

Canadian Association for Baptist Freedoms (CABF)
Annual Report of the Constitution and Governance Committee
For the Annual General Meeting of September 29, 2023

With the amendments to the Memorandum of Association and the By-Laws that were voted on last year being approved by the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies under the Nova Scotia *Societies Act*, our governance documentation was brought up to date. These documents have now been posted on the CABF Website, [Canadian Association for Baptist Freedoms - Constitution and Policies \(c-abf.ca\)](http://Canadian Association for Baptist Freedoms - Constitution and Policies (c-abf.ca)). The updated provisions have enabled the Credentials Committee to pursue its work of getting the CABF registered with Vital Statistics Agencies in several other Canadian jurisdictions where we now have accredited clergy who wish to perform marriages.

At present, no further amendments to the Memorandum of Association or the By-Laws are under consideration.

The updated Policy and Procedures Manual has also been posted on the CABF Website. Ongoing updates to this Manual will be considered as Council and Committees revise their documentation or create additional policies and procedures.

As they will both be retiring from the committee at the end of this Annual General Meeting, I would like to take this opportunity to offer sincere thanks to former chair and committee member, the Rev. Dr. John Churchill and to our legal consultant, Gary Nelson. Both served since before our incorporation and were signatories to the original Memorandum of Association. They helped to guide us from the development of our initial 2012 incorporation documentation, which gave us provincial status to our present status as a national organization.

Respectfully submitted,

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