

CONSTITUTION - WEST VIRGINIA BAPTIST MINISTERS COUNCIL

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this organization shall be: Pastors4Pastors: The West Virginia Baptist Ministers Council (P4P).

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

The purpose of the Council shall be:

1. To provide opportunities for fellowship among the ministers of the West Virginia Baptist Convention (WVBC) churches.
2. To provide opportunities for education, inspiration, and personal/professional growth of WVBC ministers through conferences and other activities which the Council may devise.
3. To encourage pastors and churches to maintain and promote fruitful, healthy, and responsible relationships in ministry.

ARTICLE II - POLITY

This council shall be governed by its membership. It shall, however, maintain affiliation and cooperation with the West Virginia Baptist Convention (WVBC) and the American Baptist Churches, USA (ABC).

ARTICLE IV – COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP

The ministerial staff of cooperating churches of the West Virginia Baptist Convention, and any duly licensed or ordained ABC or WVBC minister either a) within the membership of these churches or b) residing in West Virginia shall be eligible for membership in the Council. Membership is obtained by being recognized by the Executive Committee as meeting the above requirements and paying annual dues.

ARTICLE V - OFFICERS

The officers of this council shall be President, Vice President, Communications Coordinator, Treasurer, and five At-Large Representatives. These officers shall be chosen from the members of P4P and designated as The Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VI - MEETINGS

Meetings of this Council and Executive Committee shall be held as follows:

1. At the Event concurrent with the WVBC Annual meeting. This shall be designated as the Annual Meeting.
2. At other times designated by the Executive Committee.
3. The Executive Committee will meet at times designated by the Executive Committee.
4. A quorum of the Council shall be comprised of those members present and voting. A quorum of the Executive Committee will consist of those in attendance and attending via technology.

ARTICLE VII - AMENDMENTS

This Constitution may be amended at the Annual Meeting by a two-thirds vote of those present, providing such amendment has been duly publicized, with copies available via technology, at least one month (30 days) prior to that meeting.

ARTICLE I - ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The election of officers and members of the Executive Committee shall be held at the Annual Meeting. A Nominating Committee of three members shall be appointed by the President at least thirty days prior to the election. The Vice President shall serve as chair of the Nominating Committee. The officers shall take office immediately following the annual meeting of the WVBC.

ARTICLE II - OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES

Section 1. **President** – Be the chief executive officer of the council and exercise the usual duties of such office; shall be a member ex-officio of all committees; shall preside over all meetings of the council and of the Executive Committee. Term of office shall be three years and consecutive terms shall be limited to two. The President shall also serve on the Executive Board and Leadership Commission of the WVBC.

Section 2. **Vice-President** – Assist and work in close cooperation with the President; serve as chair of the Executive Committee in the absence of the President, shall serve as the chair of the Nominating Committee, and shall aid in designation of task forces for various activities and events as determined by the Executive Committee. It is understood that this person will succeed the President at the conclusion of his or her term or upon his or her resignation. Term of office shall be three years and consecutive terms shall be limited to two.

Section 3. **Communications Coordinator** – Keep records and minutes of all business meetings; receive and transmit all business correspondence; arrange for the notification of members and other interested persons of all meetings; issue membership cards to all members; oversee promotion of all Council-organized events. Term of office shall be three years and consecutive terms shall be limited to two.

Section 4. **Treasurer** – Collect, receive, hold, and disburse all funds of the Council; make such reports and accountings as required; generally carry out the usual duties of such office. Term of office shall be three years and consecutive terms shall be limited to two.

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Section 5. **The Executive Committee** shall consist of:

1. The elected officers - President, Vice President, Communications Coordinator, Treasurer, and five At-Large Representatives .
2. The immediate past President, who shall serve as an ex-officio member for one (1) year.
3. The current WVBC staff liaison to the Leadership Commission shall be a non-voting member of the Executive Committee.
4. A quorum for all meetings of the Executive Committee shall be those in attendance as well as those attending via technology.

Section 6. **At-Large Representatives to the Executive Committee.** - Five At-Large Representatives shall be elected to serve on the Executive Committee of the P4P, with no more than three (3) elected in one calendar year. They shall serve as representatives from the Ministers Council and share in planning various events and activities to carry out the purposes of P4P. Term of office shall be three years and consecutive terms shall be limited to two.

Section 7. The Council reserves the right to elect additional coordinators as needed to oversee other program areas.

ARTICLE III - FINANCES

Section 1. It is required that each minister of the WVBC pay annual dues to the Council to be a member. This qualifies one to be an active, voting member of the Council. The amount of Council dues shall be recommended by the Executive Committee for approval at the Annual Meeting. We also encourage members to pay dues to the Ministers Council of the ABC. Dues are concurrent with the calendar year and are due at the Annual Meeting of each year.

Section 2. Special financial consideration shall be given to ministry students and couples in ministry. This shall be approved at the Annual Meeting.

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ARTICLE IV - PROCEDURE

All meetings shall be conducted in conformity with the current edition of Roberts Rules of Order, Revised. A Parliamentarian shall be appointed by the President or presiding officer at the beginning of each business session.

ARTICLE V - AMENDMENTS

Section 1. These By-Laws may be changed or amended at the Annual Meeting of the Council by a two-thirds vote of those members present, provided they have been duly publicized one month (30 days) before the meeting.

Section 2. The Constitution and By-Laws shall be kept in printed form during each meeting, and a copy available, on the P4P website, to every member of the Council.

Section 3. All rules and By-Laws heretofore used by this Council become null and void upon the adoption of these revised By-Laws and Constitution.

Revised and Adopted Tuesday, May 8, 2018.