

**Canadian Association for Baptist Freedoms (CABF)**  
Annual Report of Constitution and Governance Committee  
Fiscal Year 2020

The CABF Constitution and Governance Committee completed its work, started in November, 2017, on a comprehensive review of the CABF By-Laws. This included consideration of the results of the Strategic Planning initiative. In undertaking its work, the committee looked at the long term view. What will the needs of our Association be in the future as well as at present, and we tried to draft a document that will give us the flexibility to deal with those changing needs without having to make further amendments every couple of years.

A draft of the proposed amendments and a summary table outlining the changes was presented to the CABF Council on June 30, 2020 and Council approved the circulation of these documents to all individual and church members, which happened in July, with copies also being put on the CBAF Website. A Notice of Motion that the amendment package would be presented as a Special Resolution to the Annual General Meeting of the Association was also circulated.

Following approval by the membership at the October 3, 2020 Annual General Meeting, the proposed amendments were submitted to the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies as required by the *Societies Act* of Nova Scotia, the legislation under which CABF is incorporated. The amendments were approved by the Registrar on December 16, 2021, and have since been mounted on the CABF Website: [Canadian Association for Baptist Freedoms - Constitution and Policies \(c-abf.ca\)](https://www.c-abf.ca/constitution-and-policies).

The Committee has also been working on consolidating the policy and governance documentation that has been developed over the years. Under the By-Laws, Council has the authority to establish a Policy and Procedures Manual that can be updated easily (does not require the approval of the Registrar) and much of the detail of the workings of committees and operational procedures will be contained in that document. When this work is complete, the Manual will be submitted to Council for approval. Later it will be presented to the membership for ratification.

Respectfully submitted

Constitution and Governance Committee  
Dave Gibson, Chair and members John Churchill and Gary Nelson