



May 15, 2022

The Nominating Committee is presenting the following individuals to serve the Marion Baptist Association as Officers and Committee Leadership for October 2022 – September 2023.

The individuals being presented reflect pastors, church staff members, and lay members of churches across our association. Our goal was to find members who are passionate about making Jesus known, actively involved in their local church, and supportive of the work our association is pursuing.

Mike Kirby (Trulife) Chairman
Curtis Garrison (Trinity BC)
Danny Heath (FBC Ocala)
Jeff May (Ft. McCoy)
Rogney Paz (College Rd.)
Jimmy Snell (OakcrestBC)

MBA
2022-2023 Recommended Committees

Moderator

Eric	Gervais	FBC Salt Springs	2022-2023
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Vice Moderator

Sammy	Clements	Unity BC	2022-2023
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Treasurer

Austin	Tucker	Gracepointe BC	2022-2023
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Ast. Treasurer

Steven	Hinzman	Trulife BC	2022-2023
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Nominating:

Mike	Kirby	Trulife BC (Chair)	2022-2025
Curtis	Garrison	Trinity BC	2022-2024
Danny	Heath	FBC Ocala	2022-2025
Jeff	May	FBC Ft. McCoy	2022-2023
Rogney	Paz	College Road	2022-2024
Jimmy	Snell	Oakcrest BC	2020-2023
Mark	Weible	<i>AMS ex-officio member</i>	
Eric	Gervais	<i>Moderator ex-officio member</i>	

Stewardship

Jared	Buchanan	Ocklawaha Bridge	2021-2023
Darren	Gaddis	FBC Ocala	2022-2024
Gary	Leist	Trinity BC	2022-2024
Alan	Permenter	Sparr BC	2022-2025
Larry	Scouten	Woodside BC	2022-2023
Gary	Townsend	FBC Ocala	2022-2025
Mark	Weible	<i>AMS ex-officio member</i>	
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Personnel:

Eulie	Brookins	The Vine	2022-2023
Dennis	Chesser	FBC Salt Springs	2022-2023
Jerry	Hudson	FBC Ocala	2022-2024
Don	Meadows	Morrison BC	2022-2025
Russ	Randall	FBC Dunnellon	2022-2025
Kenny	Rodrigue	Woodside BC	2022-2024
Mark	Weible	<i>AMS ex-officio member</i>	
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Marion Baptist Association

Proposed Articles of Incorporation and Bylaw Changes

Presented to the Executive Committee August 18, 2022

Articles of Incorporation Changes

Article VII. Amendments

Presently reads: The Articles of the Corporation may be amended upon recommendation of the Executive Committee at an Annual or Semi-Annual Meeting of the Marion Baptist Association, or related called meeting of the Association by a two-thirds affirmative vote of the Messengers present, voting, duly elected, and duly registered, provided that notice of such change shall have been sent to member churches at least thirty days prior to such meeting.

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Article VIII. Annual and Special Meetings

Presently reads: Annual, Semi-Annual and special called meetings of the Association shall be held as provided in the Bylaws. The Assembly of duly elected and registered Messengers at such meetings shall constitute the Association-in-session, which shall have ultimate authority.

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Bylaw Changes

Article IV. B. Admission of Churches and Missions

Presently reads: Churches or missions desiring membership in the Association shall present a written request. The request must be received at least sixty days prior to a Semi-Annual or Annual Meeting in order for it to be considered at that meeting. The Moderator shall appoint an ad hoc credentials committee to review requests for admission and make appropriate recommendations to the Executive Committee: Requesting churches must provide a completed membership application. The request will be referred to the Executive Committee who shall...

- Assist churches in preparation of their application if requested
- Review and approve all documents
- Interview the pastor and church leaders
- Present a written recommendation at the Semi-Annual or Annual Meeting in which action is to be taken
- An affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of those present and voting in such meeting shall be required to approve a church or mission for admission to the Association.

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Article IV.D. Dismissal of Churches

Presently reads:

- Complete their investigation in a timely manner and report in writing to the Annual or Semi-Annual Meeting at which action is to be taken; specific recommendation for action, or inaction. Action by the Association must be approved by two-thirds of the Messengers present and voting in the Annual or Semi-Annual Meeting.

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Article V.E.

Presently reads: The Nominating Committee shall present nominees for office at the Semi-Annual or Annual Meeting. Unfilled or vacated positions following this meeting may be filled at subsequent Executive Committee Meetings. Each Officer and/or Director shall be elected to serve one association Year (October 1- September 30) unless otherwise provided for in the Procedures Manual.

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Article VI A. Meetings

Presently reads: The Association in regular or called session shall be composed of all Messengers duly elected and certified in writing by their respective churches. The Association-in-Session shall have ultimate authority in the Association. Churches are requested to send their list of elected Messengers to the Clerk prior to the meetings. In order to vote in these meetings, Messengers must register with the Clerk before the point at which Messengers are to be approved. Each church shall be entitled to a minimum of three (3) messengers and two (2) additional messengers for every twenty-five (25) resident members over the first fifty (50) members except that no church shall be entitled to more than fifteen (15) messengers. (Example: 75 resident members entitles 5 messengers, 100 resident members entitles 7 messengers, 125 resident members entitles 9 messengers, etc. with a maximum of 15 messengers from any given church).

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Article VI. C. The Semi-Annual Meeting

Presently reads: The Association shall meet in the spring for its Semi-Annual Meeting at such time and place determined by the Administrative Team. The purpose of this meeting shall be to elect officials for the coming year; to promote the work of the Association; to conduct pertinent business; and to enjoy Christian fellowship and worship.

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Article VI. E. Quorum

Presently reads:

No business of a legally binding nature may be conducted without at least:

- 15 members of the Executive Committee present for an Executive Committee meeting
- 50 qualified messengers present for any regularly scheduled meeting of the Association in-Session

Proposed changes: Duly elected messengers (for an annual meeting) or Executive Committee members (for an Executive Committee meeting) present either in-person or via Administrative Committee approved electronic means shall constitute a quorum.

Article VI. H. Minutes

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Procedures Manual of the Marion Baptist Association

Proposed Changes

Presented to the Administrative team by the AMS on June 8, 2022

A. General

These Procedures shall govern the operation of the Marion Baptist Association and shall serve as a supplement to and have the effect of the Bylaws.

B. Duties of Member Churches Each member church shall:

- a. forward to the Clerk, at least three weeks prior to the Annual Meeting, a written report on forms provided, a statistical account of the work of the church in the previous year
- b. give a definite percentage of undesignated receipts or a minimum of \$250 annually to support the work of the Association
- c. share in the responsibility of providing leadership for the Association when requested to do so by the Nominating Committee
- d. respect the autonomy of member churches
- e. maintain a spirit of cooperation with the Association and its member churches, entering a mutually agreed upon covenant relationship for Kingdom causes and advancement
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