

Minutes  
of  
The West Virginia  
State Meeting  
of  
The Free Will Baptist Church  
*1st Annual Session*  
*Held With*  
The Switzer Church  
*Switzer W. Va.*  
*June 7th and 8th 1946*



The Minutes of  
THE ORGANIZATION OF  
THE WEST VIRGINIA STATE MEETING  
— of —

FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Organized September 8, 1945 at Greenview, West Virginia

SATURDAY—9:30 A. M.

Scripture: Proverbs 17, 15 verses by Rev. D. E. Bias, Chairman of the original Committee on Organization.

Prayer: Rev. Paul Woolsey.

Nomination for Moderator: Rev. D. W. French and Rev. Thomas Clay. French eleven votes, Clay sixteen.

Nomination for clerk: Rev. W. C. Combs and Brother D. V. Schaffer. Combs thirteen votes, Schaffer sixteen.

Nomination for Treasurer: Rev. John M. Henson and Rev. W. C. Combs. Henson eighteen votes, Combs twelve.

Executive Board: Kanawha Q. M., Rev. James Herrald; Logan Q. M., Rev. Sam Mullins; Guyan Q. M., Rev. B. Spurlock, Boone Q. M. Rev. J. E. Shreves, Beckley Q. M. Rev. D. W. French, Fayette Q. M. Rev. Phil Manning, Brotherhood Q. M. Rev. D. E. Bias, Mingo Q. M. Rev. Jeff Curry. These Board members being nominated by their respective Q. M. A motion carried to elect them as the Executive Board.

Reading of the Constitution and By-laws was followed by a motion to adopt them which carried by a unanimous vote.

Rev. Paul Woolsey, a Representative of the National Association, explained the function of the various boards after which the following board members were elected.

**FOREIGN MISSION BOARD:** Rev. Lee A. Gore, Chairman. Rev. G. E. Pauley, Clerk and Treasurer Rev. Sam Clay.

**HOME MISSION BOARD:** Rev. Brooks Spurlock, Chairman. Rev. Oliver Privett, Clerk and Treasurer Rev. D. W. French.

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:** Rev. John M. Henson, Chairman. Rev. W. C. Combs, Clerk and Rev. Elbert H. Clay, Treasurer.

**BOARD OF SUPERANNUATION:** Rev. Lewis Higginbotham, Chairman. Rev. D. E. Bias, Clerk and Treasurer Rev. Jeff Curry.

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES:** Rev. D. W. French, Chairman. Rev. Oliver Privett, Clerk. Rev. Harry Booth, Brother D. V. Schaffer and Rev. John M. Henson.

A motion carried to elect a Program Committee of three. Committee elected as follows: Rev. D. E. Bias, Rev. John M. Henson and Rev. P. A. Manning.

A motion carried that Clerk have Constitution and By-laws printed in book form.

A motion carried to have printing done at the Free Will Baptist Publishing House.

Offering taken for printing totaling \$21.53.



A motion carried to elect a State Secretary.

Rev. John M. Henson was elected as Field Secretary. Fourteen volunteered to pay \$5.00 each to Rev. Henson to assist him in his work.

A motion that Rev. D. W. French be elected to receive all money coming in for State Orphanage work, carried.

Invitations for the next State Meeting were received from four churches. The invitation from the Switzer Church was accepted by a majority vote.

The Moderator appointed Rev. John M. Henson to preach the next introductory sermon at the State Meeting, Rev. James Herrald as alternate.

A motion carried to adjourn until the next regular meeting on Friday before the second Sunday in June 1946.

REV. D. V. SCHAFFER, Clerk.

REV. THOMAS CLAY, Moderator.

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# *1st Annual Session*

## *Held With*

# *The Switzer Church*

## *Switzer W. Va.*

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FRIDAY, JUNE 7, 1946

9:30 A. M.

Devotional in charge of Rev. Oliver Privett.

Song: "Til Fly Away"----- Congregation  
Prayer----- Rev. Oliver Privett

Song: "Keep on the Firing Line"----- Congregation  
In the absence of the Moderator, Rev. Thomas Clay, Rev. D. W. French, Assistant Moderator, took charge.

Scripture Reading: Psalm 133 ----- Rev. D. W. French

Clerk elected from the floor, by nomination and acclamation,  
Rev. W. C. Combs, Crab Orchard, West Virginia.

Moderator elected by the same method, Rev. John M. Henson,  
Hurricane, West Virginia.

Assistant Moderator elected from the floor by the same method,  
Rev. Oliver Privett, Box 456, Logan, West Virginia.

Due to the absence of several of the Executive Board members,  
the election of these, was postponed until the afternoon session.

Minutes of the previous session were read and approved,  
following a few corrections. This was moderated by Rev Oliver Privett.

Rev. R. B. Crawford, Nashville, Tenn., representative of the  
National Association, and Rev. Russell Milam, Minford, Ohio,  
delegate from the Ohio State Association, were welcomed and  
introduced.

Motion carried that the Moderator be authorized to declare  
the nomination closed after a reasonable length of time.



Ruled to elect a 7 man Business Committee, later rescinded in favor of five. The Business Committee elected by vote from the floor is as follows:

Rev. Jessie Blankenship, Chairman; Rev. Earl Fraley, Rev. R. H. Doan, Rev. D. E. Bias and Rev. Ernest Withrow.

Resolutions Committee: Rev. G. D. Stamper, Chairman; Rev. Brooks Spurlock; Rev. Ernest Bias.

Orbituary Committee: Rev. James Napier, Chairman; Rev. Rice Harmon and Rev. Oliver Privett.

Motion carried that the members of the two above named committee be voted upon. Vote taken and members elected.

A discussion ensued as to just when the new Executive Board should take office. A tentative decision was reached that they shall take office along with the new moderator, clerk, etc.

Rev. W. R. Harmon, Taylorsville, W. Va., was elected, by motion, to fill the vacancy of Brother D. V. Shaffer (deceased).

The Assistant Moderator took charge while a motion carried that the minutes money in the hands of the widow of Brother Schaffer, be given her, with no further expectation from her by the body.

Motion carried that the business session adjourn for preaching.

#### ELEVEN A. M.

Welcome address by the pastor Rev. Earl Fraley, followed by a response from Rev. D. W. French.

Devotional in charge of Rev. Ernest Bias.

Song: "If the Light has Gone Out in Your Soul"----- Congregation Handshake followed by an altar prayer.

A wonderful message by Rev. Russell Milam on "The Mission and Power of the Church", including a Scripture reading from Ezek. 47, was enjoyed by all.

Song: "Amazing Grace" with handshake was followed by adjournment for lunch at 12 o'clock.

#### TWO P. M.

Song: "I'm Going that Way"----- Congregation Prayer

Song: "Won't It Be Wonderful There" 1 verse. Rev. Andrew Adkins

Scripture: Romans 12.

A fine talk on "Our Hopes for the Future as a State Organization" by Rev. Jessie Blankenship.

Invitation from Rev. R. H. Doan, pastor of Kilsyth Church, Kilsyth, West Virginia, to attend the West Virginia Yearly Meeting, beginning on Friday before second Sunday in August.

An announcement of the State Sunday School Convention at Coal City, West Virginia on Friday before the first Sunday in August.

Report of Home Missions Board, Rev. Brooks Spurlock and Rev. Oliver Privett. No receipts at present.

An explanation by the Moderator concerning the function of the various boards.

Motion carried to receive above report.

Report of Board of Superannuation by Rev. D. E. Bias.

A motion carried to receive this report.

Rev. Brooks Spurlock was reelected on the Home Missions Board.

Rev. R. H. Doan was elected to succeed Rev. Lewis Higginbotham on the Board of Superannuation.

Report on the work of the Ohio State Association by Rev. Russel Milam.

Report on the work of the National Association by Rev. R. B. Crawford.



A motion carried to receive both of these reports.  
Song: "There'll Be Shouting" while the right hand of fellowship was extended to both delegates.

A motion carried to read today's minutes for approval.

Approved following one correction.

Adjourned at 4:15 P. M.

Benediction ..... Rev. R. H. Doan

A fine introductory sermon was delivered Friday night by Rev. R. B. Crawford.

SATURDAY, JUNE 8, 1946

NINE A. M.

Devotional in charge of Rev. Earl Fraley, pastor.

Song: "Where We'll Never Grow Old" ..... Congregation

Prayer ..... Rev. Oliver Privett

Scripture: Romans 9 ..... Rev. Oliver Privett

Report by Rev. John M. Henson, treasurer, received by motion.

A motion carried to elect a treasurer by a standing vote.

Rev. Jessie Blankenship, Box 470, Holden, West Virginia, was elected treasurer.

Executive Board members as follows:

Guyan Quarterly Meeting: Rev Thomas Clay, Chairman, Holden, West Virginia.

Mingo County Quarterly Meeting: Rev. G. D. Stamper, Switzer, West Virginia.

Beckley Quarterly Meeting: Rev. R. H. Doan, Crab Orchard, West Virginia.

Brotherhood Quarterly Meeting: Rev. D. E. Bias, 531 Buffington Street, Huntington, West Virginia.

Mingo No. 2 Quarterly Meeting: Rev. Melvin Sanford, Stone Coal, West Virginia.

A motion carried to suspend the rules of order and the Moderator be empowered to appoint Rev. Ernest Withrow, Cyclone, West Virginia, of Tug River District Association, as nominee on the Executive Board.

A motion carried that the above nominees be elected by a vote of the body. Vote was taken and nominees were seated.

Report by Rev. Thomas Clay for Rev. Sam Clay on the work of the Foreign Mission Board.

A motion carried to receive this report.

Rev. Carl Vallance, Monaville, West Virginia, was nominated to fill the vacancy on the Foreign Mission Board.

A motion carried to elect him by vote as there were no other nominees.

A motion carried that all reports by letter, be delivered to the Business Committee.

Business recessed at 10:30 A. M.

Several persons were introduced and a handshake followed while the congregation sang "When We All Get To Heaven".

Prayer ..... Rev. R. L. Dunlap

Song: "Homecoming Week" ..... Brother Harold Dunlap

A very interesting talk by Brother Harold Dunlap on "What A Year of Bible College Has Meant To Me".

Report by Rev. John M. Henson on the work of the Board of Education. \$10.00 received.

A motion carried to receive this report.

Brother Harold Dunlap was given the right hand of the assembly signifying support in his future work, while the congregation sang "Amazing Grace".

Rev. John M. Henson was re-elected as a member of the Board of Education.



A motion carried to suspend business at 11 A. M. until 2 P. M.  
Devotional in charge of Rev. Andrew Adkins.

Song: "I'll Fly Away"----- Congregation  
Prayer----- Rev. J. A. Rakes

Song: "Precious Memories"----- Congregation  
A sermon by Rev. T. S. Young on "Ye Must Be Born Again"

was very much enjoyed.  
Song: "I'd Rather Be An Old Time Christian"----- Congregation

Song: "There Is A Fountain"----- Congregation  
An offering was received, amounting to \$22.79, for the treasury  
of the State Meeting.

Blessing for the offering by Rev. Brooks Spurlock.

Benediction----- Rev. G. D. Stamper

#### SATURDAY, TWO P. M.

Song: "I Love To Tell the Story"----- Congregation  
Prayer----- Rev. Thomas Clay

Song: "Amazing Grace" 1 verse.

Scripture: 11 verses of 1 Tim. 4----- Rev. John M. Henson

A motion carried that the moderator be empowered to appoint  
an assistant moderator for the remainder of the day's session in  
the absence of Rev. Oliver Privett.

Rev. Thomas Clay was appointed and took the chair while  
Rev. Henson made his report as Field Secretary. Report follows.

Sermons 127; Confessions 59; Number Baptized 26; Funerals 2;  
Marriages 2; Paid out \$94.00; Received \$603.23; Visited Quarterly  
Meetings 4; Made a tour with the National Secretary and visited  
several other churches.

A motion carried to receive this report.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

We, your Resolution Committee, recommend the following  
items:

1. That we as the West Virginia State Meeting recognize the  
State Free Will Baptist Paper as an official organ of this body and  
as such it is entitled to the support of said body, also that there  
be a recommendation to each quarterly meeting to sponsor a move  
to enlist subscriptions for same.

A motion carried to receive this as recommended.

2. That each death be reported to the church, then to the  
quarterly meeting, hence to the next higher body, finally being  
reported to the Orbital Committee of the State Meeting.

A motion to accept as recommended carried.

3. That we hereby invite a session of the Christian Worker's  
Institute, of the National Bible College, be held at Kilsyth Church,  
Kilsyth, West Virginia, on April 21 to May 2.

A motion to accept carried.

4. That the committee on Finance be set up to work out  
some way to finance the work of the State Meeting, also that each  
quarterly meeting be asked to donate a certain amount to establish  
a fund at the present time, which shall be sent to the treasurer  
upon receipt.

A motion to accept carried.

We your Business Committee recommend the following items:

1. That the Southern District Association be received as a  
member of the West Virginia State Meeting. \$15.00 received.

A motion carried to accept.

2. That the Tug River District Association be accepted as a  
member of the West Virginia State Meeting. \$15.00 received.



A motion carried to accept.

3. That the Tug River Association be accepted as a member of the West Virginia State Meeting. \$15.00 received.

A motion carried to accept.

4. That the rules of order be suspended and the West Virginia Yearly Meeting be received as a member of the West Virginia State Meeting by a verbal report.

Motions necessary for the above recommendations carried and the West Virginia Yearly Meeting was received with \$35.00 fee.

The above mentioned report was given by Rev. D. E. Bias and Rev. John M. Henson as follows: Approximately 80 churches; 120 Ministers; 7 Quarterly Meetings; Property \$150,000.00.

A motion necessary to receive the report also carried.

5. That the appeal presented to the Business Committee by Rev. E. Saunders be referred to the Southren District Association by Brother Saunders for their decision before the West Virginia State Meeting can act upon it.

A motion carried to accept.

6. That the office occupied by Rev. Jeff Curry on the Superannuation Board be declared vacant and be filled by a man in good standing with his church, quarterly meeting, etc.

A motion carried to accept.

7. That the clerk be authorized to draw an order on the treasury and pay Rev. D. E. Bias \$6.50 spent by him for printing programs.

A motion carried to accept.

Rev. Melvin Sanford, Stone Coal, West Virginia, was elected to fill the vacancy of the Board of Superannuation.

Invitations were received for a location for the next State Meeting from the following churches:

Mingo County: Day Star Church, Parsley Bottom Church and Jinney's Creek Church.

Huntington, West Virginia: Thomas Memorial Church.

Nominees on Finance Committee were: Rev. W. H. Godby, Chairman, Williamson, West Virginia; Rev. Thomas Clay, Box 457, Holden, West Virginia and Brother F. E. Nicholas, Bounemont, West Virginia.

A motion to elect these carried.

A motion carried to correspond with the National Association by letter and delegate also sending the necessary \$30.00 fee.

Brother F. E. Nicholas, Brother Roy Henson, Sister Eula Nicholas, and Brother E. E. Hagley were elected as delegates.

The Executive Committee recommended that the next session be held at the Thomas Memorial Church, Huntington, West Virginia.

A motion carried to receive this.

A motion carried to nominate and elect a Field Secretary and Rev. John M. Henson was re-elected.

A motion carried that the clerk shall have the minutes, by-laws, and Constitution printed under the same cover, the State Meeting bearing the expense.

A motion carried to have 500 copies printed.

A motion carried to go on record as sending our sympathy to the bereaved families of Brother D. V. Schaffer and Rev. W. A. French.

A motion carried to give a rising vote of thanks to the people and pastor of Switzer Church for their kindness and fellowship.

A motion carried to empower the moderator to appoint a Program Committee. The Committee follows:

Program Committee: Rev. B. N. Withrow, Chairman, Cyclone, West Virginia; Rev. Thomas Clay, Box 457, Holden, West Virginia and Rev. G. J. Childress, Box 395B, Route 2, Charleston, West Virginia.



A motion carried to adjourn.

A blessing was asked by Rev. R. B. Crawford on the offering received for Brother F. E. Nicholas as part of the expense to the National Association. Amount \$6.75.

### FINANCIAL REPORT

#### — Receipts —

Offering -----	\$ 22.79
Dues -----	80.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 102.79</b>

#### — Disbursements —

D. E. Bias, for programs -----	\$ 6.50
National Association Fee -----	30.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 36.50</b>
<b>BALANCE</b>	<b>\$ 66.29</b>

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Rev. JOHN M. HENSON, Moderator, 3893

Rev. W. C. COMBS, Clerk. 427.36

### OFFICERS AND BOARDS

MODERATOR—Rev. John W. Henson, Box 131, Hurricane, West Virginia.

CLERK—Rev. W. Combs, Crab Orchard, West Virginia.

TREASURER—Rev. Jessie Blankenship, Box 470, Holden, West Virginia.

FIELD SECRETARY—Rev. John M. Henson.

### EXECUTIVE BOARD

Rev. Thomas Clay, Chairman, Holden, West Virginia.

#### GUYAN QUARTERLY MEETING

Rev. G. D. Stamper, Switzer, West Virginia.

#### MINGO COUNTY QUARTERLY MEETING

Rev. R. H. Doan, Crab Orchard, West Virginia.

#### BECKLEY QUARTERLY MEETING

Rev. D. E. Bias, 531 Buffington Street, Huntington, West Virginia.

#### BROTHERHOOD QUARTERLY MEETING

Rev. Melvin Sanford, Stone Coal, West Virginia.

#### MINGO NO. 2 QUARTERLY MEETING

Rev. Ernest Withrow, Cyclone, West Virginia.

#### TUG RIVER DISTRICT ASSOCIATION



### FOREIGN MISSION BOARD

Rev. Carl Vallance, Monaville, West Virginia; Rev. G. E. Harmin  
Pauley, 342 1-2 22nd Street, Huntington, West Virginia; Rev. Sam  
Clay, Box 457, Holden, West Virginia.

### HOME MISSION BOARD

*succeeded himself* Rev. Brooks Spurlock, Box 15, Crites, West Virginia; Rev.  
Oliver Privett, Box 456, Logan, West Virginia; Rev. D. W. French,  
Crab Orchard, West Virginia.

### BOARD OF EDUCATION

*Leppanant to Hard Stone* *Rev. D. E. Bias*  
*Rev. D. E. Bias* Rev. Elbert H. Clay, Chairman, Box 118, Logan, West Virginia;  
Rev. W. C. Combs, Clerk and Treasurer, Crab Orchard, West  
Virginia; Rev. John W. Henson, Box 131, Hurricane, West Virginia.

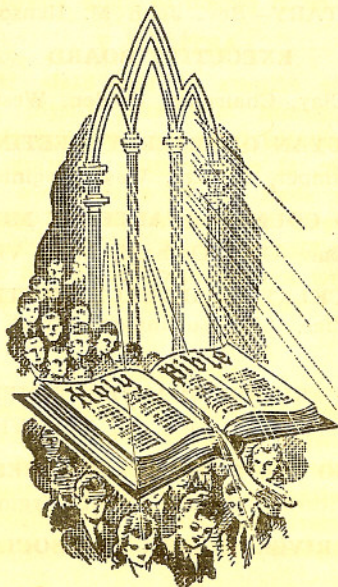
### BOARD OF SUPERANNUATION

*Melvin Sanford, Stonecoal* Rev. R. H. Doan, Chairman, Crab Orchard, West Virginia;  
Rev. Jeff Curry, Clerk and Treasurer, Box 631, Logan, West  
Virginia; Rev. D. E. Bias, 531 Buffington Street, Huntington,  
West Virginia. *Rev. Frank Johnson*

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Rev. D. W. French, Chairman, Crab Orchard, West Virginia;  
Rev. Oliver Privett, Clerk. Box 456, Logan, West Virginia; Rev.  
Harry Booth, Davin, West Virginia; Rev. W. R. Harmon, Taylors-  
ville, West Virginia. *Went to Church of God*  
Rev. John M. Henson, Box 131, Hurricane, West Virginia.

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## CONSTITUTION

## ARTICLE I

This Association shall be known as the West Virginia State Meeting of Free Will Baptists.

## ARTICLE II

The object of this Organization shall be to more thoroughly unify the work of Free Will Baptists of the State of West Virginia and to devise and execute measures for the extension of the Kingdom of Christ and for the salvation of souls in connection with the various Yearly Associations comprising this State Meeting.

## ARTICLE III

The membership of this State Meeting shall consist of District Associations or Yearly Meetings and Quarterly Meetings that from time to time, upon aproval of the State Meeting, shall become members of this body, and we recommend the various quarterly meetings to associate themselves with some yearly meeting as soon as possible.. (Carried five for, four against.)

## ARTICLE IV

DISCIPLINE—The State Meeting shall have the right to settle any questions of discipline, doctrine or usage that may properly come before it from time to time, from any yearly meetings or Association composing the said State Meeting, or act upon any apeal that may be made by any of the district meetings that belong to State Meeting. The said appeal shall have been written and signed by the Association making the appeal, then forwarded by mail or in person to State Meeting.

## ARTICLE V

OFFICERS—The officers of this State Meeting shall be a Moderator and Assistant Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, each of whom shall be nominated from the floor and elected by a standing vote from the floor, at each regular meeting provided, however, that the Moderator shall not be elected two years in succession from the same yearly meeting or district association, except in case of necessity. Election shall be determined by a majority vote of those persons and officers thus elected who shall hold their officers until their successors are elected and installed. (Vote unanimous.)

## ARTICLE VI

EXECUTIVE BOARD—The Executive Board shall be composed of the following members: The Moderator, the Secretary, the Treasurer of the State Meeting, and one representative from each quarterly meeting, to be elected from the floor of the State Meeting, each quarterly meeting to name their representative for the ensuing term before the close of each session, each quarterly



meeting calling out the name of its representative as nominations are called for.

## ARTICLE VII

Section 1. **BOARDS and COMMITTEES**—All standing Boards shall be composed of three members to be elected as follows: The first named for the term of one year, the second for a term of two years, the third named for a term of three years in succession to office thereafter shall be determined as order requires. Standing Boards include the Foreign Mission, Home Mission, the Board of Education, the Board of Superannuation, and when needed a Free Will Baptist League, and a Woman's Auxillary Board.

Section 2. The duties of the various boards shall be to plan a program and supervise its operation in their respective fields. They shall organize themselves and regulate their work as may become necessary, and may be found in harmony with the principles and tenets of the State Meeting.

Section 3. This State Meeting shall have as many committees as it is necessary to carry out the program that it may determine to promote.

## ARTICLE VIII

**DUES**—Annual dues shall be five dollars (\$5.00) per each quarterly meeting that is represented in said Yearly Meeting or District Association.

## ARTICLE IX

**MEETINGS**—This State Meeting shall hold its regular meetings annually at a time and place fixed by the regular session and made known before adjournment. Special meetings may be called by the Executive Board when extreme necessity demands, provided that the clerks of each Association has been properly notified fifteen days before the date of the meeting. Twenty-five legal representatives shall constitute a quorum for any special or regular meeting of this Organization.

## ARTICLE X

**TRUSTEES**—This State Meeting shall have a Board of Trustees, consisting of five members, each of whom shall be nominated from the floor and elected by a standing vote, two-thirds of all voting members shall be final. This Board shall receive or convey property only at the order of the State Meeting.

## ARTICLE XI

**DUTIES OF OFFICERS**—It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside at all meetings to see to it that all the Constitution and the By-laws are obeyed and respected, and to exercise all the rights of any other member except the right to vote. The right to vote shall only be given the Moderator in case of a tie. He shall be allowed to speak on any subject provided the Assistant



is in the chair. He shall not speak at any other time except in way of explanation. It shall be the duty of the Assistant Moderator to assist the Moderator in any way that he can in the discharge of his duty. This duty shall not be construed to abridge his right to vote except when in the chair, in which he shall be governed by same rule as effecting the Moderator.

It shall be the duty of the clerk to keep a complete record of all meetings, to publish same in book form, minuted and distribute to the various District Associations composing this State Meeting. All expenses of such records and printing to be defrayed by the treasury.

It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to hold and keep all such money as may come into the State Meeting and disburse it only at the direction of proper authorities. He shall make a bond of not less than all funds coming into his possession.

## ARTICLE XII

AMENDMENTS—This Constitution may be amended at any regular session of the State Meeting by a two-thirds vote of all members present provided the changes are recommended in writing at least one day before the vote is taken.

The original committee approving Constitution: Rev. D. E. Bias, Chairman, Brother D. V. Schaffer (deceased), Rev. James Herrald, Rev. J. C. Wilcox, Rev. H. W. Scott, Rev. E. L. Gibson, Rev. F. C. Calhoun, Rev. Sam Mullins, Rev. Andrew Skeens and Rev. Jessie Blankenship.

## BY-LAWS

### I

A portion of the Scripture shall be read and prayer shall be offered at the beginning of each morning and afternoon session of the State Meeting, and prayer shall be offered at the close of each session.

### II

The Moderator or Assistant Moderator shall call the meeting to order at the hour designated by the program committee. When neither the Moderator or Assistant is present the Executive Board shall elect a Moderator pro tem who shall call the meeting to order.

### III

It shall be the duty of the Clerk to enroll delegates to the Meeting who shall present themselves with proper evidence of their rights to seats therein, and those enrolled by the clerk shall compose the State Meeting.

### IV

It shall be the duty of the local or District Association, so representing this Organization to send a letter to it, giving as accurately as possible the information requested by the letter forms as published by the Free Will Baptist Gem, Monett, Missouri.



## V

In case of any controversy regarding parliamentary procedure, Roberts' Rules of Order shall be considered as final authority.

## VI

All business, except routine, shall be brought before the body by committee, but should the committee refuse or fail to present to this body any business given to it by any member of this State Meeting, then such business may be presented by any member of the body, but cannot be discussed, unless by vote of this body.

## VII

No one shall speak more than five minutes or more than twice on the same subject without consent of the Moderator.

## VIII

Any members of this body can appeal from the decision of the Moderator to the body, and by a majority vote thereon, the objection shall be sustained or rejected.

## IX

No one shall leave the body without the consent of the Moderator.

## X

Anyone desiring to speak shall arise and say, Brother Moderator, but shall not speak further until he or she is recognized by the Moderator.

## XI

The Moderator shall stop all discussions when not carried on in a Christian Spirit, or when he thinks it will lead to discord or division.

## XII

This State Meeting may correspond by messenger or otherwise to other religious bodies.

## XIII

The same person or group of persons shall not serve on more than one standing Board, or committee, as long as it can be supplied otherwise.

## XIV

Not less than three Gospel Sermons shall be preached at any one session of the West Virginia State Meeting of Free Will Baptists.

## XV

These By-laws may be revised or changed at any regular session of the State Meeting, provided that they be plainly written and stated one day before the vote is taken.

The original committee approving By-laws: Rev. D. E. Bias, Chairman. Rev. James Herrald, Brother D. V. Schaffer (deceased), Rev. J. C. Wilcox, Rev. H. W. Scott, Rev. E. L. Gibson, Rev. F. C. Calhoun, Rev. Sam Mullins, Rev. Andrew Skeenes and Rev. James Blankenship.