

American Baptist Churches of Michigan Bylaws

ARTICLE VII. THE REGION BOARD - continued

Section 6. Ministries Teams. The Ministries Teams of the Region shall be formed as needed to implement the purpose of the Region. They shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

6.1 **Local Church Ministries Team.**

Comment [EC1]: Congregational Ministries & Missions Team

6.2 **Region Ministries Team.**

Comment [EC2]: Leadership Ministries Team

6.3 Administrative Ministries Team.

6.4 **Youth and Outdoor Ministries Team.**

Comment [EC3]: Family Ministries Team

Section 7. Membership and meetings of Ministries Teams.

7.1 The membership of each Ministries Team shall be comprised of the Team Chairs and five (5) additional members elected to each Team by the Region. Terms of all Team members shall commence at the adjournment of the Annual Meeting of the Region at which they were elected.

7.2 The chairs of Ministries Teams shall be elected by the Region for a two-year term. Chairs can serve a maximum of two consecutive full terms.

7.3 Members of each Ministries Team shall be elected by the Region for a two-year term. A member can serve a maximum of two consecutive full terms.

7.4 Co-opted members may be added after nomination by the Ministries Team and ratification by the Region Board, for a one-year term. Co-opted members may serve a maximum of four consecutive terms. Co-opted members shall not exceed forty-nine (49%) percent of the elected membership of the Ministries Team.

7.5 Each Ministries Team shall meet at least twice annually at a time specified by the Chairs of the Teams.

7.6 Ministries Teams shall organize themselves so as to effectively fulfill their duties as stated in the "**Rules of Procedure.**"

ARTICLE VIII. COMMITTEES, TASK FORCES AND COMMISSIONS

Section 1. Committees.

- 1.1 The Region shall have a Nominating and Recruiting Committee. It shall consist of four members who will be elected by the Region at its Annual Gathering for three-year staggered terms. The immediate Past President of the Region shall chair the Committee, and it shall be related directly to the Region Executive Committee. The President and Vice President shall be ex officio members.
- 1.2 The Region shall have an Annual Gathering Committee to be formed by the Executive Committee and accountable to the Region Board.
- 1.3 Such additional committees as may be determined by the Region Board to be needed.

Comment [EC4]: representatives from each geographic area who will be appointed by the Region Executive Committee for two-year staggered terms.

Section 2. Task Forces. The Board or Ministries Teams may form and activate single-task committees, to be known as Task Forces.

Section 3. Commissions. The Board or Ministries Teams may authorize the formation of longer-term committees requiring multi-year planning and multi-year member continuity, to be known as Commissions.

Section 4. Membership of Committees, Task Forces and Commissions.

- 4.1 Membership and purpose for all committees, task forces and commissions shall be determined by the parent body to whom they are accountable unless otherwise stated.
- 4.2 Co-opted members may be added to such groups after nomination and ratification by the body to whom the group is accountable. Co-opted members shall not exceed forty-nine (49%) percent of the appointed membership of the group.
- 4.3 The Region President and Executive Minister shall be ex officio members of each committee, task force, and commission of the Board.

Section 5. Meetings. The committees, task forces, and commissions shall meet at the call of the chair as frequently as their duties require.

ARTICLE XI. MEETINGS

Section 1. Time. The time of the annual meeting of the Region shall be determined by the Region Board.

Section 2. Quorum. A quorum shall consist of the following:

- 2.1 For the Region, 150 accredited delegates, representing all Areas and 35% of the Region churches.
- 2.2 For the Region Board, 15 members.
- 2.3 For the Region Executive Committee, 5 members.

Section 3. Electronic and Remote Communication

Section 3. Fiscal year. The fiscal year of the Region shall be the calendar year.

Comment [EC5]: For any Region meeting, the number of accredited delegates representing all areas shall be minimally equal to 50% of the number of Region churches as of the meeting date, providing they represent 25% of the Region's total churches.

Example: If there are 160 Region churches at the date of the meeting, then there must be 80 delegates present from 40 Region churches to meet the requirements for quorum under this proposed language.

Comment [EC6]: New language – see attached

Comment [EC7]: To be numbered Section 4.

Article XI. Meetings

Section 3. Electronic and remote communication. All electronic and remote communication by the Region and its Board and Ministries Teams must comply with the Michigan Nonprofit Corporation Act (Public Act 9 of 2008) as amended on February 29, 2008.

- 3.1 Voting on actions of the Executive Committee or any Ministries Team may be taken via electronic mail providing:
 - 3.1a. A permanent printed record of the electronic communication is maintained in the archive of the Committee or Team.
 - 3.1 b. A printable response is received from each member of the Committee or Team.
- 3.2 Members of the Executive Committee, Ministries Teams or any task force appointed by the Region Board or Executive Committee may participate in a meeting via conference telephone or remote communication (i.e. Skype) providing:
 - 3.2a. A record is kept in the minutes for the meeting of each attendee, whether in physical attendance or electronically.
 - 3.2b. All attendees are provided with any printed materials necessary for consideration and action at the meeting and all are allowed adequate opportunity to participate in discussion of issues before them.