

# Governance

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## Mission Statement

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Mission Statement of Bible Quizzing:

The mission of quizzing is to see visible evidence of the application of God's Word in the lifestyle of each participant.

Bible Quizzing is a ministry of the C&MA to assist teens to connect with God in a deeper way by Experiencing Him and Expanding His Kingdom.

It accomplishes this by:

- Providing teens with an opportunity to be involved with systematic study, application and memorization of God's Word.
- Building character, instilling self-discipline and encouraging prayer and unity.
- Equipping teens with the capacity to serve in other areas of ministry.

## Policy for Alliance Bible Quizzing

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### Contact Information

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### Scope

This policy provides a collaborative framework for the development and governance of Alliance Bible quizzing. It is intended to suggest a means by which quizzing and quizzing events can be promoted and coordinated. The policy assigns matters of program, policy and procedure to a leadership team. Responsibilities for logistical support remain with the LIFE Office for the Alliance.

### C&MA Quizzing Leadership Team (CQLT)

A C&MA leadership team will give oversight to quizzing and coordinate policies and procedures in both Canada and the U.S. as follows:

#### Responsibilities

The CQLT will promote, coordinate, and provide general oversight for Alliance Bible Quizzing including but not limited to:

- Finding ways that quizzing can support and integrate into local church, district and national ministries
- Promoting and growing quizzing in districts in Canada and the U.S.
- Developing and maintaining uniform policies, including choice of translation
- Facilitating the provision of resources to strengthen quizzing (including coordinating question writing, editing, distributing the same)
- Developing and managing an annual program budget
- Planning and giving oversight to the International Quizzing Competition
- Facilitating communications among quizzing leadership.
- Maintaining records and databases as necessary
- To establish task groups as necessary

## Composition

The CQLT shall consist of six persons; with no more than one representative from any one district, if possible, chosen from among the district team leaders and/or adult coaches of district quizzing teams.

At least two members of the CQLT shall be chosen from Canadian team coaches and at least two members shall be chosen from among U.S. team coaches to ensure the interests of Alliance churches and districts in each country are represented.

A maximum of two non-Alliance members can be voted onto the CQLT with a maximum of one per election. Nominations follow the same approval process as listed in the election section below.

The director of the LIFE Office shall serve ex officio as a resource to the leadership team to coordinate programming and appropriate support for the International Quizzing Competition. The national youth director of each country or an equivalent representative may participate in any meeting of the CQLT.

## Term

Members serve for a three-year term with the possibility of 2 consecutive terms. Members serving consecutive terms will experience a gap of at least one year before being eligible for re-election. The LIFE office director and national youth directors, who serve ex officio as a non-voting member are exempt from a gap year.

## Election

An election for team members shall be held annually. Normally two new members will be elected each year.

Each district may nominate a person for the CQLT and the CQLT will create a short list of 2 names per vacancy for elections unless fewer names are nominated. Nominees must have the approval of the District quizzing point person, the District Superintendent or his appointee and the nominee's pastor. Ballots will be sent to every district quiz program. Each participating district shall be entitled to one vote for each vacancy. If a representative is needed from one country, then the person from that country with the highest vote will be elected followed by the person with the highest number of votes.

## Meetings

Normally the CQLT will meet three times annually, with at least one face to face meeting.

## Chair

The CQLT will annually elect a member to serve as chair.

## Amendments

Any amendment to the Alliance Bible Quizzing rule book must be approved by a majority of the members of the CQLT.

## LIFE Office

The Life Office shall provide logistical support for the International Quizzing Competition and the director will provide operational oversight of the event.

- The LIFE Office shall recommend venues for the international competition to the CQLT for approval.
- The LIFE Office shall coordinate the international quizzing event and act as the sole liaison between the CQLT and the staff of the venue.
- The LIFE Office will provide bookkeeping services, including billing and paying expenses for the CQLT as requested.

## Budget and Finance

The CQLT shall prepare a balanced annual programming budget including the International Quizzing event, operational expenses and fees for LIFE Office services. A copy of the budget shall be forwarded to the Vice President Nurture & Development in Canada and the Vice President for U.S. Church Ministries for their information. The CQLT shall provide annual financial reports to each C&MA national office and each district quizzing program.

## Amenability

The CQLT and LIFE office is amenable to the Vice President for Church Ministries in the U.S.

## C&MA International Quizzing Budget Guidelines

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### International Quiz Meet

#### Possible Income Sources

- Registration Fees
  - Quizzers, coaches, and guests
- Spectator Fees
- Quizzing Merchandise

#### Possible Expenses

- Accommodations/Meals
- OfficialsaEURtm expenses
- Speaker/event programming
- Awards
- Quizzing Merchandise
- Venue selection and development
- Administrative support (LIFE Office)

### C&MA Quizzing Leadership Team (CQLT)

#### Possible Income Sources

- Annual quizzing fee (\$5-10/quizzer)
- One-time start up grants from C&MA U.S./Canada
- Donations
- Licensing fees for questions, profits from quizzing resources

#### Possible Expenses

- Leadership team meetings
- Quiz promotion (website, video, etc.)
- Resource development
- Administrative support (LIFE Office)

### Budget Guidelines

- International quiz meet registration fees are intended to cover the costs of the meet including venue development and administrative support. If the international quiz meet is held in a "low cost" location, registration fees may generate a modest surplus which is to be used to offset "high cost" venues in future years.
- Additional funds are necessary for the CQLT to fulfill its proposed responsibilities. In addition to C&MA start up grants, additional annual sources of income must be identified. Any yearly surplus in CQLT funds will be carried forward to use for quizzing development in future years.
- The CQLT will be responsible for developing and managing a balanced annual budget and for distributing annual financial reports to the quizzing districts.

## Scholarships

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## Awards

- Members of the championship team at the International Finals will receive a \$200 scholarship from the Life Impact Office to the Alliance College of their choice. Alliance colleges will add an additional \$650 to the scholarship upon enrollment.
- Members of the second-place team will receive a \$500 scholarship from the Alliance College of their choice upon enrollment.
- Members of the third-place team will receive a \$200 scholarship from the Alliance College of their choice upon enrollment.
- The top 15 quizzers at the International Bible Quiz Finals will receive a \$500 scholarship from the Alliance College of their choice upon enrollment.

## Guidelines

- A quizzer may accept only one scholarship award each year if he/she is a winner in more than one category. The scholarship of highest value will be awarded. This restriction does not apply to the Floyd Meier Scholarship.
- A quizzer may earn a new scholarship at each year's finals, thereby accumulating scholarships.
- All college-financed scholarships will be equally divided between fall and spring semesters.
- All quizzers who have received scholarships must begin using their scholarships within 2 years of graduating from high school.

Awards and scholarship amounts will be announced annually. In addition to these scholarships, Alliance colleges may also offer additional scholarships to international, district, and local participants. Please contact the individual colleges for details.

- Floyd E. Meier Bible Quiz Scholarship - approximately \$1000
- This is an annual scholarship awarded to a high school junior or senior. It is for Bible quizzers who have exhibited excellence in quizzing, have financial need, and are planning on full-time Christian service. Applications should be submitted by May 1 and will be processed in May. The Meier scholarship is open to quizzers from any district. A quizzer does not have to attend Internationals to be eligible. Any quizzer may apply for the Meyer scholarship by applying online [www.cmabiblequizzing.org](http://www.cmabiblequizzing.org).

If you would like to contribute to this scholarship, please contact the LIFE Office by emailing [wakeleys@cmalliance.org](mailto:wakeleys@cmalliance.org).