



CANADIAN BAPTISTS
OF ATLANTIC CANADA
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NOTICE OF MOTION RE: AMENDMENTS TO THE GENERAL OPERATING BYLAW OF THE CANADIAN BAPTISTS OF ATLANTIC CANADA

Oasis 2019

RATIONALE:

The Amendments are put forward to update and bring clarity to the General Operating Bylaw. The Council realized that as a result of the name change from the Convention of Atlantic Baptist Churches to the Canadian Baptists of Atlantic Canada there was a need to update the Bylaw document. In every place where the Bylaw talked about “the Convention,” it was replaced with either “the family” or, the “CBAC.” It became necessary to do a full review of the General Operating Bylaw to see if there were other places where modification was necessary. For instance, we no longer have Regional Ministry and this wording needed to be updated. There are now twenty (20) Associations not twenty-one (21). In other places wording was changed to update other parts of the document or make it more consistent with current reality and to make it more readable. New definitions were added, for instance; “Associate Executive Ministers;” while other definitions like; “Regional Working Group” have been removed because they no longer exist. New wording was added around “the Voluntary Disbanding of an Association” and how that action should that happen. In other places Council changed wording just to provide clarity while maintaining the original intent. Other corrections or changes were made in spelling, grammar and sentence structure. As in all finite documents there may still be small grammatical errors but the hope of Council is the document better reflects our current reality. The Council realizes this is a living document and will be amended again from time to time in the future.

Please note, the Council of the Canadian Baptists of Atlantic Canada shall move or cause to be moved the following Motion re: Amendments to the General Operating Bylaw of the Canadian Baptists of Atlantic Canada to be voted on at Oasis Assembly, August 2019, in Moncton, N.B.

Moved that the Canadian Baptists of Atlantic Canada accept the proposed Amendments to the General Operating Bylaw to update and bring clarification to the Bylaw Document.