

2018

Digest of Reports
and
Church Directory



Indian River District
Association
of
Free Will Baptists

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Church Directory

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Ryanwood Fellowship

Mike Taggart, Doug Luby

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Boards and Committees

Nominating Committee

Jim Christian
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Keith Farquarhson

Christian Education Board

Dwight Smith (2020)
Sam Lucky (2021)
Steven West (2022)
DYC Director

Mission Board

Lonnie Buser (2020)
John Johnson (2021)
Calvin Butler (2022)
Cecil Hutchinson (2023)
Mike Taggart (2024)

Ordaining Board

John Johnson (2020)
Mike Taggart (2021)
Sam Lucky (2022)
Jim Scaggs (2023)
Jim Christian (2024)

Camp Board

Jean Adelmeyer (2019)
Barry Long (2020)

Indian River District Association Meeting
April 28, 2018
meeting at First Free Will Baptist Church, West Palm Beach, FL

The meeting began with the congregation singing *Blessed Assurance* with Ron Traver leading and Jeannie Buser at the piano. Henry Beard read the morning's scripture from Psalm 146. Host pastor Lonnie Buser welcomed the congregation to West Palm Beach and gave directions and instructions for the morning's meeting.

Moderator Randy Bryant called the meeting to order. He called for those delegates elected by the churches to stand. Then the standing delegates, the ministers and deacons, were asked the stand. There was a MSC for those to compose the voting delegation. There was a MSC to accept the minutes as printed. Diana Bryant presented the Treasurer's Report for the January - February - March quarter, there was a MSC to accept it as printed.

Dwight Smith gave the CE Board report, Sam Lucky gave the treasurer's report for the board, and there was a MSC to receive both reports.

Lonnie Buser gave the Mission Board report. Mike Taggart presented the treasurer's report for the board. There was a MSC to receive both reports.

Randy Bryant gave a report as the State Executive Director. He talked about the upcoming state meeting, the Shares golf tournament (noting the date change to June this year), the National Association, the Christian Worker's Conferences, and the Senior Summit. He also mentioned this Sunday's World Missions Offering.

There was a MSC to approve the following delegates to the state meeting::
Debbie Taggart, Diana Bryant, Melissa Christian, Cecil Hutchinson,
Gloria Hutchinson

The morning offering was received with Jeannie Buser at the piano playing *How Great Thou Art*. The offering amount was 314.00 and would be given to the World Missions Offering. There were 45 in attendance at the meeting.

Church histories were presented by Parkway in Sebring, First in Palm Bay, and First in West Palm Beach. Randy gave thanks for the thankful workers in all of our churches. There was a MSC to close the business session. A short break was taken before the morning worship session.

The worship session opened with the congregation singing *I'd Rather Have Jesus and He Whispers Sweet Peace to Me* with Lonnie Buser leading and Jeannie Buser at the piano. John Johnson led in prayer.

Randy introduced our two missionary pastors Ariel Gonzalez, pastor at Camino de Gracia in Melbourne, and Jose Sanchez from West Palm Beach who spoke to us and gave their personal testimonies. After they spoke, Jim Christian, mission board chairman, shared about the work of the Indian River mission board and encouraged everyone to pray for property for the West Palm mission.

We were dismissed in prayer by Keith Farquarhson.

CE Board Report

A meeting was called to order by Chairman Dwight Smith on 4/7/18 at 5:04 pm with Dwight Smith, Sam Lucky, and Steven West present. Steven West opened in prayer.

The last report was given by Dave Buck at the October meeting. We discussed that we had no CTS competitors and the need to encourage kids to be a part by way of a IRA Youth Rally held at Graceway Church which was done a few months ago.

Sam Lucky read the treasurer's report with over \$7000 in our general fund. Sam gave the board a brief run down of the purpose of the IRA Christian Education Board. Steven West emailed Debbie Taggart to inquire about her interest in becoming the new IRA CTS Director. Steven was elected secretary of this board to keep minutes of each meeting. The CE Board voted to give \$1200 to the Graceway Teem Summer Mission Trip to Provo, Utah taking place May 20-June 5. Dwight Smith will be reaching out to each IRA Pastor for the purpose of offering our financial assistance of church leaders who are currently pursuing any Christian education via college courses.

Dwight Smith closed the meeting with prayer at 5:37 pm
Respectfully submitted, Dwight Smith

Mission Board Report

We, the Mission Board, met March 12, 2018, and welcomed our newest member, Rev. John Johnson, Pastor of Graceway FWB Church in Melbourne, FL

Rev. Lonnie Buser, Pastor of West Palm Beach FWB Church in West Palm Beach, was elected to serve as Chairman of the Mission Board.

It was suggested that we extend an invitation to the two ministers pastoring the Spanish Mission Churches to attend our next Association Meeting on April 28 at the West Palm Beach FWB Church and that they share their testimonies with us. They are Rev. Ariel Gonzalez, Melbourne, and Jose Sanchez, West Palm Beach. The Mission Board agreed with the suggestion and Rev. Randy Bryant volunteered to contact both ministers. They both graciously accepted.

We also agreed to give financial support to the young people from Graceway FWB Church for the Mission Trip to Utah this summer of 2018.

We encourage all the delegates at this meeting to go back to their churches and make it a priority request to pray that God would supply a property for our Spanish Mission Church in West Palm Beach, FL.

Respectfully submitted, Lonnie Buser

Indian River Association of Free Will Baptists Saturday, July 28, 2018 meeting at New Hope Fellowship

The meeting opened with Jimmy Christian welcoming the congregation and leading them in singing *I Feel Like Traveling On*. Host Pastor Jim Christian asked Cecil Hutchinson to lead in prayer and gave direction and instruction regarding the church facilities. Moderator Randy Bryant welcomed the body. Randy read Psalm 100.

Elected delegates from our churches were asked to stand, followed by the standing delegates. There was a MSC from a standing delegate to seat this

body as the voting body for the day. The minutes, which had been emailed earlier in the month, received a **MSC** to be accepted as printed. The treasurer's report was given by Diana Bryant, and there was a **MSC** to receive it as printed.

Dwight Smith gave the Christian Education Board report. They are still looking for a **DYC** Director. He read a Thank You note from Lisa Bromley (Rejoice Ministry Team member) for the donation for her Welch college tuition. The treasurer's report was given by Sam Lucky. Steven West gave a report on Junior Camp. There was a **MSC** to accept both reports.

The Mission Board report was given by Lonnie Buser. He gave a report on our two mission works here in Florida. The treasurer's report was given by Mike Taggart. There was a **MSC** to receive both reports.

Randy gave a report as the State Executive Director. He mentioned the State Meeting, the Mission Shares Golf Tournament which raised about \$2500, and the upcoming Christian Worker's Conferences and the Senior Summit. He announced a new editor for the Coordinator, Melissa Christian. Randy mentioned that Co-op was on target at the half way point in the year, and Mission Shares was at about 38%. Randy showed pictures from the National Association of FWB which just concluded in Little Rock, AR this past week.

Randy called for ushers and announced that the morning offering would go to Mission Shares. The offering totaled \$289.

The church history of Smyrna FWB was shared by Betty Alewine and the history of Iglesia Camino de Gracia was shared by Ariel Gonzalez. Randy announced that Matt Pinson, President of Welch College, will be sharing the history of the Free Will Baptist movement in our January meeting. He noted that our October meeting will again be a picnic. The date is October 27 and it will be at Ballard Park in Melbourne.

After giving time for announcements, there was a **MSC** to adjourn.

The worship service opened with the congregation singing *Farther Along* and *There's Something About That Name* with Jimmy Christian leading. Jimmy sang *One More Valley*. Dwight Smith introduced Barry Long,

pastor of Calvary FWB Church in Hollywood. He spoke from Ephesians 6:10-20 about the spiritual warfare we are in. Our God wants to sustain us in our faith.

There were 54 in attendance. We were dismissed in prayer by Calvin Baker.

CE Board Report

The meeting was called to order by chairman Dwight Smith on 7/9/2018 at 7:02 pm. Present were Dwight Smith and Sam Lucky. Dwight Smith opened with prayer.

The board had agreed to invite Barry Long, the pastor of the Calvary Fellowship FWB Church in Hollywood, FL, to speak at the next IRA quarterly meeting in Cocoa on July 28, 2018. Dwight had asked Randy Bryant to talk with Barry long and ask if he would be available. We agreed to ask Steven West to speak if Barry Long was not available.

An email had been sent out to the pastor and clerk of each of the churches in the IRA asking them to see if anyone in their congregation would be willing to volunteer for the position of NYC Coordinator.

Sam Lucky mentioned the CE Board had voted in May to donate \$500 to Lisa Brumley of Welch College to assist her in paying her tuition so she could graduate on time. The donation was made and she graduated.

Sam Lucky closed in prayer. *Respectfully submitted, Dwight Smith*

Indian River District Association Meeting
January 26, 2019
meeting at Parkway FWB Church, Sebring, FL

Al Hughes opened the service by welcoming the congregation and leading the congregation in singing "At Calvary" with Jane Klingensmith at the piano. Moderator Randy Bryant called on Thomas Dees to open the meeting with prayer. Pastor Jim Scaggs welcomed the body and gave directions for the church property.

Randy Bryant read from Psalm 37 for the morning scripture reading. Standing delegates were asked to stand, followed by elected delegates from each church. There was a MSC to seat these as the voting body for the day.

The quarterly treasurer's report was presented and there was a MSC to accept it as printed. The annual report was given, and there was a MSC to accept it as well.

The Christian Education Board report was given by Dwight Smith. He mentioned a \$1000 scholarship given to Matthew Gray, and an offering for the JPense project. The treasurer's report was given by Sam Lucky. Jean Adelmeyer gave a report from Camp Sonshine. The date for a combined teen and junior week at the Baptist Encampment will be June 30-July 5. There was a MSC to receive these reports.

The Mission Board report was given by Lonnie Buser. Sam McVay will be speaking at the next quarterly meeting. The board will be giving \$1500 to the JPense project. Mike Taggart gave the Mission Board treasurer's report. There was a MSC to accept these reports.

The Ordaining Board report was given by Sam Lucky. He noted that as Steve Faison is no longer attending a Free Will Baptist Church, he has turned in his credentials and is no longer recognized as a Free Will Baptist minister in good standing.

Randy Bryant gave his report as Florida's Executive Director. He mentioned the Minister's Retreat which just took place in Fernandina Beach, and the upcoming State Meeting which is the 75th Annual Session. The theme will be "Celebrating the Past, Embracing the Future". He explained the JPense project, and its deadline of February 1. A video was shown of Joel Teague talking about the project. He mentioned the WMO, and packets available for each pastor, and the Welch College offering coming up soon. Mission Shares ended up at about 82% of budget last year, and co-op was at about 94%. Randy thanked the churches for their support. He gave a report on the two mission churches, which are both doing well. He asked for prayer for the West Palm work who desperately needs their own property.

The Nominating Committee report was given by Cecil Hutchinson. He read the report in its entirety, then the slate was voted on as a whole. There was a time given for nominations from the floor. There was a MSC to accept the slate as presented.

The Executive Committee report was given with three recommendations:

1. Distribution of co-op funds to be as follows: 60% to the state co-op/40% remaining in the district. Of that 40% remaining, 60% will go to the Mission Board, 25% to the CE Board, and 15% will go to the general fund unless the Benevolent Fund balance is less than \$1500, in which case 10% will remain in the general fund and 5% be placed in the Benevolent Fund. MSC to adopt
2. Increase in dues from \$100 per quarter to \$125 per quarter beginning in April of 2019. MSC to adopt.
3. Today's offering go to the JPense project. MSC to adopt.
The offering was received with Diana Bryant at the piano playing "All Because of God's Amazing Grace."

Dr. Matt Pinson was introduced as the morning speaker to share a seminar about our Free Will Baptist heritage.

A 15 minute break was taken.

There were 51 in attendance.

The meeting reconvened with the congregation singing "Victory in Jesus". Keith Farquarhson led us in prayer. The congregation sang "What a Day That Will Be." Sebring provided the special music, a quartet singing "Because He Loved Me".

The clerk read the names of those from our churches who had passed away during the past year. A moment of silence in their honor was observed and prayer was offered by Jim Christian. There was a MSC to adjourn.

Dr. Pinson came again and shared information on Welch College, and shared regarding our heritage, "Things We Can Learn from our Heritage."

We allowed time for announcements, and we were dismissed in prayer by Barry Long with a special emphasis on the recent tragic shooting in Sebring.

Nominating Committee Report

Officers

Moderator	Randy Bryant
Vice Moderator	Jim Christian
Clerk/Treasurer	Diana Bryant
Asst. Clerk/Treas	Betsy Lucky

Christian Education Board	2022 term	Steven West
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DYC Director		-----
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Camp Board Members	2021 term	Jean Adelmeyer
	2020 term	Barry Long

Mission Board	2024 term	Mike Taggart
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Ordaining Board	2024 term	Jim Christian
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Nominating Committee	1 year term	Jim Christian
		Cecil Hutchinson
		Keith Farquharson

Indian River Association of Free Will Baptists
Annual Treasurer's Report
January 1 - December 31, 2018

Beginning Balance January 1, 2018	\$ 4756.48
Receipts	
Dues	4600.00
Offering	1044.00
Shares	100.00
<u>Together Way Plan</u>	
Auburndale	5070.66
Calvary	7413.35
Graceway	3610.00
Iglesia Camino de Gracia	3752.00
New Hope Fellowship	6024.19
New Smyrna	300.00
Okeechobee	4026.00
Palm Bay	400.00
Parkway	
Ryanwood Fellowship	5710.12
Titusville	1000.00
West Palm Beach	2856.54
Total Receipts	<u>\$45,906.86</u>
 TOTAL TO BE ACCOUNTED FOR	
	<u>\$50,716.77</u>
Disbursements	
Florida State Association Co-Op	\$ 23,501.14
Indian River Mission Board	8787.27
I.R.Christian Education Board	4393.63
Board of Retirement	354.65
Shares	1109.00
Honorariums	1200.00
Executive Committee Expense	271.52
Dues to State Association	3600.00
General Board Member Expense	300.00
WMO	314.00
Supplies/Postage	26.49
Benevolent	500.00
Picnic Expense	326.22
Total Disbursements	<u>\$44,683.92</u>
Ending Balance December 31, 2018	<u>\$ 6032.85</u>
<u>Fund Balances</u>	
General Fund	4846.70
Benevolent Fund	<u>1186.15</u>
	6032.85

INDIAN RIVER MISSION BOARD
ANNUAL TREASURERS REPORT
Jan. 1, 2018 - Dec. 31, 2018

Beginning Balance \$2,244.42

DEPOSITS

Indian River Association \$8,925.21

TOTAL TO BE ACCOUNTED FOR \$11,169.63

DISBURSEMENTS

Indian River Missionary Support \$1,600.00

FLORIDA MISSION SHARES \$3,600.00

CAMP SONSHINE \$600.00

Annual Corp. Renewal \$61.25

Board Meeting Expenses \$80.05

Teen Mission Support \$500.00

IRA Speaker's Honorarium \$200.00

New Checks \$19.99

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS \$6,661.29

ENDING BALANCE \$4,508.34

**Christian Education Board's
Annual Financial Report
Jan-Dec-2018**

Beginning Balance		5733.62
Deposits:	Co-op	<u>4462.60</u>
	Subtotal	10196.22
Disbursements:		5478.04
Balance on Hand		<u>4718.18</u>

General Fund		4999.27
Deposits:	Co-op (75%)	3346.95
	Subtotal	8346.22
Disbursements:	SEFWBC Matt Gray-	1000.00
	Welch College (Lisa Brumley)	500.00
	IRA Board's Orientation	163.63
	Graceway (Teens mission trip)	1200.00
	CMB Competition	55.00
	JPENCE Event	<u>1500.00</u>
	Subtotal	4418.63
Balance on Hand		<u>3927.59</u>

Scholarship Fund		<u>232.00</u>
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Camp Fund		502.35
Deposits:	Co-op (25%)	<u>1115.65</u>
	Subtotal	1618.00
Disbursements:	Camp Sonshine	<u>1059.61</u>
Balance on Hand		<u>558.39</u>

Foundation (Scholarships)		5203.31
Earnings for July- December 2017		72.03
Earning for Jan-June 2018		<u>71.80</u>
Balance in Account		<u>5350.14</u>

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 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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In
Memory

From Auburndale

James Hutto

Barbara Varzakis

From Melbourne

Dewey North

Dennis Heirs

Betty Slicer

Teresa Voyer

Joanne Nicholson

From Titusville

Betty Rainey (Burress)

Allen Teague

From Vero Beach

Tom Greene

From West Palm

Jean Banta

Dorothy Hager

From Parkway

Liz Henry

From Smyrna

Richard Cunningham



