

# **[ORIGINAL CONSTITUTION]**

## **Constitution**

### **Article I – Name**

1. The name of the organization shall be Association of Librarians and Archivists at Baptist Institutions (ALABI), a not-for-profit professional organization.

### **Article II – Purpose and Objectives**

1. The purpose of the Association shall be to provide a framework wherein its members may share interests and pursue common goals.
2. The Association shall seek to fulfill its purpose through pursuit of the following objectives:
  - a. To foster opportunities for fellowship and networking among members and to provide a forum in which mutual issues, concerns, and problems may be addressed.
  - b. To encourage/support collaborative efforts among libraries, individuals, and institutions with a common commitment of Baptist life and history and to serving the information needs of their constituents.
  - c. To assist members in identifying, preserving and providing access to Baptist materials, including the provision of workshops and training opportunities.
  - d. To bring positive attention to collections of Baptist material.

### **Article III – Membership**

1. The members of the association shall include, upon payment of annual dues, employees of Baptist-related libraries, archives, and informational centers and other individuals having an interest in the purpose and objectives of the organization.
2. Charter members shall be all those enrolled by June 1, 2006.
3. Members may form interest groups as approved by the Association.

### **Article IV – Meetings**

1. The Association shall determine the frequency and nature of meetings to conduct business and professional activities in pursuit of its objectives and shall indicate this in the bylaws.

2. Meetings of the Association, other than those prescribed in the bylaws, may be called, provided at least thirty days' notice is given to all members.

### **Article V – Officers and Committees**

1. The officers of the Association shall be the President, the Vice-President/President-Elect, the Executive Secretary/Treasurer, the Recording Secretary and chairs of any standing committees, as determined in the bylaws. These officers shall serve as the Administrative Committee.
2. Ad hoc committees may be appointed by the President with the approval of the Association or the Administrative Committee.
3. The members of the Administrative Committee shall conduct business between sessions.

### **Article VI – Finances**

1. Individual and institutional membership dues shall be determined by the Association, with annual review by the Administrative Committee.
2. The Executive Secretary/Treasurer shall be the financial agent of the Association.
3. An annual budget shall be prepared by the Administrative committee and presented to the Association for approval.
4. An annual audit of the financial accounts of the Association shall be completed by the Audit Committee and presented to the Association.

### **Article VII – Bylaws**

1. The Association shall enact bylaws to further guide the conduct of its affairs in full accord with the provisions of this Constitution.

### **Article VIII – Amendments**

1. The Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds majority vote of members present at an annual business session of the Association, provided the proposed amendment has been distributed to the membership at least thirty days in advance of that meeting.
2. The Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds majority vote of members present at an annual business session of the Association.