

2025 ARTICLES & BYLAWS PROPOSED CHANGES



Items struck and red represent deleted language from bylaws. Highlighted yellow items represent additional language.


This motion was approved by the N.C. Baptist Board of Directors on May 20, 2025. It will be presented for messenger approval during the 2025 N.C. Baptist Annual Meeting.

Motion: Remove section regarding Christian Action League

The Board of Directors moves to remove bylaw section II.F.10.d.iii from the convention bylaws.

10. Christian Life and Public Affairs Special Committee

- a. Composition. The committee shall consist of not more than sixteen (16) members, not more than twelve (12) of whom shall be members of the Board. Also, the committee shall consist of four (4) members who are not serving on the Board and who shall serve four (4) year terms. After being elected at the September meeting of the Board, the President-elect and Vice-President elect of the Board shall appoint one (1) new non-Board members of the Committee prior to its January meeting. Any vacancy of non-Board members occurring during the President of the Board's term may be filled by the President's appointment.
- b. Chair. The Chairperson shall be elected by the committee from its Board members at its January meeting.
- c. Voting. No ex-officio member of the committee shall have a vote on appropriations or allocation of funds that may be made to the Related Entities.
- d. Purpose, Duties, and Responsibilities. The Christian Life and Public Affairs Special Committee shall work to provide an effective program to help North Carolina Baptists become more aware of the ethical implications of the Christian gospel with regard to all aspects of daily living, including family life, human life, moral issues, economic life, citizenship, and public affairs. The committee:



(i) Shall seek to develop a comprehensive program addressing Christian social ethics in the life of the Convention, its Related Entities, which may include leading seminars, developing literature, distributing information, conducting studies and research, and other means appropriate to accomplish this purpose;

(ii) Shall work with all ministries of the Convention, its Related Entities, and with Southern Baptist organizations and other non-Baptist organizations to promote the Christian social ethics in the life of North Carolina Baptists; and

~~(iii) Shall designate three of its members for nomination as trustees of the Christian Action League and shall cooperate with the Christian Action League in its efforts to combat addictive substances and other social evils; and~~

~~(iv)~~ Shall work, in cooperation with the Convention staff person assigned to the Committee, to promote the Convention's position on Christian social ethics with the applicable legislative and executive branches, including the General Assembly of North Carolina, for the benefit of North Carolina Baptists.

Note: In September of 2024, the Christian Action League of North Carolina's board of directors voted to dissolve the organization. This bylaw change reflects the fact that the organization mentioned no longer exists.