

**CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS
OKLAHOMA BAPTIST BIBLE FELLOWSHIP**

ARTICLE I

NAME: The name of this organization shall be: The Oklahoma Baptist Bible Fellowship, (a duly incorporated body in the State of Oklahoma.)

ARTICLE II

PURPOSE: The purpose of the Fellowship shall be to promote, evangelize, educate, establish, and strengthen local churches and to encourage pastors of like faith and order through fellowship and service.

ARTICLE III

MEETINGS: The Oklahoma Baptist Bible Fellowship shall meet monthly on the second Tuesday unless otherwise announced, for the purpose of declaring the Word of God, transactions of business, to consider the needs of churches and pastors, missionaries, and evangelists, and to strengthen one another.

ARTICLE IV

AFFILIATION: Affiliation with Oklahoma Baptist Bible Fellowship is open to any independent Baptist pastor believing in and adhering to the Word of God and fellowshiping on the basis of the philosophies of the Baptist Bible Fellowship International and the 20 Articles of Faith.

ARTICLE V

VOTING RIGHTS: Recognizing that this is a fellowship of pastors, each participating Baptist Bible Fellowship senior pastor shall have one vote. This vote shall be cast by the senior pastor, present in the meeting. Voting privileges are contingent on attending a minimum of 4 meetings within a calendar year, and, or, contributing to OBBF causes.

ARTICLE VI OFFICERS:

Section 1

Officers of the Oklahoma Baptist Bible Fellowship shall be elected as follows: Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Editor, Treasurer, and State Representative. Each officer shall be elected at an annual business meeting, held in September, and shall be elected for the term of one year, except the Treasurer, and State Representative, who shall be elected for a three year term.

Section 2

State Representative shall be elected at an annual business meeting and shall serve a three year term. He shall represent the wishes of the State Fellowship in his office in regard to the National Fellowship business. He shall consult and deliberate with the State Chairman in all matters of state business.

Section 3

The Vision Oklahoma Director shall be appointed by the Executive Committee and Ratified by the Oklahoma Baptist Bible Fellowship majority.

Section 4

The qualifications of the officers of the Oklahoma Baptist Bible Fellowship shall be:

He shall be a pastor of an Oklahoma Baptist Bible Fellowship Church; with the exception of the office of Secretary and Editor. He shall accept, believe, and practice the BBFI Articles of Faith appended hereunto. He shall faithfully attend 8 monthly meetings in a calendar year.

ARTICLE VII

PROPERTIES: Any properties that may be acquired by this the Oklahoma Baptist Bible Fellowship shall be legally registered in the name of, and duly owned by the Oklahoma Baptist Bible Fellowship, cared for in a proper and legal manner by the officers of the Fellowship.

ARTICLE VII

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT: This Constitution shall supersede any other document pertaining to this [the Oklahoma Baptist Bible] Fellowship. This Constitution and By-Laws may be amended at the annual business meeting by a seventy-five percent (75%) vote of those present and voting, or at any monthly meeting, provided a thirty day (30) notice of amendment change has been given by the Chairman.

ARTICLE IX

RELATIONSHIP TO CHURCHES: All New Testament Churches are autonomous and self-governing; therefore, no article in this Constitution or By-Laws shall ever be interpreted in any way as to infringe upon or jeopardize the absolute sovereignty of any local church. The property rights, the missionary policies, and the practical procedures for autonomous, self-governing churches shall never be endangered in any way by the Oklahoma Baptist Bible Fellowship, Baptist Bible Fellowship International, its agencies, or subsidiaries.

Amended January 15, 2013.