

## **PROPOSED REVISION to ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**

### **From Bylaws Revision Committee – Board of Managers, ABC of Wisconsin**

The Bylaws Revision Committee, constituted at the November 2022 meeting of the Board of Managers, is making a recommendation for amending the Articles of Incorporation to remain consistent with the ABCUSA bylaw change approved in June 2023 by delegates to the Biennial meeting. The ABCUSA bylaws were amended to include the following language about criteria for cooperation congregations:

“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.”

The ABC of Wisconsin Articles of Incorporation currently read ...

#### 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 moves that the language be amended as follows.

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This motion comes from the Bylaws Revision Committee, appointed by the Board of Managers, ABC of Wisconsin.

The current Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws can be found on our website:

<https://www.abcofwi.org/mission-vision/governance/>