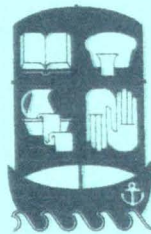


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Digest of Reports
and
Church Directory



Indian River District
Association
of
Free Will Baptists

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Church Directory

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Okeechobee - Bryan Moore, Joe Schwartz
Vero Beach - Sam Lucky

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Open

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Boards and Committees

Nominating Committee

Henry Beard
Keith Farquarhson
Cecil Hutchinson

Christian Education Board

Dwight Smith (2023)
Sam Lucky (2024)
Steven West (2025)

DYC Director

Open

Mission Board

Cecil Hutchinson (2023)
Mike Taggart (2024)
Lonnie Buser (2025)
Open (2026)
Calvin Butler (2027)

Ordaining Board

Jim Scaggs (2023)
Jim Christian (2024)
Steven West (2025)
Mike Taggart (2026)
Sam Lucky (2027)

Camp Board

Jean Adelmeyer (2023)
Henry Beard (2024)

Note: Due to the Covid Pandemic, the Association only met three times during 2021, April, July, and January of 2022.

Indian River District Association of Free Will Baptists

Meeting at New Smyrna FWB Church
Saturday, April 24, 2021

The meeting opened with the congregation singing *What A Day That Will Be*. Rev. Herman Copley welcomed the congregation and gave instructions on the facilities. Rev. Darrell Miller read the morning scripture from I Timothy 6:12, and introduced their new youth pastor. He commented on the fact that we are in a battlefield, but victory is ours in the end. He led in prayer and introduced the Moderator, Randy Bryant.

Randy again welcomed the body, and thanked the New Smyrna Church for hosting the group. Due to the pandemic, this was our first meeting in 15 months. He welcomed Larry and Peggy Clyatt who are filling in at the Cocoa Church since Jim Christian's death. He also welcomed J. D. Norris who will be speaking today.

Randy asked all elected church delegates to stand, then asked for standing delegates to stand. There was a motion from one of the standing delegates, then it was seconded and carried to accept these as the voting body for the day. Steven West, D. Miller, and Calvin Butler were appointed as the Obituary Committee. The minutes and reports were emailed to the churches. There was a **MSC** to receive the report as presented.

CE Board Chairman Dwight Smith gave the CE Board report. He reported that the board discussed and agreed to offer financial assistance to anyone who would like to participate in the Christian Worker's Conference but it was unable to due to financial need. The board agreed to ask Bro. Randy Bryant to help identify any who would need assistance to attend the Conference, and they voted to give \$1000 to the Graceway Teen mission Trip planned in June.

Sam Lucky gave the treasurer's report and there was a **MSC** to receive both reports.

Mission Board Chairman John Johnson gave their report followed by the treasurer's report from Mike Taggart. There was a **MSC** to accept both reports.

There was no report from the Ordaining Board.

The Nominating Committee, which usually works in January, presented their report. The nominees were presented, and there was a **MSC** to receive the report. There was a **MSC** to accept the slate of officers as a whole. There was a nomination from the floor for Rev. Darrell Miller to fill the empty spot left on the Ordaining Board by the death of Jim Christian. He accepted, and there was a **MSC** to appoint him to that position.

Randy Bryant gave his report as the Florida State Executive Director. He mentioned that even with all the difficulties, there were many highlights in 2020. Our two state mission works went self-supporting, and both the Shares Budget and the Co-Op Budget were met and even slightly exceeded. He talked about the state's new mission work in The Villages. He gave information about the State Meeting being held next week, and the Mission Shares Golf Tournament in June. He pointed out that there is opportunity to sponsor holes for those who don't golf or cannot come that weekend. All proceeds from the tournament go to the Mission Shares Plan of Support. He gave the dates and topics for the Christian Worker's Conferences and the Senior Summit later this year.

Delegates were appointed to the State Meeting being held next week. Debbie Taggart, Cecil Hutchinson, Diana Bryant, and Gloria Hutchinson were appointed, and the motion included permission for the moderator to appoint the remaining needed delegate at the meeting. **MSC**.

Randy dismissed the group for a 15 minute break. Committees were asked to organize during the break.

The group reconvened and Randy mentioned that the offering plates would be in the back of the church and not be passed today.

The Obituary Committee gave their report. Those who passed away during the previous year from our church families were as follows: From Vero Beach: Garnett Ward and Beverly Widenhoffer.

From Cocoa: Rev. Jim Christian, From Melbourne: Mildred Woods, Lottie Maynard, and Del Matthews. There was a **MSC** to accept the report with the stipulation that any names turned in from members not in attendance today would be added to the report. There was a moment of silence and prayer. Randy spoke a little about Jim Christian and his influence and impact on the Indian River Association.

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

The congregation sang *Nothing But the Blood* and *Amazing Grace*, to open the worship service, and Randy introduced our morning speaker, Rev. J.D. Norris. Steven West sang a solo before the message, *It Pays to Pray*. The morning message was from Jeremiah 1 and Jeremiah 20:9.

We were dismissed with the reminder that we would meet again in July at the Hollywood Church.

**Indian River Association of Free Will Baptists
Nominating Committee Report**

Present	Nominee		
Christian Education Board		Sam Lucky	Sam Lucky
2024 Term			
Mission Board			
2026 Term		John Johnson	John Johnson

Camp Board	Jean Adelmeyer	Jean Adelmeyer
2023 Term		
Officers 2023 Term		
Moderator	Randy Bryant	Randy Bryant
Asst Moderator	John Johnson	John Johnson
Clerk/Treasurer	Diana Bryant	Diana Bryant
Asst Clerk/Treas	Betsy Lucky	Betsy Lucky
Nom Committee	Cecil Hutchinson	Cecil Hutchinson
	Keith Farquharson	Henry Beard

Indian River District Association of Free Will Baptists

Meeting at Calvary FWB Church
July 31, 2021

The meeting opened with the congregation singing *The Old Rugged Cross* led by Tony Santori.

Mike Taggart read from II Chronicles for the morning scripture and encouraged us to remember that our God is powerful and no matter what is going on in our world our God is still in control.

Mike led in prayer.

Pastor Barry Long welcomed the congregation and gave instructions pertaining to the facilities. He led in prayer.

There were 16 people from Vero Beach, Melbourne, West Palm and Hollywood present for the meeting .

Moderator Randy Bryant welcomed the body and thanked Hollywood for hosting the meeting. Elected church delegates were asked to stand followed by standing delegates. There was a **MSC** to seat this group as delegates for the day.

Rev. D Miller welcomed the congregation and gave instructions and directions for the morning's meetings.

Moderator Randy Bryant expressed appreciation for Truth hosting the morning meeting. Randy thanked the body for their prayers and concern over the last few months of his illness. The business session opened with all standing delegates being asked to stand. The moderator then called for elected delegates from the churches to stand. There was a **MSC** from a standing delegate to seat these as the voting body for the day.

There was a **MSC** to approve the minutes as printed.

The quarterly treasurer's report was given by Diana Bryant, and there was a **MSC** to accept it.

The annual treasurer's report was also given by Diana Bryant, and there was a **MSC** to accept it. Diana mentioned that she had packets for each clerk with forms and mailing envelopes for each clerk to submit their required reports and dues. She also requested email addresses for those who want to receive the reports in the mail prior to the quarterly meetings.

Dwight Smith gave the CE Board report. He mentioned a couple of students who had been receiving scholarship funds and their status. Their financial report was given by their treasurer, Sam Lucky. There was a **MSC** to receive both reports.

The Mission Board will be meeting today and had no report other than the financial report. Mike Taggart gave the quarterly and annual mission board financial reports. There was a **MSC** to receive both reports as presented.

The Nominating Committee report was given by chairman Cecil Hutchinson. There was a **MSC** to receive the report. It was decided to elect the entire slate of officers as a whole. There was a **MSC** to elect the slate as a whole.

Randy gave a report as the State Director. He reviewed the recent Minister's Retreat, and announced the Board Training Retreat coming up in February. He encouraged everyone to note the State Meeting coming up April 27-30. We have a new location this year, the Doubletree Hotel in Jacksonville. Calendars are available with all the dates for state activities in the upcoming year. Randy reminded everyone to pray for the Websters, our new church planters in the Villages and gave a report on their progress.

The offering was taken with Dawn Mullin at the piano playing Come to the Church in the Wildwood. The offering received was \$426.12.

Delegates were appointed for the upcoming State Association Meeting: Gloria Hutchinson, Cecil Hutchinson, Debbie Taggart, Dwight Smith, and Diana Bryant.

Our next meeting will be May 7, 2022 in West Palm Beach due to a conflict with the State Association Meeting.

There was a **MSC** to adjourn the business portion of the meeting.

Dr. Eddie Moody was introduced for the morning seminar. 3 for 30 is a set of goals for churches, individuals, denominational departments, and the denomination as a whole. Bro. Eddie walked us through those and gave us some things to think about.

Randy announced a 15 minute break before our morning worship service.

The congregation sang *Power in the Blood* and *My Savior's Love*. Tyler and his wife sang *At the Cross*.

Dr. Eddie Moody brought the morning message from Ecclesiastes 4:9-12. We are better together! We were dismissed in prayer after announcements were given from the various churches in attendance.

Minutes had been distributed by email previously, there was a **MSC** to adopt the minutes as printed. The treasurer's report was given by treasurer Diana Bryant, and there was a **MSC** to accept the report as given.

The Christian Education board report was given by Dwight Smith. Their treasurer's report was given by Sam Lucky, and there was a **MSC** to receive both reports as presented.

The Mission Board report was given by Mike Taggart in the absence of John Johnson who has resigned as Melbourne's pastor and consequently his Indian River Association positions. Mike also gave the treasurer's report, and there was a **MSC** to receive both reports.

The Ordaining Report was given by Chairman Sam Lucky. He reported on the progress of the ordination process for Joseph Taylor. They recommended ordination for him, his ordination will take place on August 8 at the Graceway Church. There was a **MSC** to receive the report.

The Nominating Committee report was given by Cecil Hutchinson. For the Mission Board, Barry Long is the nominee, for the Vice Moderator, Barry Long is also the nominee. Steven West will be the nominee for the Ordaining Board. There was a **MSC** to receive the report as presented. There was a **MSC** to proceed to elect the entire slate by acclamation.

Randy gave a report as State Executive Director. He reported on the State Meeting, and the recent National Association. He also reported on the Mission Shares golf tournament. About \$4300 was raised for the Shares program. He announced the Christian Worker's Conferences and the Senior Summit, and pointed out brochures available for both. Randy reminded people of our new FL Church Planters, Frank and Debbie Webster and asked people to remember to pray for them and take home a new prayer card.

Tim Owen was introduced for the morning seminar. Tim is from Florida having pastored three churches here, was our state moderator for several years, and is now with Welch College. Tim presented a seminar on the importance of Christian higher education.

A 15 minute break was taken.

The meeting reconvened with the congregation singing *How Great Thou Art* and *Ten Thousand Reasons*.

The morning offering was \$145.00.

Ephesians 1 was Tim's text for the morning. He reminded us of our riches in Christ Jesus.

Randy closed the meeting and made a few announcements, mentioning some matters that some of our churches were facing and reminding us to pray for them. The meeting was closed in prayer by Dwight Smith asking the blessing on lunch.

Indian River District Association Meeting of Free Will Baptists

held at Truth FWB Church, Titusville, FL

January 29, 2022

The meeting opened with the congregation singing *When We All Get to Heaven* with Tyler Jeffries leading and Dawn Mullin at the piano.

There were 36 in attendance at the meeting.

Rev. Ariel Gonzalez brought the morning scripture reading from Philippians 4:1-9. He then opened the meeting in prayer.

Indian River Association of Free Will Baptists
Annual Treasurer's Report
For period covering
January 1 - December 31, 2021

Beginning Balance January 1, 2021		\$ 617.90
Receipts		
Dues	5000.00	
Offering	492.00	
 <u>Together Way Plan</u>		
Auburndale	3804.80	
Calvary		
Graceway	3600.00	
Camino de Gracia	303.00	
New Hope Fellowship	9025.05	
New Smyrna	500.00	
Okeechobee	3374.00	
Palm Bay	400.00	
Parkway	4502.00	
Ryanwood Fellowship	6536.42	
Titusville	1400.00	
West Palm Beach	2724.69	
 Total Receipts	<u>\$41,661.96</u>	(44,462.11)
TOTAL TO ACCOUNT FOR	<u>\$48,279.86</u>	
Disbursements		
Florida State Association Co-Op	\$ 21,701.95	
Indian River Mission Board	8239.57	
I.R.Christian Education Board	4120.24	
Board of Retirement	194.71	
Shares	720.00	
Honorariums	1400.00	
Dues to State Association	4200.00	
State Delegate Compensation	200.00	
WMO	247.00	
Shares Tournament	50.00	
Printing Minutes	63.64	
 Total Disbursements	<u>\$41,137.11</u>	(45,697.68)
Ending Balance Dec 31, 2021	<u>\$ 7142.75</u>	
<u>Fund Balances</u>		
General Fund	5908.41	
Benevolent Fund	<u>1234.34</u>	
	7142.75	

**INDIAN RIVER MISSION BOARD
ANNUAL TREASURERS REPORT
Jan. 1, 2021 - Dec. 31, 2021**

Beginning Balance	\$6,137.09
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DEPOSITS

Indian River Association	\$8,550.93
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TOTAL TO BE ACCOUNTED FOR	\$14,688.02
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DISBURSEMENTS

Indian River Missionary Support	\$2,000.00
FLORIDA MISSION SHARES	\$3,600.00
CAMP SONSHINE	\$600.00
Annual Corp. Renewal	\$61.25

Mission Projects

Hanna Project Jacob Austin	\$500.00
Graceway Teen Mission Trip	\$1,463.00

IRA Speaker's Honorarium	
New Checks	

<u>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</u>	\$8,224.25
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<u>ENDING BALANCE</u>	\$6,463.77
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RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

MICHAEL TAGGART

**Christian Education Board's
Annual Financial Report for
Jan-Dec 2021**

Beginning Balance		4712.18
Deposits:	Co-op	<u>4275.46</u>
	Subtotal	8987.64
Disbursements:		<u>2150.00</u>
Balance on Hand		6837.64

General Fund		4548.93
Deposits:	Co-op	<u>2138.19</u>
	Subtotal	6687.12
Disbursements:	Teen Mission Trip (Graceway)	1000.00
	Golf Mission Shares	50.00
	Teen Mission Trip (Graceway)	400.00
	Tim Owens (Expense)	500.00
	Correction	<u>.45</u>
	Subtotal	1950.45
Balance on Hand		4736.67

Scholarship Fund		918.22
Deposits:	Co-op	<u>1068.86</u>
	Subtotal	1987.08
Disbursements:	Welch College (Matt Gray)	200.00
Balance on Hand		1787.08

Camp Fund		-754.97
Deposits:	Co-op	<u>1068.86</u>
Balance on Hand		313.89

All Funds		6837.64
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FWB Foundation		5715.50
Earning from Jan to June 2021		70.78
Balance in Account June30, 2021	5786.28	

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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Indian River Association
Meeting Schedule

2022

July – New Hope, Cocoa
October – Picnic

2023

January 28, Parkway, Sebring
April 29 – Camino de Gracia, Melbourne
July 29 – Trinity, Okeechobee
October 28 – Picnic

2024

January 27 – Graceway, Melbourne
April 27 – Ryanwood Fellowship, Vero Beach
July 27 – First, Palm Bay
October 26 - Picnic

*In
Memory*

From Vero Beach

*Garnett Ward
Beverly Widenhoffer*

From Melbourne:

*Mildred Woods
Lottie Maynard
Del Matthews*

From Cocoa:

Rev. James Christian



