

**FULL GOSPEL BUSINESS MEN'S
FELLOWSHIP INTERNATIONAL**



**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
&
CONSTITUTION
&
BYLAWS**

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FULL GOSPEL BUSINESS MEN'S FELLOWSHIP INTERNATIONAL

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

**under the
General Not-For-Profit Corporation
Act of California**

The undersigned,

Demos Shakarian, 8413 Lexington Road, Downey, CA
Lee Braxton, 2708 S. Delaware Pl., Tulsa, OK
George Gardner, 35 Collier Street, Binghamton, NY
Miner Arganbright, Box 8586, La Crescenta, CA
Earl Draper, 777-A E. Barstow, Fresno, CA

Being natural persons of the age of more than twenty-one years, and citizens of the United States of America for the purpose of forming a corporation, pursuant to the general non-profit corporation laws under Part 1 of Division 2 of Title 1 of the Corporation Code of said state, do hereby adopt the following Articles of Incorporation:

ARTICLE I

The name of the Corporation is
FULL GOSPEL BUSINESS MEN'S FELLOWSHIP INTERNATIONAL

ARTICLE II

The Corporation is irrevocably dedicated to religious purposes; to promote, further and maintain fellowship among men who believe in the Full Gospel of the Grace of God, as taught by Jesus as recorded in the four Gospels, and by the writers of the Epistles of the New Testament; to promote, encourage, and maintain good works by the cooperative efforts of men who believe the Full Gospel; to assist in the organization, establishment and maintenance of local groups of men who are believers in the Full Gospel, and to render advice and assistance to such groups; to assist, promote and further the work of Full Gospel Missions in the United States, Canada and foreign countries; to attain its purposes by the publication of Christian literature of any and all kinds, the promotion of evangelism, the promotion and maintenance of specialized organizations for various age groups, the establishment and maintenance of means for Bible study, circulation of Full Gospel literature of all kinds, and by any and all other means; to encourage personal evangelism and tract distribution; to attain its objectives either by the direct efforts of itself and its affiliate local groups, or by rendering aid and assistance to all kinds of other organizations or groups; and to assist in the founding and activities of Full Gospel Churches.

ARTICLE III

The Corporation does not contemplate and will not permit the distribution of gains, profits, or dividends to members thereof or to any other individuals.

ARTICLE IV

The County in this state, where the principal office for the transaction of the business of the Corporation is to be located, is Orange County. The Corporation may open and maintain offices elsewhere in the United States and foreign countries.

ARTICLE V

The following named persons shall act in the capacity of directors until the election of their successors, namely:

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ARTICLE VI

Initially, the five directors above-named in Article V, shall constitute the members of the Corporation. The Constitution and Bylaws of the Corporation shall provide for and regulate the admission of additional members.

ARTICLE VII

This is not an incorporation of any previously existing unincorporated association.

ARTICLE VIII

This Corporation does not contemplate pecuniary gain or profit to members thereof. No part of any earnings or profits of this Corporation shall inure to the benefit of any private shareholder, individual or member thereof. The property of this Corporation is irrevocably dedicated to religious purposes, and upon its liquidation, dissolution, or abandonment, after providing for the debts and obligations thereof, none of its property shall inure to the benefit of any person, but shall be distributed to a non-profit fund, foundation or corporation organized and operated exclusively for religious purposes of a similar character to those set forth in Article II of these Articles of Incorporation and which has established its tax exempt status under Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

ARTICLE IX

None of the funds of this Corporation shall be expended for the purpose of political propaganda or otherwise influencing or attempting to influence legislation, and none of its activities shall be devoted to such purposes.

ARTICLE X

This corporation shall have perpetual existence.

WITNESS THE SIGNATURE OF the Directors this 22nd day of November, 1952,
Los Angeles, California.

Demos Shakarian
Earl Draper

Miner Arganbright
George Gardner

Lee Braxton

FULL GOSPEL BUSINESS MEN'S FELLOWSHIP INTERNATIONAL

CONSTITUTION

PREAMBLE: While there are, already, international organizations for the furtherance of Christian fellowship among men, and cooperative action in the Lord's work, we are led of the Lord to establish, by His enabling grace, an international fellowship organization of men who are "full gospel" believers, as defined in this Constitution.

Some of the needs which the Fellowship is designed to meet are: to supply means for spiritual fellowship in Christ, not now available elsewhere, among full gospel believing men; to promote effective cooperation of such men in gospel work; to unite in the Lord's fellowship and work, groups of men characterized by more complete responsiveness to the moving of the Holy Spirit; to establish an organized work which will strengthen Full Gospel churches everywhere.

It is to these objectives that FULL GOSPEL BUSINESS MEN'S FELLOWSHIP INTERNATIONAL is dedicated. By faith, we commit this work unto the Lord in full confidence that, according to His promise, our "thoughts shall be established."

**ARTICLE I
DOCTRINAL STATEMENT**

SECTION 1. Nature of Doctrinal Statement.

Our doctrinal statement is not a "creed." In a sense, the whole Bible is our creed. We recognize the existence of many differences in interpretation among genuine Christians. We are, however, convinced that to avoid a looseness which might result in the admission to our Fellowship of unbelievers or even of Christians who are unprepared to cooperate in the Fellowship and work to which God has called us, certain minimum biblical doctrinal tests must be established, the rejection of any of which shall be grounds for ineligibility for membership. These essential doctrinal statements follow in Section 2.

SECTION 2. The Statement.

1. We believe in one God, Maker of all things and being in Trinity of Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
2. We believe that the Son of God, Jesus Christ, became incarnate, was begotten by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, and is true God and true man.
3. We believe the Bible, in its entirety, to be the inspired Word of God and the only infallible rule of faith and conduct.
4. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, the eternal happiness of the saved, and the eternal punishment of the lost.

5. We believe in personal salvation of believers through the shed blood of Christ.
6. We believe in sanctification by the blood of Christ, in personal holiness of heart and life, and in separation from the world.
7. We believe in divine healing, through faith, and that healing is included in the Atonement.
8. We believe in the baptism in the Holy Ghost, accompanied by the initial physical sign of speaking with other tongues as the Spirit of God gives utterance, (Acts 2:4) as distinct from the new birth, and in the nine gifts of the Spirit, listed in I Corinthians 12, as now available to believers.
9. We believe in the Christian's hope - the imminent, personal return of the Lord Jesus Christ.
10. We believe in intensive world-evangelism and missionary work in accordance with the Great Commission, with signs following.

SECTION 3.

The acceptance of the ten doctrinal points stated above in Section 2 of this Article is essential to membership in the International and in the Chapters, and while we recognize the obligation of maintaining spiritual love and union toward all true Christians who may not accept all of these doctrinal points, and welcome them to our Fellowship gatherings, they are not permitted any voice in the conduct of our activities and are ineligible to membership in the International or in the Chapters.

ARTICLE II RELATIONSHIPS

SECTION 1. Church Relationships.

We recognize The Church - the Body of Christ - as "the pillar and ground of the truth." Our Fellowship has no right to exist if it is merely a man-made organization. It should, and is, designed to be an agency for building up the Body of Christ - His Church - and should be in harmony with, and a part of the work of the Holy Spirit as the Executor of our Lord's Church program for the present day. We also recognize the existence and divine origin of local 'churches' or 'assemblies.' Our Fellowship is not a substitute nor is it a competitor with any local church or denominational church group. Through the enabling Grace of God, it will, however, be a helper of all local churches and denominational groups, to the extent that they are in the will of God.

SECTION 2. Other Men's Fellowship Groups.

Without compromising our calling to witness to, and practice, the privileges of Christians in the Full Gospel - and especially in claiming by faith and exercising the benefits of divine healing and the other eight gifts of the Spirit - we propose to maintain loving, cooperative relationship with all other Christian men's organizations and groups on the common basis of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Full Gospel men are free to

belong to other Christian men's fellowships, and such outside affiliations shall not render them ineligible to membership in our fellowship.

SECTION 3. Pastors, Evangelists, Missionaries, and other full time Gospel Workers.

We regard the calling of separation to 'the ministry of the Word and to prayer' as the highest calling. We also recognize as true, that "God hath ordained that they that labor in the gospel shall live of the gospel." Full time gospel workers are welcome in our Fellowship and eligible to membership. They may not, however, hold leading official positions, nor direct the activities of the organization. Recognizing their high calling, and the trials and sacrifices of all true full time workers, it should be our practice to help, encourage and support them in every possible way.

SECTION 4. Official Organ.

The official organ of FGBMFI is the Full Gospel Business Men's *Voice*. This magazine is published monthly. It is available to the public by subscription, and is also included as a membership benefit.

**ARTICLE III
ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE**

SECTION 1.

Supreme authority over our Fellowship and all its activities is vested in The Lord Jesus Christ and exercised by the Holy Spirit. This truth must be recognized and practiced.

SECTION 2. The International.

Humanly, the International shall be the center of our Fellowship and shall be incorporated. It shall have sole authority in granting or rejecting applications for affiliation by chapters, in canceling affiliation for any causes deemed by it sufficient, and subject to the superior authority of the International Convention, and all other matters except local matters and matters internal to the chapter.

SECTION 3. International Conventions

International Conventions shall be convened annually at dates set by the Directors, and shall be composed of delegates, appointed or elected by the chapters in such procedures as may be established by the Bylaws, which may also establish systems of regional representation. All Christians, and the public generally, are welcome to attend our International Conventions, but voting at business sessions shall be confined to authorized delegates. All members of the chapters whose names, addresses, and occupations are filed with the International, and who have expressed adherence to the

Doctrinal Statements, are members of the International. In the main, it is intended that International Conventions shall have the powers exercised by the Early Church in the Councils of Jerusalem, Nicea, Constantinople and Chalcedon, and such other powers as may be conferred by the Constitution and By-laws.

SECTION 4. Regional Organizations.

To facilitate the work generally, and provide for regional gatherings and cooperation, the International may establish and modify regional districts.

SECTION 5. Local Chapters.

The great work of the entire Fellowship will undoubtedly be done through its Chapters. Following biblical precedent, the responsibility and authority for all decisions as to projects to be undertaken, as to matters of local discipline and all other purely internal matters is vested in the Chapters, which also are empowered to determine their forms of organization and procedures generally. Local Chapters should, however, welcome, and give serious consideration to all recommendations and advice of the International and its individual members.

ARTICLE IV MEMBERSHIPS

SECTION 1. Membership to the Board of Directors

The authorized number of directors may be increased or reduced, and vacancies filled as provided by the Bylaws and by amendments thereto, as provided in the General Non-Profit Corporation Law of the State of California. It is intended that the initial number of five directors shall be increased to seven as soon after the incorporation as, in the opinion of the initial Board, this may be accomplished in such manner as to insure adequate representation of the body of full gospel believing men. Further increases and rotation in office may be provided for in the Bylaws and amendments thereto.

SECTION 2. Members of the International.

Initially, the Directors of the International are also its members. Upon the affiliation of a Chapter, all its members, present and future, whose names, addresses and occupations are filed with the International and who adhere to the ten-point doctrinal statement, automatically become members of the International. Chapters may attach such conditions to local membership as they see fit, providing they are in harmony with the Constitution.

SECTION 3. Membership of Chapters.

The Chapters themselves may provide their own methods of electing or appointing their local members, provided however, that no man shall be eligible to membership in any chapter who does not adhere to the Doctrinal Statement, and the International may prescribe such tests as it may deem proper to assure compliance on the part of Chapters with Section 3, Article 1 of this Constitution.

ARTICLE V DEFINITIONS

As used in this Constitution, and in the Bylaws, the term “*International*” means this Corporation. The word “*Chapter*” means any Full Gospel Business Men’s Fellowship regularly affiliated with the International, and the term *Business Men’s* or *Business Man* has a liberal meaning including primarily, all men of any secular occupation as well as farmers, laborers, and employees.

ARTICLE VI AMENDMENTS

This constitution may be amended only as follows:

Proposals for amendment can be submitted by the International President or by a minimum of five International Directors from a minimum of two Nations supporting the amendment. A notice of the proposed amendment shall be e-mailed to each International Director at least 30 days prior to a regular annual meeting of the International Directors, or a special meeting called for the purpose of considering said amendment and acting thereon. Said notice shall contain a complete copy of the proposed amendment. It shall be submitted at the International Directors Meeting for voting and shall be considered approved if it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the total number of Directors present in person or virtually and voting at the meeting.

The International Secretary shall submit a copy of the approved amendment by email to all Nations, with a verified receipt notice. The Nations shall then immediately distribute a form approved by the International Office to all their internationally affiliated Chapters. The form shall contain a request for an acknowledgement of receipt and the Chapter’s decision regarding acceptance or rejection of the proposed amendments. An email or other equivalent means of response to the National Office shall be considered valid. The National Office shall send the resulting tally to the International Secretary, keeping adequate records of the communications with the Chapters. In the case there are affiliated Chapters not associated with a National Organization, the International Secretary shall notify them directly. There shall be a period of 60 days from the time of submitting by the International Secretary allowed for the receipt of the tallies. Any Chapters not returning their decision shall be considered null votes and shall not be counted towards the voting tally. The amendment shall become operative if it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the entire number of responding affiliated chapters. The International Secretary shall communicate the result to the Nations at the end of the 60 day period, or earlier if the process is complete. The amendment shall become operative immediately upon the announcement.

FULL GOSPEL BUSINESS MEN'S FELLOWSHIP INTERNATIONAL

BYLAWS

**ARTICLE I
NAME**

The name of this Corporation is "**Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International.**"

**ARTICLE II
LOCATION OF OFFICES**

SECTION 1.

Its principal office, subject to change by the International Directors, shall be in Orange County, California.

**ARTICLE III
MEMBERSHIP**

SECTION 1.

The members shall be all those who have been previously received into membership and are currently active members of Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International and those who shall be admitted from time to time in the future according to rules and procedures established by the International Board of Directors.

SECTION 2.

The members may, by amendment of these Bylaws, or by resolution adopted at any Annual Convention, create different classes of membership, and define the privileges and characteristics of each.

SECTION 3.

No one shall be eligible for membership who is not fully qualified under all the requirements of Article I of the Constitution as well as any provision of these Bylaws that defines the requirements for membership. The International Directors shall adopt effective means to secure assurance of such qualification.

SECTION 4.

The International Officers shall have exclusive control of all international and national records at the International Headquarters, including, but not limited to, members' names, addresses, emails, telephone numbers, voting rights, minutes, accounting books and records. No member of the Fellowship shall be entitled to inspect, copy or use such records without written consent of any two International Officers. As used herein, "International Officers" shall be defined to include the President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. Any violation of these restrictions by a member without such consent shall be grounds for immediate revocation or suspension of membership.

ARTICLE IV INTERNATIONAL DIRECTORS

SECTION 1.

There shall be seventy (70) International Directors of the corporation, which number shall be a portion among the nations of the world according to each nation's percentage of qualified members and chapters. The number of International Directors from each nation shall be determined in the discretion of the International Secretary in accordance with these Bylaws. No more than ten (10) International Directors shall be selected from each nation. The International Officers, i.e. the International President, International Executive Vice President, International Secretary and International Treasurer will be included in their respective nation's allotted number of International Directors

SECTION 2.

The National leadership of each country shall annually send an official census of that nation's current dues-paying members and chapters computed as of August 31 following each Annual International Conference. The census shall be in writing and certified by two officers of the national leadership. The census shall be delivered to the International office in care of the International Secretary not later than August 31 of each year.

SECTION 3.

The International Secretary shall compute the number of International Directors who shall be representatives to the International Board allotted to each nation for the coming year, commencing at the World Convention following the August 31 census. The International Secretary shall send written notices to the National leadership by October 31 advising them of the number of positions they may fill and of any term limitations which may be required in order to provide for the election of approximately one-third of the International Board members each year.

SECTION 4.

The National President shall select the Nation's representatives to the International Board from the National Board of Directors or its National Directors-at-Large for that nation subject to ratification by an election of the National Board of Directors for that nation.

SECTION 5.

The names and qualifications of that nation's representatives, so selected, shall be certified by the National President and Secretary and delivered to the International Secretary by March 31, following the notice from the International Secretary provided for in Section 3 above. The notification shall also designate wherever applicable which representative is filling each position where longer and shorter terms are provided to bring about a staggered election of International Directors.

SECTION 6.

In recognition that some nations have council or other governance structures, each nation may elect its representatives to the International Board by an election method approved by that nation. Nations using the council form of governance may provide that a council shall be vested with all of the rights, duties and powers of the National President, or any other national officer, or National Board of Directors. The multi-national councils which have existed in the past may continue as needed.

SECTION 7.

Each International Director may serve three years. One-third of the International Directors shall be elected each year. International Directors may serve an indefinite number of terms, provided they are duly nominated and approved pursuant to this Article IV of these Bylaws. In the event the nation gains or loses one or more International Directors' positions due to the annual reapportionment, it shall be the responsibility of the National President subject to ratification of the National Board to alter the term of their International Director(s) accordingly, and to provide notice to the International Secretary as provided above.

SECTION 8.

One National Representative may be appointed by the National President of any nation which is unable to qualify for representation on the International Board of Directors. National Representatives shall not be entitled to vote, but shall be entitled to attend meetings of the International Board of Directors.

SECTION 9.

International Directors-at-Large may be appointed by the International President to attend meetings of the International Board of Directors. They shall have the right to participate in the meetings, but shall not have the right to vote. They shall serve a one-year term.

SECTION 10.

Past Directors and Officers of the corporation may be appointed Honorary Directors by the International President for a one (1) year term in recognition of past services subject to the recipient's approval. They shall have the right to participate in the meetings, but shall not have the right to vote.

SECTION 11.

In determining the presence of a quorum, only voting members shall be considered.

**ARTICLE V
ANNUAL CONVENTIONS AND BOARD MEETINGS OF
MEMBERS AND INTERNATIONAL DIRECTORS**

SECTION 1.

There shall be an Annual Convention which, except as otherwise determined by the International Directors, shall be for three consecutive days or more. At any regular or special meeting, the International Directors, by majority vote, may alter the duration of any Convention and Convention dates.

SECTION 2.

The location, program, agenda and all preliminaries of and arrangements for the Annual Convention shall be entirely under direction and control of the International Directors, who may delegate such duties in respect thereto as they may deem proper to the chapter of the convention city and to special committees appointed by the International Board. The primary purposes of the Annual Convention are spiritual, the strengthening of fellowship in Christ, the increase of effectiveness of the Chapters, the edification of those who attend convention sessions, and solution of problems which may have arisen in connection with the movement.

SECTION 3.

The members shall be represented at the annual and special members' meetings by delegates. Each chapter shall be entitled to designate two delegates to serve one (1) year terms, and such delegates shall be subject to removal by their chapter at any time. Each International Director shall also serve as a delegate during his term of office. The authority of each International Director to serve as a delegate shall cease when he is no longer an International Director.

SECTION 4.

The members' annual meeting shall be held during the Annual Convention. The International Secretary shall prepare the Agenda, to be approved by the International President, for the International Delegates Meeting. It will be of an informative and fellowship nature. No business will be conducted (i.e. no motions made and no votes taken).

SECTION 5.

Annually, the International President shall appoint from the International Board the officers for the International Board to serve with him for the coming year, as the officers of the Corporation. There shall be one International Executive Vice-President, one International Secretary and one International Treasurer and as many additional International Officers as the International President shall designate. Such additional International Officers shall be International Vice Presidents. The International Officers shall serve for one year, or until the next Annual Convention, or until replaced by their successors. They shall have such duties as are designated by the President or otherwise provided in these Bylaws. In conjunction with the Annual Convention, the International President shall announce his appointment of officers to hold office until the next Annual Convention and until their successors have been appointed by the International President. The International Officers shall constitute the International Cabinet. The function of the International Cabinet shall be to formulate policy and submit such policies to the International Board of Directors for ratification. The new International Board shall hold its first meeting immediately prior to the opening of the Annual Convention, or during the Annual Convention. The newly appointed International Directors shall be installed in office at the beginning of the meeting.

The personal presence of a majority of the International Directors shall establish a quorum at all International Directors' meetings. In the absence of an International Director an International Director at Large from that Nation, will be seated as an International Director for that meeting. He will have the rights and privileges of an International Director including the right to vote. In the further absence of a majority a quorum will be established by two thirds of the International Directors present in person or by proxy.

Except when otherwise required by these Bylaws, all actions approved by a majority vote of the International Directors present and voting where a quorum has been established shall be valid. Only the International President shall be entitled to receive proxies from absent International Directors.

SECTION 6.

For purposes of notice, each nation shall notify the International Secretary in writing of the name, email and address of each chapter president and secretary in the nation, as well as any changes thereto.

SECTION 7.

For delegate purposes:

- 1) A chapter is one which has signed the charter agreement and is approved by the International Headquarters and an official chapter number has been assigned by the International Headquarters and is currently in good standing.
- 2) A member is one recognized by his nation and/or the International as a member.
- 3) A delegate must be a member in good standing.
- 4) Each chapter is authorized a maximum of two delegates.
- 5) A delegate must have a delegate letter or certification showing the chapter number, and signed by one of the following: Chapter President, Chapter Secretary or a National Officer.

ARTICLE VI TASK FORCES

There shall be no standing Committees. The International President may, from time to time, however, appoint a task force for a specific purpose not to exceed one year.

ARTICLE VII DUTIES OF OFFICERS

SECTION 1.

International Officers. Demos Shakarian, the founding International President of this Corporation, shall serve as International President so long as he is able and he elects to serve. This unlimited term is granted in recognition of the exceptional anointing of the Holy Spirit upon the life of Demos Shakarian to inspire and direct the Fellowship and its members. Demos Shakarian shall be entitled to appoint his initial successor by executing a written statement before a Notary Public in which he designates such successor. Demos Shakarian shall also be entitled to designate an alternate successor in the event the first designated successor is unable or unwilling to serve. The most recent notarized statement shall control. If Demos Shakarian so designates his initial successor, his initial successor shall be entitled to serve until the next Annual Convention plus one full three (3) year term before standing for election by the International Board of Directors, or before being subject to removal by the International Board of Directors. All International Presidents that follow Demos Shakarian and his designated successor, if any, shall be elected by a majority vote for a three-year term. The first ballot shall be a nominating

ballot unless a candidate receives a majority of the votes cast on the first ballot.

If Demos Shakarian has appointed a successor in advance, his successor shall take office immediately. Only if a successor has not been designated, a special meeting of the International Board of Directors to elect a successor will be convened within 45 days.

The term and authority granted to Demos Shakarian in Article VII, Section I, is hereby granted to Richard Shakarian.

SECTION 2.

The International President shall have the powers and duties specified in these Bylaws and, in addition, he shall have such general powers and duties as are conferred and imposed on presidents of similar organizations. The International President shall preside at all conventions and meetings of the Members and the International Board of Directors. He shall have general oversight over all affairs of the Fellowship and general authority in the hiring and dismissal of employees.

The International President shall additionally serve as the President of his nation, as long as he serves as the International President.

SECTION 3.

The International Executive Vice-President, as well as all other International Officers appointed by the International President, shall have such powers and duties as may be assigned by the International President.

SECTION 4.

The International Treasurer shall have general oversight of the financial interests and affairs of the Fellowship.

SECTION 5.

The International Secretary shall take and record minutes of all meetings and have such additional powers and duties as may be assigned by the International President.

SECTION 6.

The number of International Vice-Presidents shall be determined by the International President, and they shall have such powers and duties as may be assigned by the International President.

ARTICLE VIII
REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES
(INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT'S PERSONAL REGIONAL
REPRESENTATIVES)

SECTION 1.

The International President shall from time to time designate Regions of the world from which the President may appoint Personal Regional Representatives. A region may consist of a continent, or one or more nations, or parts of nations, or special assignments as determined by the International President. The initial Regions shall be seven (7) in number: Africa, Asia, Canada, Europe, Latin America/Caribbean, South Pacific and United States of America.

SECTION 2.

Regional Representatives shall be appointed by the International President for a one (1) year term expiring automatically at each Annual Meeting. Each Regional Representative shall serve as the personal representative of the President, at his pleasure.

SECTION 3.

ADVISORY COUNCIL TO THE INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT

The Global Advisory Council to the International President shall consist of the International President's Personal Regional Representatives.

ARTICLE IX
NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND CONVENTIONS

SECTION 1.

Each National Organization shall adopt a Model Constitution and Bylaws for National Organizations prepared by the International. The Constitution and Bylaws adopted by each National Organization shall provide for the election of a National President in a manner that is similar to the process in which the International President is elected. All Nations presently affiliated with the International at the adoption of these revised Bylaws shall be deemed approved.

SECTION 2.

Each National Organization shall apply for affiliation with the International. Upon approval of affiliation by the International Board, such National Organization shall be subject to the superior authority of the International Board in all matters except purely local matters and matters internal to the National Organization. Each such National Organization shall be operated in harmony with the policies adopted from time to time by the International Board. All National Organizations which are affiliated with the International at the adoption of these revised Bylaws shall be deemed to be affiliated.

SECTION 3.

Each National President shall appoint as many National Directors as shall be required for the ministry of the Fellowship in his nation. The appointment of each National Director shall be ratified by the vote of members in the appointee's state or area through mail ballots. In each nation, the National Directors shall comprise the National Board or Council. Each National Director shall serve a three (3) year term. One-third of each nation's National Directors shall be elected each year. Each National Board of Directors or council will have authority for its nation, subject at all times to the superior authority of the International Board of Directors.

SECTION 4.

Each National President shall be entitled to appoint non-voting Members-At-Large to serve on the National Board of Directors. Members-At-Large shall serve one (1) year terms.

SECTION 5.

Each National President shall appoint the appropriate officers for the work of the Fellowship in that Nation. The exact duties of National Officers shall be determined by the National President or Council. Each National Officer shall serve a one (1) year term except the National President who shall serve a three (3) year term.

SECTION 6.

Each National President shall be entitled to appoint one or more Personal District Representatives (District Coordinator) to assist the National President by undergirding, encouraging and strengthening the Fellowship in a particular District. District representatives shall have a one (1) year term. They shall have no legislative authority, but shall engage in the ministry of helps.

SECTION 7.

Each National Director shall be entitled to appoint Field Representatives to assist the National Director. Their term shall automatically expire at the end of one (1) year unless their appointment is renewed in writing.

SECTION 8.

The International President shall be an Ex Officio member of all Boards, Councils, Committees, Task Forces and similar bodies which are made up by members from more than one nation.

SECTION 9.

The purpose of this Fellowship is to extend the Kingdom through the work of this ministry. There shall be no restraint by one chapter, nation or area on the work or ministry of any other no matter where it takes place.

X LOCAL CHAPTERS

SECTION 1.

Any local group of Spirit-filled men may organize a local Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International Chapter, and apply for affiliation with the International. Each such application shall be made on forms approved by International Directors, and shall contain, with any other terms stipulated by the International Directors, the following:

- a. All members of the applying group believe in and adhere to all points of the Doctrinal Statement of the Constitution, and no future members will be admitted who do not so adhere.
- b. The group has adopted a resolution requesting affiliation with the International.
- c. A list of all initial members, stating occupation and address of each.
- d. An agreement on the part of the local group that, should its application for affiliation be denied, or should its affiliation be subsequently canceled, it will discontinue the use of the name "Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship " or "Chapter," or any other name so similar as to be misleading, specifically including but not limited to, any and all trademarks of the Fellowship.
- e. Each chapter shall be known as Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International of_____. (Comment: Each chapter is chartered by the International.) The Charter to each chapter shall read only that way. Also, all stationery for the chapter shall clearly identify that chapter as Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship International or FGBMFI.

SECTION 2.

The International, after such investigation as it may deem desirable, may either reject or grant any such application for affiliation.

SECTION 3.

The International Directors are fully empowered after such investigation as they may deem advisable, to cancel the affiliation of any chapter for such action; however, they are enjoined to proceed with all due fairness, meekness and love, in the spirit of the exhortation of the Holy Spirit through the Apostle Paul in Galatians 6:1, which spirit should characterize all other proceedings which are punitive or disciplinary in nature.

SECTION 4.

While the chapters are advised to consult the central officers on difficult questions which may arise, the responsibility for decision of all local matters remains with the chapter, which may decide whether or not to incorporate, what officers to have, (any officer of a chapter must have the baptism in the Holy Spirit according to Acts 2:4), all other purely local organizational matters, all matters relative to discipline of members, and concerning local projects and activities.

SECTION 5.

For delegate purposes:

- 1) A chapter is one, which has signed the Charter Agreement and is approved by the International Headquarters and an official Chapter number has been assigned by the International Headquarters and is currently in good standing.
- 2) A member is one recognized by his chapter and his nation and/or the International as a member.
- 3) A delegate must be a member in good standing.
- 4) Each chapter is authorized a maximum of two delegates.
- 5) A delegate must have a delegate letter or certification showing the chapter number, and signed by one of the following: The Chapter President, Chapter Secretary, or a National Officer.

ARTICLE XI FINANCES AND DUES

SECTION 1.

Except as otherwise provided in this Section, each chapter member shall pay dues for the International Fellowship, at a rate to be determined by the International Board of Directors, payable with the initial application, and with each annual renewal thereafter. This is not intended to demand that membership dues be sent to the International, if a nation has currency laws prohibiting such action. The intent is that each member is a member of the International. The International Board of Directors shall establish the amount of annual dues to be paid by members in each nation on the basis of a percentage of each nation's average annual income as determined through reliable governmental sources or through reliable international organizations. The International Board of Directors is empowered to increase or decrease the amount of the annual dues. The funds of the Fellowship shall be used to pay expenses which may include, without limitation,

the costs of maintaining offices, or a periodical or periodicals, of distribution of other literature, for necessary traveling expenses of officers and employees and all other proper expenses of the work. It is anticipated that the Fellowship will employ persons whose salaries and other expenses may be met. International Directors and International Officers, as well as National Directors and National Officers, undertake their responsibilities largely on a volunteer and sacrificial basis. Any exceptions to this standard must be authorized by the International Officers. It is also agreed that cumbersome, expensive and complicated organization is to be avoided.

SECTION 2.

National and local expenses and the costs of all Regional, National and other Conferences are the responsibility of the Nation and chapters concerned.

ARTICLE XII RESIGNING AND EXPULSIONS: FILLING VACANCIES

SECTION 1.

Any International Director or International Officer may resign by delivering a signed, written resignation to an officer other than himself, or by mailing it to the principal office of the corporation. Resignations shall become effective when accepted by the International Board of Directors or the International Officers.

SECTION 2.

Except where this action is in conflict with these Bylaws, any International Director may be removed by action of two-thirds of the International Board of Directors. Any International Officer may be removed by the International President. The President, or the International Board of Directors may, prior to any removal, make such investigation of any charge against an International Officer, as he deems proper.

SECTION 3.

Vacancies occasioned by the death, inability to act, removal or other disqualification of any International Director or International Officer, may be filled for the unexpired terms of such vacancies by the International President.

SECTION 4.

Suspension or revocation of membership including all rights and privileges. When the International Delegates or International Directors are not in session, a Membership Task Force (all Membership Task Forces must be appointed by the International President) may be appointed to consider and resolve issues arising regarding suspension or expulsion of members. This Task Force shall receive recommendations for action from National Presidents (or equivalent) and initiate an investigation to determine the appropriate action. The decision of the Membership Task Force by two thirds of the vote

cast in regards to admonishment, suspension or expulsion will be final. Those who have been suspended or expelled will not receive a refund of their membership dues. Members who have been expelled may apply to the Membership Task Force after one year.

Following the suspension or expulsion, the former member must reapply for membership to the Membership Task Force.

If any Member causes a chapter to leave the International, that action will be the basis for the revocation of said person(s) membership in the Fellowship.

ARTICLE XIII FISCAL YEAR ELECTORAL YEAR

The fiscal year of this Corporation is the calendar year from January 1 to December 31. The electoral year for service of officers and directors and for the planning and carrying out of ministry activities shall be from Annual International Convention to Annual International Convention.

ARTICLE XIV THE CONSTITUTION

SECTION 1.

The Corporation's Constitution is incorporated by reference and made a part of these Bylaws. For all purposes relative to the provisions of the Corporation Code of California the two may, together, be treated as a single Code of Bylaws.

SECTION 2.

In case of conflict between these Bylaws and any provision of the Constitution, the latter shall prevail, and conflicting Bylaws shall be deemed altered or modified, only, however, to the extent of the necessary conflict.

ARTICLE XV AMENDMENTS

SECTION 1.

Proposals for amendment can be submitted by the International President or by a minimum of five International Directors from a minimum of two Nations supporting the amendment. A notice of the proposed amendment shall be e-mailed to each International Director at least 30 days prior to a regular annual meeting of the International Directors, or a special meeting called for the purpose of considering said amendment and acting thereon. Said notice shall contain a complete copy of the proposed amendment. It shall be submitted at the International Directors Meeting for voting and shall be considered approved if it

receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the total number of Directors present in person or virtually and voting at the meeting.

If approved, the International Secretary shall notify the Nations with a reasoning for the changes and a form containing the changes involved. The Nations shall confirm receipt and immediately distribute the form to all internationally affiliated Chapters. The form shall contain a notice of receipt and the Chapter's decision with respect to approval or rejection of the proposed amendments. An email or other equivalent means of response to the National Office shall be considered valid. The National Office shall send the resulting vote count to the International Secretary, maintaining adequate records of the communications with the Chapters. In the case where there are internationally affiliated Chapters not associated with a National Organization, the International Secretary shall notify them directly. There shall be a period of 60 days from the date of notification by the International Secretary for the receiving of results in the International Office. Chapters not returning their decision shall be considered null votes and shall not be taken into account in the final vote count. The amendment shall become valid only after receiving the affirmative vote of two thirds of the total number of responding affiliated Chapters. The International Secretary shall communicate the result to the Nations at the end of the 60 day period, or earlier if the process is completed, and the amendment will become immediately effective.

SECTION 2.

The International Secretary shall be in charge of all communications made during this process.

XVI ROBERT'S RULES

Where not in conflict with other provisions of these Bylaws, *Robert's Rules of Order*, latest edition, shall be the model for established procedure for all meetings of any body provided for in these Bylaws.

The Chairman shall reject all motions which are in conflict with the Constitution and Bylaws.