

2021 Proposed Bylaws Amendments

A ten-member Organizational Study Committee was authorized during the 2019 annual meeting at Church at the Mill in Moore, South Carolina. This group was directed to review the organizational structure and processes of the Convention for efficiency and effectiveness.

This group studied each Convention committee and evaluated the purpose of each committee individually and corporately.

The Organizational Study Committee worked with the Bylaws Committee to make recommendations to update and streamline the work of the Convention.

The proposed changes reflect updated governance policies and process modifications in the structure of the Executive Board and the Convention.

When the bylaws were originally written the Internet was only a dream. Telephones were tethered to the wall and the telephone line was a line strung on tall poles throughout the landscape. Originally the number of messengers attending the annual meeting could fit into a larger church in many areas of the state. Back in the day, it was more difficult to travel to attend meetings so there was a perceived need to have more Convention officers than we need today. Before technology made such an impact in our daily lives, more people were needed to capture the proceedings of the annual meeting.

All this historical information contributed to the 2021 proposals. The **2021 Proposed Bylaws and Executive Board Regional Recommendations** booklet is the result of much discussion, deliberation, devotion, and prayer.

We hope you will read or study these proposals before attending the annual meeting at Columbia First Baptist on November 8 and 9, 2021, to understand why the Bylaws Committee recommends these organizational revisions. The stated purpose of your South Carolina Baptist Convention is to help churches advance the Great Commission.

[Click here to review the **2021 Proposed Bylaws and Executive Board Regional Recommendations** booklet.](#)