

CONSTITUTION
of the
GEORGIA BAPTIST CHURCH MUSIC CONFERENCE
(As amended, October, 1999)

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name shall be called the Georgia Baptist Church Music Conference.

ARTICLE II - OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the Georgia Baptist Church Music Conference shall be to:

- a. Promote effective ministry through music in all churches of the Georgia Baptist Convention.
- b. Encourage spiritual and musical growth among Georgia Baptist musicians and educators.
- c. Encourage Christian fellowship among Georgia Baptist musicians and educators.
- d. Provide leadership in the development and coordination of special programs of music at the state, district, and regional levels.
- e. Give necessary assistance to the Church Music Department of the Georgia Baptist Convention.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

Regular membership in the Georgia Baptist Church Music Conference shall be comprised of dues-paying:

- a. Local church musicians.
- b. Denominational music leaders.
- c. Baptist music educators in colleges and universities in the state of Georgia.

Life membership and Associate membership may be obtained in accordance with the provisions in the by-laws. Honorary life membership may be granted by vote of the Church Music Conference upon recommendation of the Administration Committee.

ARTICLE IV - MEETINGS

There shall be an annual meeting of the Georgia Baptist Church Music Conference, the time and place of said meeting to be determined and announced by the Administration Committee of the Conference.

ARTICLE V - DUES

The annual dues of the Conference shall be payable to the duly elected Secretary-Treasurer on the date established by the by-laws.

ARTICLE VI - OFFICERS

The officers of the Georgia Baptist Church Music Conference shall consist of a President, President-elect, six Vice-presidents, Secretary-Treasurer, the President of the Sons of Jubal, and the President of the Jubalheirs.

ARTICLE VII - ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Section 1. The President of the Conference shall appoint a nominating committee, whose responsibility shall be to present to the next annual meeting of the Conference a list of nominees to be voted on by the Conference. Additional nominations may be made from the floor.

Section 2. Those elected shall serve for a period of one year.

Section 3. The President is not eligible for re-election to the position of President or president-elect within a five-year period.

Section 4. Five Vice-presidents shall be elected to represent two geographical regions each. They must live in one of the regions they represent. The regions are: one and two, three and four, five and eight, six and seven, and nine and ten. The sixth Vice-president shall be from the ranks of the Baptist music educators in colleges in the state of Georgia and will report on the program of Church music in Baptist Colleges.

Section 5. The President shall be empowered to make interim appointments.

ARTICLE VIII - DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Conference or designate someone to do so, shall be the person designated to call the Administration Committee into session, and shall be its presiding officer.

Section 2. The President-elect will succeed the President in office. He shall familiarize himself with the duties and demands of the office of President. The President-elect shall be charged with the responsibility of promoting the organization through the six Vice-presidents and shall be responsible for the compilation and printing of the Georgia Baptist Church Music Conference program booklet. Should the President leave office for any reason, the President-elect will become President. Filling an unexpired term, the eligibility of the President-elect for being elected President would not be affected.

Section 3. The Vice-presidents shall be charged with the responsibility of working with the President in planning all activities of the Conference and promoting Conference membership. Each Vice-president shall preside over all meetings in his or her regions unless otherwise directed by the President.

Section 4. The Secretary-Treasurer shall be charged with the business and financial records of the Conference.

Section 5. The Administration Committee shall have interim management of the affairs of the Conference between the annual meetings of the Conference. It shall propose by-laws, make necessary appropriations, set the date and place of the annual meeting, arrange the program for the annual meeting, and propose plans for the future of the Conference. To be in official session the Administration Committee must have two-thirds of the officers in attendance. The Administration Committee shall be called into session at the discretion of the President. All actions of the Administration Committee shall be referred to the entire Conference at its annual meeting for discussion and such action shall be subject to ratification by the Conference in its annual session. A written report shall be submitted by the President to the members of the Conference each year at the annual meeting, summarizing the activities of the Administration Committee. The Administration Committee is composed of:

- a. President
- b. President-elect
- c. Vice-presidents
- d. Secretary-Treasurer
- e. State Music Ministries Department Specialist and Consultants
- f. President of the Sons of Jubal
- g. President of the Jubalheirs
- h. Immediate Past President

Section 6. All officers shall assume their duties at the close of the Annual Conference in which they are elected.

ARTICLE IX - AMENDMENTS

This constitution may be amended at the annual meeting of the Conference by a three-fourths majority of the members present and voting, provided a quorum of one-half of the Conference membership is present. The first presentation will be for the purpose of discussion only. A vote on ratification will take place at the next annual conference.

BY - LAWS
GEORGIA BAPTIST CHURCH MUSIC CONFERENCE

1. The fiscal year shall begin January first. Dues are payable by this date.
2. The dues of the Georgia Baptist Church Music Conference shall be as follows:
 - a. Regular membership \$20.00 per annum.
 - b. Associate membership \$5.00 per annum.
 - c. Life membership \$250.00.
3. Standing Committees shall be as follows:
 - a. Nominating Committee (5 members) - to present nominees for consideration by the conference (cf. Article VII, Section 1 of the Constitution).
 - b. Resolutions Committee (3 members) - to formulate and present resolutions to the Administration Committee or to the Conference at the Annual Meeting.
 - c. Audit Committee (3 members) - to audit fiscal records and books of the conference as maintained by the Secretary-Treasurer (cf. Item 4 below).
 - d. Missions Committee (3 members) - to report on music missionaries.
 - e. Constitution Committee (4 former Presidents and a representative from the Church Music Department) to keep the Constitution and by-laws current.
4. All Committees are appointed by the President, with the exception of the Audit Committee. The Nominating Committee shall propose in their report an auditing committee consisting of three members who will be on a rotating basis thus nominating one member each year. These members shall not be members of the Administration Committee. They shall audit the books of the Secretary-Treasurer and make an annual report.
5. The Secretary-Treasurer shall present the minutes of the previous meeting of the Conference and a treasurer's report. The presentation shall be followed by the report of the Audit Committee.
6. All officers shall meet at least once each year to plan the program and work of the Conference.
7. The current issue of Robert's Rules of Order shall be used in conducting all business matters of the Conference.
8. Associate membership is open to spouses of the conference members, church staff other than music staff, and college students. The associate shall be a non-voting member.