

# Constitution of the

## Free Gospel Bible Institute ***Alumni Association***

### **ARTICLE ONE — NAME**

This organization shall be known as the  
“Free Gospel Bible Institute Alumni Association”.

### **ARTICLE TWO — OBJECTIVES**

1. To promote the fellowship of all graduates and associates of Free Gospel Bible Institute.
2. To encourage the promotion and maintenance of the Doctrinal Basis of Free Gospel Bible Institute as stated in the Constitution.
3. To encourage continued loyalty to our Alma Mater by arousing interest and involvement for both the spiritual and material support of Free Gospel Bible Institute.

### **THESE PURPOSES MAY BE CARRIED OUT THROUGH SUCH MEANS AS:**

- *The publication of a newsletter to be sent to all members of the Alumni Association.*
- *The holding of general or regional meetings of the Alumni.*
- *The development of Alumni projects.*

### **ARTICLE THREE — DOCTRINAL BASIS**

*The Free Gospel Bible Institute Alumni Association (FGBIAA) subscribes to the following doctrinal basis.*

#### **We Believe:**

1. In the plenary inspiration of the Scriptures.
2. In the absolute Trinity of the eternal Godhead.
3. In the pre-existence, virgin birth, and deity of our Lord Jesus Christ.
4. In the personality and deity of the Holy Spirit.
5. In the vicarious atonement through the death and resurrection of our Lord.
6. In complete salvation by grace through faith in the shed blood of the Lord Jesus Christ.
7. In the life of holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord.
8. In water baptism by immersion.
9. In the observance of the Lord's Supper.
10. In tithing, as God's financial plan for the church.



11. In the church, which is the body of Christ, composed of every born-again believer.
12. In the divinely called and scripturally ordained ministry that had been provided by our Lord for a two fold purpose: a) The evangelization of the world and b) The edifying of the body of Christ.
13. In the Bible revelation of divine healing.
14. In the personal Baptism with the Holy Ghost as received by the Apostles (Acts 2:4).
15. In the gifts of the Holy Spirit.
16. In the personal and imminent return of our Lord.
17. In eternal life for all true believers.
18. In the everlasting punishment of the impenitent.
19. In the millennial reign of Jesus Christ.
20. In the New Heavens and the New Earth.

## **ARTICLE FOUR — MEMBERSHIP**

**Full Membership** in this Alumni Association shall be open to **all** graduates of Free Gospel Bible Institute, who subscribe to the doctrinal basis of this organization and who pay the annual dues as set by the voting membership of the Alumni Association.

Powers of voting and holding office shall be restricted to full members of the FGBIAA.

**Associate Membership** in the Alumni Association shall be open to all other former students of Free Gospel Bible Institute and to present or former faculty/staff members who subscribe to the doctrinal basis of this organization and pay the annual dues.

## **ARTICLE FIVE — EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

*The Executive Committee shall consist of:*

1. **President** — The duties of the President shall be to preside at all meetings of the Executive Committee and general Alumni meetings, to act as representative of the Executive Committee and to appoint individuals or committees necessary to accomplish the objectives of the FGBIAA.
2. **Vice President** — The duties of the Vice President shall be to aide in administrative work of the FGBIAA, to represent the President at the President's request and to preside in all meetings in the absence of the President.

In the event that the President can no longer serve in his position, the Vice President will assume this office until the Presidential term expires. If a Vice President must assume the Presidency, the Executive Committee will appoint an interim Vice President to serve until the next general Alumni meeting when a new Vice President is elected.

3. **Secretary** — The duties of the Secretary shall be to keep accurate records of all the sessions of the Executive Committee and general Alumni meetings, to maintain files of all official and business correspondence of the Executive Committee and shall keep the membership files and mailing list of the FGBIAA.
4. **Treasurer** — The duties of the Treasurer shall be to receive and record all dues and contributions, to establish and maintain a reliable system of book keeping, to do any and/or all banking business of the Alumni Association, to provide financial reports at the general Alumni meetings or upon the request of any officer of the Executive Committee.
5. **Alumni Advisor** — An Alumni Advisor shall be appointed by the Executive Committee from among the faculty of Free Gospel Bible Institute, in the event that none of the members of the Executive Committee is an F.G.B.I. faculty member. This advisor shall inform the Executive Committee of various needs of the Bible Institute.

### ***The Qualifications for Executive Committee Officers:***

1. *Shall be active graduate members of the FGBIAA.*
2. *Shall be in harmony with the doctrinal bases as outlined in the Constitution and show evidence of his or her ongoing walk with the Lord.*
3. *Shall show leadership and appropriate abilities to perform the duties of his/her office.*

## **ARTICLE SIX — ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Officers shall be elected for three-year terms. No person shall serve on the Executive Committee longer than two consecutive elected terms (six years) “unless the officer is requested to by a 2/3 majority votes”. Their position, otherwise, will terminate when it has been established that he/she is no longer qualified to serve in this capacity, according to Article Five. Should any officer desire to resign his position, a letter of resignation must be submitted to

the remaining members of the Executive Committee. In such case, except for the President, the Executive Committee will appoint an interim replacement to hold office until the next general Alumni meeting.

If it becomes apparent (by widespread rumor, or by a written, signed letter from a member of the B.O.D.) that any member of the E.C. may be guilty of any wrongdoing (moral failure, doctrinal deviance from said doctrinal basis, etc...) that would make them ineligible to continue in their

elected position, it shall be the responsibility of the remaining E.C. members to contact the said E.C. member, investigate the matter and make a decision as to that member's ability or inability to continue in his/her elected position. If it is

found that the grievance/grievances are of a nature to disqualify the E.C. member from continued service, the remaining E.C. members will confront the said E.C. member with the facts and ask for a resignation. If the E.C. member under investigation refuses, any of the other E.C. members can call for a vote where the said E.C. member can be dismissed by a 100% vote of the remaining E.C. members. This vote can be disputed by the voting members of the FGBIAA. at a general meeting of the FGBIAA. if at least two-thirds of the voting members call for a new vote. The E.C. vote can be overruled by a 75% majority vote from the voting members of the FGBIAA.

All candidates for office shall be nominated from the floor by the graduate members of the FGBIAA during the general meeting and shall be elected by ballot. A majority vote shall be required to secure the election. If no candidate has received the majority vote, the two candidates having received the highest number of votes shall be voted upon by a second ballot.



## **ARTICLE SEVEN — GENERAL F.G.B.I. ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MEETINGS**

1. Meetings will take place yearly as decided by the FGBIAA.
2. An announcement of the meeting shall be published not later than one month prior to the time of the proposed meeting.
3. The time and place of any special meeting shall be decided by the President.
4. All meetings shall be conducted according to Parliamentary Law.
5. A quorum in the general meeting or any special meeting to conduct Alumni Association business shall consist of members present at an official meeting properly announced and advertised.
6. The President shall entertain any questions and/or discussion by the Alumni membership at some time during the general meeting.

## **ARTICLE EIGHT — FINANCES**

The expenses of the Alumni Association shall be met by the payment of membership dues, offerings, donations, or any monies received and specified for the Association.

## **ARTICLE NINE — ACCOUNTABILITY TO THE F.G.B.I. BOARD**

If it becomes apparent to the Board of Directors of F.G.B.I. that the E.C. of the FGBIAA. are not fulfilling the objectives of the FGBIAA as set forth in Article Two of this constitution, they are given the authority to call the E.C. of the FGBIAA to appear before them at a general meeting of the B.O.D. and give account of their actions. If it is apparent to the B.O.D. that the E.C. are purposefully deviating from the said objectives of Article Two of this constitution, the B.O.D. of F.G.B.I are given the authority to dismiss one or all of the E.C. members. This shall be accomplished by at least two-thirds of the B.O.D. members present at the B.O.D. meeting calling for a vote. Each member of the E.C. must be dismissed individually. They can only be dismissed by a 100% vote of the present B.O.D. members.

If some members of the E.C. of the FGBIAA are dismissed, the remaining members of the E.C. shall run the FGBIAA until new members of the E.C. are properly elect-

ed at a general meeting of the FGBIAA according to Article Six of this constitution.

If all E.C. members are dismissed, the B.O.D. of F.G.B.I shall appoint two temporary E.C. members to run the FGBIAA. until the next general meeting of the FGBIAA where a new E.C. can be properly elected according to Article Six of this constitution. These two temporary E.C. members shall be comprised of one current faculty member of F.G.B.I. who is a graduate of F.G.B.I., and one graduate of F.G.B.I. who is actively involved in the full-time ministry. (pastor, assistant/youth pastor, evangelist).

### **ARTICLE TEN — AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION**

This constitution may be amended as needed, and as follows: The need for an amendment must be brought to the attention of the E.C. The proposed amendment must be written by a member of the E.C. with a majority vote of the E.C. to approve bringing the proposed amendment would become a part of the constitution only after a two-thirds majority of the voting members of the FGBIAA at a general meeting of the FGBIAA vote to accept the proposed amendment as such.

This document has been amended both in 1996 and 1997 by the provisions of this constitution.

## **Alumni Association of the Free Gospel Bible Institute**

## **Educating and Preparing for Pentecostal Ministry**

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