

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS MISSOURI DIRECTORS OF MISSION FELLOWSHIP

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ARTICLE I-NAME

This organization shall be known as the Missouri Directors of Mission Fellowship.

ARTICLE II-PURPOSE

The purpose of this organization shall be:

- (1) To provide the means through which Directors of Missions may become better acquainted and more clearly associated with one another in their work;
- (2) To promote a spirit of understanding, fellowship, interest in one another, and togetherness among the members of the group and to offer encouragement;
- (3) To provide opportunities and means whereby ideas, programs, methods, and helps related to their common tasks may be shared;
- (4) To make timely requests of the Boards, Agencies, Institutions, Commissions and to the work of Directors of Missions.

ARTICLE III-MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: Any associational Directors of Missions or other persons bearing a similar title and engaged in similar work in Missouri is eligible for membership. Honorary memberships may be granted by vote of the body.

Section 2: These persons may become members with voting privileges upon payment of annual dues. Dues are payable at the Fall Conference.

Section 3: Annual dues shall be determined by vote of the body one year in advance, or shall remain the same as the preceding year.

ARTICLE IV-VOTING QUALIFICATIONS

Only those who are annual dues-paying members with the current year's dues paid, shall have the privilege of voting.

ARTICLE V-OFFICERS

The officers of this organization shall be: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Communications Officer. Officers shall be elected at the Fall Conference and begin serving at the conclusion of the Fall Conference. Consideration shall be given to retaining the Treasurer and the Communications Officer for several terms. They shall also serve on the Advisory Committee as full members.

Section 1-President: The President shall be an ex-officio member of all committees of the organization and shall have voting privileges.

Section 2-Vice President: The Vice President shall preside in the absence of the president on any committee of the organization. As Vice President he shall serve as Chairman of the Program Committee.

Section 3-The Secretary: The Secretary shall serve as recorder for all business sessions; act as official corresponding secretary for the organization; and maintain permanent records of all minutes and actions.

Section 4-The Treasurer: The Treasurer shall receive, safeguard, disburse, and account for all funds entrusted according to the policies of the Fellowship.

Section 5-The Communications Officer: The Communications Officer shall develop and Maintain the Fellowship's website.

ARTICE VI-MEETINGS

Section 1: This organization shall meet for business and fellowship to be held during the time of the Directors of Missions **Spring/Fall Conferences**. Business may be conducted at any meeting of the fellowship, if deemed wise and necessary, as long as a quorum is present.

Section 2: Other meetings may be called by President or by as many as ten members as deemed wise and necessary by giving written notice to all members at least one week prior to the meeting date. Notice of such meetings shall contain the time, place, date, and purpose of called meeting.

Section 3: A quorum for business shall consist of 25% of the members of the body.

ARTICLE VII-COMMITTEES

The committees of the Directors of Missions Fellowship shall be Nominating Committee, Advisory Committee, and State Fair Ministry Committee and any other committees deemed necessary by the Fellowship. Committees shall be elected at the Fall Conference of the Fellowship and begin service at the conclusion of the Fall Conference.

Section 1-Nominating Committee: The Nominating Committee shall be comprised of three members appointed by the president at the Fall Conference. Members serve three-year terms, with one member rotating off annually. The president shall also appoint the committee chairman. They shall nominate candidates for officers, members of the Advisory Committee, the State Fair Ministry Committee and any other committees as needed. In the event of vacancies among the officers, or any of the committee members the Nominating Committee shall appoint someone to act on an interim basis and make nominations for replacement at the Fall Conference business meeting.

Section 2-Advisory Committee: The Advisory Committee shall be comprised of one Director of Missions from each of the eight Regional Areas and the officers of this organization. They shall be elected to a two-year term. The eight Regions shall be similar to the Regions approved by the Missouri Baptist Convention with the two following exceptions: Saline County shall be considered in the Northwest Region; Mt. Zion shall be considered in the Northeast Region. One-half of the Advisory Committee members shall be elected at the Fall Meeting to serve for a two-year term. Their term shall begin at the end of the Fall Meeting. When a member of the Advisory Committee moves outside the area where he is serving, he shall be removed from the committee and someone else from the vacated area shall be selected to fill out his term so as to keep the representation equal in all areas.

Section 3-State Fair Ministry Committee: The State Fair Ministry Committee shall be comprised of three members elected annually. The DOM of Harmony Association shall serve as an ex-officio member of the committee with voting rights.

ARTICLE VIII-RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER LIKE BODIES AND DENOMINATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS IN CONSULTATION

Section 1: Membership in the Southern Baptist Conference of Associational Leaders and the Network of Baptist Associations is encouraged. Membership is acquired by the payment of annual dues and attendance at their annual meetings.

Section 2: Officers of the Fellowship shall at all times maintain the necessary lines of communication between the organization and the Associational Administration leader of the Missouri Baptist Convention, and the Executive Director, in order to promote mutual understanding and work relationships.

Section 3: Individual opinions and feelings of members of this organization may be individually expressed in meetings of the body, however, only those actions adopted by majority vote of the Fellowship membership presented at any meeting shall be construed to be the official position of the body.

ARTICLE IX-AMENDMENTS

This constitution may be amended at Fall meeting of the body by a two-thirds vote of members present and voting.

BYLAWS

In order to carry out the provisions and intent of the Constitution, the following Bylaws have been adopted.

1. Officers:

A. Presidents: The President shall preside at all meetings of the Directors of Missions Fellowship-business and fellowship meetings. As stated in the Constitution, he shall be an ex-officio member of all committees and shall have voting privileges. He shall appoint the two members at large of the Program Committee, the one new member of the Nominating Committee and the chairman of the Chairman of the Nominating Committee at the Fall Conference of the Fellowship. He shall be responsible for sending a letter in behalf of the DOM Fellowship to new Directors of Missions to our state to welcome them and invite them to participate in the DOM Fellowship. He will also serve as full member of the Advisory Committee. The term of the president is for one year and may serve an additional year.

B. Vice President: The Vice President shall preside at meetings in the absence of the President or other meetings as necessary. He shall serve as chairman of the Program Committee. He shall work in cooperation with the DOM Liaison of the Missouri Baptist Convention in communicating meetings of importance to the Southern Baptist Convention, Missouri Baptist Convention and Directors of Missions. He will also serve as full member of the Advisory Committee. The term of Vice President is one year and may serve an additional year.

C. Secretary:

1. The Secretary shall serve as recorder for all business sessions; act as official corresponding secretary for the organization; and maintain permanent records of all meetings and actions.
2. He will communicate each year at the end of the annual Fellowship business meeting, the results of the election of the officers and any other resolutions or acknowledgements to the office of the state paper.
3. He will give notification of all Director of Missions Fellowship meetings.
4. He will also serve as full member of the Advisory Committee.

D. Treasurer: The Treasurer shall receive, safeguard, disburse, and account for all funds entrusted according to the policies of the Fellowship. He will also serve as full member of the Advisory Committee.

E. Communications Officer:

1. The Communications Officer shall develop and maintain the Fellowship's website.
2. He will help with communication between members.
3. He will also serve as a member on the Advisory Committee.

2. Committees:

- A. Nominating Committee:** The Nominating Committee shall nominate candidates for officers, members of the Advisory Committee, Fair Ministry Committee and any other committees as needed. In the event of vacancies among the officers, Advisory Committee, Fair Committee or any other committee they shall appoint someone to act on an interim basis and make nominations for replacement at the Fall Conference business meeting.
- B. Advisory Committee:** The Advisory Committee shall meet with the DOM Liaison of the Missouri Baptist Convention at times deemed necessary to work toward development of ideas and programs to aid Directors of Missions in their work and plan to program of the DOM Spring/Fall Conferences. The Advisory Committee shall meet twice annually, in conjunction with the DOM Spring/Fall Conferences and/or at other times deemed necessary.
- C. State Fair Ministry Committee:** The Director of Missions Fellowship will endeavor to present a witness and ministry during the annual Missouri State Fair. The Fair Ministry Committee will be responsible to see that this is planned, promoted, and carried out. The Fair Ministry Committee will be responsible for developing plans and promotion for witness and ministry at the Missouri State Fair. This shall be done in consultation and cooperation with designated Missouri Baptist Convention representatives. All of the associations are encouraged to give at least \$100.00 each year to fund this ministry.

3. Annual Report: The Secretary will communicate at the end of each business meeting, the results of the election of the officers and any other resolutions or acknowledgements to the office of the state paper.

4. Amendments: The Bylaws may be amended at the Fall Conference by a majority vote of those present and voting.