

## Proposed Bylaw Revisions

### Bylaw Proposal #1

#### Article III. Section 4. Messengers

##### CURRENT

**Section 4. Messengers** Each associated church may elect messengers for the Annual Meeting or any special meetings of the Association; the number and criteria of such messengers are to be as follows:

**(A)** An associated church that made an undesignated gift in the amount of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) – (the “initial gift” to the Association in the Association’s previous fiscal year) may elect five (5) messengers.

**(B)** Messengers shall be active resident partners of an associated church as defined by the local church’s By-Laws and Policies

**(C)** Paid Greater Gaston Baptist Association of North Carolina, Inc. staff cannot be elected messenger (s) or serve on the Board of Directors or the Leadership Team except in an “ex-officio” (non-voting) capacity.

##### PROPOSED

#### **Section 4. Representatives**

Each associated church may elect representatives for the Annual Meeting or called meetings of the Association to represent their church.

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### Bylaw Proposal #2

#### Article V: Section 4 Quorum

##### CURRENT

Messengers from twenty (20) percent of the total churches of the Association shall constitute a quorum. Voting by proxy or absentee ballot shall not be permitted in any matter.

##### PROPOSED

Votes received from twenty (20) percent of the total churches of the Association shall constitute a quorum of votes. Voting shall be conducted by the manner set forth in the proposed changed as follows:

**NOTE: THE FOLLOWING IS BEING ADDED TO ARTICLE V**

#### Article V: Section 6 Voting:

**Voting will be completed by a single vote from each associated church on each matter and will be conducted as follows:**

1. Each associated church will receive a ballot containing all matters for vote a minimum of 30 days prior to the date of the vote.
2. *Upon the method of their choosing*, each associated church will obtain the church body’s vote on each matter.
3. Each associated church is then given the authority to cast one vote for each matter of consideration.
4. Each matter must receive a vote from 20% of the total churches in the association. (Article V Section 4)
5. Each church is to submit their ballot(s) to the Association office at least one week prior to the Annual Meeting. Ballots may be mailed or emailed.

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### By-Law Change #3

#### Article 9 Associational Staff Team Section 2. Associational Missionary

##### PROPOSED

Given that **Section 2** (Nomination, Responsibilities and Termination) is personnel information and not a by-law, it will be removed and placed in the Personnel Handbook under Associational Missionary.

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