

Allen Baptist Association Constitution & Bylaws

(Adopted 11/6/06)

Article I – Name

The name of this body shall be the Allen Baptist Association.

Article II – Purpose

1. To promote missions and to engage in mission endeavors at home and abroad as we are led of the Lord.
2. To promote good fellowship among our churches.
3. To assist, provide training for, and undergird one another wherever possible.

Article III – Articles of Faith

The Articles of Faith as adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention in session in June 2000 shall be the basis for doctrinal beliefs.

Article IV – Authority

The Association shall have no ecclesiastical authority of the member churches.

Article V – Membership

1. The membership of this Association shall consist of all Baptist churches who are missionary in spirit and practice, evangelistic in nature, and who have accepted and adopted this Constitution.
2. Any Baptist church desiring membership in this Association shall apply by letter, stating its faith and practices, declaring its desire to cooperate fully with this Association in attaining its goals. This application can be presented in any regular Associational meeting for approval at the next Associational meeting by a three-fourths majority vote of the messengers.

Article VI – Officers

1. Moderator: The Association shall elect a new Moderator at each annual meeting to preside over the meetings, and to provide leadership for the Association for the following year. The Moderator may serve two consecutive terms.
2. Vice Moderator: Shall assist the Moderator, and shall preside in their absence. The Association shall elect a new Vice Moderator at each annual meeting to serve for the following year. Likewise, the Vice Moderator may serve two consecutive terms.
3. Treasurer: The Treasurer of the Association shall be elected at the annual meeting to serve for the following year. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive, preserve, and pay out, all money, or things of value paid or given of the Association, keeping at all times an itemized account of all receipts and disbursements. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to render to the Association at each regular meeting an itemized report of the receipts and disbursement of the preceding period.
4. Clerk: The Clerk shall keep and preserve records of the minutes and proceedings of the Association, shall assist the Moderator with church correspondence, and shall submit the annual report to the KBC.
5. Messengers: Every church of the Association shall have three messengers; the Pastor or Associate Pastor, and two designated church members. The Messengers shall constitute the voting body of the Association. Each church shall bring two messengers from their congregation who will serve with their Pastor or Associate Pastor for the meeting. In the event of the vacancy of the pastorate in a church, the congregation may appoint a

temporary messenger to serve until the church calls a Pastor. Each church shall present the names of their messengers each meeting to be the messengers for that church.

Article VII – Meetings & Procedures

1. The regular meetings of the Allen Baptist Association shall be the fourth Sunday evenings of January, April and July of each year. The meetings shall rotate among the member churches.
2. Special meetings may be called by consent of the body and should be communicated among the member churches.
3. The Annual Meeting shall be the fourth Sunday evening of October, the time and place to be communicated by the churches.
4. Roberts Rules of Order shall be the guideline for procedures for the Association.

Article VIII – Committees

1. Standing Committees:

- a. Finance Committee. The Finance Committee shall consist of the Treasurer and four elected members from our churches. They shall assist the Treasurer in his duties, and shall prepare and present the annual budget for consideration and approval at the annual meeting each year. The committee members shall be elected at the annual meeting to serve for the following year.
- b. Program Committee. The Program Committee shall consist of the Moderator, Vice Moderator, and three elected members from our churches. Each shall assist in the planning and scheduling of the Associations' regular meetings.
- c. Education Committee
- d. Missions Committee

2. Special Committees:

The body may form committees as needed for ministries, projects and tasks for their specified purposes and time periods.

Article IX – Amendments

This constitution may be changed or amended by a two-thirds majority vote of the messengers in any regular meeting of the Association, providing that the change or amendment was submitted in writing and presented for consideration and discussion in a previous regular meeting.