place among the many religious papers, the Home Field and Foreign Mission Journal, that we may keep in touch with our missionary work. Also, the publications of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, as also the Sunday School literature of the American Baptist Publication Society for our Sunday Schools.

Respectfully submitted.

E. A. HOLT,
C. A. BUTLER,
Committee.

Report adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LETTERS AND QUERIES.

The Committee on Letters and Queries made the following report:

We find from the different letters that all the churches have pastors, excepting Gainesville and Waldo. We find no letters from Mt. Sinai, Perseverance and Waldo. We are thankful to state that all the churches from which we have letters report flourishing Sunday Schools. We find no Queries from any church.

Respectfully submitted.

T. W. THOMPSON,
J. I. EGGLE,
A. J. JONES,
Committee.

Report adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

Your Committee on Education beg to report as follows:

Education, in the highest sense, embraces christianity. A man is not truly educated who has not been made wise unto salvation. We are glad to know that our people are recognizing more fully than ever before that education, unless permeated by the spirit of Christ, is often hurtful,

and in many instances destructive of religious interest. We believe there is no such thing as secular truth, but that all truth is of God, and we rejoice in the fact that the Baptists have an institution in Florida which teaches that God reveals Himself by His Works as well as by His Word. Stetson University is thoroughly equipped for literary culture, having a curriculum which is unsurpassed by that of any college in the South. It is also specially characterized by its moral influence and religious instruction. Therefore we earnestly recommend that Baptist parents, who are giving their children such advantages, patronize our own institution. We further recommend that our young preachers first attend Stetson University and then, if circumstances permit, take a course in the Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky. In this connection we are glad to report that several of our young men, who have been called to the ministry, have entered the University at DeLand, and we urge that the churches of this Association make special contributions for their benefit. The present times demand an educated ministry, and Baptists should continue to move forward in this great, important work.

Respectfully submitted.

T. J. PORTER,
W. H. LEE,
Committee.

The report was discussed by T. J. Porter, D. B. Farmer, W. N. Chaudoin and Geo. T. Leitner, and adopted.

The hour for preaching having arrived, Rev. D. Spencer preached from Matt. 7:22, 23.

The Association adjourned until 2 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association was promptly called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by D. B. Farmer.

JOHN B. STETSON UNIVERSITY
FLORIDA
ORLAND

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

Your Committee on Finance make the following report :

	Minutes.	Associational Purposes.	
Campville	\$1 75	\$	
Eliam .....	. . . .	3 50	
Hampton .....	. . . .	5 00	
Hawthorn .....	. . . .	4 00	
LaGrosse	2 00	45	
Ochwilla	2 35	. . . .
Rochelle	1 50	. . . .
Orange Creek .....	. . . .	1 50	
Total	\$7 60	\$14 15	— \$21 75
Public collection			17 57
For St. Augustine			54 75
For old ministers			20 35
Total			— \$114 42

Respectfully submitted.

T. W. THOMPSON,
C. A. BUTLER,
T. B. LOVELACE,
Committee.

Report adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your Committee on Sunday Schools beg leave to make the following report :

We realize that the Sunday School and its work should be fostered and encouraged by all Christian people. We believe that combined exertion should be used by Christian people to do more for the Sunday School purpose in the future than they have in the past. We notice, with regret, the small increase, as a whole, from all the churches of the Santa Fe Association. We hope that Christians will be stirred to do more through the coming year. May

all the schools that exist receive help from all whose duty it is to help. May they be furnished with all the good lesson helps that they need. May we remember that we owe this to ourselves, to our children and to our Lord. And remember that if we neglect this opportunity that is passing before us, God will hold us accountable for our stewardship. Let us remember that the children of today will be the men and women of the next period, and they will be the props and pillars of the church and State, or be the crimina's, infidels, an'archists and drunkards of the coming generation. We believe that in the Sunday School is a good place to mould the character of men and women. With these facts in view, let all the churches composing the Santa Fe Association be stirred to a greater sense of their duty, in giving all the existing schools a hearty support, and organize new schools out in the by-ways, and labor to that end that every member of the Santa Fe Association, both male and female, be interested in the Sunday School work.

Respectfully submitted.

W. H. LEE,
B. F. CAMP,
FRANK JERKINS,
Committee.

Discussed by D. B. Farmer, S. E. Timmons and G.W. Riles, and adopted.

Resolved, That the heartfelt thanks of this Association are extended to the pastor and members of Eliam church, and to all other friends who have assisted in entertaining the messengers and visitors, for the kind reception and bountiful hospitality we have enjoyed at their hands. This resolution, offered by D. B. Farmer, was unanimously adopted.

The following resolution was offered by Bro. Riles :

Resolved, That the Clerk have the usual number of minutes printed and that he be allowed \$15 for his services, and draw upon Treasurer for same.

The Committee on Preaching reported D. B. Farmer to preach at 7 o'clock to-night.

On motion, we stand adjourned to meet at LaCrosse, Fla., on Tuesday after the fourth Sunday in October, 1895.

Minutes read and approved. Hymn, "Nearer, my God, to Thee," was sung and parting hand given.

Closing prayer by Rev. W. N. Chaudoin, and the Santa Fe River Association stood adjourned.

G. T. LEITNER,
Clerk.

R. B. WEEKS,
Moderator.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES AND PASTORS.	CLERKS AND POSTOFFICES.	DELEGATES.	Present Membership	
			When Constituted	Last Year
Campville, D B Farmer.....	B F Camp, Campville.....	B F Camp, E E Stokes, Mrs B F Camp.....	1882	49
Eliam, H M King, Gainesville.....	E B Lane, Melrose.....	E B Perry, T W Thompson, J B Lovelace, W M Lee, Miss Lizzie McRae, Mrs L D Bates.....	1859	183
Gainesville.....	Jos E Waugh, Gainesville.....	Letter.....	1870	133
Hawthorn, G T Leitner.....	J J Godwin, Hawthorn.....	R B Weeks, G T Leitner, G W Riles, W P Riles, G W Scarbrough, Mrs J J Godwin.....	1853	196
Hampton, S S Proctor.....	J C Cason, Hampton.....	N T King, Frank Hicks.....	1891	39
LaCrosse, Z A Crumpton.....	T R Parker, LaCrosse.....	C A Butler.....	1885	51
Perseverance, G S Crosby.....	B F Rawles, Alachua.....	Last year's report.....	1886	51
Rochelle, T J Porter.....	A J Jones, Rochelle.....	A J Jones, J F Perry.....	1886	2
Mt. Sinai, A Crosby.....	W M Murphie, Litesville.....	Last year's report.....	1886	1
Ochwilla, B R Moseley.....	Joseph Hammontry, McMeekin.....	C Barrington, Frank Jenkins.....	1873	1
Orange Creek, E A Holt.....	J I Ergle, Lochloosa.....	J I Ergle, J E Cochran, J Abstinence.....	1884	13
Total.....				49
				40
				64
				5
				23
				10
				854

NOTE.—No report from Waldo, Saluda, Windsor and Sharon.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

CHURCHES AND COUNTIES.	PASTORS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES.	Printing Minutes.	Associational Purposes	State Missions...	Total.....	Associational Missions	Home Missions...	Foreign Missions.	Ministerial Education	Total.....	Total Value Church Property	Church Expenses.
Campville, Alachua.....	D B Farmer, Ocala.....	\$ 1 75	\$ 18 60	\$ 3 50	\$ 5 25		\$ 3 24	\$ 3 25	\$ 3 10	\$ 9 60	\$ 1500 00	\$ 100 00
Elam, Putman.....	H M King, Gainesville.....	3 20	18 60		21 80		13 80	115 00	100 00	228 80	1200 00	280 00
Gainesville, Alachua.....	S S Proctor, Lake Butler.....	1 30	2 70	2 78	6 78		22 00	15 00		37 00	4000 00	772 85
Hampton, Bradford.....	Geo T Leitner, Hawthorn..		45 00	37 15	82 15		50 00	2 00		50 00	500 00	45 40
Hawthorn, Alachua.....	Z A Crumpton, Fellowship..	2 75			2 45						2000 00	400 00
LaCrosse, Alachua.....	B K Messely, Fort White..	2 35		2 58	4 38		37 50	54 00	6 00	91 50	1000 00	125 00
Ochwilla, Putman.....	E A Holt, Island Grove.....	1 00		5 08	6 50						350 00	
Orange Creek, Alachua.....	T J Forter, Ocala.....	1 50									800 00	47 00
Rochelle, Alachua.....												
Total.....		14 35		51 31	131 45					424 90	11350 00	4770 20

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT.

CHURCHES.	SUPERINTENDENTS.	POSTOFFICES.	Number of Schools	Officers and Teachers	No. Pupils.....	Total Enrolled....	No. Baptised.....	Volumes in Library	Contributions for Expenses
Campville.....	H A Fisher.....	Campville.....	1	4	39	43			\$ 6 00
LaCrosse.....	H C Parker.....	LaCrosse.....	1	7	53	61			
Elam.....	M E Weeks.....	Melrose.....	2	14	75	89		75	70 00
	Henry Migell.....	Hawthorn.....							
	J Godwin.....	Island Grove.....	3	18	140	158	12		30 00
Hawthorn.....	J A Sanders.....	Hampton.....							
	W Johnson.....	Gainesville.....	1	7	50	57			10 00
Hampton.....	Frank Hicks.....	Rochelle.....	1	10	70	80			38 73
Gainesville.....	W L Seigler.....	McMeekin.....	1	5	35	40			10 00
Rochelle.....	A Jones.....	Lochloosa.....	1	8	25	33			3 60
Ochwilla.....	C Hammontry.....								2 00
Orange Lake.....	J E Cochram.....								
Total.....			12	70	497	564	12	75	170 33

CONSTITUTION.

1. The Association shall be called the Santa Fe River Baptist Association.

2. This Association shall be composed of messengers from Baptist churches, of which they must be members, maintaining the Gospel discipline, and who must present letters from their respective churches certifying to their election as messengers.

3. The object of this Association shall be the reunion of the churches, the promotion of the true Gospel, and the dissemination of Bible truth.

4. This Association shall meet annually, on the first day of which meeting it shall elect, by ballot, a Moderator, a Clerk and a Treasurer.

5. Any Baptist church newly organized may become a member of this Association by a letter petitioning for membership and giving information concerning organization and presbytery and by whom organized. Any church coming from another Association may become a member of this Association by presenting petitionary letter, accompanied by a letter of dismissal from the Association from which it comes.

6. This admits the right of any one of the churches comprising it to withdraw by application for a letter without assigning any reason for so doing. At the same time, this Association claims the right to withdraw from any church which departs from the principles of this compact by becoming heterodox in faith or disorderly in practice.

7. This Association shall be deemed an advisory council and shall treat the churches comprising it as independent bodies in all matters of self-government, and shall at no time interfere with their rights.

8. This Association shall have an Executive Committee of five, of which the Treasurer shall be a member ex-officio. The other four members shall be elected annually by the Association, no two members being from the same church. Three shall constitute a quorum for busi-

ness. The Executive Committee shall elect its own chairman and secretary and shall have power to fill vacancies.

9. The Associational Mission work shall be under the control and supervision of the Executive Committee, and all missionaries shall make quarterly reports to them or whenever called upon to do so.

10. All churches shall be entitled to two messengers for the first fifty members and one additional messenger for each twenty-five members after the first fifty and for the major fraction thereof.

11. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive and disburse all funds of the Association, but only by order of the Association or Executive Committee.

12. This Constitution may be amended at any regular meeting of the Association, by a two-thirds vote of the messengers present.

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