

RULES OF PROCEDURE
REGIONAL EXECUTIVE MINISTERS COUNCIL
AMERICAN BAPTIST CHURCHES IN THE U.S.A.

ARTICLE I - Name

The name of this organization shall be the Regional Executive Ministers Council of the American Baptist Churches in the U.S.A.

ARTICLE II - Purpose

Its purposes shall be to provide a forum for the discussion of common concerns of the executive ministers of the Regions covenanting with the American Baptist Churches in the U.S.A.; to formulate actions, programs, recommendations and activities concurrent with the goals of these mission units; to represent their interest in denominational relationships; to be supportive of the professional staff serving with its members; to be a professional body for the development of its members; and to serve as a resource in the planning and implementing work of the General Board.

ARTICLE III - Membership

Members shall be the chief executive officer of each region entering into covenant with the American Baptist Churches in the U.S.A. and the General Secretary. The council shall report to the General Board through the General Secretary.

ARTICLE IV - Officers

The officers shall be a President, Vice-President and Secretary-Treasurer, elected from among the members for a two-year term each. The maximum uninterrupted term of service for any individual officer will be two full two-year terms.

The officers shall perform the usual duties of the respective offices.

ARTICLE V - Committees

1. There shall be an Executive Committee consisting of the officers which shall function for the Council between sessions.
2. There shall be a Nominating Committee of three elected by the Regional Executive Ministers Council who shall report at the annual meeting with nominations for Regional Executive Ministers Council representatives to American Baptist Churches in the U.S.A. commissions, committees and boards. On even numbered years, the Nominating Committee shall nominate a President and a Vice-President, and on odd numbered years nominate a Secretary-Treasurer.

Nominating Committee members are to serve three years with one member elected to the committee each year. The person serving their third year shall serve as chairperson.

3. There shall be two Standing Committees on Orientation. Each committee shall consist of three persons, one to be elected each year for a three-year term. The Chair shall be designated by the Executive Committee.

The New Executive Ministers Orientation Committee shall be accountable for orientation of new Executive Ministers and Area Ministers/Regional Staff.

The Professional Church Leaders Orientation Committee shall be accountable for REMC contributions to the Conference on Orientation to American Baptist Life (for new ministers, and ministers new to ABC), and to the Seminarians Conference.

4. Special committees or task forces may be appointed by the president as authorized by the Council or Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VI - Meetings

The Council shall meet annually in the Fall in connection with meetings of the General Executive Council, and at such other times as may be set by the Council or by the Executive Committee, upon notice by the Secretary-Treasurer.

ARTICLE VII - Dues

Annual dues shall be predicated on the basis of each Region as a unit and shall be determined on the basis of a formula adopted by the Council.

ARTICLE VIII - Professional Staff

The Council and its Executive Committee shall be staffed by the General Secretary or his/her designee.

ARTICLE IX - Amendments

These Rules of Procedure may be amended by a two-thirds vote by the Council at any meeting, either upon recommendation of the Executive Committee and written notice to the members mailed at least three weeks prior to the meeting, or upon presentation of the proposed amendment at one meeting and action thereon at the next meeting.

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