

MINUTES
of the
VIRGINIA STATE
ASSOCIATION
of
FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Twenty-Sixth Session Held with the
Doran Addition Church, Kingsport,
Tennessee, June 19, 20, 1964

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Held with the
DORAN ADDITION CHURCH
Kingsport, Tennessee
June 19, 20, 1964

The next session will be held with the Bethany Free Will Baptist Church, Norfolk, Virginia, Friday and Saturday before the third Sunday in June, 1965. The opening time, 10:00 a. m., Eastern Standard Time.

GENERAL OFFICERS

Moderator—Elder Erritt T. Darnell, Fort Blackmore, Va.

Assistant Moderator—Elder John Smith Jr., Kingport, Tenn.

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 Flannary, Box 206, Dungan-
non, Va.

HOME MISSIONS

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

Elder Cecil Pressley, Honaker, Va.

Guy Culbertson, 1225 Holyoke Avenue, Kingsport, Tenn.

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

Leslie G. Ketron, Box 92, Route 4, Coeburn, Va.

FOREIGN MISSION

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.

Elder S. M. McFall, Clintwood, Va.

Elder Harold Kilgore, Essersville, Va.

LEAGUE FIELD WORKER

Miss Rudene Kennedy

Proceedings

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

The twenty-sixth annual session of the Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptists convened with the Doran Addition Church, Kingsport, Tennessee, June 19, 20, 1964.

The session opened with a song, "Living by Faith." The Scripture was read by the clerk, Mrs. M. C. Foran, taken from John 3:1-13. Prayer was offered by Elder Raymond Riggs.

Elder John Smith Jr., pastor of the host church, gave the welcome address and introduced the moderator, Elder E. T. Darnell. Elder Darnell then took charge of the business session, declaring the conference in order to transact any legal business that may come before the body.

Serving on the executive board were W. H. Dail, Bill Vaughn, and Ralph Flannary.

MINISTERS REGISTERED

Elder B. D. Profitt, Indian Springs, Tenn.

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

Elder Charles Brown, Portsmouth, Va.

Elder Ralph Staten, 3301 Verdun Avenue,
Norfolk, Va.

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

Elder Ben R. Powers, Wise, Va.
 Elder John Smith Jr., 752 Clouds Road,
 Kingsport, Tenn.
 Elder E. T. Darnell, Fort Blackmore, Va.
 Elder James A. Boatright, Clinchport, Va.
 Elder Bob R. Lane
 Elder L. M. Salyers, Box 695, Route 1,
 Norton, Va.
 Elder V. B. Thacker, Fort Blackmore, Va.
 Elder Roy Sampson, Kingsport, Tenn.
 Elder C. J. Ewing, Kingsport, Tenn.
 Elder Ralph Flannary, Box 206, Dungan-
 non, Va.
 Elder J. C. Lynn, 913 Burksdale Road,
 Norfolk, Va.
 Elder Eckel Herron
 Elder Bill Vaughn, Kingsport, Tenn.
 Elder Eugene Vaughn, Kingsport, Va.
 Elder Luther Collier, Big Stone Gap, Va.
 Elder J. W. Chesnutt, 520 Page Street,
 Bristol, Va.
 Elder Jeff Salyers, Nickelsville, Va.
 Elder John C. Pierson, Kingsport, Va.
 Elder J. V. Estepp, Norton, Va.
 Elder Arthur Luster
 Elder Howard Ashworth, Box 203, Kings-
 port, Tenn.
 Elder Clint Porfitt, Kingsport, Tenn.
 Elder Kelly Estepp, Kingsport, Tenn.
 Elder Willie Vicars, Kingsport, Tenn.
 Elder Harold Hawkins, Kingsport, Tenn.

The executive board reported it had chos-

en Elder James Boatright to bring the message at the eleven o'clock preaching service.

VISITING MINISTERS

Elder George Lifford

Elder Herman Christen

Elder J. R. Pratt

Elder Paul J. Kettemen, 516 Achievement Drive, Nashville, Tenn.

Elder Harold D. Harrison, Nashville, Tenn.

Elder J. R. Wilton

Elder Winston Sweeney, 201 Stophel Heights, Kingsport, Tenn.

Elder L. E. Sexton, Kingsport, Tenn.

DEACONS REGISTERED

James Myers Jr., Kingsport, Tenn.

E. J. Kilgore, Coeburn, Va.

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

Guy Culbertson, 1225 Holyoke Avenue, Kingsport, Tenn.

M. C. Foran, 321 Boone Street, Bristol, Va.

Bill Hillman

R. F. Quillen

Ray Booker

Cecil White

Ezra Lane

Troy Dingus

John Price

Charlie Lane

Glenn Churchwell

DELEGATES REGISTERED

Southwest Virginia Association: Mrs. Maggie Robinette, Mrs. Sybil Frybrier, and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Sams.

Clinch Valley Association: Fronie Belle Myers, Jessie Smith, June Tester, and Neomia Umberger. Alternates: June Weatherly, Gwendolyn Pierson, Minnie Bowser, Madeline Austin, and Sophia Darnell.

John Wheeler Association: Mr. and Mrs. Fleenor South, Margie Rhymer, Fanny Lunceford, Lillian Hammitt, Mrs. Warren White, and M. C. Foran.

Sandy Valley Association : Mrs. Cecil Ramey.

Tidewater Association: Mrs. Raymond Riggs, Mrs. Ralph Staten, Mrs. Charles Brown, Mrs. J. C. Lynn, and Mrs. Edgar Jackson.

Elder Ralph Staten was voted in by the body to serve as treasurer in the absence of the treasurer, Elder J. B. Chism.

Association letters were received and the delegates seated.

A motion was made and carried to adjourn for the eleven o'clock preaching service.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

The service began with the singing of "Press Along to Glory Land." Prayer was

offered by Elder Luther Collier. Elder J. A. Boatright read the Scripture from the first chapter of Ezekiel and brought the message. His subject was taken from the twelfth verse, "They Went Straight Forward: They Turned Not." The closing song was "Victory in Jesus," with prayer by Elder Ralph Staten.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session began with the singing of "I Love the Lord Down in My Heart." The clerk read the Scripture taken from 1 Peter 4:9-18. Prayer was offered by Elder Jeff Salyers.

The Tidewater Association presented a letter of request to join the Virginia State Association. The request was granted.

The woman's auxiliary's report was read and received by vote of the body.

Elder J. Reford Wilson of the National Association made a report on foreign missions.

Elder Raymond Riggs, state director of foreign missions, made a report on foreign missions for the Virginia State Association.

The Virginia State Association home missions report was given by W. H. Dail, chairman-treasurer, and received by vote.

A report of the Ministers' Conference was made by Elder Ralph Staten. This report was received as read.

The report of Article 3 of the bylaws was tabled until some future date.

The treasurer's report was given by Elder Ralph Staten in absence of Elder J. B. Chism. This report was received by vote as read.

A report of the National Bible College was made by Elder J. C. Lynn.

The executive board reported it had chosen Elder Arthur Luster to bring the evening message and Elder J. C. Lynn to bring the message Saturday morning at the eleven o'clock hour.

By vote of the body the business session adjourned until Saturday morning. The closing song was "Amazing Grace," with prayer by Elder John C. Pierson.

FRIDAY EVENING SERVICE

The service opened at 7:30 p. m. with the singing of "Leave It There" and "It's a Grand and Glorious Feeling." James Myers Jr. led the singing with June Christian at the piano. Prayer was offered by Elder Herman Christian. A trio from the host church sang "I've Been With Jesus." Mr. and Mrs. James Myers Jr. sang "The Lord Will Make a Way Some How" and "Searching for Me." Elder John Smith sang "The Love of God."

Elder Arthur Luster read fifteen verses from the fifteenth chapter of Jeremiah and

four verses from the 137 Psalm and brought an inspiring message. His subject was "A People Out of Tune."

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

The service opened with the singing of "The Life Boat." Ten verses from the sixth chapter of Galatians were read by the clerk. Prayer was offered by Elder Paul Kettelman. The moderator took charge of the business session, declaring the conference in order.

The superannuation fund report was read by the treasurer, Mrs. L. M. Salyers, and received by vote as read.

Elder Paul Kettelman of the Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee, made a report on the work he is doing for the college and expressed the need for help in the behalf of the college.

Elder Harold Harrison made a report on the Sunday school literature from the National Association.

By vote the following were chosen as delegates to the National Association when it convenes in Kansas City, Missouri, July 14-16, 1964: Mr. J. B. Chism, Mrs. Ralph Staten, Mrs. Ralph Flannary, Mrs. Robert Hill, Mrs. Raymond Riggs, and Mrs. Charles Brown.

Motion made and carried that Elder Ralph Staten be authorized to fill in the delegate's cards at the National Association.

Motion made and carried that a fee of \$45 be sent with the report to the National Association.

Motion made and carried to have 1,000 minutes printed.

The report of the Children's Home was made by Mrs. Ray Turnage.

The conference stood in silent prayer in reverence to the following deceased brethren who have passed away since the last meeting: Elders Andrew Stidam, H. V. Johnston, and Manse Leonard.

The officers of the association were elected as follows:

Moderator: Elder Ralph Staten

Assistant Moderator: Elder E. T. Darnell

Treasurer: Elder J. B. Chism

League Field Worker: Miss Rudene Kennedy

Superannuation Board: Mrs. L. M. Salyers, E. J. Kilgore, Elder S. M. McFall, and Elder Harold Kilgore.

Executive Board: Elder Bill Vaughn

Director of Foreign Missions: Elder Raymond Riggs

Home Missions Board: W. H. Dail, Chairman-Treasurer, Elder Cecil Pressley, Leslie Ketron, Guy Culbertson, and Elder J. W. Chesnutt.

The executive board reports it has chosen

the Bethany Free Will Baptist Church at Norfolk for the meeting place of the next session. This was voted on by the association and carried that the next session be held at the Bethany church on Friday and Saturday before the third Sunday in June, 1965.

Motion was made and carried that the state moderator, assistant moderator, and the district moderators prepare a program and agenda for the next session.

Motion made and carried that the letter form that was introduced at the conference be accepted.

Association letters were read as follows:

Clinch Valley: Letter and delegates with \$50 for state fund.

Sandy Valley: Letter and delegate with \$50 for state fund.

Southwest Virginia: Letter and delegates with \$50 for state fund.

Tidewater: Letter and delegates with \$50 for state fund.

The terms of the executive board expires as follows: Elder Ralph Flannary, 1965; W. H. Dail, 1966; and Elder Bill Vaughn, 1967.

The sum of \$250 was received for state finances.

A standing vote of thanks was extended to the people of Doran Addition Church

and surrounding communities for their fine hospitality shown us during our stay in their locality.

By vote the conference adjourned for one year.

The closing song was "Sunlight."

ELEVEN O'CLOCK PREACHING SERVICE

This service opened with the singing of "When We All Get to Heaven." Prayer was offered by Elder J. C. Lynn. Mr. Lynn read Scripture taken from Acts 2:24-36 and 2 Corinthians 5:21, and brought the message on the subject, "What He Has Made."

The closing prayer was offered by Elder Earl Austin.

Elder Erritt T. Darnell, *Moderator*
Mrs. M. C. Foran, *Clerk*

Statistical Reports of the Association

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance on Hand at the Beginning of the
1963 Session \$ 0.00

Received in 1963 Session from

Following:

Southwest Virginia	
Association	\$ 75.00
Sandy Valley	
Association	50.00
John Wheeler	
Association	50.00

Clinch Valley Association	50.00
Offering from State Association	39.26

Total to Be Accounted For \$264.26

Paid Out as Follows:

Check No. 11, National Association of Free Will Baptists for State Dues	\$ 45.00
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Check No. 12, Rev. Earl Austin, Services as Moderator	15.00
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Check No. 13, Mrs. M. C. Foran, Services as Clerk	15.00
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Check No. 14, J. B. Chism, Services as Treasurer	15.00
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Check No. 15, Free Will Baptist Press, 1963 Minutes	162.50
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Total Paid Out	252.50
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Balance on Hand at the Beginning of 1964 Session	\$ 11.76
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HOME MISSION REPORT 1963-64

(June 1—May 31)

Received

Cardwell Town Free Will Baptist Church, Saltville	\$ 127.14
Green Wood Free Will Baptist Church	10.00
Shiloh Free Will Baptist Church, Bristol	15.00
Oak Grove Free Will Baptist Church	60.00
Bethany Free Will Baptist Church, Norfolk	48.73
Princess Anne Free Will Baptist Church, Norfolk	7.15
Fairmount Park Free Will Baptist Church, Norfolk	156.93
Tidewater Quarterly Meeting Sale of Books	125.00 62.18
Stallard Memorial Free Will Baptist Church	50.97
Collingswood Free Will Baptist Church, Portsmouth	10.86
Special Offering	1.00
W. H. Dail	5.00
Calvary Free Will Baptist Church, Portsmouth	5.00
Ladies' Auxiliary, Fairmount Park Church	39.21
Ladies' Auxiliary, Bethany Church	5.85

Special Offering	61.89
Total Receipts	<u>\$ 791.91</u>
<i>Expenditures</i>	
Rudene Kennedy, Mission Work from 1/11/63— 5/31/64	\$ 300.00
Earmarked Funds For Promotional Work, Rudene Kennedy	54.00
Films for Promotional Work	50.00
Leslie Ketron	17.05
Books	150.00
W. H. Dail, Promotional Work	48.53
	16.00
Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 635.58</u>
Balance Brought Forward from 1963 Report	\$1,089.64
Total Receipts	<u>791.91</u>
Grand Total	<u>\$1,881.55</u>
Expenditures	<u>635.58</u>
Balance on Hand	<u><u>\$1,245.97</u></u>

SUPERANNUATION FUND REPORT

(June 30, 1963—June 18, 1964)

Cash on Hand	\$277.49
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Receipts

Addison's Chapel	6.00
Beech Grove Church	5.50
Bond Town Church	4.50
Calvary Church	4.50
Woman's Auxiliary	21.26
Dungannon Church	31.00
Davis Chapel	10.00
Dry Fork	3.00
Esserville Church	8.00
Gillenwater Church	9.00
Glamorgan Church	9.00
Hopkin's Chapel	12.00
Hamilton Hill Tabernacle	13.00
Inmann Church	1.50
Indian Creek Church	12.00
Lone Pine Church	12.00
Marion's Church	15.00
Martha's Chapel	1.50
Mary's Chapel	18.00
Mt. Olive Church	10.00
Mt. View Church	2.00
Oak Grove Church	40.00
Pippin's Chapel	4.00
Ramsey's Church	12.00
Steven's Chapel	6.00
Stallard's Memorial	15.00
Tacoma Church	15.00
Virginia State Association	46.14
Valley View Church	1.50
Venia's Chapel	12.00
West Norton Church	10.00
West End Church	1.00

Wilson's Chapel	20.00
Church	9.45
X	1.30
Fairmount Park Church	206.25
Total to Account For	\$886.39

Disbursements

Elder Ben Powers	\$120.00
Elder Aaron Justice	120.00
Elder Orville O'Quinn	120.00
Elder Andrew Stidham	120.00
Elder H. A. Hess	120.00
Elder Earl Miller	10.00
Elder H. V. Johnston	10.00
Elder Bill Vaughn	10.00
Mrs. L. M. Salyers	10.00
Total Disbursed	640.00
Balance in Treasury	\$246.39

FOREIGN MISSIONS REPORT

The calendar year of 1963 closed on a victorious note for the Board of Foreign Missions of the National Association of Free Will Baptists. It was our greatest year in history! Total receipts from all sources were \$289,845.38. Of this amount, the state of Virginia gave \$12,783.32. The suggested quota for our state last year was \$17,500. This we missed by \$4,716.68. One church in our denomination gave more

to foreign missions than the entire state of Virginia.

This year (1964), the suggested quota for foreign missions for our state is \$18,000. With over one half of the year gone, and with less than one third of our quota raised, all of us need to "tighten our belts" and give more to Foreign Missions than ever before

Less than twenty (20) Free Will Baptist churches in the state of Virginia are giving to foreign missions. We have over one hundred (100) churches affiliated with the State Association, with a membership of at least seven thousand (7,000).

Surely the Lord is not pleased with so many who are openly disobeying His last and most important command to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. May we pray for the 80% of our churches that are doing nothing for missions, that they too may soon have the vision and support this all-important work's needs. Also, may we who are supporting, do more.

Our national office in Nashville, Tennessee, stands ready to supply every church with good promotional materials; also to help you arrange a missionary conference or a speaking engagement for missionary candidates or returned missionaries. All of these will help promote a missionary spirit

in your church. Remember, the church that does not support missions will soon become a mission field.

Do not send your foreign mission money to me. Send it direct to Free Will Baptist Foreign Mission Board, 3801 Richland Avenue, Nashville, Tennessee 37205.

Following is a report of receipts to foreign missions from Virginia for the first five months of 1964 (January through May):

Bethany Church, Norfolk	\$ 826.70
Calvary Church, Portsmouth	32.63
Central Church, Norton	31.10
Collinswood Church, Portsmouth	293.75
Cooperative Plan	436.50
Dungannon Church, Dungannon	124.67
Emma L. Edwards	30.00
Esserville Church	13.83
Fairmount Park Church, Norfolk	611.06
First Church, Bristol	150.00
First Church, Newport News	1,504.18
First Church, Richmond	25.00
George T. Wood Sr., Norfolk	162.00
Haywood Creech, Norfolk	25.00
Hyde Park Church, Norfolk	860.00
Jimmy Bowman, Norfolk	72.00
Junior Sunday School Class, Bethany, Norfolk	10.00
Kenneth Walker, Arlington	15.00
Lake Park Auxiliary, Richland	16.15
Leads Chapel	16.60

Nellie M. Justiss	35.00
Oak Grove Church, Big Stone Gap	44.00
W. Norton Church, Norton	13.60
W. N. A. C.	337.90

Total \$5,686.07

Respectfully submitted,
 Rev. Raymond Riggs
State Director for Foreign Missions

Minutes of Virginia State Woman's Auxiliary Convention

(June 18, 1964).

The Virginia State Woman's Auxiliary Convention met with Doran Free Will Baptist Church June 18, 1964, for its ninth session.

Mrs. Myers led the group in singing "Jesus Calls Us."

Mrs. Elsie Staten gave the morning devotions using as her subject, "The Things that Are Portable."

The Rev. Mr. Smith, pastor of the church, welcomed everyone. Mrs. J. D. Meeks of Portsmouth gave the response.

The president, Mrs. O. S. Jones, gave a very interesting talk on the theme for the day, "What this Woman Hath Done, Be Told for a Memorial to Her" (Matthew 26:13).

The following special committees were appointed by the president:

Finance: Mrs. Sams, Mrs. Della Salyers, Miss Rudene Kennedy, and Mrs. Earl Austin.

Resolutions: Mrs. Raymond Riggs, Mrs. Elsie Staten, and Mrs. Charles Brown.

Special music was brought by the youth choir of the Orebank Church. They sang "Teach Me Lord to Wait," "Neither Do I Condemn Thee," and "I Won't Turn Back."

The president recognized the following ministers: John Smith Jr., B. D. Profitt, Winston Sweeney, Charles Brown, B. R. Powers, Bob R. Lane, Earl Austin, James Boatright, Raymond Riggs, E. T. Darnell, Mrs. L. M. Salyers, and Ralph Staten.

There were 95 visitors, 4 officers, and 4 delegates present.

The winner of the district declamation contest, Ruth Ann Staten, a member of the YPA of the Fairmount Park Church in Norfolk, gave her declamation, "You Ask Me Why." She will represent the state at the National Association.

Mr. and Mrs. Myers favored us with special music, "Looking for Me."

Mrs. Myers then led the group in the singing of "At Calvary" and "He Lives."

Special music was rendered by Joy Brice, "Unworthy."

The message was brought by Rudene

Kennedy from the theme of the day, "Have You Done What You Could?" (Matthew 14:3-9).

Dismissed for lunch with prayer by Rev. Boatright.

The afternoon session opened with the singing of "Fill My Way with Love."

Devotions were conducted by Mrs. L. M. Salyers.

The young son of Rev. and Mrs. Darnell sang "The Love of God."

The following committee reports were given:

Finance Committee: Rev. Salyers, \$25 to the president for expenses; foreign missions, \$406.41; Bible College, \$5.25; Children's Home, \$329; superannuation, \$171.75; Wheels for the Waids, \$615.11; state home missions, \$35.06; W.N.A.C. Convention dues, \$43.40; Collingwood Church of Portsmouth for the Paines, \$20.

Resolutions Committee: Mrs. Riggs gave appreciation for the generous hospitality and wonderful fellowship of the day.

Mrs. Octavia Jones, *President*

Mrs. Faye Sams, *Acting Secretary*

Statistical Reports Of the Associations

CLINCH VALLEY ASSOCIATION

To the Virginia State Association of Free

Will Baptists when convened with the Doran Addition Church, Kingsport, Tennessee, June 19, 20, 1964.

We send as delegates Sisters Fronie Belle Myers, Jessie Smith, June Luster, Sophia Darnell, and Lillie Barnett. As alternates Sisters Neomia Umbarger, June Weatherly, Gwendolyn Pierson, Minnie Bowser, and Madeline Austin.

Our statistics are: Number of quarterly meetings, 5; number of quarterly meetings reporting, 4 (Clinch River Quarterly did not report); number of churches, 25; church membership, 1,122; members received, 96; members dismissed, 39; members deceased, 10; number of Sunday schools, 22; Sunday school enrollment, 1,518; youth leagues, 4; league enrollment, 169; woman's auxiliaries, 3; woman's auxiliary enrollment, 44; number of ordained ministers, 57; number of licentiates, 7; number of ordained deacons, 32; paid pastors, \$8,665.02; paid evangelists, \$1,311.34; building and repairs, \$18,761.49; literature, \$1,288.37; charity, \$1,597.98; miscellaneous expenditures, \$3,182.54; Foreign Missions, \$105; home missions, \$25; home for children, \$2,635.28; total expenditures, \$38,221.09; value of church property, \$161,400; enclosed for association, \$50.

Done by order of the Clinch Valley Association of Free Will Baptists when convened with the Hilton Free Will Baptist

Church, Hilton, Virginia, on Friday and Saturday, May 8, 9, 1964.

Elder Erritt Darnell, *Moderator*
James Myers Jr., *Clerk*

Ministers belong to the Clinch Valley Association:

Elder John Smith Jr., Kingsport, Tenn.
Elder Clint Porfitt, Kingsport, Tenn.
Elder Robert Parker, Kingsport, Tenn.
Elder Ray Weatherly, Kingsport, Tenn.
Elder Kelly Esteep, Kingsport, Tenn.
Elder C. T. Ewing, Kingsport, Tenn.
Elder J. C. Barnett, Kingsport, Tenn.
Elder Eugene Minton, Kingsport, Tenn.
Elder Bill Vaughn, Kingsport, Tenn.
Elder Leonard Cross, Ellicott City, Md.
Elder Harold Hawkins, Kingsport, Tenn.
Elder F. M. McCann, Kingsport, Tenn.
Elder Lowman Umbarger, Kingsport, Tenn.
Elder Carl Bowser, Kingsport, Tenn.
Elder Arthur Luster, Kingsport, Tenn.
Elder Richard Castle, Indianapolis, Ind.
Elder James A. Boatright, Clinchport, Va.
Elder Erritt Darnell, Ft. Blackmore, Va.
Elder Walter Brickey, Kingsport, Tenn.
Elder John Pierson, Kingsport, Tenn.
Elder Walker Barnell, Dungannon, Va.
Elder A. F. Puckett, Ft. Blackmore, Va.
Elder Luther Lane, Clinchport, Va.
Elder James Cassell, Dungannon, Va.
Elder Pat Bishop, Duffield, Va.
Elder Harold Free, Clinchport, Va.

Elder Milligan Herron, Gate City, Va.
Elder William Lane, Hilton, Va.
Elder William Jones, Gate City, Va.
Elder Willie Ashworth, Clinchport, Va.
Elder Rufus Hood, Clinchport, Va.
Elder Carson Bishop, Kingsport, Tenn.
Elder Willie Vicars, Kingsport, Va.
Elder Talmage Wallen, Gate City, Va.
Elder Oscar Calhoun, Gate City, Va.
Elder Carl France, Gate City, Va.
Elder George Rhoton, Gate City, Va.
Elder Roy Jennings, Weber City, Va.
Elder Willie Jennings, Weber City, Va.
Elder Lubert Hammonds, Clinchport, Va.
Elder Fred Lane, Clinchport, Va.
Elder Joc Taylor, Grundy, Va.
Elder Eckel Herron, Gate City, Va.
Elder Bob R. Lane, Gate City, Va.
Elder Earl Austin, Kingsport, Tenn.
Elder Roy Sampson, Kingsport, Tenn.
Elder B. D. Profitt, Blountsville, Tenn.
Elder Joe Leonard, Blountsville, Tenn.
Elder Lee Clark, Blountsville, Tenn.
Elder Sam Welsh, Bristol, Tenn.
Elder Carter Profitt Jr., Blountsville, Tenn.
Elder Johnny Hooker, Blountsville, Tenn.
Elder G. A. Minton, Kingsport, Tenn.
Elder Marvin Winkle, Kingsport, Tenn.
Elder Gorden Clark, Kingsport, Tenn.
Elder C. J. Flannary, Kingsport, Tenn.
Elder Lee Smith, Hilton, Va.

SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION

Greetings to the Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptists when convened with the Doran Addition Church, Bristol, Virginia, June 19, 20, 1964.

We have chosen the following delegates whom we pray may sit with you in your godly work: Rev. and Mrs. Ralph Flannary, Rev. and Mrs. J. Leonard Hicks, Rev. Ben Powers, Mrs. Maggie Robinette, Mrs. Sybil Frybrier, and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Sams.

Our standing is as follows: Number quarterly meetings, 2; number of churches, 41; membership, 2,331; number of Sunday schools, 41; membership, 3,002; number of youth leagues, 17; membership, 586; number of ordained ministers reporting, 63; licentiates, 1; state minute fund enclosed, \$50.

Done by order of the Southwest Virginia Association of Free Will Baptists while in regular session with the Oak Grove Church, Big Stone Gap, Virginia, May 16, 1964.

Rev. W. B. Galloway and
Rev. G. T. Francis, *Moderators*
Mr. and Mrs. Leslie G. Ketron, *Clerks*
Route 1, Box 92
Coeburn, Virginia

Ministers belonging to the Southwest Virginia Association:

Hobert Addington, Esserville, Va.
W. E. Adams, Big Stone Gap, Va.
C. B. Addison, Route 1, Wise, Va.
Palmer Blevins, Route 1, Coeburn, Va.
Burley Berry, Manassas, Va.
Bernie Broskey, Norton, Va.
S. R. Ball, St. Charles, Va.
A. J. Bowman, Route 2, Wise, Va.
Jessie Cowden, Norton, Va.
S. B. Culbertson, Woodway, Va.
Robert Dixon, Route 1, Box 467, Big Stone Gap, Va.
Carson Dotson, Route 2, Wise, Va.
J. V. Estepp, Route 1, Box 71-A, Big Stone Gap, Va.
Ralph Flannary, Dungannon, Va.
L. J. Fields, Route 1, Norton, Va.
G. T. Francis, Pound, Va.
W. B. Galloway, Big Stone Gap, Va.
Ray Gardner, Route 1, Box 176, Norton, Va.
J. T. Greear, Norton, Va.
Harley Green, Route 2, Box 300, Wise, Va.
W. B. Harrison, Norton, Va.
Milam Hall, Cranest, Va.
Leonard Hicks, St. Paul, Va.
Perry Honeycutt, Dungannon, Va.
Theodore Holmes, Route 1, Keokee, Va.
Vestus Jessie, Norton, Va.
S. H. Jackson, Route 1, Coeburn, Va.
Clarence Johnson, Hiram, Ky.

J. D. Kilgore, Pound, Va.
 J. Harold Kilgore, Esserville, Va.
 J. E. Laney, Route 1, Wise, Va.
 C. B. Lane, Route 2, Box 96, Wise, Va.
 Paul Leonard, Norton, Va.
 Melvin Moore, Wise, Va.
 W. C. Maness, Appalachia, Va.
 L. H. Martin, Jonesville, Va.
 George Mullins, Eola, Ky.
 Kermit Moore, Pound, Va.
 P. H. Miller, Big Stone Gap, Va.
 Earl Miller, 516 Page Street, Bristol, Va.
 S. M. McFall, Clintwood, Va.
 J. V. Maggard, Big Stone Gap, Va.
 Charlie Mullins, Route 2, Box 231, Wise,
 Va.
 Hansford Mullins, Route 2, Wise, Va.
 C. W. Nowles, Pound, Va.
 Ben Powers, Wise, Va.
 Wade Powers, Pound, Va.
 David Powers, Norton, Va.
 Oscar Powers, Esserville, Va.
 Lacy Powers, Route 1, Box 841, Norton, Va.
 Paul Pennington, Koekee, Va.
 Robert Ramey, 1224 S. Wilcox Dr., Kings-
 port, Tenn.
 Jack Richmond, Wise, Va.
 James Rose, Route 1, Coeburn, Va.
 C. A. Robinette, Route 1, Wise, Va.
 James A. Ramey, 242 Twelfth Street S. E.,
 Norton, Va.
 Ethel Robbins, Norton, Va.
 Hersel Ramey, Norton, Va.

Eddie Sturgill, Jenkins, Ky.
Jeff Salyers, Route 1, Nickelsville, Va.
Dela Salyers, Route 1, Box 552, Norton, Va.
V. B. Thacker, Ft. Blackmore, Va.
Robert H. Vanover, Wise, Va.
James West, Eola, Ky.

SANDY VALLEY ASSOCIATION

Greetings to the Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptists when convened with Doran Addition Church, Kingsport, Tennessee, June 19, 20, 1964.

We have chosen as a delegate Mrs. Cecil Ramey.

Our standing is as follows: Quarterly meetings, 3; churches, 14; membership, 492; ministers, 33; enclosed for finances, \$50; valuation of church property, \$11,000.

Done by order of the Sandy Valley Association.

Elder Arnold Simpkins, *Asst. Moderator*
Elder Cecil Ramey, *Moderator*
Elder Arnold Simpkins,
Assistant Moderator
Mrs. Gladys Compton, *Clerk*

Ministers belonging to the Sandy Valley Association:

Elder Earl James, Route 2, Honaker, Va.
Elder Orville O'Quinn, Honaker, Va.
Elder Arnold Simpkins, Richlands, Va.
Elder W. M. Boyd, Vansant, Va.
Elder Ernest Lynn, Bandy, Va.

Elder James H. Sargent Jr., North Tazewell,
Va.

Elder Kenneth M. Skeens, Richlands, Va.

Elder Henry Roberts, Richlands, Va.

Elder Emory Edwards, Vancouver, Washington,
D. C.

Elder Renia Hale, Richlands, Va.

Elder Cecil Ramey, Route 1, Cedar Bluff,
Va.

Elder Earl Cole, White Wood, Va.

Elder W. J. Booth Sr., Bishop, Va.

Elder George Barrett, Newport News, Va.

Elder Warren Dye, Bluefield, Va.

Elder Oliver Osborne, Richlands, Va.

Elder B. B. Snead, Saltville, Va.

Elder G. C. Sizemore, Richlands, Va.

Elder A. H. Dye, Swords Creek, Va.

Elder Bert Dye, Swords Creek, Va.

Elder Kyle Brown, Swords Creek, Va.

Elder Dewey Dye, Swords Creek, Va.

Elder Clarence Miller, Swords Creek, Va.

Elder Holland Miller, Route 4, Gate City,
Va.

Elder R. E. Hylton, 1108 Hartford Avenue
N. E., Canton, Ohio

Elder Hobart Bostic, Swords Creek, Va.

Elder Aaron Justice, Honaker, Va.

Elder H. D. Hess, Honaker, Va.

Elder Walker Taylor, Brentwood, Md.

Elder Ervin Penley, Drill, Va.

Elder Luther Hubbard, Swords Creek, Va.

Elder Jettie Dye, Swords Creek, Va.

Elder Rhoda Dye, Swords Creek, Va.

Portsmouth, Va.
June 4, 1964

Mrs. M. C. Foran, Clerk
Virginia State Association
321 Boon St.
Bristol, Va.

To whom it may concern:

We, the Tidewater Association of Virginia Free Will Baptists, being a duly organized association, request membership in your august body of workers for our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

We would like to join with you, the State Association, in the furtherance of God's work.

May the Lord bless you.

Mrs. E. V. Welton, *Clerk*
Tidewater Association of Virginia
Free Will Baptists
2305 Charleston Avenue
Portsmouth, Va.

TIDEWATER ASSOCIATION

Statistics: Members received, 368; present membership, 1,919; paid to Tidewater Association, \$877.20; total receipts, \$166,930.92; total paid out, \$166,529.19; state and promotional work, \$31.25; home missions, \$50; Children's Home, \$1,458.67; superannuation, \$206.25; national work and cooperative program, \$4,273.71; foreign missions, \$10,899.68; national home missions,

\$4,780.66; radio and television, \$125; executive department, \$442.82; Bible College, \$2,100.24; superannuation, \$164.33; league headquarters building, \$600; stewardship board, \$380.46; Sunday school board, \$7.74; commission, \$6.

Delegates elected to attend the Virginia State Association are: Mrs. Raymond Riggs, Mrs. Ralph Staten, Mrs. Charles Brown, and Mr. Edgar Jackson.

Elder J. C. Lynn, *Moderator*

913 Burksdale Road
Norfolk, Virginia

Mrs. E. V. Welton, *Clerk*

2305 Charleston Avenue
Portsmouth, Virginia

Ministers belonging to the Tidewater Association:

Elder Charles Brown, 1030 City Park Avenue, Portsmouth, Va.

Elder J. C. Lynn, 913 Burksdale Road, Norfolk, Va.

Elder Ivey J. Carter, 563 Bayview Boulevard, Norfolk, Va.

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

Elder W. H. Fentress, 1801 Bayview Boulevard, Norfolk, Va.

Elder Robert C. Hill, 5218 Monument Avenue, Richmond, Va.

Elder Bill McClintock, 123 Smith Avenue, Portsmouth, Va.

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

Elder Ralph Staten, 3301 Verdun Avenue,
Norfolk, Va.

JOHN WHEELER ASSOCIATION

Greetings to the Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptists when convened with the Doran Addition Church, Kingsport, Tennessee, June 19, 20, 1964.

We send as delegates Mr. and Mrs. Fleenor South, Mrs. Margie Rhymer, Mrs. Lillian Hammitt, Mrs. Fanny Lunsford, and Mrs. Warren White.

Our standing is as follows: Number of churches, 12; number of quarterly meetings, 2; districts, 1; membership, 847; number of Sunday schools, 11; Sunday school enrollment, 856; auxiliaries, 4; membership, 65; Master's men club, 1; membership, 20; prayer meetings, 10; number of leagues, 4; ordained ministers, 24; licensed ministers, 2; paid pastors, \$8,366.70; paid evangelists, \$1,634.27; home missions, \$266.63; Children's Home, \$1,006.73; for education, \$19.05; financial purposes, \$242; publications, \$299.72; building and repairs, \$2,789.12; enclosed for finances, \$50.

Ministers belonging to the John Wheeler Association:

Elder Cecil Clifton, Route 2, Meadow View, Va.

Elder L. F. Henley, 264 Lowland Street,
Abingdon, Va.
Elder L. E. Powers, Route 2, Bristol, Va.
Elder Winton Blaylock, Route 4, Bristol,
Va.
Elder H. M. Whittaker, Route 2, Bristol,
Va.
Elder A. L. Pope, Route 3, Bristol, Tenn.
Elder J. W. Chestnutt, 520 Page Street,
Bristol, Va.
Elder T. A. Ingram, North Carolina
Elder Jennings Wilson, Route 2, Saltville,
Va.
Elder Howard Shaver, Route 3, Bluff City,
Tenn.
Elder Kyle French, P. O. Box 87, Chil-
howie, Va.
Elder Homer Goodson, Route 4, Bristol,
Va.
Elder Herbert Adams, Route 4, Bristol, Va.
Elder Frazier Boothe, Route 2, Saltville,
Va.
Elder Virginia Brannan, Keys Street, Bris-
tol, Va.
Elder Edd Pendergrass, Route 3, Box 291,
Bristol, Tenn.
Elder C. C. Olinger, P. O. Box 274, Salt-
ville, Va.
Elder C. F. Sprinkle, Route 5, Bristol, Va.
Elder Joe E. Tolliver, Route 2, Bristol,
Tenn.
Elder Sheldon Norris, Route 2, Meadow
View, Va.

Elder Millard C. Taylor, Route 4, Saltville,
Va.

Elder Orville Trivette, Route 4, Bristol,
Tenn.

Elder Elmer Adkins, Route 4, Blountsville,
Tenn.

Elder Walter Statzer, P. O. Box 703, Leba-
non, Va.

Licentiates:

Elder Walter Fender, Okinawa

Elder Carita Rogers, Route 4, Bristol, Tenn.

MINUTES OF THE MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

The Ministers' Conference of the Virginia State Association of Free Will Baptists convened with the Doran Addition Church of Kingsport, Tennessee, Thursday evening, June 18, 1964, with Elder Earl Austin, vice-president, presiding in the absence of the president, Elder J. B. Chism. The Elder John Smith was host pastor.

The session began at 7:30 p.m. with congregational singing directed by Brother James Myers Jr., accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Raymond Riggs.

The welcome address was given by the host pastor, the Elder John Smith.

The devotional was conducted by Elder Raymond Riggs who read from Romans 10:9-18 and gave some very timely remarks.

Special musical numbers were rendered

by members of Elder E. J. Darnell's family, Elder Ben Powers, and Mr. and Mrs. Myers.

The evening messages were brought by Elder Ralph Staten and Elder J. Reford Wilson, director of our national foreign missions program. The theme of the messages gave emphasis to the challenge of the Great Commission of Matthew 28:19, 20, and a briefing concerning our missionary program as it is operating on the different fronts today.

Following the congregational singing and fellowship in handshaking, the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The secretary-treasurer, Elder Ralph Staten, gave a report. The treasury of the Ministers' Conference had a balance of \$2.42 as of June 13, 1963. There have been no funds received or expended since the 1963 report.

A motion was made by Elder Raymond Riggs and seconded by Elder Ralph Flannery that the present slate of officers be retained. The motion was carried.

An offering of \$23.85 was taken for the Ministers' Conference treasury, making a balance in the treasury as of June 19, 1964, of \$26.27.

Elder J. B. Chism, *President*

Elder Earl Austin, *Vice-President*

Elder Ralph Staten, *Secretary-Treasurer*

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 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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 cooperation 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 association and additional delegates for each quar-

terly 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.

