

Constitution and By-Laws

ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHERN BAPTIST CAMPUS MINISTERS

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I, NAME

This organization shall be known as the Association of Southern Baptist Campus Ministers. (Hereafter referred to as the Association.)

ARTICLE II, PURPOSE

1. The Association shall seek to give a sense of identity to Southern Baptist campus ministers who work on campuses throughout the United States and by appointment of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.
2. The Association shall seek to develop and promote collegiality among its membership.
3. The Association shall promote professional competency of its members through the specified programs of the Association.
4. The Association shall serve as a channel for the sharing of resources (personnel and material) and knowledge to enhance the effectiveness of campus ministry.
5. The Association shall serve as a liaison between campus ministers seeking employment (or reassignment) and employers seeking campus ministers.
6. The Association may serve as a liaison between the Association and other national organizations involved in ministries in higher education.
7. The Association shall seek to relate itself in an advisory capacity to National Student Ministries, SBC, National State Student Directors Association, and to Southern Baptist seminaries and to SBC agencies.
8. The constituency of the Association shall be of voluntary members. It shall have no binding authority over its members or over any other organization or agency.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I, MEMBERSHIP

1. Membership in the Association of Southern Baptist Campus Ministers shall be by application and payment of dues.
2. Voting membership in the Association is open to persons who minister fulltime, part-time or volunteer in campus ministry.
3. Non-voting Associate membership is open to those who are involved directly or indirectly in campus ministry.
4. Non-voting student membership will be available to those in graduate professional study in preparation for campus ministry.

5. Membership is based on annual membership dues. The year will be from one annual meeting to the next. The dues shall be determined annually by the Association in session.
6. Membership entitles members to receive regular publications of the Association.
7. Members may have her/his biographical information listed in the office headquarters of the Association.
8. Membership shall entitle members to participate in all regular meetings of the Association.
9. Membership in the Association is terminated when a member does not pay dues within a stated time. Membership may be restored upon proper payment of dues.

ARTICLE II, OFFICERS

1. Officers of the Association shall be a President, Vice-President of Administration, Vice-President of Publications, Vice-President of Programs, and Vice-President of Membership.

ARTICLE III, ELECTIONS

1. All officers of the Association shall be elected at the regular annual meeting of the Association.
2. Officers shall be elected by a simple majority vote of the membership attending the annual meeting of the Association.
3. No more than two (2) nominees for officers of the Association may come from the same state.
4. The Nominating Committee shall be appointed by the President. No more than one-third (1/3) of the Committee shall be from the Executive Committee.
5. The Nominating Committee shall meet and present a slate of officers for the Association at the annual meeting.
6. Any Association member may submit nominations or letters of recommendation for persons for offices for the Association.
7. Voting shall be by secret ballot by members only.

ARTICLE IV, DUTIES OF OFFICERS

A. PRESIDENT

1. Preside at all regular meetings or called meetings of the Association.
2. Responsible for submitting a budget at the annual meeting. The budget shall have the recommendation of the executive officers.
3. Fill all vacancies in elected offices and committees in consultation with and approval of the executive officers.
4. Responsible for publishing and distributing the newsletter of the Association.
5. Charged with the responsibility of initiating and developing dialogue and relationship with appropriate groups (as indicated in the Constitution, Article II, Purpose, No. 9). The president can designate other persons to represent the Association.
6. Serve as an ex-officio member of all committees.

7. Shall serve no more than two (2) consecutive one-year terms. Shall be elected annually at the Association's annual meeting.

B. VICE-PRESIDENT OF ADMINISTRATION:

1. Preside at regular meetings of the Association in the absence of the President.
2. Charged with the responsibility of keeping on file biographical material submitted by members of the Association and the sharing of the biographical information with appropriate employing agencies through procedures prescribed by the Administration Committee.
3. Serve as Chairperson of the Administration Committee.
4. Serves as treasurer of the Association and disperses monies at the direction of the Administration Committee.
5. Shall be bonded for the handling of business of the Association. Bonding fees will be paid for by the Association.
6. Secure an annual examination of the Association expenditures.
7. Make an annual written report to the Association of Association expenditures.
8. Responsible for minutes of the annual meeting of the Association and other Association meetings authorized by the Executive Committee.
9. Shall be elected annually at the Association's annual meeting. For continuity this person shall not be limited to two (2) consecutive one-year terms of office.

C. VICE-PRESIDENT OF PUBLICATIONS:

1. Charged with the responsibility of editing, publishing, and distributing the Journal of the Association, at least annually, to the membership.
2. Serve as Chairperson of the Publications Committee.
3. Charged with the responsibility of editing, publishing, and distributing any other professional material deemed helpful or necessary by the Association.
4. Submit a written report of the Publications Committee at the annual meeting of the Association.
5. Elected annually at the annual meeting of the Association. The term of office shall not be limited to allow for continuity of publications.

D. VICE-PRESIDENT OF PROGRAMS:

1. Charged with the responsibility of planning the programs for the annual meeting of the Association.
2. Serve as Chairperson of the Program Committee.
3. Charged with the responsibility of planning any additional meetings of the Association as deemed necessary by the Executive Committee.
4. Shall make a written report to the annual meeting of the Association.
5. Elected annually at the annual meeting of the Association and shall serve no more than two (2) consecutive one-year terms of office.

6. Shall seek to relate to NSM regarding programming at Ridgecrest and Glorieta and the National Directors' Workshop.

E. VICE-PRESIDENT OF MEMBERSHIP:

1. Charged with the responsibility of enlisting members for the Association.
2. Shall serve as Chairperson of the Membership Committee.
3. Accepts membership applications and dues and forwards all monies to the Vice-President of Administration.
4. Shall make a written report to the annual meeting of the Association.
5. Elected annually at the annual meeting of the Association and shall serve no more than two (2) consecutive one-year terms of office.

ARTICLE V, STANDING COMMITTEES

With the exception of the Executive Committee, each standing committee will be composed of three persons appointed annually by the incoming President in consultation with the incoming Executive Committee. Whenever possible, committee appointments should take into consideration geographical representation in order to secure balanced representation.

A. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

1. Shall consist of elected officers functioning as the budget committee of the Association.
2. Shall be chaired by the President of the Association.
3. Consults with the President to fill vacancies in elected offices or appointed committees.
4. Coordinates committees functions.
5. Charged with long range planning of the Association.
6. Charged with the evaluation of programs, administration of projects, and publications of the Association.

B. ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE:

1. Establish the procedure for collection and distribution of biographical information on the membership.
2. Shall be chaired by the Vice-President of Administration.
3. Shall establish procedures for fiscal policies of the Association. (Some budget shall be provided for paid secretarial help, for Association offices, for travel expenses of officers, and for the annual examination of the financial records.)

C. PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE:

1. Shall be chaired by the Vice-President of Publications.
2. Shall develop standards and directions for the Journal of the Association and assist the Vice-President of Publications as requested.
3. Shall explore the possibility (need) of publishing other professional materials.

D. PROGRAM COMMITTEE:

1. Shall be chaired by the Vice-President of Programs.
2. Shall assist the Vice-President of Programs in planning the annual meeting.
3. Explore the possibilities of other types of continuing education opportunities for the membership.
4. Relate through the President to National Student Ministries, our seminaries, SBC agencies in areas of programming for campus ministers, curriculum development or implementation for prospective campus ministers, and continuing education opportunities for the membership.

E. MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE:

1. Chaired by the Vice-President of Membership.
2. Shall devise and carry out a comprehensive program of membership enlistment.
3. Shall prepare and distribute a membership directory to all members.

ARTICLE VI, MEETINGS

1. A general meeting of the Association of Southern Baptist Campus Ministers shall be held annually.
2. Regional meetings shall be held as needed.
3. Special meetings may be called at the discretion of the President.

ARTICLE VII, AMENDMENTS

The Constitution and By-Laws of the Association may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the members present and voting in any annual meeting, provided written notification shall have been given the membership at least one (1) month previously.

Adopted Monday, June 13, 1977
Kansas City, Missouri
First annual meeting