

CONSTITUTION
OF
SOUTH ROANOKE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, INC.

ARTICLE I – NAME

The name of this body is “South Roanoke Baptist Association, Inc.”

ARTICLE II – PURPOSE

The South Roanoke Baptist Association, Inc., exists to assist churches to share fellowship, do missions and ministries, and to assist every church to accomplish The Great Commission vision.

OUR VISION STATEMENT

The vision of the South Roanoke Baptist Association is vital, healthy churches networking to transform lives in fulfilling the Great Commission.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

The South Roanoke Baptist Association exists to serve churches as an instigator for Church development toward vitality and as a catalyst for networked church involvement toward Kingdom and community impact.

OUR VALUES

1. **We value** the historical fact that the association was created by and for the churches.
2. **We value** and respect the autonomy and diversity of each individual church.
3. **We value** innovation by seeking to create an environment where creative thinking and continuous learning are possible. The stability needed to face our challenges is found in our relationship to Jesus Christ rather than our familiarity with a particular method or approach.
4. **We value** cooperation, believing that we can and must learn from one another under the Lordship of Jesus Christ. We seek to build stronger relationships among the churches through networking.
5. **We value** the support and participation provided by each individual church.
6. **We value** the privilege of individual churches to cooperate in mission support endeavors beyond the South Roanoke Baptist Association.
7. **We value** people. It is our belief that the most significant need of any person is a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.
8. **We value** the Holy Bible as the Word of God and the source of our direction.

OUR OBJECTIVES

1. **To help** churches reach people for Jesus Christ.
2. **To help** churches develop believers for active service for Jesus.
3. **To help** minister to the laity, pastors and church staff.
4. **To help** inform the churches about what the association is doing.
5. **To help** enhance communication within the association.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

The Association shall consist of affiliated churches at the time of incorporation and those later accepted into the association through action at the annual Association session.

ARTICLE IV – AFFILIATED CHURCHES AND MISSIONS

- (1) A Southern Baptist church desiring affiliation in the South Roanoke Baptist Association, Inc. must submit in writing said request to the **Leadership Council** at least thirty days prior to the Annual Session. Said churches shall be received under the watch-care of the Association until the next annual session, and then upon recommendation of the **Leadership Council**, said church shall be received as a member by two-thirds vote of the duly qualified messengers in attendance at such session. Once received as a member, a church continues perpetually as an affiliate as long as it maintains some level of financial partnership, submits an annual profile, and participates in the Messenger Meetings as possible or until notice of withdrawal in written form is received. Dismissal from the Association shall be by a two-thirds vote of the duly qualified messengers in attendance at the Annual Sessions.
- (2) A mission sponsored by affiliated churches in the Association, upon constituting as a church shall request, subject to approval and recommendation of the **Leadership Council**, acceptance as a full member church at the next Annual Session of the Association. There will be no required wait.
- (3) Missions sponsored by affiliated churches are a part of the sponsoring church's membership. Mission members are entitled to serve as messengers to the Association as a part of the delegation of the sponsoring church. The sponsoring church determines its own messengers but is encouraged to include mission members as a part of their total delegation of messengers.

ARTICLE V – OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

The Officers are: President (Moderator), Vice-President (Vice-Moderator), Secretary (Clerk), and Treasurer/Assistant Treasurer. Each officer shall be elected for a two-year term. The President (Moderator) and Vice-President (Vice-Moderator) shall not serve more than two terms in succession.

ARTICLE VI – ASSOCIATIONAL MEETINGS

The Messengers of the Association shall meet on a Quarterly basis with the fall meeting designated, as the “Annual Meeting.” The Annual Meeting would include a fellowship meal.

The voting membership of these meetings shall consist of duly elected messengers who are members of affiliated churches as follows:

- (a) One messenger from each affiliated church; an individual messenger for each one hundred resident members or fraction thereof, up to a maximum of seven messengers per affiliated churches;
- (b) The Pastors of all affiliated churches;
- (c) The elected officers of the Association;
- (d) The Leadership Council Members.

ARTICLE VII – LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

A Leadership Council shall be formed, consisting of the Team leaders from each of the six permanent teams of the Association: Administration Team, Church Strengthening Team, Impacting Lostness Team, Prayer Team, Leadership Development Team and Missions/Ministry Team **and a representative of SRBA affiliated organizations.** The Leadership Council shall coordinate the work of the Association under the direction of the Messengers. The Leadership Council may bring recommendations to the Messengers in session. The Leadership Council is given authority by the Messengers in Session to implement the directives of the Messengers in accordance with defined parameters and protocols.

ARTICLE VIII – PROCEDURE

The business of the Association shall be conducted according to “Robert’s Rules of Order.”

ARTICLE IX – AMENDMENT

The Constitution may be amended at any session of the Association by a two-thirds vote, provided the proposed amendment has been distributed to the affiliated churches at least two weeks prior to the vote thereon and referred to the Constitution Committee for clarification and correction.

ARTICLE X – ADOPTION

Upon adoption, this Constitution shall become the Constitution of the South Roanoke Baptist Association, Inc. and shall make null and void all previously adopted rules in conflict herewith.