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MINUTES

of the

VIRGINIA STATE

ASSOCIATION

of

FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Twenty-Fourth Session Held with the
Shiloh Church, Bristol, Virginia, June
15, 16, 1962

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The next session will be held with the Glamorgan Church, Wise, Virginia, Friday and Saturday before the third Sunday in June, 1963. The opening time 10:00 a. m., Eastern Standard Time.

GENERAL OFFICERS

Moderator—Elder Earl Austin, 238 Hamilton Drive, Kingsport, Tenn.

Assistant Moderator—Elder E. T. Darnell, Fort Blackmore, Va.

Treasurer—Elder J. B. Chism, 618 Lafayette Terrace, Newport News, Va.

Clerk—Mrs. M. C. Foran, 321 Boone Street, Bristol, Va.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

W. H. Dail, Chairman, 3322 Lens Avenue, Norfolk, Va.

Elder Bill Vaughn, Kingsport, Tenn.

Elder Ralph Flannery, Box 206, Dungannon, Va.

HOME MISSIONS

Treasurer-Chairman, W. H. Dail, 3322 Lens Avenue, Norfolk, Va.

Elder Cecil Pressley, Honaker, Va.

Guy Culbertson, 1225 Holyoke Street, Kingsport, Tenn.

Elder J. W. Chesnutt, 520 Page Street, Bristol, Va.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Elder Raymond Riggs, 4624 Larkin Street, Norfolk, Va.

SUPERANNUATION

Elder L. M. Salyers, Chairman, Box 695, Route 1, Norton, Va.

E. J. Kilgore, Coeburn, Va.

H. V. Johnston, Route 2, Norton, Va.

LEAGUE FIELD WORKER

Elder C. F. Sprinkle, Route 5, Bristol, Va.

Proceedings

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

The twenty-fourth annual session of the Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptists convened with the Shiloh Church, Bristol, Virllginea, June 15, 16, 1962.

The session opened with song, "In the Sweet By and By." Scripture reading, sixth chapter of Ephesians, tenth verse, read by the clerk, Mrs. M. C. Foran. Prayer was offered by Elder Tom Hall.

Rev. J. W. Chesnutt, pastor of the Shiloh Church, gave the welcome address and introduced the moderator. The moderator, Elder Earl Austin, presided during this session.

The minute of the last conference session was read by the clerk. Executive board serving: Wilton H. Dail, Elder Bill Vaughn, and Elder W. E. Vicars. Elder Vicars serving pro-tem in the absence of another member.

MINISTERS REGISTERED

Elder Bill Vaughn, Kingsport, Tenn.

Elder Tom Hall, Kingsport, Tenn.

Elder Joe E. Tolliver, Rt. 2, Bristol, Tenn.

Elder W. E. Vicars, Kingsport, Tenn.

Elder J. B. Chism, 618 Lafayette Terrace,
Newport News, Va.

Elder J. W. Chesnutt, 520 Page Street,
Bristol, Va.

Elder Earl Austin, 238 Hamilton Drive,
Kingsport, Tenn.
Elder C. F. Sprinkle, Route 5, Bristol, Va.
Elder H. V. Johnston, Route 1, Norton, Va.
Elder E. T. Darnell, Fort Blackmore, Va.
Elder J. C. Barnette, Kingsport, Tenn.
Elder Eugene Minton, Kingsport, Tenn.
Elder Walter Glovier, Dante, Va.
Elder Ralph Flannery, Dungannon, Va.

VISITING MINISTERS REGISTERED

Elder Winston Sweeney, Kingsport, Tenn.
Elder Homer Willis, 3801 Richlands Avenue,
Nashville, Tenn.
Elder Jerry Ballard, 3801 Richland Avenue,
Nashville, Tenn.
Elder Paul Kettelman, 514 Achievement
Drive, Nashville, Tenn.

DEACONS REGISTERED

James Myers, Kingsport, Tenn.
Wilton H. Dail, Norfolk, Va.
M. E. Howard, 9300 Patterson Avenue,
Richmond, Va.
M. C. Foran, 321 Boone Street, Bristol, Va.
E. J. Kilgore, Coeburn, Va.
Cecil White, Kingsport, Tenn.
Fred Nelms, Kingsport, Tenn.
Carson Mitchell, Route 2, Bristol, Va.
Isaac Blaylock, 26 Elkton Lane, Bristol, Va.
Floyd Starnes, Fort Blackmore, Va.

DELEGATES REGISTERED

Mrs. Glenn Brown, Mrs. Margie Rhymer, Mr. and Mrs. Fleener South, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Shaffer, Mrs. John Holbrook, Barney Poe, and Arthur Rhymer.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

We have chosen Elder Winston Sweeney to bring the morning message, and Elder J. B. Chism to bring the evening message.

Motion was made and carried that this conference adjourn for eleven o'clock preaching service.

11:00 O'CLOCK SERVICE

Began by singing song "Heaven's Jubilee." Prayer was offered by Elder Bill Vaughn. Elder Winston Sweeney read from the seventeenth Chapter of St. John, and brought the message. Dismissed with prayer by Elder Homer Willis.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Opened by singing song, "Keep on the Firing Line." Scripture, Psalm 27 was read by the clerk. Prayer by Elder Joe Tolliver.

The moderator, Elder Earl Austin, then took charge of business session.

REPORTS

Report of the National Home Missions was read by Elder Homer Willis, the secre-

tary. Motion was made and carried that this report be received as read.

The letters from the associations were read and approved as read.

The auxiliary report was read by Mrs. Octavia Jones, president. They were received as read by vote.

The report of the Free Will Baptist Bible College was given by Elder Paul Ketteman, the field representative of the college. Motion was made and carried that this report be received.

The report of the executive secretary-treasurer of the National Association was read and approved as read.

The report of the National Foreign Mission Board was given by Elder Jerry Ballard. This report was received as read.

The report of the State Foreign Mission was read by Elder J. B. Chism, in the absence of Elder Raymond Riggs, the state foreign mission director.

Report of the State Association treasurer was read by the treasurer, Elder J. B. Chism, and received as read.

Report of the superannuation treasurer was read by the association clerk, and received as read.

Report of the executive was received that Rev. J. B. Chism bring the Friday evening message, and Elder Tom Hall bring the message Saturday morning.

The conference stood in silent reverence

in honor of Elder Wayland Owen who passed away a few weeks ago.

Motion was carried that this conference adjourn until Saturday morning, 9:00 o'clock. Closing prayer by Brother M. E. Howard.

FRIDAY EVENING SERVICE

Opened at 7:30 by singing "A Crown of Thorns." Prayer was made by Brother M. E. Howard. Elder J. B. Chism read from the third chapter of Revelation and brought the message; taking as a subject, "The Shame of Our Nakedness." Closing song, "I Cannot Find the Way Alone." Closing prayer was made by Elder Winton Blaylock.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Opened 9:30 a. m. by singing song, "My Desire." Scripture, Psalm 1 was read by the clerk. Prayer was offered by Rev. H. V. Johnston. The moderator, Elder Earl Austin, then took charge, declaring the conference in order to transact any legal business that may come before the body.

Report from the Home Mission Board was given by the chairman-treasurer, W. H. Dail. This report was received by vote.

Balance in the financial fund for the expense of the National Association when it convened at Norfolk, Virginia, was \$204.42. This balance was disposed of as follows: \$100.00 to the Home for Children,

\$50.00 to Foreign Mission, and \$54.42 to Home Mission.

The report of the Ministers' Conference was read by the clerk. This report was received by vote of the conference.

Motion was made and carried that Elder J. B. Chism, treasurer, be given authority to pay all indebtedness pertaining to the State Association out of the treasury.

ELECTIONS

By vote, Elder Earl Austin was retained as moderator.

By vote, Elder Erritt Darnell was elected assistant moderator for the next session.

By vote, Elder J. B. Chism was retained as state treasurer.

By vote, Elder Raymond Riggs was retained as Foreign Mission treasurer-director.

By vote, Elder C. F. Sprinkle was elected as League Field worker for the next year.

By vote, Brother Wilton Dail was retained as chairman-treasurer of the Home Mission Board.

By vote, Elder J. W. Chesnutt was elected to serve on the Home Mission Board.

By vote, Sister L. M. Salyer was retained as Superannuation auditor and treasurer.

By vote, Brother E. J. Kilgore, Elder S. M. McFall, and Elder H. V. Johnston were retained to help serve on the Superannuation Board.

The terms of the Executive Board expires

as follows: W. H. Dail, 1963; Elder Bill Vaughn, 1964; Elder Ralph Flannery, 1965.

Delegates to the National Association when it convenes in Nashville, Tennessee, July 10, 11, 12, 1962, were as follows: Mrs. Earl Austin, Mrs. Eugene Minton, and Mrs. C. F. Sprinkle. Others to be chosen by the moderator at the association if needed.

Motion was made and carried that this conference adjourn for eleven o'clock preaching service, to convene back at 1:00 p. m.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

Opened by singing the song, "I Need no Mansion." Prayer was offered by Elder Walter Glover. Elder Eugene Minton read from the tenth chapter of St. Luke, and brought the message. Closing song, "We'll Meet a Lot of Friends and Neighbors." Closing prayer by Brother Wilton Dail.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Opened 1:30 by singing the song, "Where Could I Go." Scripture reading, Psalm 23, was read by the clerk, Mrs. M. C. Foran. Prayer was offered by Elder J. C. Barnett. Elder Earl Austin then took charge of business session.

Elder Eugene Minton was elected treasurer pro-tem in the absence of the treasurer, Elder J. B. Chism.

Motion was made and carried that the indebtedness of the last year's minutes be paid out of the Home Mission treasury.

Motion was made and carried that one thousand minutes be printed.

Motion was made and carried that the next session convene with the Glamorgan Church, Wise, Virginia, Friday and Saturday before the third Sunday in June, 1963.

Business to be discussed in the next session is an amendment to be made in Article 3 in the Bylaws. Amendment as follows: "It shall be the duty of each body belonging to this association to send a letter by mail or by a delegate to every annual session of this association."

Motion was made and carried that \$300.00 be given to Wilson's Chapel. This to be paid out of the Home Mission fund.

Motion was made and carried that \$50.00 be paid out of the Home Mission treasury to help build a church at Lebanon, Virginia.

A rising vote of thanks was extended to the people of the Shiloh Church and surrounding communities for their kind hospitality shown us during our stay in their locality.

Motion made and carried that this conference stand adjourned until we meet in the next session in June, 1963.

VIRGINIA STATE ASSOCIATION TREASURER'S REPORT

June, 1961, to June, 1962

Cash on Hand	\$ 27.36
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Receipts

Clinch Valley Association	\$ 50.00
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John Wheeler Association	50.00
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Southwest Virginia Association	50.00
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Total to Account For	\$177.36
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Disbursements

National Association	\$ 30.00
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Moderator	15.00
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Clerk	15.00
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Treasurer	15.00
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Total	\$ 75.00
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Balance in Treasury	\$102.36
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Rev. J. B. Chism, *Treasurer*

618 Lafayette Terrace,

Newport News, Virginia

HOME MISSION BOARD REPORT

For 1961-1962

Receipts

Bethany F. W. B. Church	\$130.73
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Cardwell Town Saltsville	51.69
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Tidewater Quarterly Meeting	75.00
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Fairmount Park Church	200.00
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Princess Anne Church	48.96
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Shiloh Church, Bristol	15.00
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Tocomo Church	20.00
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Oak Grove, Bigstone	15.00
Beechgrove	2.00
Pippins Chapel	1.00
Richmond Auxiliary	4.40
Superannuation Fairmount Park	175.00
Use of Film	88.56
	\$827.34

Expenditures

Gifts, Bloss Memorial, Arlington, Va.	\$ 100.00
Heavenly Rest, Abingdon, Va.	200.00
Hyde Park, Norfolk, Va. (Earmarked)	*36.30
Books for Resale	65.12
Rental on Film	84.00
Repairs to Film Projector	37.00
Promotional Work	50.00
Total Paid Out	\$ 572.42
Forward a Year Ago	\$1,319.69
Receipts Were	827.34
Making a Total	\$2,197.03
Expenditures Were	522.42
Balance on Hand	\$1,674.61
Balance in National Association Account	204.42
Grand Total on Hand	\$1,879.03
Wilton H. Dail, Secretary-Treasurer	

NATIONAL HOME MISSION BOARD REPORT

June 15, 1962

Dear Brother Moderator:

On behalf of the entire missionary family in Alaska, Canada, Hawaii, Mexico, and through the continental United States, greetings!

The Board of National Home Missions wishes to express thanks to each of your churches, ministers, and members for their prayers and gifts this past year.

Your quota for 1962 was set at \$3,500.00 and to date you have given \$1,297.58.

We need your support now more than ever in the past, and feel that Free Will Baptists of Virginia will continue to pray and give for the National Home Missions cause.

We expect four new states to be brought into the National Association this year as a result of National Home Missions work (Idaho, Colorado, Iowa, and Kansas). Other new areas added recently are: Alaska, Washington, District of Columbia, Oregon, and Monterrey, N. L., Mexico.

May this be a great session of your state meeting.

Sincerely and earnestly,
Homer E. Willis

P. S. Please urge your churches to:

1. Send their vacation Bible school of-

fering to National Home Missions.

2. Place this department of work in their church budgets.

3. Observe November as National Home Missions Month.

4. Receive a special offering on Sunday, November 18, which is National Home Missions Sunday.

Note: Please read at your association and place in your minutes if possible.

HOME MISSIONS BASIC TO ALL WORK *by Homer E. Willis*

The churches of Canada and the United States have in recent years furnished much of the missionary personnel of the world. However, with each of these nations fast becoming "extreme mission" fields themselves we must now begin to think in serious terms of evangelism at home as a means of preserving that which we have been sending out. There are 314,000 churches of all denominations in America, with a survey showing that only 20 per cent of these listed as evangelical. Therefore, at best we have only a small number of Bible preaching churches (one church out of five) in America to reach the ever increasing population—now at approximately 185,000,000 in U.S.A. and 20,000,000 in Canada. We must keep in mind that people of other nations are interested in "major mission fields of the

world," but who is interested in "pagan" America.

Of 2,000 institutes of higher learning founded in America now only 50 to 75 of these make any pretense at being Christian. We have produced a generation of educated pagans in America.

In the United States, we have 5,500,000 Jews, more than any nation in the world; we have 19,000,000 negroes, more than many of the new nations in Africa; we have 5,000,000 Indians, only seven per cent of whom are Protestants; we have 5,000,000 Mexicans, one-quarter of the total; and thousands of other races. Of the Jews in America most have never heard the gospel one time. Many of the Negroes and Indians have never heard the gospel, and most of the Latin Americans are unreached by the Protestant church.

Three of the large cities in the United States have approximately 50 per cent "foreign born" population. Fifty-four per cent of the people of the state of Hawaii are Buddhist, and only three or four per cent are Protestant. Buddhism is gaining ground throughout the other states. The most elaborate churches being built in America today are those by Buddhists, Mohammedans, Mormons, Roman Catholics, and by those of other false religions. With 37 per cent of the American people Roman Catholic there is a great opportunity for mission

work among them here in our own land. Unless we work at home there will come a day when the freedom we now enjoy to preach will be taken from us. That day may be near at hand.

In America one half of the entire population lives in, or near, fourteen cities. We must evangelize in the large cities. In New York City there are more than 8,000,000 people. Of this number 3,000,000 are Jews; 2,000,000 are Negro; and at least 1,000,000 Puerto Ricans.

People are moving from rural areas to the cities. In 1865, five out of one hundred people in America lived in town. In 1918, fifty out of one hundred people lived in town. Today two out of three live in a large city.

In New York City last year 300 churches closed, in Chicago 150 churches closed, in Cleveland 110 closed. This is happening all over North America. The large cities are mission fields of unusual opportunity. New England is a great mission field with 80,000 souls, totally unreached with the gospel in just one section. Yes, Home Missions, Evangelism, and Church Extension is basic to all our work as never before.

Two thirds of all the people in the world belong to the colored race—one third to the white race. Many of the colored races are living in America and waiting in America to hear the gospel. Too long we have call-

ed some "common and unclean." The Negro in America has now reached middle, and even top class status in some cases, but unreached with the gospel in most instances. At any given time there are thousands of migrants in America as well as thousands of foreign students in our colleges and universities. This is a mission field of no small proportion.

How can we say that all the world is pagan except the U.S.A. when there are 4,000,000 non-churched in one city, and only 10 per cent Protestant in that same city, and possibly two per cent of 8,000,000 in that city born again. Also, we are reminded that at least 3,000,000 in that city have not even heard the gospel one time.

Let's face it. Home Missions is not attractive to some people. We have no pictures of naked natives and hungry children. We have no halos or furloughs in our program. Also, let's face it—we could have no missionaries in the other parts of the world if we did not have home bases. We could not have institutes of learning, orphanages, or any other work without local churches. Just as the pastor is God's key man on earth, so is the local church God's headquarters here on earth. My belief is that the Home Missions program is vital and basic to all our work. New churches started by the Home Mission Board and home missionaries are fast becoming our best sources of

finance for a world-wide program of evangelism and are furnishing new man power for the Kingdom work. Check your reports. See what the new churches in Washington, Colorado, Iowa, Alaska, Hawaii, New Hampshire, Washington, D. C., and the others are doing in this respect.

With 25 per cent of all the people who were ever in this world now living, our day carries greater responsibility than ever before . . . With more foreign born among us than ever before (102 different language groups in Chicago alone), with more influence and power used by the Roman Catholic church, with modernism and liberalism continuing its inroads, with communism increasing, with America slipping faster and faster into heathenism we must promote more evangelistic efforts, establish more churches, go into more benighted areas, and extend our Bible believing churches into all the cities of America. Go, my friend, go! If the board can send you well. If not, go anyway! Time is not waiting! America is a mission field! We need more churches. You can start a church with twelve tithers. What if you do have to work forty hours per week. Others have and are. Go where there are people, not just the nice places. Preach the gospel pure and simple. The average man only understands 850 words—a college graduate should understand 1800 words, speak to the average. Depend more on agonizing

than organizing. Remember also that socializing is not evangelizing.

Find God's will. Hurry. Get to the field and stay there. Communities are changing overnight. We need to start churches everywhere. Yes, where there are Catholics. Yes, where there are Jews. Yes, in poor communities. The Puerto Rican moves in—the Negro moves out. But all need the gospel. One out of every three families will move this year. Most of them to a city or to a larger city than one where they now live.

More strong local churches are the greatest need today in the Free Will Baptist denomination. We have a weak home front trying to support a world-wide ministry. Let's face it, the home missions and church extension work is basic and vital. According to history, the Apostle Paul started '187 churches. What will you do? Where are you giving your money? Your dollar given for National Home Missions will yield future dollars for all the work.

"The woods are lovely, dark and deep,
But I have promises to keep
And miles to go before I sleep
And miles to go before I sleep."

—Frost.

FOREIGN MISSION REPORT

State of Virginia Free Will Baptists

Raymond Riggs, State Director

May 17, 1962

Greetings:

We are happy to report on this date, that the state of Virginia exceeded the suggested quota for foreign missions for the calendar year of 1961. Our quota was \$12,000.00 and we gave \$12,201.31. For this we are thankful, and we appreciate every individual and church who helped reach our goal. However, we feel that our giving to foreign missions is still far below par. According to our statistical report for last year, we have 6,793 Free Will Baptist members in the state of Virginia, affiliated with the National Association. This means that our giving to foreign missions on a per capita basis was about \$1.79 for the entire year of 1961. This we feel is far too low and we hope, and do hereby challenge, our pastors and church leaders to promote this cause with a greater degree of fervency.

This can be done through churches sponsoring an annual missionary conference, engaging missionary speakers, and placing every family in your church on the mailing list of our foreign mission magazine, "Heartbeat," 3801 Richland Avenue, Nashville 5, Tennessee.

This year we have added two new fields to our list; they are Uruguay and Panama.

Also, a number of new missionaries are preparing and waiting to be sent. We must rise up as never before to meet the challenge of the whitened harvest fields in the regions beyond.

Our suggested quota for the current calendar year (1962) is \$13,500.00.

Following is a list of contributors for the first four (4) months of 1962:

(January through April)

Bloss Memorial Church, Arlington	\$ 178.84
Esther Franklin, Norfolk	72.00
Co-Operative Program	375.70
Richmond F.W.B. Auxiliary	20.00
Esserville Sunday School, Norton	5.00
Shutins F.W.B. Group, Norfolk	50.00
First F.W.B. Church, Portsmouth	340.33
Parker's Chapel F.W.B. Church, Marion	26.75
Dungannon F.W.B. Church, Dungannon	90.29
Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Walker, Arlington	12.00
Fairmount Park F.W.B. Church, Norfolk	271.36
Oak Grove F.W.B. Church, Big Stone Gap	30.00
First F.W.B. Church, Newport News	807.30
Hyde Park F.W.B. Church, Norfolk	211.18
Rev. Mack Humbles, Hampton	10.00

First F.W.B. Church, Bristol	450.00
Princess Anne F.W.B. Church, Norfolk	41.34
Bethany F.W.B. Church, Norfolk	297.32
Mr. and Mrs. Haywood Creech, Norfolk	25.00
W. N. A. C.	102.14
Mr. and Mrs. F. Ray Price	1.00
Central F.W.B. Church, Norton	20.00

Total	\$3,446.92
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We must certainly increase our giving if we meet our quota for this year. Send all your foreign mission money direct to Free Will Baptist Foreign Mission Board, 3801 Richland Avenue, Nashville 5, Tennessee.

VIRGINIA STATE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY REPORT

Convened with Shiloh Church, June 14, 1962. Officers present, 3; visitors present, 36; ministers present, 6; delegates present, 13; total present, 48.

Auxiliary enrollment, 310; youth auxiliaries, 15; active church libraries, 3.

Expenditures

W.N.A.C. Co-Laborer Fund	\$ 120.79
Foreign Missions	107.22
State Home Missions	92.20
National Home Missions	29.31
Children's Home	431.38

Gift Boxes to Children's Home,	
Valued at	355.44
Free Will Baptist Bible College	60.25
Aged Ministers	159.84
For Auxiliary Literature	293.24

Total	<u>\$1,649.67</u>
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Mrs. Octavia Jones, President
Norfolk, Va.

VIRGINIA STATE SUPERANNUATION FUND TREASURER'S REPORT

June 30, 1961, to June 30, 1962

Cash on Hand	\$368.29
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Receipts

Marion's Chapel	10.00
Lone Pine Chapel	9.00
Martha's Chapel	9.00
Glamorgan Chapel	9.00
Dry Fork Church	4.50
Calvary Church	1.50
West Norton Church	11.00
Bondtown Church	8.00
Essersville Church	11.00
Addison's Chapel	17.00
Pippin's Chapel	4.00
Kelly's Chapel	1.00
Dungannon Church	32.00
Mary's Chapel	12.00
Steven's Chapel	5.00
Mt. Olive Church	13.00
Wilson's Chapel	22.30
Mountain View Church	4.00

Stallard's Memorial	18.00
Oak Grove Church	40.00
Ramsey's Church	12.00
Venia's Chapel	12.00
Tacoma Church	30.00
Indian Creek Church	9.00
Hopkin's Chapel	15.00
Valley View Church	4.00
Huff Cloverlick Church	2.00
Bethel Chapel	2.00
Central Church	3.00
Gillenwater's Chapel	3.00
Innman Church	6.00
Russell's Fork Church	12.00
Fairmount Park Church	175.00
E. J. Kilgore	50.00
A Friend	4.50

Total to Account For	\$952.09
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Disbursements

Rev. Ben Powers	\$120.00
Rev. Rhea Gardner	120.00
Rev. Aaron Justice	120.00
Rev. Orville O'Quinn	120.00
Rev. Wythe White	10.00
Mrs. L. M. Salyers	10.00

Total	500.00
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Balance in Treasury	\$452.09
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Mrs. L. M. Salyers, Treasurer
Box 552, Route 1,
Norton, Virginia

Association Letters

Clinch Valley: Letter and \$50.00 for state fund.

Southwest: Letter and \$50.00 for state fund.

Sandy Valley: Letter and \$50.00 for state fund.

John Wheeler: Letter and delegates with \$50.00 for state fund.

STATISTICAL REPORTS OF THE ASSOCIATIONS

SANDY VALLEY ASSOCIATION

Sandy Valley: Sends greetings to the Virginia State Association when convened with the Shiloh Church, June 15, 16, 1962. We have chosen the following delegates: Faye Street, Roy White, Frances Taylor, Jocie Hess, Rutha Hess, Bertha Helton, and J. C. Graybeal.

Our standing is as follows: Quarterly meetings, 4; churches, 16; membership, 513; ordained ministers, 47; valuation of church property, \$70,500.00. Done by order of the Sandy Valley Association.

Rev. Cecil Ramey, Moderator

Rev. Orville O'Quinn, Assistant Moderator

Gladys Compton, Clerk

ORDAINED MINISTERS OF THE SANDY VALLEY ASSOCIATION

Rev. Earl James, Route 2, Honaker, Va.
Rev. Orville O'Quinn, Honaker, Va.
Rev. Lester L. Gilley, Honaker, Va.
Rev. Arnold Simpkins, Richlands, Va.
Rev. Ervin Penley, Drill, Va.
Rev. W. M. Boyd, Route 1, Vansant, Va.
Rev. Aaron Justice, Honaker, Va.
Rev. Leo Taylor, Honaker, Va.
Rev. Bert Dye, Swords Creek, Va.
Rev. A. H. Dye, Swords Creek, Va.
Rev. Rhoda Dye, Swords Creek, Va.
Rev. Jettie Dye, Swords Creek, Va.
Rev. Dewey Dye, Swords Creek, Va.
Rev. Kyle Brown, Swords Creek, Va.
Rev. Clarence Miller, Swords Creek, Va.
Rev. Hobert Bostic, Swords Creek, Va.
Rev. R. E. Hylton, 1108 Hartford Avenue,
N. E., Canton, Ohio
Rev. Luther Hubbard, Swords Creek, Va.
Rev. Walker Taylor, Honaker, Va.
Rev. Holland Miller, Route 4, Gate City, Va.
Rev. W. M. Helton, Kingsport, Tenn.
Rev. Earl Hammonds, Kingsport, Tenn.
Rev. H. D. Hess, Honaker, Va.
Rev. Cecil Ramey, Cedar Bluff, Va.
Rev. Earl Cole, Whitewood, Va.
Rev. George Barrett, Newport News, Va.
Rev. W. J. Boothe Sr., Bishop, Va.
Rev. Kenneth M. Skeens, Richlands, Va.
Rev. Henry Roberts, Richlands, Va.
Rev. Emory E. Ewords, Richlands, Va.

Rev. Renia Hale, Richlands, Va.
Rev. Palmer Graybeal, Abingdon, Va.
Rev. H. A. Hess, 139 Cheery Street, Marion,
Va.
Rev. Allen Stevens, Richlands, Va.
Rev. Homer Russell, Route 5, Bristol, Va.
Rev. James Broskie, 434 Pearl Avenue,
Marion, Va.
Rev. Theodore Matney, Atkins, Va.
Rev. Oliver Osborne, Richlands, Va.
Rev. James Griffith, Richlands, Va.
Rev. Ernest Lynn, Bandy, Va.
Enclosed for finance, \$50.00.

JOHN WHEELER ASSOCIATION

John Wheeler Association sends greetings to the Virginia State Association when convened with Shiloh Church, Bristol, Virginia, June 15, 16, 1962. Any of our members that are present will be delegates.

Statistics: Our standing is as follows: Churches, 13; membership, 775; Sunday schools, 12; enrollment, 1,003; Master's men club, 1; auxiliaries, 3; leagues, 4; ordained ministers, 27; licentiates, 5.

Finances: Paid home missions, \$399.34; paid orphanage, \$791.62; paid pastors, \$6,310.88; paid evangelists, \$1,184.24; for building and repairs, \$2,657.00; paid into the association, \$231.50 for finance purposes. On the expense of the National Association, \$208.00; enclosed is check in the amount of \$50.00 for finance.

Done by the order of the John Wheeler

Association assembled in conference this 5, 6, days of January, 1962. Convened with the Shiloh Church.

MINISTERS BELONGING TO THIS ASSOCIATION

Rev. Homer Goodson, Route 4, Bristol, Va.
Rev. Frazier Boothe, Route 2, Saltville, Va.
Rev. D. K. Offield, Route 4, Bristol, Tenn.
Rev. C. F. Sprinkle, Route 5, Bristol, Va.
Rev. C. C. Olinger, Saltville, Va.
Rev. H. M. Whittaker, Route 2, Bristol, Va.
Rev. Herbert Adams, Route 4, Bristol, Va.
Rev. Jennings Wilson, Route 2, Saltville, Va.
Rev. Kyle French, Box 87, Chilhowie, Va.
Rev. J. W. Chesnutt, 520 Page Street, Bristol, Va.
Rev. L. E. Powers, Route 2, Bristol, Va.
Rev. Walter Statzer, Lebanon, Va.
Rev. Edd Pendergrass, Route 3, Bristol, Tenn.
Rev. L. F. Henley, Abingdon, Va.
Rev. W. G. Henley, Abingdon, Va.
Rev. Elmer Adkins, Indian Springs, Tenn.
Rev. L. S. Chapman, Bristol, Va.
Rev. E. A. Wagner, 146 Lee Highway, Bristol, Tenn.
Rev. G. W. Slaughter, Route 11, Kingsport, Tenn.
Rev. David N. Warren, Box 86, Bristol, Va.
Rev. Virginia Brannan, Bristol, Va.
Rev. Louise Gilreath, Orlando, Fla.

Rev. T. A. Ingram, Address Unknown
Rev. A. L. Pope, Route 3, Bristol, Tenn.

LICENTIATES

Rev. Keith Wilson, 10 Newport Avenue,
Bristol, Va.
Rev. Sheldon Norris, Route 2, Saltville, Va.
Rev. Winton Blaylock, Route 2, Bristol, Va.
Rev. Carita Rogers, Route 4, Bristol, Va.
Rev. Walter Fender, Overseas

CLINCH VALLEY ASSOCIATION

To the Virginia State Conference of Free Will Baptists when convened with the Shiloh Baptist Church, Bristol, Virginia, on Friday and Saturday before the third Sunday in June, 1962.

We send as delegates Garland Glover, Richard Castle, Claude Lane, Jim Pierson, and Jessie Rogers.

Alternates: Dewey Worley, Lillie Barnett, Maxie Culbertson, Lillie Kerns, A. O. Peters, whom we pray you to receive to sit with you in your deliberations.

State of religion, good; number of churches, 31; church membership, 1,374; number of Sunday schools, 29; Sunday school enrollment, 1,613; youth leagues, 9; woman's auxiliaries, 3; woman's auxiliary membership, 61; number ordained ministers, 62; number of licentiates, 10; number of prayer meetings, 24; paid pastors, \$10,-806.10; evangelistic work, \$1,451.38; building and repairs, \$19,168.18; literature, \$1,-

454.10; charity, \$1,162.61; miscellaneous expense, \$3,508.81; foreign missions, \$64.38; home missions, \$50.00; home for children, \$2,546.38; members received, 136; members dismissed, 42; members deceased, 8; enclosed for state fund, \$50.00.

Done by order of the Clinch Valley Association of Free Will Baptists when convened with the Durham's Chapel Church, Mabe, Virginia, on May 11 and 12, 1962.

Moderator, Elder Earl Austin
238 Hammond Drive,
Kingsport, Tenn.

Clerk, Harold Deskins
Route 2, Gravelly Road;
Kingsport, Tenn.

MINISTERS BELONGING TO CLINCH VALLEY ASSOCIATION

Elder Walter Glover, Dante, Va.

Elder Harry Whitaker, Dante, Va.

Elder Jeff Salyer, Nicklesville, Va.

Elder J. H. Patrick, Nicklesville, Va.

Elder Tom Hall, Kingsport, Tenn.

Elder Harold Hawkins, Kingsport, Tenn.

Elder Bill Gardner, Fall Branch, Tenn.

Elder John Smith Jr., Kingsport, Tenn.

Elder Lonnie Brown, Nicklesville, Va.

Elder Clint Proffitt, Kingsport, Tenn.

Elder Kelly Estep Jr., Kingsport, Tenn.

Elder Frank Smith, Kingsport, Tenn.

Elder Cransford Ewing, Kingsport, Tenn.

Elder Eugene Minton, Kingsport, Tenn.

Elder J. C. Barnett, Kingsport, Tenn.

Elder Bill Vaughn, Kingsport, Tenn.
Elder Ed Harless, Richmond, Va.
Elder Loman Unberger, Kingsport, Tenn.
Elder Frank McCann, Kingsport, Tenn.
Elder James A. Boatright, Clinchport, Va.
Elder Walter Brickey, Kingsport, Tenn.
Elder James Cassell, Dungannon, Va.
Elder Eritt Darnell, Ft. Blackmore, Va.
Elder Ernest Carter, Gate City, Va.
Elder Walker Darnell, Dungannon, Va.
Elder A. F. Puckett, Ft. Blackmore, Va.
Elder Luther Lane, Clinchport, Va.
Elder John Pierson, Kingsport, Tenn.
Elder C. J. Flannary, Kingsport, Tenn.
Elder Edward Ray, Kingsport, Tenn.
Elder George Willis, Weber City, Va.
Elder Mance Leonard, Blountville, Tenn.
Elder Sam Welsh, Bristol, Tenn.
Elder Joe Leonard, Blountville, Tenn.
Elder Johnnie Hooker, Blountville, Tenn.
Elder Carter Proffitt Jr., Blountville, Tenn.
Elder Rufus Hood, Duffield, Va.
Elder Earl Austin, Kingsport, Tenn.
Elder B. D. Proffitt, Indian Springs, Tenn.
Elder Doyle Collier, Kingsport, Tenn.
Elder Roy Sampson, Kingsport, Tenn.
Elder Willie Ashworth
Elder Pat Bishop
Elder W. H. Frazier
Elder W. E. Vicars
Elder Milligan Herron
Elder Fred Lane
Elder Willie Jennings

Elder William H. Lane
Elder George Rhoton
Elder William Jones
Elder Lawnial Salling
Elder Roy Jenkins
Elder Carson Bishop
Elder Talmage Wallen
Elder Oscar Calhoun
Elder R. L. Anderson
Elder Harold Free
Elder Carl France
Elder Joe Taylor
Elder Robert Ramey
Elder Elmer Barker

SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION

Greetings to Virginia State Association, when convened with Shiloh Free Will Baptist Church, June 15, 16, 1962.

We send as messengers Paul Lenord, Leamon Bowling, Delorus Bowling, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Fields, Rosalie Ramsey, and Adrian L. Howard.

Our standing is as follows: Quarterly meetings, 3; churches, 51; Sunday schools, 50; youth leagues, 29; ordained ministers, 78; membership, 4,027; licentiates, 10; minute fund enclosed, \$50.00.

Done by the order of Southwest Virginia Association while in regular session with Dungannon Free Will Baptist Church, Dungannon, Virginia, May 19, 1962.

Elder Ralph Flannary, Moderator
Dungannon, Va.

Elder W. A. Hales, Assistant
Richmond, Va.

Leslie G. Ketron, Clerk
Herald, Va.

Minnie Belle Ketron, Assistant

MINISTERS REPORTING TO THE SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION

J. V. Estep, Route 1, Box 71A, Big Stone
Gap, Va.

Gale Scott, Route 5, Elizabethton, Tenn.

Harlie Greene, Route 2, Box 302, Wise, Va.

James A. Branch, Plymouth, N. C.

H. V. Johnston, Route 1, Norton, Va.

Curtis Porter, 103 Lower Hillside Drive,
Bellbrook, Ohio

Kernit R. Moore, Pound, Va.

Mrs. Della Salyers, Route 1, Box 552, Nor-
ton, Va.

L. H. Martin, Jonesville, Va.

W. B. Galloway, Big Stone Gap, Va.

Howard W. Ashworth, 203 Pinehurst Drive,
Kingsport, Tenn.

Eddie Sturgill, Box 705, Jenkins, Ky.

V. B. Thacker, Ft. Blackmore, Va.

Robert Dixon, Route 1, Big Stone Gap, Va.

S. B. Culbertson, Woodway, Va.

Paul Pennington, Pennington Gap, Va.

Jack Richmond, Box 371, Wise, Va.

Harold Kilgore, Esserville, Va.

David D. Powers, Norton, Va.

Hobert Addington, Wise, Va.
Paul Butler, Ft. Blackmore, Va.
Ralph Flannary, Box 206, Dungannon, Va.
Wade H. Powers, Route A1, Box 294,
Wise, Va.
B. P. Powers, Wise, Va.
W. H. Fentress, 1801 Bay View Boulevard,
Norfolk, Va.
W. A. Hales, Richmond, Va.
George Collins, S. E. 12th Street, Norton,
Va.
J. T. Greear, 1115 Wane Avenue, Norton,
Va.
Paul Harry Miller, 2306 4th Avenue, Big
Stone Gap, Va.
James Rose, Route 1, Box 193, Coeburn,
Va.
J. D. Kilgore, Box 1, Pound, Va.
S. M. McFall, Route 2, Clintwood, Va.
Raymond Riggs, 4624 Larkin Street, Nor-
folk, Va.
Kenneth M. Walker, 515 N. Nelson Street,
Arlington 3, Va.
Milam Hall, Cranest, Va.

THE VIRGINIA STATE MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

Convened with the Shiloh Church, Bristol, Virginia, June 14, 1962. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p. m. by the moderator, Rev. J. B. Chism. Opening song, "Heaven Will Surely Be Worth it All."

The devotions were given by Rev. Eugene Minton.

Rev. J. W. Chesnutt gave the welcome address and made the announcements. Special singing was rendered by the Shiloh Singers.

The speaker was Rev. J. B. Chism. His subject was, "What Does it Take to Make a Successful Pastor?"

The following officers were elected: President, Rev. J. B. Chism; vice-president, Rev. Earl Austin; executive committeemen, Rev. J. W. Chesnutt, and Rev. Eugene Minton; committee on ministerial conduct and improvement, Rev. C. J. Flannery; secretary and treasurer, Rev. C. F. Sprinkle.

Report of the finance, \$10.41 was received at this meeting.

Motion was made and carried that this conference adjourn until June, 1963.

Closing song, "Do You Know My Jesus?"
Closing prayer by Rev. Earl Austin.

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS
of the
MINISTERS' CONFERENCE
of the
VIRGINIA STATE ASSOCIATION
of
FREE WILL BAPTISTS

CONSTITUTION

Article I

NAME: This organization shall be called the Ministers' Conference of the Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptists.

Article II

MEMBERSHIP: The membership of this Ministers' Conference shall consist of ordained ministers in good standing who hold their membership in a Free Will Baptist church within the Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptists.

Article III

FINANCE: This Ministers' Conference will be financed by freewill offerings which will be received at each session of the conference.

Article IV

PURPOSE: The purpose of this conference is to promote unity and brotherly love; to promote the gospel; to promote intellec-

tual and spiritual improvement; and to promote exegetical, doctrinal, and homiletical study of the Scriptures.

Article V

OFFICERS: The officers of this conference shall be a president, vice-president, and a secretary-treasurer. These officers to be elected annually.

Article VI

COMMITTEES AND COUNCILS

Section 1

Executive Committee: The executive committee shall be composed of the president, vice-president, secretary-treasurer, and two members elected from the floor.

Section 2

Special Committees: Any special committee may be elected or appointed as needed.

Section 3

A Committee on Ministerial Conduct and Improvement: This committee shall be composed of five (5) pastors elected by the body. Their term of office shall be 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 years. One new member to be elected each year.

Article VII

MEETINGS: The time of meeting of this Ministers' Conference shall be 7:30 p. m. on Thursday evening, before the third Sunday in June.

Article VIII

AMENDMENTS: This constitution may be amended or altered at any regular meeting of the Ministers' Conference by a three-fourths ($\frac{3}{4}$) vote of the ministers present, provided the proposed amendment or alteration be presented in writing to the body at the last regular meeting.

BYLAWS

1. Each meeting shall be opened with Scripture and prayer and shall be closed with prayer.

2. DUTIES OF OFFICERS

A. President: It shall be the duty of the president to call each meeting to order, preside over all meetings, maintain proper Christian order and discipline in each meeting, and to perform the various duties relating to his office.

B. Vice-President: It shall be the duty of the vice-president to perform all the duties of the president in his absence.

C. Secretary-Treasurer: It shall be the duty of the secretary-treasurer to record minutes, maintain records, keep accurate account of all finances and to perform such other duties as pertaining to his office. It shall further be his duty to notify all ministers in this conference of the time and place of each meeting three (3) weeks in advance of the meeting.

3. It shall be the duty and responsibility of each minister to be present at each meeting if possible.

4. By a two-thirds ($2/3$) vote of all the ministers present, a ruling of the president may be overruled.

5. Any person not a member of this conference may be allowed to take part in its discussions by a majority of the body.

6. The president shall not allow discussions when not carried on in a Christian spirit, or when he thinks it will cause discord or division.

7. On any question of procedure, "Robert's Rules of Order" shall be final.

8. No minister of this conference shall be allowed to speak more than ten (10) minutes, nor more than twice (2) on the same subject without permission from the president.

9. DUTIES OF VARIOUS COMMITTEES

A. Executive Committee: It shall have power to act in behalf of and for the Ministers' Conference from one regular session to another. Any action taken by the executive committee when the conference is not in session, shall be reported in writing to the next regular conference for its approval.

CONSTITUTION

Preamble

We, the FREE WILL BAPTISTS of the state of Virginia, realizing the importance of a higher decree of co-operation and a greater spirit of unity, do ordain and constitute this Constitution and Bylaws for the government of the State Association of Virginia.

Article I

Name: The name of this association shall be known as the VIRGINIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS.

Article II

Purpose: The object or purpose of this organization shall be to unify the efforts of various local associations of this state and adjacent territory.

Article III

Section 1

Representation: All ministers in good standing in the denomination in the state shall, upon application, become members in full standing.

Section 2

Each association within the state shall be entitled to five (5) representatives to be chosen from the laity of the local associa-

tion and additional delegates for each quarterly meeting to be chosen by the respective quarterly meeting.

Article IV

Discipline: The state association shall have the right to settle any question of discipline, doctrine, or usage that may properly come before it from any association, quarterly meeting or church composing said state association of the Free Will Baptist church, or act upon any appeal that may be made by any body belonging to said state association. Said appeal shall have been written and properly signed by the constituent body or bodies. Such appeals are to come before the state association after having been appealed from the lower body to the next higher body.

Article V

Section 1

Officers: The officers of this state association shall consist of a moderator, an assistant moderator, a recording secretary, an assistant recording clerk, a treasurer and an executive board, each of which shall be nominated from the floor and elected by a standing vote of the body at the close of each regular session—excepting the clerk which shall be for a period of four (4) years or during good behavior—and the executive board which shall be elected as hereinafter provided.

Section 2

The state executive secretaries of department work shall be as follows: foreign missions, home missions, young people's work, Sunday schools and education, and shall be nominated from the floor and elected by a standing vote of the body at each regular session.

Section 3

Committees as necessary shall be appointed by the chair unless otherwise provided for, and shall hold office until work is completed or until their successors are elected and installed.

Article VI

Section 1

Executive Board: An executive board of three (3) members shall be nominated from the floor and elected by a standing vote of the body. The first member named shall serve one (1) year, the second member named shall serve two (2) years, the third member named shall serve three (3) years, and one elected annually as order requires, to serve for a three year term.

Section 2

This executive board shall have power to act in behalf of and for the state association from one regular session of the association to another, and shall have power to elect such officers as may be necessary for

its own government, and to carry out the plans and undertakings of the state association.

Section 3

This executive board shall have power to fill vacancies that may occur in its body, and shall also have power to fill any vacancies that occur in any department of work. It shall be the duty of this board to make written reports of all its work to the next regular session of the state association.

Article VII

Time of Meeting: This state association shall hold its regular meetings annually. The time of the meetings shall be Friday before the third (3) Sunday in June each year, and shall continue in session until its work is completed—providing notice shall have been served to the clerk of each association composing the state association—said notice to have been given ten (10) days previous to the time of the meeting stating the time and place of meeting. Adjourned session may be called when conditions demand.

Article VIII

Denominational Enterprises: It shall be the right and purpose of this state association to establish and maintain home missions, publishing houses, orphanages, aged ministers' homes, and summer camps for young people.

Article IX

This constitution may be altered or amended at any regular session of this state association of Free Will Baptists by a two-thirds ($2/3$) vote of the members present, provided that a specific notice has been given at the last previous session.

BYLAWS

Article One

The moderator, or in his absence the assistant moderator, shall call the association to order and if a quorum is present shall proceed with the business.

Article Two

Any minister in good standing from any association composing the state association shall be eligible for membership upon application, and any delegate legally appointed or elected by any association and quarterly meeting of that association composed of the state association shall be eligible to membership in this association.

Article Three

It shall be the duty of each body belonging to this association to send a letter to every annual session of this association, reporting in the same its spiritual condition, benevolent work and its statistics. Any local association which fails to report itself for two successive sessions will be considered dropped from this association.

Article Four

Each meeting shall be opened by reading a portion of the Bible and with prayer, and shall be closed with prayer.

Article Five

By a two-thirds vote of all members present a ruling of a moderator can be overruled.

Article Six

This association may correspond by messenger or otherwise with other religious bodies.

Article Seven

This association shall sit with open doors except when it shall go into a committee as a whole.

Article Eight

Any person not a member of this association may be allowed to take part in its discussions by obtaining permission of the moderator.

Article Nine

It shall be the duty of all members of this association to be present at the time appointed for each meeting and anyone wishing to retire shall first obtain leave of the moderator.

Article Ten

No member shall absent himself from the association during its meeting without first obtaining permission from the moderator.

Article Eleven

No person shall be allowed to nominate more than one member of any committee, provided the person nominated be elected.

Article Twelve

The moderator shall not allow discussions when not carried on in a Christian spirit or when he thinks it will cause discord or division.

Article Thirteen

Anyone desiring to speak shall rise to his feet and address the moderator by the appellation, "Brother Moderator," but shall not speak further until recognized by the moderator.

Article Fourteen

The "yeas" and "nays" may be taken on any question by request of one-fifth of the members present.

Article Fifteen

No member of this association will be allowed to speak more than ten minutes nor twice on the same subject without permission of the moderator.

Article Sixteen

It shall be the duty of the moderator to seat the delegates in a body in a designated section of the assembly room at the beginning of each business session.

Article Seventeen

These bylaws may be altered or amended at any regular or adjourned session of this state association by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

