

Articles of Incorporation Revision

The Bylaws Revision Committee, constituted at the November 2022 meeting of the Board of Managers, is making the following recommendation for amending the Articles of Incorporation in order to remain consistent with the 2023 ABCUSA bylaw change regarding no longer using the word “affiliated” to describe the relationship between congregations and denomination.

“Cooperating Churches are not ‘affiliated’ with ABCUSA in the legal sense because being affiliated implies an entity that controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with another entity.”

This recommendation was approved at the March 11 Board of Managers meeting to be adopted by vote at the Annual Business Meeting of ABCWI on Saturday, October 14th, 2023.

The Articles of Incorporation currently reads:

ARTICLE VIII: MEMBERSHIP PROVISIONS

SECTION 1: Membership of ABC/WI shall be composed of American Baptist Churches who have been received through an intake process of the Board, in accordance with the Cooperating Church guidelines set forth by **the denomination of affiliation**, which shall be the American Baptist Churches USA.

The Bylaws Revision Committee recommends the amendment of language as follows:

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