

**CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS  
MISSOURI DIRECTORS OF MISSIONS FELLOWSHIP**

**CONSTITUTION**

**ARTICLE I - NAME**

This organization shall be known as the Missouri Directors of Missions 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 Director 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, President Elect, Secretary, and Treasurer. Officers shall be elected at the Fall Conference of the Fellowship and begin serving at the conclusion of the Fall Conference. Consideration shall be given to retaining the Treasurer 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 - President Elect: The President Elect shall serve as President the next year. The President Elect shall serve as Acting President upon the absence or resignation of the current President.

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.

#### **ARTICLE VI- MEETINGS**

Section 1: This organization shall meet for business and fellowship to be held during the time of the Directors of Mission's Winter and Fall Conferences. The Fellowship can also meet at the State Evangelism Conference and the Annual Meeting of Missouri Baptist Convention if the Fellowship chooses. Business may also 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 the 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 the Nominating Committee, Advisory Committee, and 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 Fair Ministry Committee and any other committees as needed. In the event of vacancies among the officers, Advisory Committee, Fair Ministry Committee or any other committee 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 Annual Meeting to serve for a two year term. Their term shall begin at the end of the Annual 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 4 - Fair Ministry Committee: The 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 Directors of Associational Missions and the Network of Baptists Association 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 leaders of the Missouri Baptist Convention, especially the MBC 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 present at any meeting shall be construed to be the official position of the body.

**ARTICLE LX - AMENDMENTS**

This constitution may be amended at any annual 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. President: 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 one new member of the Nominating Committee and 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.

B. President Elect: The President Elect shall preside at meetings in the absence of the President or other meetings as necessary. 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.

## 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 acknowledgment 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.

## 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 the program of the Annual DOM Winter/Fall Conferences. The Advisory Committee will arrange for a banquet/meal, program, and place at the State Evangelism Conference; the Annual Meeting of the Missouri Baptist Convention, and for any other meeting so designated by the Fellowship. They shall contact Directors of Missions and retired Directors of Missions to secure reservations. The retired DOMs and their wives will be invited to attend at no cost to them. The Advisory Committee shall meet twice annually, in conjunction with the DOM Winter/Fall Conference and at other times deemed necessary.

**C. 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 generously each year to fund this ministry.

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