



*Utah-Idaho
Southern Baptist
Convention*

*CONSTITUTION
COMMITTEE*

September 22, 2020

The Constitution Committee will present amendments to our current Constitution and Bylaws at this year's annual meeting on October 30, 2020.

Gary McKean, state convention attorney, reviewed our Constitution in light of the potential need to allow digital meeting and what current State law in Utah and Idaho would allow. The Constitution Committee reviewed Gary's suggestions and looked at additional updates.

The Chairman's explanation of the changes, the proposed changes and, if accepted, how the new constitution and bylaws will read are included in this packet.

Letter
Brandon Boone, Chair
Constitution Committee

Brothers and Sisters,

As the UISBC Constitution Committee chairman, I want to offer a (somewhat) brief explanation for the amendments we are proposing at this year's Annual Meeting.

Some of these proposed amendments are changes for clarity or consistency within the documents. Others are attempting to update our documents to line up with what we have found to be most beneficial in practice. I believe these are relatively straightforward.

We are also recommending adding a section on alternative means of voting and participation. The need for this section has been made apparent by our current coronavirus situation. Still, it would also provide us with the ability to maintain fellowship, partnership, and keep the work we do together moving forward no matter what future circumstances come. More updating of our documents will likely be required on this subject in the future, but this amendment is intended to start the process.

Finally, the largest issue addressed by these proposed amendments is that of standards of affiliation. Our current documents define "like faith and practice" in three ways:

- 1) Agreement with the Baptist Faith & Message
- 2) Upholding traditional, biblical, moral norms for sexuality and marriage
- 3) Agrees to submit an Annual Church Profile

These are good, but they are not enough. It is possible to meet these criteria and yet fall short of faith and practice that is truly "like" what Jesus intends for his Church.

Because of this fact, the committee sought to clarify those three criteria and to bring them into line with our current practice.

We also received a recommendation for strengthening this section. With that goal in mind, we suggest expanding it to include, in addition to the three existing criteria:

- 1) Submission to the authority of the Bible
- 2) Participation in and supporting the direction of the Convention
- 3) Cooperation in the work for which the Convention exists
- 4) Upholding biblical morality in all matters
- 5) An expectation of attendance at the Annual Meeting

Another aspect of affiliation is the occasional rare and grievous need to remove a church from affiliation because they are no longer of like faith and practice. In addition to the strengthening language recommended above, we recommend adding a clause recognizing the potential for a church's action or conduct to harm the work and witness of the Convention and that this would constitute grounds for removal by the messengers.

Our goal with these proposed amendments is not to cause confusion or to make our cooperation together in the Utah-Idaho Southern Baptist Convention more difficult. Instead, our intention for these proposed amendments is the same as the purpose for governing documents in the first place: to enable us to do the work we are called to do more efficiently, more faithfully, and without hindrance.

I pray that this explanation is helpful. Also, I am glad to answer any questions you may still have about the proposed amendments. Feel free to email me at pastor@rhsbc.org or call or text 435-709-1119. Thank you!

In Christ,

Brandon Boone
Lead Pastor, Red Hills Southern Baptist Church

Proposed Amendments

Constitution Committee

Proposed Amendments to UISBC Constitution

Note: Underlined words would be inserted and words that are struck through would be deleted.

Clarification Regarding Affiliation:

Article III- Membership

Section 1.

- (a) This Convention shall consist of messengers:
 - (1) elected and certified by affiliated Southern Baptist churches that are cooperative in faith and practice and in financial support with this Convention and
 - (2) seated by this body.

- (b) For the purposes of this Constitution, “*affiliated Baptist churches*” are those Southern Baptist churches that have been approved for affiliation in accordance with the *Application Guidelines and Procedures for Utah-Idaho Southern Baptist Convention Affiliation*.

- (c) For the purposes of this Constitution, a “*church*” is any constituted, autonomous church, whether incorporated or not, which has an assigned SBC identification number from LifeWay Christian Resources of the Southern Baptist Convention.

- (d) For the purposes of this Constitution, a church that is “*cooperative in faith and practice*” means the church:
 - i. Gives evidence of its submission to the Bible as its authority in matters of faith and practice.

 - ii. Actively participates in the formation of and supports the stated vision, mission, resolutions and values of the Convention.

 - iii. Cooperates with the work and purpose of this Convention.

 - iv. ~~The church~~ Is in doctrinal agreement with and embraces no doctrinal statement that contradicts the most current *Baptist Faith and Message* as adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention.

v. ~~The church~~ Does not knowingly take or has knowingly taken any action that directly or indirectly affirms, endorses, supports, condones or approves in any way homosexual conduct, same-sex marriage, or any other sexual, non-binary gender, or transgender expression or conduct prohibited by the Word of God, including same-sex marriage.

vi. Does not knowingly take or has knowingly taken any action that directly or indirectly affirms, endorses, supports, condones or approves in any way any conduct prohibited by the Word of God.

vii. ~~The church~~ Accepts the responsibility to provides submit an annual church statistical profile, which includes information about membership, attendance, giving to the Cooperative Program and to any other Great Commission causes as so defined by the Southern Baptist Convention to the Convention.

viii. Agrees, as circumstances and finances reasonably permit, to send a messenger or messengers to the UISBC Annual Meeting.

(e) For the purposes of this Constitution, “*cooperative in financial support*” means the church financially supports this Convention and participates in missions and other ministries by giving annually to the Cooperative Program of the Southern Baptist Convention.

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Section 4.

(a) If there is reasonable cause to believe an affiliated church is not cooperative in faith and practice or is not cooperative in financial support or has taken action or conducted itself in a manner which is significantly detrimental to the best interest and ministry of the Convention the affiliation of said church may be revoked or other appropriate action taken by the messengers during an Annual Meeting or Special called Meeting.

Update for alternative meetings:

Article I, Section 5 In extreme circumstances, and at the discretion of the Executive Board, alternative means of voting and participation may be used to overcome logistical, natural, or catastrophic hindrances to member churches in order to allow their approved

messengers to participate in the annual meeting. If alternative means are approved by the Executive Board, clear instructions for their use by church messengers shall be provided to all member churches no fewer than 30 days before the Annual Meeting.

Updates for clarity and consistency:

1. References to the “Annual Meeting” vary, e.g. “annual meeting”, “annual session”, “convention”, “annual convention”, etc. The single term “Annual Meeting” would be used, where appropriate.
2. There may be circumstances in which a *special* meeting should be called. In those instances, “Annual Meeting” would be amended to “Annual or Special Meeting.”
3. The reference (in the Bylaws) to “*Robert’s Rules of Order, Revised*” ought to be amended to “Subject to these Bylaws or Convention rules, *Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised, 12th Edition* or its most recent succeeding edition.”

Updates consistent with practice:

Time, Place and Preacher Committee Guidelines in the Bylaws under “Time”:
~~Since 2001, the time has remained the same; namely, the Tuesday and Wednesday of the last full week of October. There are five sessions, beginning in the afternoon of Tuesday and concluding on Wednesday evening. Area churches are encouraged to dismiss Wednesday evening services in order to participate in the closing session of the convention.~~

The committee shall determine the timing of the Annual Meeting, with historical preference being for a meeting scheduled in the last full week of October.

Amending Bylaws (under the section for the Constitution Committee):

The Convention By-Laws may only be amended at the Annual Meeting of the ~~on the second day of an annual session of the Convention.~~ Notice of the proposed amendment must be published at least thirty (30) days prior to the Annual Meeting ~~annual meeting.~~ Any amendment requires the approval of two-thirds of the seated messengers.

Proposed Constitution DRAFT

Constitution Committee



*Utah-Idaho
Southern Baptist
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draft **CONSTITUTION**

Effective October 2020

**CONSTITUTION
UTAH-IDAHO SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION**

Effective 10/2020

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this body shall be Utah-Idaho Southern Baptist Convention.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

This Convention shall provide an organization through which churches may cooperate in missionary, education, benevolent, inspirational and fellowship activities for the general advancement of the work of our Lord at home and abroad. It shall provide a channel for all contributed funds in keeping with the wish of the contributor and provide reasonable, available, and requested assistance to aid cooperating churches in fulfilling their local ministries.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1.

- (a) This Convention shall consist of messengers:
 - (1) elected and certified by affiliated Southern Baptist churches that are cooperative in faith and practice and in financial support with this Convention and
 - (2) seated by this body.

- (b) For the purposes of this Constitution, “*affiliated Baptist churches*” are those Southern Baptist churches that have been approved for affiliation in accordance with the *Application Guidelines and Procedures for Utah-Idaho Southern Baptist Convention Affiliation*.

- (c) For the purposes of this Constitution, a “*church*” is any constituted, autonomous church, whether incorporated or not, which has an assigned SBC identification number from LifeWay Christian Resources of the Southern Baptist Convention.

- (d) For the purposes of this Constitution, a church that is “*cooperative in faith and practice*” means the church:
 - i. Gives evidence of its submission to the Bible as its authority in matters of faith and practice.
 - ii. Actively participates in the formation of and supports the stated vision, mission, resolutions, and values of the Convention.
 - iii. Cooperates with the work and purpose of this Convention.
 - iv. Is in doctrinal agreement with and embraces no doctrinal statement that contradicts the most current *Baptist Faith and Message* as adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention;
 - v. Does not knowingly take or has knowingly taken any action that directly or indirectly affirms, endorses, supports, condones, or approves in any way homosexual conduct, same-sex marriage, or any other sexual, non-binary gender, or transgender expression or conduct prohibited by the Word of God.

- vi. Does not knowingly take or has knowingly taken any action that directly or indirectly affirms, endorses, supports, condones, or approves in any way any conduct prohibited by the Word of God.
 - vii. Accepts the responsibility to submit an annual church profile to the Convention.
 - viii. Agrees, as circumstances and finances reasonably permit, to send a messenger or messengers to the UISBC Annual Meeting
- (e) For the purposes of this Constitution, “*cooperative in financial support*” means the church financially supports this Convention and participates in missions and other ministries by giving annually to the Cooperative Program of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Section 2. Each affiliated church shall be entitled to three (3) messengers and one (1) additional messenger for every fifty (50) resident members, providing that no church may elect more than ten (10) messengers.

Section 3. Subject to the *Application Guidelines and Procedures for Utah-Idaho Southern Baptist Convention Affiliation*, the general procedure for affiliation shall be:

- (a) A church desiring to affiliate with the Utah-Idaho Southern Baptist Convention shall submit an application packet with all required materials and information to the Executive Director.
- (b) The Executive Director will review the packet and submit the application to the Executive Board and the Credentials Committee.
- (c) The Credentials Committee shall submit its recommendations to the Executive Board.
- (d) The Executive Board shall consider the application and the recommendations of the Credentials Committee and shall then approve or disapprove the affiliation or take other action as it deems reasonable and appropriate. The Executive Board shall notify the Executive Director and the Credentials Committee of its actions.
- (e) If approved, the affiliation shall become effective as of the date of approval.
- (f) The Executive Director shall:
 - i. Notify the applying church of the action of the Executive Board.
 - ii. Submit the name of and required information relating to each newly affiliated church to the Internal Revenue Service for inclusion in the UISBC group tax exemption.
 - iii. Make a report at the next Annual Meeting of all church affiliations approved since the immediately preceding Annual Meeting.
- (g) The messengers may acknowledge the affiliation of the church at the next Annual Meeting.

Section 4.

- (a) If there is reasonable cause to believe an affiliated church is not cooperative in faith and practice or is not cooperative in financial support or has taken action or conducted itself in a manner which is significantly detrimental to the best interest and ministry of the Convention the affiliation of said church may be revoked or other appropriate action taken by the messengers during an Annual or Special Meeting.
 - i. Before taking such action, an inquiry shall be conducted to consider the reasons for non-compliance, after which a report and recommendations of action, if believed necessary, shall be submitted to those considering the action by the Credentials Committee.
 - ii. The revoking of affiliation requires a vote of three-fourths (3/4) majority of those messengers present and seated at the meeting addressing this issue.
- (b) Because affiliation is voluntary, any church may withdraw its affiliation at its discretion at any time.
 - i. The withdrawing church shall submit a written notice to the Executive Director of this Convention. The notice shall state the date of church action and include the date of withdrawal.
 - ii. Voluntary withdrawal of affiliation will disqualify the withdrawing church from sending messengers to the next or subsequent Annual Meetings.
 - iii. Any voluntary withdrawal by an affiliated church will be reported at the next Annual Meeting.
 - iv. Churches that have withdrawn in the past may reapply for affiliation in the future, according to the same guidelines and procedures referred to in Article 3 Section 3.

Section 5. Church plants may be placed in a Watchcare status until such time as they become a church as defined in the foregoing Section 1.

- (a) For purposes of this Constitution, "church plant" means any new congregation, five years old or less, which has a sending church (one which can seat messengers at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention) and is not yet self-sufficient, self-governing, or self-sustaining.
- (b) A church plant applying for Watchcare status shall comply with the Application Guidelines for Utah-Idaho Southern Baptist Convention Watchcare status which have been approved by the vote of a majority of seated messengers at an Annual Meeting.
- (c) A church plant with a Watchcare status will not be eligible to elect messengers to the Convention Annual Meeting in its own right but may, at the discretion of its sponsoring church, be represented through messengers elected from the membership of the church plant to be part of the delegation of messengers of the sponsoring church.
- (d) The Convention shall submit the name of the church plant in Watchcare status to the federal Internal Revenue Service (IRS) to be included the Convention's group tax exemption.
- (e) When a church plant becomes a church as defined in the foregoing Section 1, it may submit a petition for affiliation.

ARTICLE IV - AUTHORITY

This Convention shall have no authority over the churches or associations and shall never presume to write or impose creeds.

ARTICLE V - OFFICERS AND DUTIES

- Section 1. The officers of the Convention shall be President, First and Second Vice-Presidents, and Recording Secretary elected annually. Nominations shall be from the floor. The officers shall hold their office until their successors are installed at the close of the Annual Meeting. The president may succeed himself only once consecutively.
- Section 2. The President shall be an ex-officio member of all boards and committees and shall perform such duties as are customarily imposed upon this office.
- Section 3. The Recording Secretary shall keep a record of all proceedings of the sessions and shall prepare minutes for publication.

ARTICLE VI - EXECUTIVE BOARD

- Section 1. The general work of the Convention shall be committed to the Executive Board. It shall have power to act for the Convention in the interim between Meetings, but shall not contravene action of the Convention taken at Annual or Special Meetings.
- Section 2. The Executive Board shall consist of twenty-two (22) members, including the Convention officers. The Convention shall elect eighteen (18) members representing the constituency of the Convention. One-third (1/3) of these members shall be elected at the Annual Meeting for a three (3) year term. After a member shall have served a three (3) year term, the member is eligible to be elected to a second three (3) year term. After the second three (3) year term, one three (3) year term shall elapse before he or she is eligible for re-election. The Convention shall annually elect members to fill all unexpired terms on the Board. (Not more than one (1) person from any given church shall serve on the Board, except that an elected officer of the Convention and a regular Board member may hold membership in the same church and serve on the Board concurrently. In a case where one board member changes membership to a church where an existing board member is attending both members can continue to serve through the next regular scheduled Board meeting or Annual Meeting at which time the member that relocated will be asked to step down and their position be filled as outlined in the Constitution and By-Laws. No person shall be nominated to serve on the Executive Board unless he or she is a member in good standing of a church which is affiliated with the Utah-Idaho Southern Baptist Convention and is giving to world missions through the Cooperative Program). No member of the Board shall hold any remunerative office under the (Southern Baptist) Convention or any of its agencies (with the exception to those receiving Church Growth Assistance and Language Pastoral Assistance).
- Section 3. The Executive Board shall elect its own chairman and secretary and shall determine its own meeting places and dates. These meetings shall be open except in the case of executive session.
- Section 4. The Executive Board shall employ an Executive Director/Treasurer for an indefinite term. The Executive Director/Treasurer shall serve as the official superintendent of all work of this Board, making full report of this work to the Board.

- Section 5. The Executive Board shall appoint all employed personnel, establish policies, fix salaries, and determine the departments and fields of work for the accomplishment of the Convention's purposes.
- Section 6. The Executive Board shall make a report to the Convention of its activities during the year. The Board shall have its report printed and ready for distribution at the first session of the Annual Meeting. Any recommendations from the Board shall be published thirty (30) days in advance of the Annual Meeting.

ARTICLE VII - AGENCIES AND INSTITUTIONS

- Section 1. The Convention shall own and operate any agency or institution it deems necessary to fulfill the general purposes specified in Article II. Boards of these agencies or institutions shall report in the manner specified by the Executive Board of the Convention unless the Convention itself directs otherwise.
- Section 2. No institution or agency shall be acquired without an approval of the Convention in two (2) successive Annual Meetings.
- Section 3. No existing institution or agency of this Convention shall launch enterprises calling for expenditures of money apart from usual operating expenses until the same has been approved by the Executive Board.

ARTICLE VIII - MEETINGS

The Convention shall meet annually. Special Meetings may be called by the Executive Board.

ARTICLE IX - AMENDMENTS

This Constitution may be changed or amended at an Annual Meeting of the Convention by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the seated messengers, provided that notice of the proposed change shall have been published not less than thirty (30) days prior to the Annual Meeting.

Proposed Bylaws DRAFT

Constitution Committee



*Utah-Idaho
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***draft* BYLAWS**

Effective October 2020

BY-LAWS
UTAH-IDAHO SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

ARTICLE I – RULES

Section 1. The rules of order for the Convention shall be those given in *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, 12th Edition* or its most recent succeeding edition.

Revised 10/2020

Section 2. Visitors attending the Convention, who are members of cooperating churches, may be allowed all privileges of the Meeting except to make motion and to vote.

Section 3. One third (1/3) of the seated messengers shall constitute a quorum.

Section 4. Members of the Executive Board shall attend at least one out of two meetings unless providentially hindered and, in such cases, notice shall be given to the Board. Two successive absences without notification shall give the Board the right to appoint a new member to replace the absent one to serve until the next Annual Meeting of the Convention.

Section 5. In extreme circumstances, and at the discretion of the Executive Board, alternative means of voting and participation may be used to overcome logistical, natural, or catastrophic hindrances to member churches in order to allow their approved messengers to participate in the Annual Meeting. If alternative means are approved by the Executive Board, clear instructions for their use by church messengers shall be provided to all member churches no fewer than 30 days before the Annual Meeting.

ARTICLE II – COMMITTEES

Section 1. The newly-elected president and the first and second vice-presidents shall serve as a committee on committees and shall annually appoint the following committees in time to have the names of each committee's members included in the Convention Annual.

- (a) A committee on nominations, of not less than five members, exclusive of current Executive Board members, charged with the responsibility of selecting nominees for the Executive Board.
- (b) A committee on order of business.
- (c) A committee on time, place, and preacher.
- (d) A committee on resolutions.
- (e) A committee on credentials composed of five (5) members shall examine messengers of new churches applying for Convention affiliation and recommend Convention action toward them. When necessary, this committee may be authorized to examine messengers from affiliated churches whose seats are contested and recommend Convention action. Churches desiring affiliation with this Convention shall submit their Petitionary Letter no later than ninety (90) days prior to the Annual Meeting of the Convention.
- (f) A committee on constitution composed of five (5) members who shall study the Convention's Articles of Incorporation, Constitution and By-Laws, and shall receive and review proposed amendments committed to the committee and shall formulate whatever proposed amendments it may consider proper and shall report them to the Convention in the manner prescribed in the Articles of Incorporation, Constitution and By-Laws.
- (g) A teller's committee

Section 2. The Convention, at an Annual Meeting, may approve or modify a statement of guidelines and duties for each of the foregoing committees. Those statements of guidelines and duties shall be deemed to be part of these By-Laws.

Revised 10/2015

The following state the guidelines and duties of the above committees:

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

Responsibilities:

The Committee on Nominations shall consist of at least five members not currently serving on the UISBC Executive Board. They shall select nominees for the Utah-Idaho State Convention Executive Board and nominees for the Utah-Idaho Southern Baptist Foundation and present those nominees to the Convention at the Annual Meeting.

Guidelines:

All nominees must have resided in the state convention, for at least one (1) year, immediately prior to their nomination.

Those selected for nomination must be active members in their local church, and if possible, their association.

Nominees that are selected should demonstrate some qualities of leadership in their vocational and/or church setting.

Those considered for nomination may be pastors, church staff members, or laity. (See the Constitution Article VI Section 2.) "The Executive Board shall consist of twenty-two (22) members, including the Convention officers. The Convention shall elect eighteen (18) members representing the constituency of the Convention. One-third (1/3) of these members shall be elected at the annual convention for a three (3) year term. After a member shall have served a three (3) year term, the member is eligible to be elected to a second three (3) year term. After the second three (3) year term, one three (3) year term shall elapse before he or she is eligible for re-election. The Convention shall annually elect members to fill all unexpired terms on the Board. (Not more than one (1) person from any given church shall serve on the Board, except that an elected officer of the Convention and serve on the Board concurrently. No person shall be nominated to serve on the Executive Board unless he or she is a member in good standing of a church which is affiliated with the Utah-Idaho Southern Baptist Convention and is giving to world missions through the Cooperative Program). No member of the Board shall hold any remunerative office under the (Southern Baptist) Convention or any of its agencies (with the exception to those receiving Church Growth Assistance and Language Pastoral Assistance).

The Executive Board guidelines strongly support the policy that each geographical area of our convention should be represented on the Board. This does not mean that every association has to have representation. In the event that an association does not have anyone who is qualified to serve, in the opinion of the Committee on Nominations, they do not have an obligation to have a person from THAT association for THAT particular year. Because our churches and ministries serve in the large two-state area of Utah and Idaho, Executive Board membership distribution should be based on geographical considerations and not necessarily associational concerns.

The Committee On Nominations should work from the premise that Executive Board membership is a position of service and labor on behalf of the churches and membership of the UISBC, and not necessarily based on a position of honor. Some potential nominees may possess longevity in the convention, and the respect that goes with the longevity. Those qualities are to be commended in any person; but those qualities alone do not necessarily form a solid basis for selection and nomination.

The Committee on Nominations should have at least TWO meetings in order to pray, consider the appropriate nominees, and prepare their report that will be presented to the Convention at the Annual meeting. The Chairman of the Committee On Nominations is charged with the responsibility to call and facilitate the two meetings.

Revised 6/5/2003

GUIDELINES FOR TIME/PLACE/PREACHER COMMITTEE

TIME:

The committee shall determine the timing of the Annual Meeting, with historical preference being for a meeting scheduled in the last full week of October.

Revised 10/2020

PLACE:

Individual churches will request the Convention to use their building, and the committee determines the practicality of the request based on location of the building, auditorium size, and comfort facilities; the availability of adequate display space for a bookstore and materials; simultaneous meeting such as WMU, Women's Ministry, Pastors Conference, and Committee Meetings; and proximity to restaurants. (The convention has rotated between the three largest cities in the convention; namely, Salt Lake City, Idaho Falls, and Boise. This has been largely due to their access to airports and motel/restaurant facilities.)

PREACHER:

A preacher is selected to preach the convention message. This is normally a pastor who has been in the convention for one year or more, who is a strong Baptist and who is in sympathy with the plans, dreams, and activities of the State Convention.

Revised: 10/2010

GUIDELINES FOR THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Revised 9/11/2002

Resolutions of courtesy should originate from the Resolutions Committee.

Resolutions should be called for at the opening of the Annual Meeting to be directed to the Resolutions Committee. Representatives may present resolutions to the recording secretary for direction to the Resolution Committee or may present them directly to the committee chair.

The Resolutions Committee should consider the appropriateness of each resolution presenting all appropriate resolutions to the Convention at the designated time.

Other than the resolutions of courtesy the Resolutions Committee is under no obligation to initiate resolutions except as exercising their own prerogative as a messenger and representative of their church.

**CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE
GUIDELINES AND DUTIES**

The Credentials Committee shall examine each petitioning church and their documentation concerning their eligibility for recognition of the seating of its messengers to the Utah-Idaho Southern Baptist Convention.

The petitioning church shall be in agreement with the Constitution of the Utah-Idaho Southern Baptist Convention.

The doctrinal stance of the petitioning church shall be in agreement with the current Baptist Faith and Message.

The Credentials Committee will be responsible for publishing the names of petitioning churches at least thirty (30) days prior to the Annual Meeting.

The Credentials Committee will interview the Director of Missions, moderator of the association, and sponsoring church, if applicable, of the petitioning church.

If there is any proven accusation of doctrinal deviation, said church should not be recommended for recognition by this committee.

All accusations shall be presented to the chairman of this committee at least 45 days before the convening of this committee during the Annual Meeting.

The church shall submit a petitionary letter to the Utah-Idaho Southern Baptist Convention 90 days before the Annual Meeting.

Evidence of mission contributions, with approved church budget and documentation such as church constitution and by-laws, and articles of incorporation shall be in the hands of this committee 45 days before the Annual Meeting.

Revised 10/2010

Application Guidelines for
Utah-Idaho Southern Baptist Convention
Membership

Submit a petitionary letter to the Utah-Idaho Southern Baptist Convention.

In addition, the following information shall be in the hands of the credentials committee 45 days before the Annual Meeting.

Evidence of mission contributions

Approved church budget

Church constitution and bylaws

Copy of articles of incorporation

Recommendation letter from the association

This information can be sent to the convention office, P.O. Box 1347, Draper, Utah 84020, and we will in turn send it to the credentials committee

CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE GUIDELINES AND DUTIES

The Constitution Committee shall:

Review the Convention's existing Articles of Incorporation, Constitution and By-Laws;

Draft and propose amendments to any of the above documents, based on needs revealed by the committee's own review and/or suggestions for amendments from non-committee members which the committee feels are valid and necessary;

Receive and review any proposed amendments and make recommendations to the Convention concerning any proposed amendments. The Committee shall ensure that required notice of any proposed amendments has been given. The committee may not prevent discussion of any amendment

which is properly before the Convention, but the committee shall be expected to make a recommendation to the Convention of the necessity for, and the anticipated impact of, any proposed amendment, whether the proposed amendment originated with the committee or not.

Amendment Procedures:

Articles of Incorporation: The Convention is a Utah non-profit corporation; therefore, amendments to the Articles of Incorporation must comply with the amendment procedure in the Articles of Incorporation and also with Utah law governing the amendment of Articles of Incorporation, Utah Code Annotated 1953 #16-6-50, as amended. Current Utah law requires that amendments must, at minimum, be approved by the Executive Board and then presented to the Convention for vote at a regular or special meeting for which messengers are seated. At least ten (10) days' notice must be given of any Convention meeting before the Articles of Incorporation may be amended, and the amendment(s) must be approved by at least two-thirds of the members present and voting.

Constitution: The Convention Constitution, by its own terms, may only be amended at an Annual Meeting of the Convention. Notice of the proposed amendment must be published at least thirty (30) days prior to the Annual Meeting. Any amendment requires the approval of two-thirds of the seated messengers.

By-Laws: The Convention By-Laws may only be amended at the Annual Meeting of the Convention. Notice of the proposed amendment must be published at least thirty (30) days prior to the Annual Meeting. Any amendment requires the approval of two-thirds of the seated messengers.

Revised 10/2020

COMMITTEE ON ORDER OF BUSINESS

This committee functions as the Program Committee to set the order of business for the annual meetings of the Utah-Idaho Southern Baptist Convention. It consists of the convention officers: President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, and Recording Secretary. And, the officers of the Executive Board: Chairman, Vice Chairman, Recording Secretary and the Executive Director/Treasurer of Utah-Idaho Southern Baptist Convention.

TELLER COMMITTEE

Responsibilities:

The Teller committee shall be composed of at least four (4) members. They will meet prior to the Annual Meeting to receive instructions, assign tasks, and select a chairperson. The committee will remain active throughout the duration of the meeting. A Chairman shall be selected by the committee members or may be appointed by the Convention President. The committee shall be charged with the following:

Being present during all business sessions.

Counting all votes (ballot, rising, voice, etc.) when the voting is too close for the moderator to declare an obvious result.

Prepare a Teller Sheet and Report for all counted votes.

Assist in the registration and validation of Convention Messengers.

Monitor and provide for the distribution of ballots, program, Book of Reports, Annual, and any other Convention materials that need to be provided to the Messengers.

Other duties as set forth by the presiding officer or the convention messengers.

Revised 10/2010

ARTICLE III - AMENDMENTS

Section 1. Amendments to the Articles of Incorporation, after approval by the Executive Board, will be presented to the Convention for approval, as specified in the said Articles of Incorporation. When a special meeting is required for this approval, no less than ten (10) days' notice will be given to the churches of the Convention either in writing, or by whatever means the Executive Board deems reasonable. The notice shall set forth the specific amendments being proposed. Messengers must be seated for this meeting.

Section 2. These By-Laws may be changed or amended at an Annual Meeting of the Convention. Notice of the proposed amendment must be published at least thirty (30) days prior to the Annual Meeting. An amendment requires the approval of two-thirds (2/3) of the seated messengers.

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