

**FIRST ARIZONA
DISTRICT ASSOCIATION
of
FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

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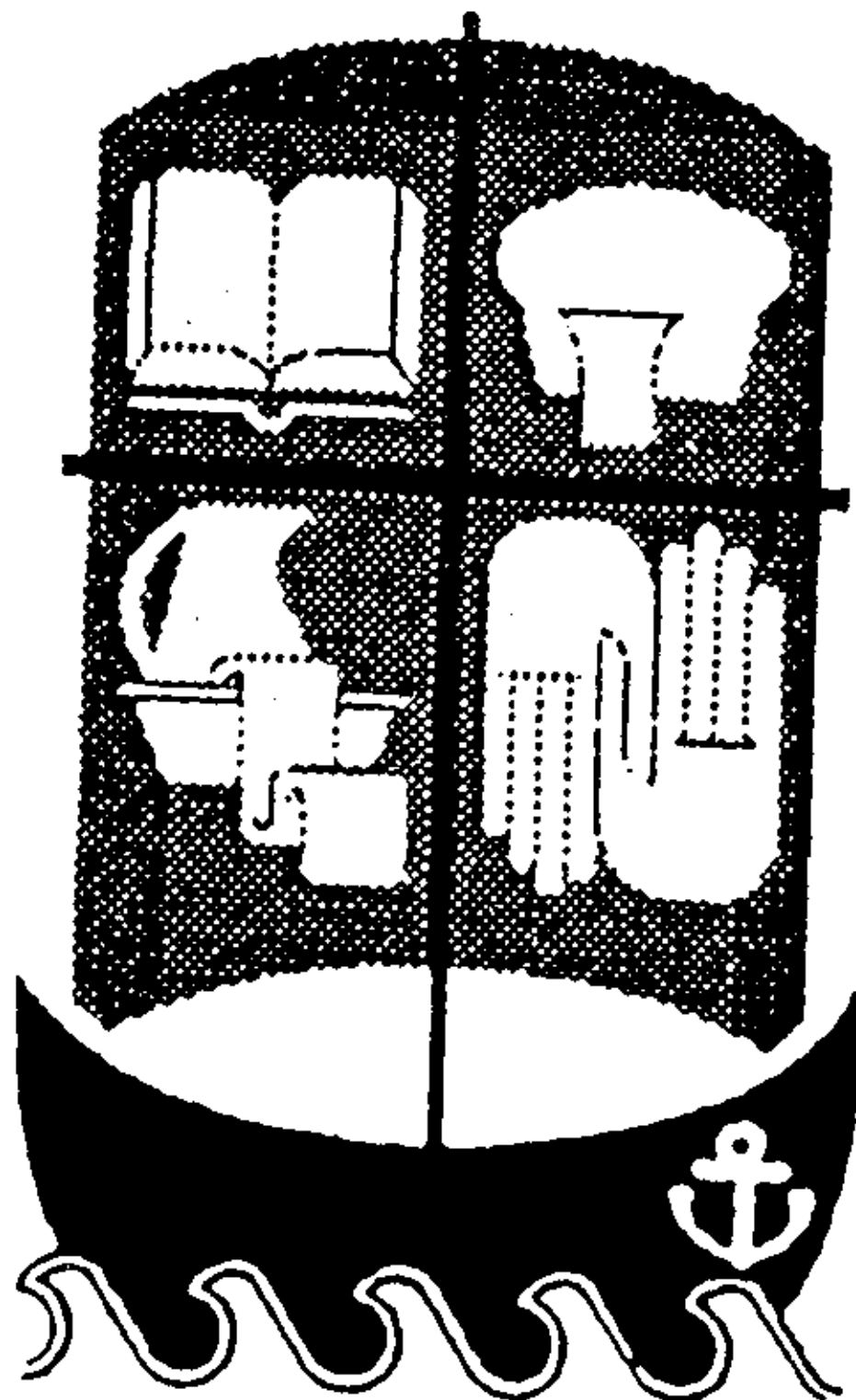


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EXAMINING BOARD

5 yr - C. Walter Spears, Jr.
4 yr - Dr. Charles Marshall, Chairman
3 yr - Rev. Jerry Rayburn
2 yr - Charles W. Spears, Sr.
1 yr - Rev. Harmon Herndon

MISSION BOARD...Temporarily suspended until there is need for this board and willing and able men are available to fill the positions.

CTS BOARD

3 yr - Linda Harvey
2 yr - Mike Larson
2 yr - Joyce Norman
1 yr - Joe Bilbrey, Chairman
1 yr - Don Davis

TRUSTEES

3 yr - Hercel Spears
2 yr - Robert Hood
1 yr - Glenn Guild, Chairman

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call to order by Moderator, or Assistant Moderator, or in their absence, the oldest minister present.
2. The Moderator's remarks.
3. Reading of the church letters.
4. Seating of the delegates.
5. Invite visiting brethren to sit in council.
6. Appointment of committees.
7. Minutes.
8. Treasurer's reports.
9. Morning worship service and sermon.
10. Committee reports.
11. Old business.
12. New business.
13. Adjourn.
14. Lunch.

RULES OF ORDER

1. The Moderator or Assistant Moderator, or in their absence the oldest minister present, shall call the Association into conference.
2. Each session shall be opened and closed with prayer.

3. Five members from two or more churches shall constitute a quorum. A less number may adjourn until such quorum be present.
4. Visiting brethren are invited to sit as advisory members.
5. Those who speak shall rise and address the Moderator. Personal reflection shall be avoided in all debates.
6. If any proposition or motion under debate contains two or more points, it shall be divided at the request of any member and a vote taken.
7. Motions made and lost shall not be recorded.
8. No one shall speak more than twice on the same subject without special leave of the Moderator.
9. The Moderator shall not allow discussion when not carried on in a Christian spirit.
10. The ruling of the Moderator may be overturned by a two-thirds majority membership vote.
11. No question from any church shall come under the consideration of the Association unless it has first been discussed in its own church. Business may be presented to the Association body with the church letter. Business may be

presented at the association meeting if done so in writing, signed, and presented to the Clerk or Business Committee.

12. At each Association arrangements shall be made to insure one or more sermons or the equivalent each day.

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I. Name

This Association shall be called the First Arizona District Association of Free Will Baptists.

ARTICLE II. Purpose

The object and purpose of this organization shall be to unify the work of the various churches composing the First Arizona District Association of Free Will Baptists, and to devise and execute measures for the extension of the Kingdom of God in connection with the various churches in the Association, or that hereafter may be represented therein.

ARTICLE III. Membership

Section 1. The Association shall be composed of such regularly organized and well-disciplined churches conveniently located as may embody themselves under this constitution.

Section 2. The voting members of this Association shall consist of the pastor, who is an ordained minister, and up to three deacons from each church, who have been sanctioned and credentials ratified by this Association, their wives,

church clerks, all officers, and the chairman of each standing board of this Association, and three elected delegates from each of the several churches of which it is composed. Mission churches, upon acceptance, may be represented by delegates as follows: the pastor, his wife, the clerk, the treasurer, and one member at large.

Section 3. Any regular organized Free Will Baptist Church, maintaining Gospel order agreeing with the denomination in Doctrine and Practices, and in favor of the benevolent enterprises as Sunday School, Missions, and Christian Education, may be received into this Association by submitting a petitionary letter to the General Board for processing through the Examining Board, which in turn would make appropriate recommendation to the conference for vote.

Mission churches who have affiliated themselves with this Association, may upon request, following the same channels and guidelines as organized churches, be accepted into this District Association.

Section 4. Any widow, who herself is a member in good standing of a church within our Association, and whose husband was an ordained minister or deacon in good standing with our Association, will remain as a standing delegate for the duration of such abiding circumstances.

Section 5. Delegates from the churches to

this Association will be eighteen (18) years of age and above.

ARTICLE IV. Officers and Boards

Section 1. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, and their Assistants, who shall be chosen at every annual session of the Association.

Section 2. There are four boards of the First Arizona District Association:

A. General Board. This board shall be composed of Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, Chairmen of the Examining, Mission, and CTS Boards, and two (2) members-at-large elected annually.

This board will act as the program committee in advance of each quarterly conference; will be the nominating committee for all offices of the Association; and will make recommendations to the Association in matters of business presented to it.

This board shall have the power to act in behalf of, and for, this Association from one regular session to another. It shall not act contrary to the general policy and intent of this Association as stated in the Constitution and By-laws.

This board shall keep a record of all work done, meetings held, and make full and

complete report to all regular meetings of the Association. No meeting will be called without notifying every board member.

This board shall have the authority to elect such officers as necessary to carry out its functions.

B. Examining Board. This board shall be composed of not less than five (5) ordained men so constituted that a portion of the members shall be elected annually for five years. It shall be the duty of this board to meet with all ministers desiring ordination, licensing, and/or membership into this Association, and deacons desiring ratification of credentials and recognition as standing delegates in this Association (requests having been made by the church of which the candidate is a member).

This board shall examine all candidates by a set of questions approved by the Association, and if the examination proves satisfactory, recommendation(s) will be made to the Association.

This board shall act on all matters of credentials pertaining to individuals or churches as invited by the local church (in writing), and make recommendations to the Association.

This board shall meet with, examine, and make recommendations on all churches requesting membership into the Association.

The procedure followed by this board for

ministerial and deacon candidates, examining churches, minister's yearly reporting, yearly ordination cards, and minister's communication, is outlined in the By-laws, Articles I, II, III, and IV.

This board shall have the authority to elect such officers as necessary to carry out its functions.

C. Mission Board. This board shall be composed of not less than five (5) members and so constituted that a portion of the members shall be elected annually for five years.

This board shall labor to further the Gospel of Jesus Christ unto the uttermost parts of the earth. In accomplishing this, they are to endeavor to establish missions and churches in communities within the bounds of this Association. They shall also promote the missionary endeavor of the National Association of Free Will Baptists.

This board shall have the authority to elect such officers as necessary to carry out its functions.

D. Church Training Service Board. This board shall be composed of not less than three (3) members so constituted that a portion of the members shall be elected annually for three years.

This board shall make recommendations to the Association regarding Youth Camp sites,

activities, and the director, and in general promote Christian education, youth rallies, and youth camps in this Association when called upon.

This board shall have the authority to elect such officers as necessary to carry out its functions.

Section 3. Three (3) Trustees shall be elected and serve for the duration established by this Association.

This board shall consist of three members serving three, two, and one year rotations with the one year man eligible to succeed himself. The Statutory Agent will be elected annually from this board by the body of the First Arizona District Association and shall chair the board.

This board shall be responsible to oversee any legal action involving the First Arizona District Association. This board shall be responsible for the oversight of the physical properties of any mission church or self-supporting church that closes its doors and reverts to the control of the First Arizona District Association Mission Board. They shall oversee, make arrangements for repair and renovation of buildings, furniture and grounds of said properties.

This board shall communicate by whatever means appropriate to the district Mission Board who will communicate with the

district General Board regarding the needs of said properties. The three boards will devise a plan to resolve the problem as to cost, materials, and how the matter is to be accomplished.

The Trustee Board shall not financially incumber the First Arizona District Association without prior approval.

Section 4. Any officer or board member who misses two consecutive quarterly meetings, without being providentially hindered, will be replaced.

ARTICLE V. Authority

This Association shall have the power to discipline the churches of which it is composed and to exclude them for disorderly walk if labor proves unsuccessful, but, in no case to reverse their decisions nor to interfere with any of their internal regulations.

ARTICLE VI. Meetings

Section 1. The Quarterly meetings of this Association will be held in consecutive order by churches and the Annual meeting will rotate between one of the churches in Phoenix and the First Church in Tucson, at which time it shall be the duty of the churches of which this Association is composed to represent themselves by letter and delegates and report their standing

and statistics at which time the Association shall act upon questions and topics as may be referred to by its respective churches and transact such other business not repugnant to this constitution nor the practices of the denomination.

Section 2. This Association shall meet quarterly as follows: the second Saturday of June, September, December, and the Annual Meeting to be held the second Saturday of March each year.

ARTICLE VII. Amendments

This Constitution may be altered or amended by a vote of the Association at any regular conference, notice of such intended alteration having been given in writing and recorded at the last conference.

ADOPTED AS REVISED MARCH 14, 1992

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I. Candidates For License and/or Ordination*

Section 1. First Year License

A. No candidate will be considered for licensing or ordination who, himself and/or his wife, has been divorced and remarried, if the previous spouse(s) is/are living.

B. A person desiring to be licensed shall make his intentions known to the local pastor. The local pastor, in turn, will give to the candidate the Questionnaire prepared by the Examining Board of the First Arizona District Association of Free Will Baptists.

C. The local church will make recommendation to the First Arizona District Association of Free Will Baptists (hereinafter referred to as the District Association) to the effect that subject candidate be examined by the District Association Examining Board, and they in turn to make appropriate recommendation to the body.

D. The candidate will appear before the Examining Board of the District Association with Bible and completed Questionnaire. The Candidate will be questioned about his conversion and call to the ministry and other related matters deemed necessary by the Examining Board.

E. The Examining Board will make appropriate recommendation to the body of the District Association concerning first-year licensing of the candidate.

F. If the Examining Board recommends approval and the body agrees, the candidate will be issued his first-year license duly, signed.

Section 2. Second Year License

A. Each first-year licensee must appear before the Examining Board of the District Association for ratification of his credentials and examination at the completion of one year possession of said credentials. Otherwise, the credentials shall be turned back to the District Association Examining Board. If the credentials are not turned back properly, and if the first-year licensee fails to appear before the Examining Board, his credentials shall automatically be revoked and declared null and void (unless candidate was providentially hindered and notified the Examining Board accordingly).

B. It is incumbent upon the local church to recommend to the District Association that candidates for second-year license be examined by the Examining Board for proper action.

C. The candidate will be questioned by the Examining Board about such things as soul-winning results, individual Bible study, preaching opportunities and results,

and any other matters which may seem pertinent.

D. The Examining Board shall make a list of suggested study books for the candidate. The candidate may obtain this list upon his first-year examination if he so desires, and thus start his preparation early.

E. The Examining Board of the District Association will make appropriate recommendation to the body concerning second-year licensing of subject candidate.

F. If the Examining Board recommends approval, and the body agrees, the candidate will have the second-year validation duly entered on his credentials.

Section 3. Third Year License and/or Ordination

Items A. and B. under Section 2. will be possessor of two-year approved credentials.

B. The candidate will be interviewed by the Examining Board. It shall be ascertained whether the candidate desires third-year license or ordination. (a license may be approved for more than three years at which time the possessor of credentials should seriously reconsider his call to the ministry.) The candidate will be given an oral or written examination with questions drawn from the books previously suggested and the Free Will Baptist Treatise. The candidate may be asked to prepare a sermon outline from a text selected by the

Examining Board.

C: The Examining Board will make appropriate recommendation to the body of the District Association. If the candidate is passed upon for ordination, he may be ordained during the Associational meeting or at his own local church.

D. This By-Law is to be used as a flexible guide and each case considered on its own merit.

ARTICLE II. Out-of-State Licensed and/or Ordained Ministers

Section 1. The local church concerned will see to it that any newly acquired licensed or ordained minister from in or out of the Free Will Baptist denomination appear before the District Association Examining Board for interview and ratification of his credentials. The Examining Board shall obtain a recommendation for the candidate signed by a majority of the Executive Board of the Quarterly Meeting where the candidate was last a member prior to ratification of his credentials.

ARTICLE III. All Ministers

Section 1. Minister's Report Form. All ordained ministers and licensed ministers who have conducted ten or more services, shall submit an Annual Minister's Report (copies of form available from district

clerk) yearly.

Section 2. Minister's Card. All ordained ministers, and approved licensed ministers, will be issued a Minister's Card for the new associational year upon receipt of Annual Minister's Report form.

Section 3. Communication. Any minister, licensed or ordained, who fails to communicate with the District Association for a period of one year shall be contacted, if possible, and asked to return his credentials unless justifiable reasons are given and accepted by the Examining Board.

Section 4. Ministers in good standing. Any minister who absents himself from the meetings of the First Arizona District Association for one year, showing no interest in the association or in its affairs, shall be placed on inactive status, after having been contacted by the District Examining Board concerning his absence. And as an inactive minister shall not be entitled to:

1. Voting privileges in the association meetings.
2. Minister's card of good standing.
3. A letter of good standing, without the letter stating that said minister is inactive because of nonparticipation in the association.

The minister shall be welcomed back to active status after having met with the Examining Board concerning his desire to be active in this association.

ARTICLE IV. Deacons**

Section 1. No candidate will be considered as a standing delegate in this District Association who, himself and/or his wife has been divorced and remarried, if the previous spouse(s) is/are living.

Section 2. Individual churches are to present candidates for ordination and/or those previously ordained to the office of a Deacon, to the District Association Examining Board prior to their being seated as a standing delegate in this Association.

Section 3. All deacons sanctioned and ratified as standing delegates in the District Association, whose names are included on their church's annual letter to the District Association indicating their good standing with the church, and being in good standing with the District Association, will receive a Deacon's Identification Card to be issued annually in conjunction with the Minister's Cards. Subject cards will identify the bearer as an official representative for agencies which will ordinarily permit only pastors to visit and/or counsel; but only in the event the local pastor is not available.

ARTICLE V. District Treasurer

Section 1. The annual treasurer's report will be placed in the printed minutes each year.

Section 2. The allocation of money through the Co-operative plan of support will be recommended to the Annual session of the District Association by the General Board and approved by majority vote of this Association.

Section 3. The offering taken during the morning session of each conference will be divided equally between Home and Foreign Missions, with exceptions allowable at the discretion of the Association.

Section 4. A delegate fee of \$10.00 (ten dollars) per church and representation fees of \$3.00 (three dollars) per member will be paid quarterly. One dollar of each \$3.00 (three dollars) will go to the youth camp fund to help offset the camp expense.

ARTICLE VI. District Clerk

Section 1. The Clerk shall have the minutes of the three quarterly meetings and the annual meeting printed and distribute the minutes. The minutes are to be distributed preferably at the quarterly meeting following the annual meeting.

Section 2. The District Clerk will be paid \$15.00 (fifteen) per quarter for services rendered.

ARTICLE VII. Committees

Section 1. The District General Board will

act as the Program Committee in advance of each meeting of the Association, and as the Nominating Committee for all offices of this Association. This board shall have the power to act in behalf of, and for, this Association from one regular session to another. It shall not act contrary to the general policy and intent of this association as stated in the Constitution and By-Laws.

Section 2. District Mission Board. The District Mission Board shall labor to further the Gospel of Jesus Christ unto the uttermost parts of the earth. In accomplishing this they are to endeavor to establish missions and churches in communities within the bounds of this Association. They shall also promote the missionary endeavor of the National Association of Free Will Baptists.

Section 3. The Auditing Committee will be appointed at the December meeting to audit the Treasurer's books for the annual reports.

Section 4. An Obituary Committee will be appointed at the December meeting. Subject committee shall prepare an appropriate memorial service for the Annual Association meeting.

Section 5. The Church Training Service Board shall make recommendations to the body regarding Youth Camp sites and Director, and in general promote Church Training Service work in the District Association.

**ARTICLE VIII. National Association
Representative**

Section 1. Arizona General Board Member. Every third year beginning 2001, the First Arizona District Association shall recommend a General Board Member to the National Association to represent the District.

A. Tenure. First Arizona District Association's National General Board Member shall serve a maximum of two consecutive terms (6 years), providing there are qualified and willing candidates to serve.

B. Financing. At each annual meeting the District General Board shall present a budget for adoption by the District for the National General Board Member's expenses to the National Association.

Section 2. Three official delegates to the National Association will be elected annually by this body. The elected representatives must meet the qualification of possessing a knowledge of this Association's position and feelings.

ARTICLE IX. Parliamentary Procedure

Section 1. The book, Essentials of Parliamentary Procedure, will be used as the guide in governing parliamentary procedure in our Conferences. Subject book is compatible with Roberts' Rules of Order.

Section 2. This Association shall have

power to adopt any regulations or By-Laws not inconsistent with this Constitution and By-Laws which may be deemed essential to the further regulations of its sessions.

ARTICLE X. Amendments

Section 1. These By-Laws may be altered or amended by a vote of the Association at any regular conference, notice of such intended alteration or amendment having been given in writing and recorded at the last conference.

Section 2. This Constitution and these By-Laws are the official guide for all the work of the First Arizona District Association of Free Will Baptists henceforth properly amended or revised.

ADOPTED AS REVISED MARCH 14, 1992

PERMANENT RESOLUTIONS:

**** March 11, 1972** - The Examining Board voted not to pass on any one for ordination or as a standing delegate who uses tobacco; the Board also recommends that this be printed in the annual minutes. MSC

June 7, 1980 - The General Board recommends mileage be paid as set by I.R.S. for executive board meetings. MSC.

December 8, 1990 - Free Will Baptist Mission Churches lettering into this Association will be allowed to request ministerial licensing and /or ordination for a candidate belonging to that mission; and that his membership in that local mission suffice for his requirement to belong to a local church within the Association. MSC.

June 8, 1991 - We comply with the request of the CTS (camp) Board to pay the Camp Evangelist, from the General Fund, an honorarium of \$300.00 (three hundred dollars) for an out of state speaker, and \$200.00 (two hundred dollars) for a speaker from within the state. MSC.

September 14, 1991 - The Assistant Moderator shall act as Parliamentarian for the First Arizona District Association. MSC.

September 14, 1991 - The Pianist and Song Leader for each District Association meeting are to be provided by the host church, with

help to be provided from sister churches as needed. MSC.

September 12, 1992 - Whereas, the 1992 National Association of Free Will Baptists voted that each district and state association list the names of ministers ordained, deceased, and whose credentials were ratified, revoked, or reinstated, be it permanently resolved that the examining board notify the annual district association meeting of the names of those ministers ordained, those who have died, those who have met the association's requirements for ratification, and those whose credentials have been revoked or reinstated; and that this information be voted upon and included in the minutes and on the district's letter to the state association. MSC.

December 11, 1993 - The Audit Committee will meet with the treasurer, to audit the association accounts, at the annual General Board meeting each February. MSC.

September 9, 2000 - The CTS Board shall make known, to each church in the First Arizona District Association, in writing no later than January 31st, the confirmed camp location, dates, director, total cost for workers, campers and pre-campers, providing registration forms and necessary health forms. MSC. (Revision of permanent resolution dated June 8, 1996.)

**FIRST ARIZONA DISTRICT ASSOCIATION
OF FREE WILL BAPTIST
MISSION BOARD CONSTITUTION**

NAME: **The Free Will Baptist
Mission Board of Arizona**

PURPOSE: **Specifically and Primarily:**

1. To further the cause of Jesus Christ in the State of Arizona by the establishment of missions and church extension labors for the teaching of the Holy Bible.

2. To establish the aforementioned mission and church extension labors in the State of Arizona, and in connection therewith, to make suitable and customary provisions for public worship, and to such end, to purchase, acquire, hold, manage, encumber and convey such real and personal property as purposes may require.

3. To erect buildings and structures for public worship, religious training and education, storage of church properties, housing of church servants, and to do any and all other such things as are necessary and proper for carrying out said purposes in accordance with the Arizona State Laws, and in conformity with the doctrine, discipline, and approved methods of worship and government of the Free Will Baptist in the State of Arizona.

4. With the approval of the District Association, or General Board when the

District is not in session, to borrow money and to give and receive evidences of such transactions, and to enter into, make, perform, and carry out contracts of every kind to accomplish the purpose for which this board was created.

BY-LAWS:

Whereas the need for new mission works in Arizona is evident and much help for the established works will be needed, we, the District Mission Board, recommend the following by-laws to help direct and channel a Biblical course for said board.

1. This Board shall consist of (5) five members, serving from one to five years, with one member going off the Board each year. They will serve at the discretion of the the District Association. A member may succeed himself.

2. This Board shall organize itself with a Chairman, Secretary/Treasurer, and shall meet immediately after the Annual District Meeting for said purpose.

3. This Board shall have the right to examine any new missionary, wishing to work in this District, as to character, qualifications, doctrine, and purpose.

4. If and when a new missionary pastor is appointed to a work, this Board shall establish a contract agreement with an application, stating salary, vacations, revival time, and job description.

5. This Board shall supervise and evaluate any new mission's work on a quarterly basis.

6. In the event a mission work finds itself without a pastor/ worker, This Board will seek to provide suitable workers until such time permanent ones can be secured.

7. That all mission works be in harmony with the District Association and shall give a report of its progress at each quarterly meeting.

8. If a mission church's pastor wishes to become a member of the Association, by joining an existing local church, he and his work, must report by letter, at each Quarterly Meeting.

9. This Mission Board recommends that the National Home Mission Board be encouraged to work with the First Arizona District Mission Board in establishing any new works, or helping existing ones.

10. This Constitution or By-Laws can be amended or changed by a two thirds majority vote of the First Arizona District Association.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. **THE BIBLE.** The scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by the inspiration of God, and are our infallible rule of faith and practice.

2. **GOD.** There is one living and true God, revealed in nature as the Creator, Preserver, and Righteous Governor of the universe; and in the Scriptures as Father, Son and Holy Ghost; yet as one God, infinitely wise and good, whom all intelligent creatures are supremely to love, adore, and obey.

3. **CHRIST.** Christ is God manifest in the flesh; in His divine nature truly God, in His human nature truly man. The mediator between God and man, once crucified, He is now risen and glorified, and is our ever present Savior and Lord.

4. **THE HOLY SPIRIT.** The Scriptures assign to the Holy Spirit all the attributes of God. We believe that the Holy Spirit enters the heart of the believer at the time of conversion, and that speaking in tongues (languages) is neither an evidence of being infilled with the Holy Spirit nor does it bring about sanctification. We teach and preach the fullness of the Holy Spirit and heed scriptural admonition; "Be filled with

the Holy Spirit." We thank God for our great Comforter, Guide and Empower, the Precious Holy Spirit, the third person of the Trinity, (John 3:5-8; Romans 8:9; Ephesians 5:18; I Corinthians 14:22).

5. THE GOVERNMENT OF GOD. God exercises a wise and benevolent providence over all beings and all things by maintaining the constitution and laws of nature. He also performs special acts, not otherwise provided for, as the highest welfare of man requires.

6. THE SINFULNESS OF MAN. Man was created innocent, but by disobedience fell into a state of sin and condemnation. His posterity, therefore, inherit a fallen nature of such tendencies that all who come to the years of accountability sin and become guilty before God.

7. THE WORK OF CHRIST. The Son of God by His incarnation, life, sufferings, death, and resurrection effected for all a redemption from sin that is full and free, and is the ground of salvation by faith.

8. TERMS OF SALVATION.

The conditions of salvation are:

1) Repentance or sincere sorrow for sin and hearty renunciation of it.

2) Faith or unreserved committal of one's self to Christ as Savior and Lord with

purpose to love and obey Him in all things. In exercise of saving faith, the soul is renewed by the Holy Spirit, freed from the dominion of sin, and becomes a child of God.

3) Continuance in faith and obedience unto death.

9. ELECTION. God determines from the beginning to save all who should comply with the conditions of salvation. Hence by faith in Christ, men become His elect.

10. FREEDOM OF THE WILL. The human will is free and self-controlled, having power to yield to the influence of the Truth and the Spirit, or to resist them and perish.

11. SALVATION FREE. God desires the salvation of all, the Gospel invites all, the Holy Spirit strives with all, and whosoever will may come and take of the water of life freely.

12. PERSEVERANCE. All believers in Christ, who through grace persevere in holiness to the end of life, have promise of eternal salvation.

13. GOSPEL ORDINANCES. BAPTISM, or the immersion of believers in water, and the LORD'S SUPPER, are ordinances to be perpetuated under the Gospel. FEET WASHING, an ordinance teaching humility, is of

universal obligation, and is to be ministered to all true believers.

14. TITHING. God commands tithes and offerings in the Old Testament; Jesus Christ endorsed it in the Gospel (Matthew 23:23), and the Apostle Paul said, "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him" (I Corinthians 16:2a).

15. THE CHRISTIAN SABBATH. The divine law requires that one day in seven be set apart from secular employment and amusements, for rest, worship, holy works, and activities, and for personal communion with God.

16. RESURRECTION, JUDGMENT, AND FINAL RETRIBUTION.

The scriptures teach the resurrection of all men at the last day. They that have done good will come forth to the resurrection of life, and they that have done evil unto the resurrection of damnation: then the wicked will "go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

MINUTES

FIRST ARIZONA DISTRICT ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

June 10, 2000 - March 10, 2001

FIRST QUARTERLY CONFERENCE - June 10, 2000

Convening at First FWB Church, Tucson, Az.

MORNING SESSION

Congregational Singing

Prayer and Praise reports given.

Prayer: Pastor Billy Baker, Trinity church

Welcome by host pastor, Dr. Bob White.

Moderator, Rev. George Harvey, Jr. gave Call to Order dismissing the reading of the Rules Of Order printed on the back of the program.

Letters from churches were read:

First FWB Church, Phoenix

Trinity FWB Church, Phoenix

Desert Springs FWB Church*, Sierra Vista

West Valley FWB Church*, Buckeye

North Valley FWB Church*, Phoenix

First FWB Church, Tucson

Moderator, recognized standing delegates.
MSC to accept letters and seat delegates.

Printed copies of the minutes of March 11,
2000 distributed to all adults. MSC to
accept as printed.

Treasurer's Reports given MSC to accept.

Accepted as information were the General
Board report and the CTS Reports.

Tanya Trottier of North Valley FWB Church*
shared her contribution for competition at
the National Association.

Prayer: Rev. Jerry Rayburn

AFTERNOON SESSION

Congregational Singing

Prayer: Joe Bilbrey

Devotion: Glenn Guild

Christina and Breanna Diehl shared their
musical entry for the National Association.
Examining Board Report: Accepted Information

Jessica Powell (N.V. FWBC) demonstrated her
sword drill skills for competition at the
National Association.

OLD BUSINESS

The Treasurer reports that he has been unable to locate an auditor whose fee we can afford and has been advised that an alternate, called "A review" would serve the same purpose for a more economical fee.

MSC that we persue the alternate and if we are unable to locate an economical professional for a review; we should have the Audit Committee of March 2000 meet with Walt Spears and review all records, checks and statements.

NEW BUSINESS

1. MSC that Moderator appoint delegates to the National as they arrive.
2. MSC that today's offering of \$71.31 be given to Desert Springs FWB Church*.
3. MSC to vacate the position appointed to Rev. Stephen Robinson on the CTS Board due to his move back to Oklahoma.

MSC to Adjourn

Closing prayer: Chuck Cushman

SECOND QUARTERLY CONFERENCE-September 9, 2000

Convening at Trinity FWB Church, Phoenix

MORNING SESSION

Welcome and Opening Prayer:

Host pastor, Bro. Billy Wayne Baker

Congregational Singing

Prayer by Moderator, Rev. George Harvey, Jr.,
before calling the meeting to order and
dismissing the reading of the rules of order.

Letters were read:

North Valley FWB Church*, Phoenix
First FWB Church, Tucson
West Valley FWB Church*, Buckeye
First FWB Church, Phoenix
Trinity FWB Church, Phoenix
Desert Springs FWB Church*, Sierra Vista
East Valley FWB Church, Mesa (First
Quarter has not been received)
Church Alive FWB*, Chandler (1st & 2nd)

MSC to accept letters and seat delegates.

Printed minutes of June 10, 2000 were
distributed and accepted.

Reading of correspondence from:

1. The National declining our wish to
host The National in 2010 due to
inability to acquire the facility
under the same condition as before.
2. A letter of thanks from Bro. Mel
Strahl.

Treasurers Report given and accepted.

General Board Report read. MS to receive
report and table the recommendation to
change By-Law, Article VIII, Section 1. to
comply with the National change of three (3)
year terms for State General Board Members.

Carried.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Congregational Song

Prayer: Rev. Jerry Rayburn

Examining Board Report:

Recommends the ratification of the credentials of Bro. Billy Wayne Baker upon the receipt of his letter in good standing from his previous association.

CTS Board Report:

Acceptance of resignation of Bro. Chuck Cushman announced.

Camp 2000 statistics given.

Whereas it is often difficult to negotiate with camps for camp times and locations until after the first of the year:

Be it permanently resolved that:

The CTS Board make known to the First Arizona District Association, in writing, no later than January 31, the confirmed camp location, dates, director, total cost for workers, campers, and pre-campers, providing registration forms and necessary health forms.

MSC to adjourn

Closing prayer Walt Spears

THIRD QUARTERLY CONFERENCE-December 9, 2000

Convening at Desert Springs FWB Church*
Sierra Vista, Arizona

MORNING SESSION

Congregational Singing

Prayer: Dr. Bob White

Welcome: host pastor, Rev. Jerry Rayburn

Moderator, Rev. George Harvey, Jr. called
the association to order dismissing reading
the rules of order.

Church Letters were read from:

Desert Springs FWB Church*, Sierra Vista

First FWB Church, Phoenix

North Valley FWB Church, Phoenix

First FWB Church, Tucson

Trinity FWB Church, Phoenix

MSC to accept letters and seat delegates.

September 9, 2000 printed minutes approved
as distributed

Treasurers Reports given. MSC to accept

Committees Appointed:

Audit: Roger Marshall, Greg Harvey and
Nolen Atchley, Chairman.

Obituary: Marlene Sherman, Ellen Marshall
and Linda Harvey, Chairman.

CTS Board Report given by Linda Harvey.

General Board Report:

We Recommend that; Beginning with the First Quarterly Meeting of 2001, to expedite 10:00 AM, endeavoring to complete all business and worship by noon; dismissing for lunch provided by the host church, allowing a relaxed time for food and fellowship. MSC to accept recommendation.

MSC to remove tabled item regarding ARTICLE VIII, Section 1. and sub note A. of the By-Laws to be in agreement with The National Associations' change. MSC

It will read as follows:
ARTICLE VIII.

National Association Representative
Section 1. Arizona General Board Member.
Every third year beginning 2001, the First Arizona District Association shall recommend a General Board Member to the National Association to represent the District.

A. Tenure.

First Arizona District Association's National General Board Member shall serve a maximum of two consecutive terms (6 years), providing there are qualified and willing candidates to serve.

Prayer: Rev. George Harvey, Jr.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Congregational Song

Prayer: Rev. Jerry Rayburn

Devotion Bro. Mike Romano.

Recommendation that today's offering be given to the Host Church. MSC

Praise God that He has now made North Valley FWB Church "Self Supporting".

MSC to adjourn.

Closing prayer by Walt Spears.

(Letters from Church Alive*, Chandler; and East Valley FWB Church, Mesa, received by mail before annual meeting.)

ANNUAL CONFERENCE - March 10, 2001

First FWB Church - Tucson, Arizona

MORNING SESSION

Congregational Singing

Rev. Bill Evans led in prayer

The call to order was given by moderator, Rev. George Harvey, Jr., dismissing the reading the Rules Of Order.

Welcome: Host pastor Dr. Bob White

Church letters read from:

FWB Church Alive*, Chandler

East Valley FWB Church, Mesa
Trinity FWB Church, Phoenix
North Valley FWB Church, Phoenix
First FWB Church, Tucson
First FWB Church, Phoenix
West Valley FWB Church*, Buckeye
Desert Springs FWB Church*, Sierra Vista;
MSC to accept the letters and seat delegates

Visitors welcomed

Printed Minutes of December 9, 2000 accepted

Treasurers reports given and accepted

Sharing reports and needs were:

Rev. Mark Shores, missionary appointee to
Albuquerque, New Mexico.

From the National Offices:

Dr. Melvin Worthington,
Executive Secretary

Richard Atwood, Home Missions
From FWB Colleges:

Roy Harris and Tom Malone,
Nashville, Tennessee.

Rev. Carl Chessser, Moore, Oklahoma

WORSHIP SERVICE

Congregational Singing

Message: Rev. Carl Chessser
text Matthew 28:19-20
Fields White Unto Harvest"

AFTERNOON SESSION

Congregational Singing

Prayer, Rev. George Harvey, Jr.

Devotional: "Let God Arise", text Psalm 68,
Rev. Bill Evans

National Board of Retirement representative
Rev. Bill Evans shared information.

Rev. Rob Conley: Foreign Missions shared the
video "Embracing The Vision".

The Audit Committee Report given, commending
Treasurer, Walt Spears for the outstanding
job.

Committee Members: Greg Harvey
Roger Marshall
Nolen Atchley

Obituary Committee report of members passing:
East Valley, Mesa...Jeri Robinson
First Church, Tucson...Mildred English

Committee Members: Ellen Marshall
Marlene Sherman
Linda Harvey

Dr. Melvin Worthington: prayer

General Board report read and received. MSC
to accept acting on each item individually.

1. We Recommend that our Co-Op giving
remain 10% of undesignated collected dues
and fees for the year 2001 - 2002. MSC

2. Recommend as our representative to

the National General Board for a three year term (2002 thru 2004), Dr. Charles Marshall

3. Recommend that financial assistance for our representative to the National General Board be \$600.00 this year.

Examining Board Report

1. The following minister's cards to be issued:

Ordained:

Howard Gwartney, East Valley FWB Church
Joseph (Joey) Bilbrey, III
George Harvey, Jr., North Valley FWB Church
Harmon Herndon,
Jim B. Taylor, West Valley FWB Church*
Charles Marshall, First FWB Church (Phoenix)
Rick Morris, Church Alive FWB Church*
Bob White, First FWB Church (Tucson)
Billy W. Baker, Trinity FWB Church
Jerry Rayburn, Desert Springs FWB Church*
Walt Spears, Credentials Committee Clerk

Deacons' cards being issued are:

Kenneth Boner, Charles W. Spears, Sr. and
C. Walter Spears, Jr. (First FWB, Tucson)
Paul Norman (Trinity FWB, Phoenix)

CTS Board Report: Information received

New Business

1. MSC that we authorize Moderator, Rev. George Harvey, Jr. to appoint three delegates for the National Association for our district.

2. MSC that we give today's offering of

\$86.69 to the Mark Shores account.

Nominating Report read
MSC to elect by acclimation as nominated

Elected for:
Statutory Agent - Glenn Guild
Members - at - Large
Bob White
and Nolen Atchley

MSC to Adjourn.

Closing Prayer by Rev. George Harvey, Jr.

Respectfully,
Pat Atchley, Clerk

FIRST ARIZONA DISTRICT ASSOCIATION
OF
FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Treasury Report
February 24, 2000 through February 10, 2001

ANNUAL

Beginning Balance	\$ 23,929.78
Receipts Received	19,042.04
Expenditures	<u>(18,202.22)</u>
Ending Balance	\$ 4,769.60

Receipts

District Dues and	
Conference Offerings	\$ 2,729.77
Youth Camp (Deposits and Receipts)	12,267.00
National Dues	350.00
Coop, Missions,	
Hillsdale,	
Rest of the Family	<u>3,695.27</u>
Total Receipts	\$ 19,042.04

Expenditures

Board Meeting	
(Board Meeting Meals)	\$ 224.00
Travel Expenses	
(Board Meetings, etc.)	475.23
Office Supplies	
(Postage, Printing, etc.)	376.41
Youth Camp (Insurance, supplies,	
speaker, camp fees, etc.)	11,460.74
Clerical Honorarium	60.00

Designated Conference Offerings and Coop Giving (See Qtrly Reports for details)	500.57
Arizona Corporation Commission (Filing Fees)	10.00
Leadership Conference and National Association Travel Assistance	1,000.00
National Association (National Dlegate fees)	400.00
National Association (Home & Foreign Missions, Hillsdale, Rest of the Family)	<u>3,695.27</u>
Total Expenditures	\$ 18,202.22

FREE WILL BAPTIST
DISTRICT MISSIONS MONEY MARKET ACCOUNT
Treasury Report
February 24, 2000 through February 6, 2001

ANNUAL

Beginning Balance	\$ 11,731.37
Receipts Received:	
Interest	237.69
Designated	331.95
Expenditures	<u>.00</u>
Ending Balance	\$ 12,301.01

FIRST ARIZONA DISTRICT ASSOCIATION
OF
FREE WILL BAPTIST

Annual Minister's Report

Date _____ Period of Report _____

Name _____

Address _____

Ordained _____ Licensed _____

Churches Pastored:

1. _____

2. _____

Sermons preached _____

Revivals conducted _____

Conversions witnessed _____

Funerals preached _____

Number baptized _____

Weddings conducted _____

Members received _____

Assoc. mtgs. attended _____

Additions (district, state, national positions; conferences attended;
special services, etc.):

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

Comments or remarks:

Signed _____

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