

2016

Digest of Reports  
and  
Church Directory



Indian River District  
Association  
of  
Free Will Baptists

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# Church Directory

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## **Rev. Yoan Chirino**

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**Rev. Jim Christian**

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**Smyrna FWB Church**

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New Smyrna Beach, FL 32168  
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**Rev. James DeVore**

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***Clerk Martha Lavendar***

1125 Overlook Terrace, Titusville, FL 32780  
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**West Palm Beach FWB Church**

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West Palm Beach, FL 33415  
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***Clerk Mary Pinkerman***

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## Other Ordained Ministers

### **Steve Faison**

6950 30th Sq, Apt 201, Vero Beach, FL 32966 772-532-4192

### **William Bronson**

736 16th Street NE, Winter Haven, FL 33881 863-291-6109

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Melbourne

Bill Swartz, Dewey North

Mike Taggart, Chris Donovan

Okeechobee

Samuel Lewis, Bryan Moore

Auburndale

James Hutto

Ryanwood Fellowship

Sam Lucky

## Officers of the Association

Moderator

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# Boards and Committees

## Nominating Committee

Jim Christian  
**Cecil Hutchinson**  
Keith Farquarhson

## Christian Education Board

Sam Lucky (2018)  
Steven West (2019)  
**Dave Buck (2020)**

## DYC Director

Lisa Mooney

## Mission Board

Cecil Hutchinson (2018)  
Mike Taggart (2019)  
Lonnie Buser (2020)  
**Steve Faison (2021)**

## Ordination Board

**Sam Lucky (2017)**  
Yoan Chirino (2018)  
Jim Christian (2019)  
John Johnson (2020)  
Mike Taggart (2021)

## Camp Board

Mike Taggart (2018)  
Jean Adelmeyer (2019)

# Indian River District Association of Free Will Baptists

meeting at Calvary FWB Fellowship, Hollywood  
April 23, 2016

The meeting opened with the congregation singing *Heaven Came Down and Glory Filled My Soul* with Steve Faison leading the congregation.

The morning scripture was read by Calvin Butler from I Samuel Chapter 2. Jim Christian led in prayer, and host pastor John Gilliland welcomed the body.

Standing delegates were asked to stand, followed by delegates sent from the local churches. There was a **MSC** to seat this group as the voting delegation for the day.

There was a **MSC** to accept the minutes as printed. In the absence of Clerk Diana Bryant, the financial report was presented by Assistant Clerk Betsy Lucky and there was a **MSC** to accept it as printed.

The CE Board report was given by chairman Dave Buck along with it's treasurer's report by Sam Lucky. There was a **MSC** to accept both reports.

The Mission Board report was given by chairman Steve Faison along with it's treasurer's report by Mike Taggart. There was a **MSC** to accept both reports.

The Ordaining Board report was given by chairman Sam Lucky. There was a **MSC** to accept it.

Randy Bryant gave a report as the State Executive Director mentioning the recent State Meeting, the upcoming Mission Shares Golf Tournament, the Co-Op Budget, Mission Shares, and a video

"thank you" from the Japanese missionaries for our recent Project Encouragement Japan results.

The Executive Committee recommended that the morning offering go to International Missions World Missions Offering. The morning offering was received totaling \$243.00.

Delegates were appointed to represent Indian River at the State Meeting: Diana Bryant, Becky Christian, Debbie Taggart, Cecil Hutchinson, and Melissa Christian.

There was a **MSC** to dismiss the business session.

D. Miller presented a seminar on leading the lost to Christ.

A 15 minute break was taken.

The morning worship service opened with Steve Faison leading the congregation in *He Touched Me*, and Steve sang a special *That's Why I Love Him So*.

Josue Suarez, missionary pastor at the Hispanic church in West Palm Beach gave his personal testimony and shared about his work in West Palm. He shared from II Timothy 3:10-17 on confidence in the scriptures.

### **Statistical Report**

For the meeting held on April 30, 2016, there were 9 ministers, 2 deacons, 2 church clerks, 1 visitor, and 17 local church delegates.

### **Christian Education Board Report**

For the upcoming State Youth Competition, we have 14 entries from the Indian River Association, and 66 total entries for the state overall. We will have information concerning a fund-raiser for the scholarship fund soon.

The CE Board will be in charge of the program at our next meeting in July in Okeechobee.

*Dave Buck, Chairman*

### **Mission Board Report**

The Mission Board of the Indian River Association of Florida Free Will Baptists exists to help educate and encourage our people in the area of evangelization, both locally and globally. To that end, we contribute financially to our own missionary to Melbourne, Yoan Chirino, as well as contribute \$900 annually to our Florida Mission Shares program of support. Additionally, we reach out to support the youth of our Association by giving \$150 quarterly to Camp Sunshine.

Over the coming months, your Mission Board will be diligently seeking ways to continue meeting our purpose and looking for opportunities to give to worthy mission causes. If we can be of assistance to you and/or your church, please feel free to call on us.

*Steve Faison, Chairman*

### **Ordaining Board Report**

The Ordaining Board received a letter from Smryna FWB Church on February 4, 2016 requesting Dr. James DeVor be accepted in the Indian River Association. He has been the interim pastor there since April 2015. We have sent the required questionnaire for him to fill out and return to the board, which he has received. We are awaiting his response.

*Sam Lucky, Chairman*

# Indian River District Association of Free Will Baptists

meeting at Trinity Free Will Baptist Church, Okeechobee, FL  
July 30, 2016

The meeting opened with the congregation singing *Bring Them In* with Steve Faison leading the congregation and Diana Bryant at the piano. Moderator Randy Bryant welcomed the body and introduced host pastor, Thomas Dees who gave directions for the church. Yoan Chirino read the morning scripture from Philippians 4:13.

Standing delegates (ministers and deacons) were asked to stand, followed by delegates elected by their local churches. There was a **MSC** to seat these as the voting body for the day.

There was a **MSC** to approve the printed minutes, and Treasurer Diana Bryant presented the Treasurer's Report. There was a **MSC** to accept that report.

The Christian Education Board report was presented by Dave Buck, and there was a **MSC** to accept the report with its financial report. A short video was presented from Junior Camp.

The Mission Board Report was presented by Chairman Steve Faison, there was a **MSC** to accept that report with its financial report. Yoan Chirino gave a short report with a video highlighting the work in Melbourne.

Randy gave a report as the State Executive Director.

Randy also gave the Executive Board report, noting that the morning offering would go to the Scholarship Fund, that our next meeting would be a Picnic on October 29, and asked everyone to think about the possibility of a different rotation for our meeting

places since we have churches from so far north and south at this time.

Sam Lucky gave the Ordaining Board Report, and there was a **MSC** to accept that.

The morning offering of \$221 was received with Diana Bryant at the piano playing *Just A Closer Walk With Thee*. There was a **MSC** to dismiss from the business meeting.

Randy moderated a discussion on church outreach, with "outreach" being defined as demonstrating the love of Christ by addressing needs, preparing hearts to hear the gospel. Several pastors shared things their churches have been doing.

The morning worship service opened with the congregation singing *Rescue the Perishing and Send the Light*. Steve Faison sang *I'll Tell the World*. Dave Buck reported on the CTS competition winners, and introduced Keith Farquarson who brought the morning message from Matthew 28:18-20. We were encouraged to teach, baptize, and make disciples, with the promise that God will be with us.

### **Statistical Report**

There were 7 ministers, 3 deacons, 2 church clerks, 12 local church delegates, and 18 visitors for a total of 42 present.

### **Christian Education Board Report**

The CE Board would like to encourage churches to give as much as possible to co-op, the more you give the less we have to fundraise to continue to have the funds for the scholarships for the students going to Bible College now and in the future.

We're going to try something a little different rather than all of us trying to gather in one place, a long ways for some of us, we

thought it would be easier for each church to do their own individual fundraiser, and then just forward the funds to the CE Board. Sometime between now and November would be great. I will send an email to all the churches with the details and some ideas for fundraisers. Depending on the outcome of these fundraisers we may or may not need to have an association wide fundraiser sometime in the new year to build up the scholarship fund for the students who will be returning to college.

At Junior camp this year in June we had 40 campers of which 3 were born again, and 1 rededicated their life to Christ.

*Chairman, Dave Buck*

### **Ordaining Board Report**

We received a letter from Smyrna FWB Church on February 4, 2016, requesting ratification of Bro. James DeVor's credentials. He has received the questionnaire and we have talked with the clerk of the church. We are waiting for a response.

We also received a letter from Scottsmoor FWB Church on July 7, 2016, requesting ratification of Bro. Bob Sova's credentials. He was voted in as their pastor on May 22, 2016. We are waiting for a response after sending him a questionnaire.

On June 23, 2016, we received a letter from Graceway FWB Church requesting we ratify the credentials of Bro. John Johnson, their new pastor. Having met with Bro. John on July 12, 2016, we recommend his credentials be ratified and he be given the right hand of fellowship.

*Chairman, Sam Lucky*

### **Mission Board Report**

The Mission Board sent \$200 to Sam McVay and Mark McPeak who will be going with a team to Cuba to conduct a camp on apologetics for young people. With all of the new western

influence flooding Cuba, this camp is to help young people be able to defend and understand the basis of their faith.

*Steve Faison, Chairman*

## **Indian River District Association of Free Will Baptists**

meeting at First FWB Church in Auburndale

January 28, 2017

The meeting opened with the congregation singing *Revive Us Again* with Steve Faison leading and Diana Bryant at the piano. Sam Lucky opened the meeting in prayer.

Moderator Randy Bryant introduced Calvin Butler, host pastor, who welcomed the body.

Randy asked all delegates who were elected by their churches to stand, followed by all standing delegates. There was a **MSC** to seat these as the voting body for the day. An Obituary Committee was selected consisting of Dale Smith, Dennis Haley, and James Hutto.

Treasurer Diana Bryant presented the quarterly financial report and there was a **MSC** to accept the report. The annual financial report was presented, and there was a **MSC** to accept that report also.

The Christian Education Board report was given by Chairman Dave Buck, with it's financial reports (quarterly and annual) given by their treasurer Sam Lucky. There was a **MSC** to accept both reports.

The Mission Board report was given by Chairman Steve Faison along with their financial reports, both quarterly and annual. There was a **MSC** to accept their reports.

The Ordaining Board report was given by Chairman Sam Lucky. He announced meeting with the New Smyrna pastor, examining him, and recommended that his credentials be ratified by the Indian River Association and that we welcome him into the association. There was a **MSC** to accept the report. Bro. Devore was not able to be in attendance due to an accident from which he was recovering.

Randy gave his report as the state's executive director. He mentioned the dates set for state events throughout the year, the upcoming State Meeting, and the change in format for the Coordinator. He thanked the Indian River District for their support to the cooperative program, and noted that Mission Shares support was at about 62% of the budget. He shared the good news that all missionary accounts had been brought out of deficit status at the end of 2016 due to the World Mission Offering, and thanked the churches for all they do in this area.

Randy presented a recommendation from the Executive Committee of the Indian River Association to change the meeting rotation for quarterly meetings to alternating from north to south. A sample schedule was presented for the rotation of meetings alternating meetings from the north to the south with each meeting. There was a **MSC** to accept this recommendation.

It was announced that today's offering would go to the Hope Project.

The Nominating Committee report was given by Jim Christian. There was a **MSC** to accept the report as presented, electing the slate as a whole. Keith Farquarhson was nominated to fill the vacant spot on the Nominating Committee. There was a **MSC** to accept that nomination.

The morning offering was received with Diana Bryant at the piano playing *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*. The offering was \$164.00.

Dave Trogden, retired Army chaplain, was introduced for the morning's seminar on how the local church can help returning veterans. He gave his testimony and shared practical tips for helping veterans.

A 10 minute break was taken before the worship service.

The Obituary Committee report was given by Dale Smith. The names were read and a moment of silence was observed followed by prayer.

There was a **MSC** to dismiss the business meeting.

The congregation sang *To God Be the Glory* and *Blessed Assurance*, followed by special music from Lou Lewis, *It is Well With My Soul*.

The morning message was brought by Dave Trogden from Lamentations 3. We were reminded of the hope we have in Christ. Randy gave time for any to come to the altar and pray if needed.

Time was given for any announcements from our churches, and we were dismissed.

### **Statistical Report**

The following were present: 6 ministers, 2 deacons, 2 church clerks, 5 visitors, and 16 local church delegates for a total of 31 present.

### **Mission Board Report**

The Indian River Association mission Board met Thursday night, January 5 in Vero Beach to discuss plans for a Missions Rally we are sponsoring February 17-18, 2017. Plans are to meet with the Hispanic work in Melbourne on Friday, February 17 at 6:30 pm and at our mission work in West Palm Beach on Saturday afternoon, February 18 at 1:30. Both of these dates will include a Meet and Greet during the first half hour, with a worship service to follow at 7:00 pm and 2:00 pm respectively. Sam McVay and

Lazaro Reisgo will be at both services with Lazaro preaching at each. The purpose of the Rally is two-fold:

1. To encourage our missionaries and their churches, and
2. To raise awareness and rekindle our hearts and minds to giving to the Florida Mission Shares plan of support.

We are also inviting the Hispanic Association to participate with us, particularly as it relates to the southern churches in our Association.

*Respectfully submitted, Steve Faison, Chairman*

### **Christian Education Board Report**

Winterblast, a weekend camp retreat for the Teens (6th - 12th graders) is scheduled for February 3-5th. There is still space if any teens are interested in going.

District competition needs to be in March, pastors please let Lisa Mooney know how many youth you have competing. The State Meeting will be held May 3-6 in Jacksonville. Junior camp will be June 12-16, Teen camp will be July 30-August 4.

At this time the CE Board has 4 scholarships that are in the process of being distributed. The CE Board had asked each church if they possibly could do a fundraiser singularly and send the funds to the CE Board for the scholarship fund, one has done so.

*Respectfully submitted, Dave Buck, Chairman*

### **Nominating Committee Report**

Officers for the 2019 term: Moderator:Randy Bryant, Vice Moderator: Jim Christian, Clerk/Treasurer: Diana Bryant, Asst. Clerk/Treasurer: Betsy Lucky

CE Board 2020 term: Dave Buck

Mission Board 2022 term: Calvin Butler

Ordination Board 2022 term: Sam Lucky, 2020 term: John Johnson

Camp Sonshine Board 2019 term: Jean Adelmeyer

Nominating Committee 2018 terms: Jim Christian, Cecil

Hutchinson, Keith Farquarhson

# Indian River Association of Free Will Baptists Annual Treasurer's Report January 1 - December 31, 2016

**Beginning Balance January 1, 2016** **\$ 4565.57**

**Receipts**

Dues	4700.00
Offering	1288.36

**Together Way Plan**

Auburndale	6558.19
Calvary	850.01
Graceway	5674.00
Iglesia Camino de Gracia	1785.00
New Hope Fellowship	4515.83
New Smyrna	325.00
Okeechobee	1374.00
Palm Bay	-----
Ryanwood Fellowship	5067.81
Titusville	1200.00
First, Scottsmoor	368.10
West Palm Beach	284.03

**Total Receipts** **\$33,990.33**

**TOTAL TO BE ACCOUNTED FOR** **\$38,555.90**

**Disbursements**

Florida State Association Co-Op	\$ 16,741.15
Indian River Mission Board	6090.23
I.R.Christian Education Board	3045.11
Board of Retirement	208.79
Shares	720.00
Honorariums	1000.00
Executive Committee Expense	247.27
Dues to State Association	3600.00
General Board Member Expense	200.00
Printing Annual Minutes	73.12
Project Encouragement Japan	1000.00
Supplies/Postage	152.75
Benevolent	500.00
Scholarship Fund	221.00

**Total Disbursements** **\$33,799.42**

**Ending Balance December 31, 2016** **\$ 4756.48**

**Fund Balances**

General Fund	3901.17
Benevolent Fund	<u>855.31</u>
	4756.48

# Christian Education Board Annual Treasurer's Report January 1 - December 31, 2016

<b>Beginning Balance</b>		5296.81
Deposits:	Co-op	3694.84
	IR Association	<u>221.00</u>
	Subtotal	9212.65
Disbursements:		<u>3695.70</u>
<b>Balance on Hand</b>		<b>5516.95</b>

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<b>General Fund</b>		4951.32
Deposits:	Co-op	<u>2771.13</u>
	Subtotal	7722.45
Disbursements:	Scholarships	2500.00
	Youth Competition (CMB)	<u>500.00</u>
<b>Balance on Hand</b>		<b>4722.45</b>

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<b>Scholarship Fund</b>		-0-
Deposits:	IR Association	<u>221.00</u>
<b>Balance on Hand</b>		<b>221.00</b>

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<b>Camp Fund</b>		345.49
Deposits:	Co-op	<u>923.71</u>
	Subtotal	1269.20
Disbursements:	Camp Sonshine	<u>695.70</u>
<b>Balance on Hand</b>		<b>573.50</b>

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<b>All Funds</b>		<b>5516.95</b>
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<b>FWB Foundation (Scholarship Fund)</b>		4997.53
Earning Jan-June 2016		68.63
<b>Balance on hand</b>		<b>5066.16</b>

**Indian River Mission Board  
Annual Treasurer's Report  
January 1 - December 31, 2016**

Beginning Balance \$1,601.38

**DEPOSITS**

Indian River Association \$6,184.03

**TOTAL TO BE ACCOUNTED FOR \$7,785.41**

**DISBURSEMENTS**

YOAN CHIRINO \$1,200.00

FLORIDA MISSION SHARES \$3,600.00

CAMP SONSHINE \$600.00

Missionary Travel \$200.00

**TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS \$5,600.00**

**ENDING BALANCE \$2,185.41**

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

MICHAEL TAGGART

# *In Memory*

**From Graceway in Melbourne:**  
Ellen Bingham, Don Legg, Lyn Rinehart,  
Callie Conley, Sally Lowery

**From Calvary in Hollywood:**  
Diane Harbeck

**From First Church in Auburndale:**  
Albert Robertson



# INDIAN RIVER ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

## Preamble

We, the Indian River Association of Original Free Will Baptists of the state of Florida, do ordain this constitution for the purposes of advancing, promoting, and increasing all phases of the causes of Christ.

## Constitution

### ARTICLE ONE: NAME

This organization shall be known as the Indian River Association of Original Free Will Baptists of the State of Florida.

### ARTICLE TWO: MEMBERSHIP

This association shall be composed of such Free Will Baptist Churches as shall adopt this compact and agree to this constitution. One may obtain associate membership by statement of Christian faith.

### ARTICLE THREE: DELEGATION

#### **Section 1**

The standing delegation of this association shall consist of all ordained ministers, ordained deacons, association clerks, and church clerks of this association in good standing with this association.

#### **Section 2**

Voting privileges shall be extended to all standing delegates and to those duly elected or appointed delegates representing the churches of this association in good standing with this association. A church is considered in good standing when it abides by the Treatise of Faith and Practice of the National Association of Free Will Baptists and when it follows the reporting and dues requirements of the Indian River Association of Free Will Baptists.

#### **Section 3**

Each church shall be entitled to two (2) delegates plus one (1) delegate for each twenty-five (25) members (or fraction thereof), not to exceed a total of six elected or appointed delegates.

### ARTICLE FOUR: OFFICERS AND BOARDS

#### **Section 1**

The general officers of this association shall be moderator, the assistant moderator, the clerk-treasurer, and the assistant clerk-treasurer. These officers shall be elected on odd years for the term of two years.

## **Section 2**

There shall be a General Board, composed of the officers of the association and the chairmen of the various boards, which shall serve as the association out of session.

## **Section 3**

The standing Boards of this Association shall be the Mission Board, the Ordaining Board, and the Christian Education Board.

## **Section 4**

Each of these standing boards shall after the annual association meeting, elect a chairman. The responsibilities of the chairman are to oversee their respective boards' operation and to attend all General Board Meetings personally or by proxy of another board member. Failure to attend or be represented at two consecutive General Board Meetings shall constitute reason for dismissal from the General Board.

## **ARTICLE FIVE: MEETINGS**

The meetings of this association shall be on the last Saturday of January, April, July, and October.

## **ARTICLE SIX: AMENDMENTS**

This constitution may be amended or altered at any regular session of the association by a two-thirds majority vote of the delegates present, providing the proposed amendment of alteration is presented in writing during one session, placed on the table and voted upon in the next session.

# **BY-LAWS**

## **ARTICLE ONE: MEMBERSHIP**

### **Section 1**

All churches affiliated directly with this association shall be required to adopt the Treatise of the Faith and Practice of the Original Free Will Baptists as adopted by the National Association of Original Free Will Baptists. Application for membership must contain a statement to this effect.

### **Section 2**

Churches desiring to affiliate themselves with this body must make application by letter and representation to this association.

### **Section 3**

Any Christian or church desiring to affiliate themselves with this body as an associate member may do so by signing a statement of Christian faith and by paying annual dues designated by the association. Associate members DO NOT have voting privileges.

## **ARTICLE TWO: FINANCE**

### **Section 1**

The manner of financial support for this association shall be by dues of each member church according to the amount designated by the association. These dues shall be retained in the General Fund for the administration of the association.

## **Section 2**

The Mission Board and Christian Education board shall be financed by retaining a percentage (to be designated by the association) of the Cooperative Plan before sending it to the State Treasurer. The percentage that is retained in the Association and its disbursement will be recommended by the Executive Committee at each annual meeting. A two-thirds majority of the association will rule.

## **Section 3**

It will be the responsibility of the Mission Board and the Christian Education Board to disburse the funds and present a written report at each Association Meeting.

## **Section 4**

The books of the clerk-treasurer and each board shall be audited each year by the Executive Board at the planning meeting before the Annual meeting of the association.

## **Section 5**

All elected boards, officers & committees will be reimbursed at the current IRS rate for mileage and actual expenses for lodging and meals if required when traveling on business.

# **ARTICLE THREE: FUNCTION OF THE OFFICERS**

## **Section 1**

The duties of the moderator shall be to preside at all the meetings of the association. He shall be empowered with the authority to appoint any committees not otherwise provided for in the constitution. The Moderator shall serve as ex-officio member of all boards and committees.

## **Section 2**

The duties of the vice-moderator shall be to preside at the request of or in the absence of the moderator and assist him in such ways as are necessary and advisable.

## **Section 3**

The duties of the clerk-treasurer shall be to keep accurate minutes of the association's meetings, to compile the minutes and reports of the boards and auxiliaries and to prepare and publish them. It shall be their further duty to take care of necessary correspondence. The clerk-treasurer shall receive all associational monies and disburse them as directed by the association.

## **Section 4**

The duties of the assistant clerk-treasurer shall be to function at the request of or in the absence of the clerk-treasurer and to assist in any way necessary.

# **ARTICLE FOUR: FUNCTION OF THE BOARDS**

## **Section 1**

The Mission Board shall be composed of five (5) members whose terms of office shall be five (5) years and whose terms shall be staggered so that only one member

shall be replaced each year. The Board shall be composed of two (2) ministers, two (2) deacons and one (1) layman.

**The function of this Board shall be:**

- a. To supervise any and all missions' programs of this association and to coordinate their efforts with our state and national agencies.
- b. To be vested with the power of trusteeship; to hold and convey titles of any property coming under the jurisdiction of the Missions Board through this association or as dealing with any or all property requiring trustees of the Indian River Association.
- c. To formulate and promote a live missionary program by the aiding of weak churches, the establishment of new churches and by an earnest effort to keep a spirit of revival present in the association.

It shall not be the function of this board to hold joint ownership of any church or church properties.

**Section 2**

The Ordaining Board shall be composed of three (3) ministers and two (2) deacons who are recognized in good standing by the Indian River Association. Board members shall be elected to staggering terms of five (5) years with one member being replaced or re-elected each year.

**The functions of this board shall be:**

- a. To examine all applicants for ordination and all previously ordained ministers and deacons seeking to be recognized in good standing with this association.
- b. To ordain or assist in the ordination of deacons and ministers when requested to do so by the church of the candidate.
- c. To consider the following in carrying out the duties of the office:
  - (1) That all ministers and deacons desiring to be recognized in good standing by this association shall be recommended from the church of which they are members.
  - (2) That all examinees shall be called upon to present their credentials for examination and answer satisfactorily such questions as may be asked of them.
  - (3) That all applications must be made prior to the association meeting to the chairman of the Ordaining Board.
  - (4) That a person presented for ordination to the ministry, or to be recognized as a minister in good standing, must be pastoring; be in a state of retirement

due to age or health; be engaged full-time in the art of Christian work; or have justifiable cause preventing his pastoring.

- (5) That ministers desiring to be ordained must have been licensed for a period of one year and have pastored for at least six months prior to ordination.
- (6) The licensed minister must come before his local church after one (1) year for re-licensing or ordination.
- (7) For a person to be presented for ordination as a deacon or recognition of ordination as a deacon, he must have served one year. If he has served as a deacon in this association previously and still holds his credentials, this period of service would be waived. If he is coming from another association, it would be waived provided he actively holds valid credentials from a Free Will Baptist Church or Association.
- (8) That all ordination services be conducted at the time and place recommended by the candidate's church.
- (9) That a licensed minister who turns in his license to the Ordaining Board must go through all required processes previously needed for licensing.
- (10) That all applicants for ordination abstain from the use of tobacco in any form.

### **Section 3**

The Christian Education Board shall be composed of three members whose terms of office shall be three (3) years and whose terms shall be staggered so that only one member shall be replaced or re-elected each year. The board shall also consist of the two (2) trustees of the Camp Sonshine Board, representing and elected by this association, and whose terms shall run concurrent with the Camp Sonshine Board. The District Youth Competition (DYC) Director shall be an ex-officio member of this board.

The District Youth Competition (DYC) Director shall be elected annually by the Association at its July meeting.

Functions of this board shall be:

- a. To act as trustees and to hold title to any properties deeded to this association for the purpose of camping.
- b. To be responsible for all monies received for or related to the camping program of this association.
- c. To support and promote the education of our youth and Christian leaders.

d. To be responsible for coordinating all youth competition programs of this association.

## **ARTICLE FIVE: COMMITTEES**

### **Section 1**

The nominating committee shall be composed of three (3) members to be elected at the annual session and who shall serve for a period of one (1) year.

### **Section 3**

All committees not provided for by either the constitution or its by-laws may be appointed by the moderator as deemed necessary.

## **ARTICLE SIX: REPORTING**

### **Section 1**

Each church is requested to mail its report to the clerk fifteen (15) days prior to the association session.

### **Section 2**

Each Woman's Auxiliary of the association shall give a report at the sessions.

### **Section 3**

The District Woman's Auxiliary shall give a report at the annual meeting.

## **ARTICLE SEVEN: MISCELLANEOUS**

### **Section 1**

Each minister and deacon who is recognized in good standing by the Indian River Association shall be expected to attend or report to all association meetings unless providentially hindered.

### **Section 2**

The name, date of birth, age, and church affiliation of any member overtaken by death each year shall be included in that year's minutes and such information shall be given to the clerk-treasurer by the clerks of the churches.

### **Section 3**

At the death of a minister, a page in the following year's minutes (draped in black as a memorial to the deceased) shall provide all pertinent information concerning him and his ministry.

### **Section 4**

The constitution and by-laws, with any amendments and alterations, shall be printed in the annual minutes each year.

**Section 5**

Robert's Rules of Order shall be parliamentary guide for all meetings of the association or its auxiliaries, boards or committees.

**Section 6**

A Quorum shall consist of a majority of any board or committee.

**Section 7**

In the event that one of the member churches of the Indian River Association of Original Free Will Baptists affiliated with the Florida State Association of Free Will Baptists dismisses its pastor or has its pastor resign, the Association requests the church to notify our Executive Committee of such action. The Executive Committee agrees to meet with the church's leadership in order to determine to what extent, if any, the local church would like the Executive Committee involved in their search and/or selection process.

**ARTICLE EIGHT: AMENDMENTS**

The by-laws may be amended or altered at any regular session of the association by a two-thirds majority vote of the proper voting representation present, providing that the proposed amendment or alteration is presented in writing during one session, placed upon the table and voted upon in the next session.

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