

MANUAL OF PROCEDURE FOR THE FELLOWSHIP OF GRACE BRETHREN CHURCHES, INC.

ARTICLE III - FELLOWSHIP COUNCIL (BOARD OF DIRECTORS)

Section One. Responsibilities. Specific duties of the Council include, but are not limited to, the following:

16. The Fellowship Council shall present a name for Moderator to the conference one year prior to the expiration of the current term for affirmation by the delegates. That Moderator shall select a Vice Moderator, that is approved by the Fellowship Council to be affirmed by the delegates on a single question ballot.

ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS

Section One. Responsibilities and Duties. The officers shall have the powers and discharge the duties customarily and usually held and performed by like officers in similar corporations, including, but not limited to, the following:

1. Moderator.
 - a. He is the chief executive officer of the corporation during the years for which he is elected.
 - b. He is a member, *ex-officio*, of the Fellowship Council and shall serve as chairman of the Council for the year s of his term as moderator. ~~He shall continue on the Council for one year following his tenure as moderator, to expedite the implementation of corporate action taken during his term of office.~~
 - c. He may choose a Parliamentary Chairman to preside over any and all business meetings of the conference, or he shall preside at all sessions of the conference except when he is personally involved in a matter, in which case he shall defer to the first moderator-elect. Should he choose a Parliamentary Chairman, the Moderator shall retain all rights, responsibilities, and authorities described in this Constitution and the Manual of Procedure.
 - d. He shall present the annual moderator's address on the general theme of the spiritual state of the churches and the challenges facing the Fellowship. He may incorporate recommendations to the Fellowship from the Fellowship Council.
 - e. Represent the FGBC as its official spokesperson for all matters related to the official communication, public press releases, or other informational opportunities presented during his term.
 - f. Adequately prepare the newly elected Moderator for the position through education and communication as deemed necessary to provide a smooth transition between administrations.
 - g. The Moderator must agree to the Statement of Faith of the FGBC, be a member in good standing in one of the member churches in the FGBC and be committed to the welfare and health of the FGBC.
2. ~~First Vice Moderator-Elect.~~
 - a. ~~He shall succeed to the office of moderator the second year following his election.~~
 - b. He is a member, *ex-officio*, of the Fellowship Council and shall serve as vice-chairman of the Council for the years of his term as ~~first vice~~ moderator-elect.
 - c. He shall fulfill the functions of the moderator in the latter's absence or illness or when called upon by the moderator to do so.
 - d. He shall assume the office of moderator in the event of his resignation, decease or inability to serve as the moderator upon notification by the chairman or secretary of the Fellowship Council.
 - e. He shall present the annual ~~first~~ moderator-elect's message at the annual meeting of the corporation on the subject suggested by the Fellowship Council.
 - f. Represent the FGBC when delegated to do so by the Moderator in areas deemed helpful by the Moderator.
 - g. Adequately prepare the newly elected Vice-Moderator for the position through education and communication as deemed necessary to provide a smooth transition between administrations.
 - h. The Vice-Moderator must agree to the Statement of Faith of the FGBC, be a member in good standing in one of the member churches in the FGBC and be committed to the welfare and health of the FGBC.
3. ~~Second Moderator elect.~~

ARTICLE V - COMMITTEES

Section Two. Nominating Committee.

1. The committee shall present nominees to the conference for the annual election of the Fellowship Council, ~~and the second moderator elect.~~

Amendment to motion: Change Article III section One to add "for a one, two or three year term."

THE CONSTITUTION FOR THE FELLOWSHIP OF GRACE BRETHREN CHURCHES, INC.

ARTICLE VI FELLOWSHIP COUNCIL (BOARD OF DIRECTORS)

Section One. General Powers. The business and affairs of the corporation shall be managed by its board of directors which shall be known as the Fellowship Council.

Section Two. Number and Term. The number of members of the fellowship Council shall be ~~sixteen~~seventeen. ~~Fifteen~~Twelve members shall be elected by the corporation, and each of the ~~twelve~~fifteen shall be elected and serve a term of ~~four~~five years. The ~~twelve~~fifteen elected members shall represent the three geographic regions of the United States described in Article V, Section Two, point #3 of the Manual of Procedure with ~~four~~five members to serve from each region. Only one member of any single church or two representatives from any single district shall serve on the Council at any one time, not including *ex-officio* members of the Council.

The remaining ~~four~~two members of the Fellowship Council shall be the moderator, ~~first moderator elect, second moderator elect and retiring moderator and the vice moderator~~. The moderator and vice moderator shall serve a three-year term as moderator and vice moderator.

Council members will begin their terms at the conclusion of the conference at which they are elected with the exception of the moderator and vice moderator who shall begin their term one year following the conference at which they are elected.

Section Three. Qualifications. All nominees for Council membership must be triune-immersed members in good standing of a member church recognized by the corporation. They must be men who have met the spiritual qualifications for an elder as outlined in 1 Timothy 3:1-13 and Titus 1:6-9. They must have given their consent to nomination and service. Members of the Council may not serve consecutive terms but may be re-elected after ~~four~~two years absence from the Council. This restriction shall not apply to members serving fewer than three years or to *ex-officio* members of the Council.

ARTICLE VII OFFICERS

Section One. Officers. The officers of the corporation shall be a moderator, ~~first~~vice moderator~~elect~~, ~~second moderator elect~~, secretary, and treasurer. The moderator shall serve as chairman of the Fellowship Council, and the ~~first vice~~ moderator~~elect~~ as vice-chairman of the same body.

Section Two. Election. The ~~second~~ moderator~~elect~~ and vice moderator shall be elected together on a single ballot question by majority affirmative vote of the delegates present, entitled to vote, and voting at ~~the~~the annual meeting of the corporation one year prior to the beginning of their term. ~~Nominees may be added to the ballot from the floor, provided the nomination is seconded and the nominees so named meet the qualifications set forth in Article VI, Section Three of this Constitution.~~

The secretary and treasurer shall be elected annually by majority vote of the Fellowship Council at its annual meeting. These elections shall be ratified by the corporation at the annual meeting immediately following the election.

Section Three. Term. The ~~officers~~ moderator and vice moderator ~~of the corporation~~ will be installed at the conclusion of the conference one year after at which they are elected and will serve for ~~three~~one conference years or until their successors are elected or appointed and installed. The secretary and treasurer will be installed at the conclusion of the conference at which they are elected and will serve for one conference year or until their successors are elected or appointed and installed.

Amendment to motion: Change Article VI section Two "The moderator and vice moderator shall serve a three-year term as moderator and vice moderator" to "The moderator and vice moderator shall serve a one, two or three-year term to which they are elected as moderator and vice moderator"

Change Article VIII section Two "shall be elected together on a single ballot question by majority affirmative vote of the delegates present" to "shall be elected together on a single ballot question to a one, two, or three year term by majority affirmative vote of the delegates present"