ALASKA KJV BIBLE QUIZZING TOURNAMENT COUNCIL BYLAWS

“…that in all things [Christ] might have the preeminence” Colossians 1:18

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# **Section 1 - Mission Statement**

It is the mission of this council to plan, organize and coordinate the annual Alaska KJV Bible Quizzing Tournament and to reach out to those of like faith who wish to join in the fellowship of the event.

# **Section 2 – Council Make-Up**

1. The council will be made up of five members that will serve a two-year term. The number of council members can be increased to as many as ten members at the annual meeting.
2. A council member can serve up to two consecutive terms then must take at least a one-year break in service.
3. The council members will be elected at the annual meeting using the procedures outlined under section 6 titled Annual Meeting.
4. The council will then elect one of its members to serve as council chair and one of its members as secretary by simple majority vote.

# **Section 3 - Authority of the Council**

This council has the authority to administer all the procedures outlined in Section 4 titled Responsibilities of the Council. The churches will be responsible for any financial needs that arise. The Council does not receive or disburse any funds. The council can petition the churches to address any financial needs.

#  **Section 4 - Responsibilities of the Council**

1. The council will be the contact point for any church wishing to partake in the quizzing event. It is the council’s responsibility to make sure that the church understands and meets the qualifications for taking part in the event. All teams taking part in the event must be represented by a church.
2. The council will keep a roster of the churches that are involved with the quizzing tournament and are eligible to send delegates to the annual meeting. Churches that have a quiz team competing will be listed on the roster and any church that competed in the past will remain on the roster for two years and up to five years if the council so chooses.
3. It is the responsibility of this council to form an outreach group to try and reach other churches in the state.
4. The council is responsible for keeping the Churches informed of the actions and progress of the committee and the outreach group.
5. The council is responsible for organizing the annual quizzing competition. Those duties include but are not limited to:
6. Choosing a place to host the event and planning the time and date for the event to be held. It is understood that April is the preferred time for the event.
7. Recruiting volunteers to help with food, lodging, and all areas of preparation for the annual event.
8. Filling the needed positions such as quizmaster, time keepers, light board operator, score keepers, and judges. A pastor or a spiritual leader should be sought for the judge positions.
9. Choosing the following year’s chapters and announcing them at the annual quiz event.

# **Section 5 - Council Meetings**

1. The council will meet a minimum of four times a year.
2. Those that cannot attend the meetings in person will be allowed the option to attend by other means available such as an online service.
3. It takes a minimum of one half of the members to make a quorum.
4. The council chair will oversee all meetings. Roberts rules of Order will be used wherever procedures are not spelled out.
5. The secretary will take notes of the meetings and make them available to the council members.

# **Section 6 - Annual Meeting**

1. One of the four required meetings will be the annual meeting.
2. The annual meeting will take place at the gathering for the annual quiz event, so that all those taking part in the meeting can attend in person.
3. Each church that is on the council’s roster of churches can send up to 2 voting delegates to the annual meeting. Other church members can attend the meeting but not as voting members.
4. A member of the council can also be a delegate if their church so chooses.
5. The council chair will be in charge of the meeting and oversee the voting but can only vote if he or she is also a delegate.
6. At the annual meeting the council will give a summary of events that have taken place during the year and discuss any foreseeable needs that will or might come up.

# **Section 7 - Voting in New Council Members:**

1. The last item of business for the annual meeting will be the voting in of new council members.
2. Any delegate can nominate a person to the council as long as the person nominated is at least 18 years of age and a member in good standing in their church. All nominations must be seconded in order to qualify.
3. A list of nominees will be presented, and a vote taken. The open council seats will be filled by those receiving the most votes. A tie will be broken by a random choice such as a coin flip. Those not receiving enough votes to become council members will become alternates. The alternates will be listed in the order from greatest votes to the least votes.
4. If an election would result in more than two thirds of the members terms expiring at the same time then up to one half of the positions open will have the term of service reduced by one year or increased by one year in order to stagger the ending of the terms. The delegates will agree on how to stagger the terms of service prior to the vote.
5. Any council member that has fallen into disfavor and still has time left in their term can be voted out at the annual meeting by a two thirds 2/3rd vote of the delegates. The vote will be taken prior to the voting in of new council members so that their seat can be filled.
6. A council member that has left their sending church or is in church discipline can be removed from the council by a letter from their pastor to the council requesting their removal.
7. If a council member resigns or is removed from their position the alternates will be given the option of filling the position in the order that they are listed. If no alternates can take the position, then the church from which the council member came from will fill the position. If the position is still not filled it will remain vacant until the next annual meeting.

# **Section 8 - Outreach Group**

1. The outreach group formed by this council will work to reach other churches in this state by such means as special events, a traveling ministry, video mail out or other resources. The group can work with the council or independent of the council if the council so chooses but will always be under the authority of the council.
2. It is understood that the pastor is the contact point for any outreach ministries unless instructed otherwise.

# **Section 9 - Doctrinal Statement**

1. Agreement with the Alaska KJV Bible Quizzing Tournament Doctrinal Statement is a requirement for a church to partake in this quizzing competition. If a church is not in agreement with this doctrinal statement, they are not qualified to take part in this event. It is not the requirement of every quiz team member to agree with this doctrinal statement as long as their sending church does. It is also our hope that through this event others will come to see the truth of God’s word whether they are a quiz team member or a person in attendance at the event.

# **Section 10 - Protection of these Articles**

1. Any changes to these bylaws and the competition rules can only be made at the annual meeting by a 2/3rds majority of the voting delegates.

1. Changes to the Alaska KJV Bible Quizzing Tournament Doctrinal Statement can only be made at the annual meeting by a 2/3rds majority vote of the delegates but only if a need arises to better clarify a position and protect the quizzing event from outside influences. The use of the King James Bible for the quizzing event cannot be changed and will remain in perpetuity.

# **Section 11 - Signature Page**

We the below signed members of the Alaska KJV Bible Quizzing Bylaws Formation Committee declare these Bylaws to be approved and effective on August 19, 2021

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# **Section 12 – Revision History**

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| Corrected verse reference typo. Scanned in signature page | 10/11/21 Finn R. |
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