

**BEAVER CREEK DISTRICT WOMEN'S CONVENTION
CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS**

Article I:

Name:

The name of this organization shall be the Beaver Creek District Association of Women Active For Christ of the Original Free Will Baptist Convention.

Article II:

Purpose:

The purpose of this convention shall be to bring the women of each local church together for the purpose of fellowship, sharing of information, encouraging one another in the work of the Lord, and providing opportunities for women to understand and fulfill the Great Commission through their responsibilities in the family, in the church, in the community, and around the world.

Article III:

Officers and Executive Committee:

Section I. The officers of this convention shall be a coordinator, assistant coordinator, secretary, treasurer, field worker, mission action, mission prayer, and mission study. These shall constitute the executive committee, five of whom shall be a quorum for the transacting of business. A proxy may act for a member, provided she has written authority from the member for whom she acts.

Section II: All officers shall be members of a local Free Will Baptist church in good standing with the National Association of Free Will Baptists.

Article IV:

Membership:

This convention shall be composed of the officers of the convention, together with the local coordinators and delegates (duly accredited by the credentials committee) from local groups as each district may desire.

Article V:

Meetings:

At least one annual session the convention should be held for the election of officers and transaction of business. Semi-annual or quarterly meetings may be held at the discretion of the convention.

Article VI:

Amendments:

This constitution may be amended at any regular meeting of the convention by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

Section 8. Missions Chairman – She shall encourage local missions chairmen in world-wide endeavors. She shall encourage them to help their women keep aware of Free Will Baptist missions and missionaries. She should be acquainted with the missions publications with Free Will Baptist home and foreign missionaries and be ready to help the women with ideas, suggestions, and resource material. She should join the prayer chairman in promoting the weeks of prayer and special offerings for missions.

ARTICLE II

Elections:

The general officers shall be nominated by a nominating committee. After the nominating committee report is presented, opportunity shall be given for nominations from the floor. In case of more than one nominate for any particular office, a vote will be taken on each. All elections shall be held at the closing business session of the annual convention.

ARTICLE III

Expenses:

An appropriation toward the expense of the general officers to all official meetings, secretary's expenses, postage, and stationery for officers may be decided upon by the convention. All field promotional expenses are subject to the approval of the district executive committee. Other appropriations may be decided upon by the convention.

ARTICLE IV

Committees:

Section 1. Executive Committee – The executive committee shall hold annual meetings for the transaction of business and for preparing the annual convention program. It shall maintain an oversight of the work at large, having authority to call extra sessions of the committee when necessary and act for the convention concerning any matter and fill vacancies occurring between elections.

Section 2. Resolutions Committee – A resolutions committee of five members shall be appointed by the president as needed.

Section 3. Nominating Committee – The nominating committee shall be composed of members who are delegates nominated from the floor and elected by the body at its annual meeting. This committee shall select a slate of officers for the convention and present it for election.

Section 4. Credentials Committee – The assistant coordinator shall be the chairman of the credentials committee and other members may be appointed by the coordinator. This committee examines the reports of the representing women's groups

organized since the last district convention which desire to become members of the convention are examined by this committee for approval.

Section 5. Finance Committee – The finance committee shall be appointed by the coordinator. This committee audits the financial records of the year and reports on the same to the convention.

Section 6. Registration Committee – Members of this committee may be appointed by the coordinator as needed. This committee registers those in attendance, as the convention may desire.

ARTICLE V

Fees and Reports:

A membership fee for each active member shall be paid yearly to the state women's convention.

It shall be the duty of each body directly affiliated with the district convention to send a report to every annual session.

ARTICLE VI

Gifts:

The desired financial program for the Free Will Baptist women's organization is missions offerings following each special season of prayer, General Fund Offering, Emphasis Offerings, Dr. Mary Ruth Wisehart Loan Fund, Cleo Pursell Foreign Student Scholarship Fund, WNAC Endowment Fund, The Rest of the Family Offering and other gifts designated by the Convention.

ARTICLE VII

Amendments:

These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of members present at any regular meeting of the district convention.

DISTRICT CONVENTION AND BYLAWS

Duties of Officers:

Section 1. Coordinator – The coordinator shall preside over all meetings and serve as chairman of the executive committee, appoint such committees as may be needed, call the executive committee together when necessary, be an ex-officio member of all committees (except the nominating committee), see that reports are made promptly to the state, and perform all duties usually pertaining to such an office.

Section 2. Assistant Coordinator – The assistant coordinator shall preside in the absence of the coordinator, or by her request and otherwise assist her in the oversight of the general work. She shall serve as chairman of the credentials committee.

Section 3. Secretary – The secretary shall keep an accurate record of all proceedings of the convention and executive committee meetings and preserve all valuable papers and turn same over to her successor in office. She shall compile the local groups' slates of officers immediately after the convention and send them to each district officer. She shall also send an annual report to the state secretary as required. The secretary shall also serve as historian, keeping a historical record and submitting historical information to the state secretary annually.

Section 4. Treasurer – The treasurer shall have charge of all funds belonging to this convention and shall pay same out only when authorized by the convention. She shall keep an accurate account and shall give a written report of all funds received and disbursed at each meeting of the convention. She shall disburse the funds monthly to the state treasurer on the form provided. The treasurer shall also send an annual report to the state treasurer according to the state's requirements. She shall encourage support of missions through the WNAC Gift Plan, individual giving, and special offerings.

Section 5. Field Worker – The field worker shall have charge of all field work pertaining to, or necessary to the promotion of the work of the convention. She should visit local groups, perhaps teach study courses, and help in the organizing of new women's groups.

Section 6. Study Chairman – She shall work with the local chairmen through personal contact or correspondence and shall secure the cooperation of the local chairmen in encouraging and promoting study groups in their churches.

Section 7. Prayer Chairman – She shall work with the local chairman to promote family devotions, special seasons of prayer, prayer retreats, and the Prayer Fellowship. She shall offer them periodic suggestions for the promotion of family devotions and other prayer endeavors and encourage them to keep current requests before their groups.

Guidelines For Beaver Creek District Auxiliary

The Beaver Creek District accepts the State Foreign Missions Project, and for the first time in many years, the State Quota has been raised from \$10,000 to \$12,000, which is a 20% increase. Our District Quota has been raised from \$3,250 to \$3,900, within our district we are challenged to give the same amount to our Home & Foreign Missionaries and also to contribute to each of the three funds which are as follows: The Beaver Creek Bible Institute, The Beaver Creek Bible College Student Fund, and The Promotional Office Fund. Below is listed a suggested goal for each Local Auxiliary.

1-10 Members	\$60.00 Foreign Missions \$20.00 to each of the three funds Total \$180.00	\$60.00 Home Missions
11-20 Members	\$120.00 Foreign Missions \$25.00 to each of the three funds Total \$315.00	\$120.00 Home Missions
21-30 Members	\$240.00 Foreign Missions \$30.00 to each of the three funds Total \$570.00	\$240.00 Home Missions
31 Members & Up	\$300.00 Foreign Missions \$30.00 to each of the three funds Total \$690.00	\$300.00 Home Missions

These will be the standard Guidelines; they will not change until the State Guidelines given to the Beaver Creek Changes. Please consult the above chart for your guideline amount.

Local Auxiliary's Guide to Each Phase of Auxiliary Work

Beaver Creek Bible Institute
Promotional Office

Beaver Creek Bible College Students –Names of students from your Church and the College they are attending must be sent to the District Treasurer at the beginning of each school year.

State Promotional Director- \$10.00 per each Auxiliary per year to help with expenses to District Meeting

Dues-\$17.00 per active member each year (\$1.00 for the District, \$1.00 for the State and \$15.00 for the National Office)

Host Church for the District Meeting \$30.00 to help with the meal

Host Church for the State Meeting when held in the Beaver Creek \$30.00 to help with the meal

Special District Projects (example: Building of the Mexican Church / Motorcycles for India these are past projects, however we usually have a new project each year)

Representation Fees \$5.00 per year

State Level of Support

Foreign Missions Project

Home Missions Project

Pre- Christmas Offering for Stat Home Missions

Children's Home (Cash or Non-Cash Gifts) each Auxiliary to use their own discretion.

National Level of Support

WAC- August Emphasis or Co-Laborer Plan of Support

Provision Closet–(Cash or Non Cash Gifts) for household furnishings used by Foreign & Home Missionaries

Pre-Easter Offering – For Foreign Missions

Pr-Thanksgiving Offering – For National Home Missions

Standing Resolutions of the Beaver Creek Women Active for Christ

1. Be it resolved to cooperate with the State Convention in our Missions Project and also that our Mission Action Chairperson contact each local auxiliary concerning their quota.
2. Be it resolved that each auxiliary use its own discretion in doing personal work for the Children's Home.
3. Be it resolved that each auxiliary contribute to the State Home Mission project.
4. Be it resolved that district executive officers sponsor a study course or retreat.
5. Be it resolved that we give our guest speaker a love offering plus expenses.
6. Be it resolved that each local auxiliary MUST send in all quotas, financial reports, membership fees, and number of active members, no later than December 1st each year to the District Treasurer. If money is received after the 1st of December it will be counted on the following year.
7. Be it resolved that each auxiliary be represented at the State Convention.
8. Be it resolved that we have a college fund to support Beaver Creek students who attend a fundamental Free Will Baptist Bible College (this fund be known as the Connie Lawter Student Fund), and that we contribute into this fund an equal amount to Bible Institute and State Promotional Office.
9. Be it resolved that if no one from the Beaver Creek Association attends the Bible College during any of one year the funds will be left for future student or students.
10. Be it resolved each local auxiliary give \$30.00 to help with the preparation of meals when the state meeting is in the Beaver Creek.
11. Be it resolved each local auxiliary give \$30.00 to help with the preparation of meals for the District meeting.
12. Be it resolved that the District pay IRS mileage to each District Officer.
13. Be it resolved that the District Meeting be changed to the 1st Saturday in March.
14. Be it resolved that the Beaver Creek pay, State Executive Director \$100.00 for travel expenses to the District Meeting and that each auxiliary contribute \$10.00 to help with this expense.
15. Be it resolved that each active member pay \$17.00 per Capita Dues. \$15.00 each to WNAC plus \$1.00 to the District and \$1.00 to the State.
16. Be it resolved that each auxiliary of the Beaver Creek Local District, officers and delegates of the National, State, District, and Local Woman's Auxiliary be members in good standing of a Free Will Baptist Church and in good standing with the National Association of Free Will Baptist and shall perform their duty as set for them in the manual.
17. Be it resolved that a hearty welcome be given to all new incoming auxiliaries.
18. Be it resolved that the Beaver Creek District Auxiliary endorse the SC State Foreign Mission Plan of support.
19. Be it resolved that we give a rising vote of thanks to host church.
20. Be it resolved that we do a History on the Beaver Creek District WAC. The committee is: Jackie Bowers, Chairman, Pat Bryant and Sara Childers
21. Be it resolved that we pay the Coordinators registration and expenses to the National Leadership Conference at Nashville in December.
22. Be it resolved that attention be given to the wearing of appropriate dress attire to be worn on the stage during the Prayer and Praise Rally, District Meeting and the State Meeting. Dresses or skirts should be worn reflecting our respect for the Churches that we are attending.