

BYLAWS
STATE BOARD OF MISSIONS
ALABAMA BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION

The State Board of Missions shall be the executive, administrative, fiduciary, and promotional agency of the Convention and shall act under the instructions of the Convention, acting in its own capacity as a body or through its Executive Committee. The Board shall promote all missionary, education, and benevolent causes of the Convention and receive and disburse all funds according to the annual budget adopted by the Convention.

ARTICLE I
MEMBERSHIP

1. The State Board of Missions of the Alabama Baptist State Convention shall consist of a maximum of 125 regular members. The president and vice-presidents of the convention shall serve as ex officio members of the State Board of Missions if they are not already members of the Board.

2. One member shall be chosen from within the territory of each association.

3. Remaining members shall be selected from within the territory of each association on the basis of each territory's percentage of the total state membership of the Alabama Baptist State Convention as indicated in the last printed Convention Annual. Fractions of less than one percent shall be dropped.

4. Only one member shall be elected from within the territory of any association in which the churches contribute less than \$2,000 annually through the Cooperative Program.

5. A minimum of ten women shall serve on the State Board of Missions at all times, including the president of Alabama Woman's Missionary Union, who shall be an ex officio member.

6. All members of the Board shall be members in good standing of Baptist churches which cooperate with this Convention in its program of work and support the work of this convention through the Cooperative Program.

7. Prospective members shall reside within the territory of an association at least one year before being eligible to serve on the Convention's State Board of Missions.

8. A member shall be elected for a term of three years and may succeed himself for another three-year term if elected. A total of six consecutive years may be served. After a lapse of one year a person may serve again if elected.

ARTICLE II ORGANIZATION

The organization of the State Board of Missions shall be as follows:

1. The State Board of Missions shall elect annually a chairman, a vice chairman, and a recording secretary, who shall serve without salary until their successors take office. The tenure of office of each shall begin at the close of the meeting at which officers are elected.

2. The State Board of Missions shall meet four times during the year except in such cases as the chairman and the executive secretary-treasurer may deem wise. Meetings at the Convention's annual meeting and at the State Evangelism Conference shall not be at the Convention's expense. Members whose expenses are not paid by their churches to these two meetings will receive expenses to attend the Board meetings.

3. A majority of the State Board of Missions shall constitute a quorum after every member has been notified sufficiently in advance.

4. The executive secretary-treasurer shall be a non-voting member of all committees of the State Board of Missions and of the Convention.

ARTICLE III DUTIES OF THE STATE BOARD OF MISSIONS

The State Board of Missions shall perform duties assigned to it by the Convention in Article XI of the Bylaws of The Alabama Baptist State Convention recorded as follows:

1. The State Board of Missions shall be the executive, administrative, fiduciary, and promotional agency of the Convention and shall act under the instructions of the Convention, acting in its own capacity as a body or through its Executive Committee.

2. The State Board of Missions shall recommend to the Convention both a proposed goal or objective for raising funds and a proposed distribution. The Board shall promote all missionary, education, and benevolent causes of the Convention and receive and disburse all funds according to the annual budget adopted by the Convention.

3. The State Board of Missions shall have authority to act, as a body or through its Executive Committee, in all matters committed to it by the Convention and to act for the Convention ad interim in all matters not otherwise provided for.

4. The State Board of Missions shall not have authority to lease or sell property belonging to the Board or to the Convention valued at more than \$100,000, to issue bonds or to mortgage property, or to contract indebtedness for the Convention without the Convention's specific instructions in regular session or in called session after the

Convention constituents have been duly notified through the press of the purpose of the called session.

5. The State Board of Missions shall perform the following duties:

a. Employ an executive secretary-treasurer to have general supervision of all departments.

b. Employ the heads of all departments of work upon recommendation of the executive secretary-treasurer.

c. Promote the work of state missions and the Cooperative Program.

d. Recommend to the Convention a budget for missions and benevolent and educational causes.

e. Receive and disburse all funds according to the annual budget adopted by the Convention.

f. Employ such agents and make such plans as seem necessary to meet the Convention's assignments and promote its program.

ARTICLE IV THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

At the annual meeting the Convention shall designate an Executive Committee of the State Board of Missions.

1. The Executive Committee of the State Board of Missions shall consist of nineteen members designated from the State Board of Missions who shall be chosen as follows:

a. One member from the geographical territory of each district of the Convention; the remaining members at large.

b. Nine who have served at least one year of a current term on the State Board of Missions.

c. Ten who have served at least two years of a current term on the State Board of Missions.

d. Three from women members of the State Board of Missions.

e. The President of the Convention shall be a member of the Executive Committee and serve as its chairman.

f. The retiring president of the Convention shall be an ex officio member for one year.

g. The first vice-president of the Convention shall be an ex officio member of the Executive Committee.

h. The chairman of the State Board of Missions shall be an ex officio member of the Executive Committee.

i. The president of Alabama Woman's Missionary Union shall be an ex officio member of the Executive Committee.

2. The Executive Committee shall elect annually a vice-chairman and a secretary.

3. The Executive Committee may meet as often as necessary at the call of the chairman to transact business committed to it by the State Board of Missions or by the Convention and act in any emergency administrative matters.

4. A majority of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum after every member has been notified sufficiently in advance.

ARTICLE V DUTIES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

1. The Executive Committee shall act under the authority of the State Board of Missions and/or the Convention in any matter committed to it by the Board or by the Convention.

2. The Executive Committee shall secure annually from each agency and institution of the Convention its proposed financial budget for the next Convention year. It then shall prepare a proposed overall budget for the next year, including both state and Southern Baptist Convention causes to be approved by the Convention in its annual sessions.

3. The Executive Committee shall act on any emergency administrative matter, and its action shall carry the authority of the State Board of Missions and the Convention.

4. The Executive Committee shall not involve the State Board of Missions or the Convention in financial obligations or project any major plans of work not authorized by the Board or by the Convention at its annual meeting.

5. The Executive Committee shall fill vacancies ad interim arising on this committee between annual sessions of the Convention.