

VI. That the Board of Directors shall be empowered to meet quarterly or oftener for the despatch of business, at such place as the Convention shall from time to time appoint; nine members shall form a quorum. The Board shall also be empowered to convene special meetings of the Convention, whenever the same may be judged necessary by a majority of its members.

VII. That the Convention shall meet on the first Saturday after the 18th day of August, annually, at such places as shall be agreed on by the Body; when, in addition to the appointment of the Office-bearers and Board of Directors, and the transaction of such business as may be brought before the meeting in accordance with Article 2 of this Constitution, a Missionary Board or Boards shall be chosen, each consisting of fifteen members of the Convention, all of whom shall be members of Baptist Churches, in regular standing. These Boards shall hold their meetings at such places as the Convention shall annually appoint; at least one-third of the members of each Board shall reside in the place of meeting, or in its vicinity; and five shall constitute a quorum.

The Convention shall also appoint, once in three years, six Governors of Acadia College, in place of six who will then go out in rotation; in accordance with the Resolution passed by this Convention at its annual meeting in September, 1850, and in accordance with the Act 14 Vic. of the Legislature of Nova Scotia; Chap. 37.

VIII. That this Constitution may be altered or amended at any Annual Meeting of the Convention, by two-thirds of the members present.

RULES OF ORDER OF BAPTIST CONVENTION.

Rule 1. At every sitting business shall be opened and concluded with prayer.

Rule 2. Ministers and members of Churches, not Delegates, invited to a seat with us, may speak on all subjects under debate but vote on none.

Rule 3. No member of the Convention shall absent himself without leave of the Moderator.

Rule 4. The names of Delegates leaving the Convention without permission of the Body before the conclusion of the business shall be publicly reported in the Minutes.

Rule 5. No subject shall be discussed without a motion first made and seconded.

Rule 6. No person shall speak oftener than twice on any motion unless by permission of the Body.

Rule 7. Motions made and lost shall not be recorded on the Minutes except so ordered at the time.

Rule 8. The Moderator of the Convention shall nominate all Committees, unless otherwise ordered by the Convention.

Rule 9. These Rules shall be distinctly read from the Chair immediately after the opening of the Convention.