

**CONSTITUTION
OF THE
ASSOCIATION OF COVENANT CAMPS AND CONFERENCE CENTERS**

PREAMBLE

The mission of the Association of Covenant Camps and Conference Centers (The Association) is to support, equip, and advocate for its members and partnerships. The Association adopts this constitution in order to fulfill this mission within Christian camping in general and Covenant camping in particular.

ARTICLE I SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

1. The Association identifies the following objectives:
 - a. Support: To provide opportunities for the growth of camping leaders through prayerful and supportive fellowship, mentoring and building up one another.
 - b. Equip: To provide a network and forums to share ideas and best practices related to facilities, staff recruitment, staff development, and educational opportunities.
 - c. Equip: To improve the interpersonal, administrative, program and theological skills of camp leaders through educational opportunities, seminars and resources.
 - d. Equip: To encourage the development of ministry opportunities and partnerships with entities such as: church plants, church outreaches, parachurch organizations, continuing education units for pastors, church staff and lay people; and to foster experiential educational through the use of ropes/challenge courses, outdoor education, schools of discipleship, etc.
 - e. Advocate: To increase awareness within the Evangelical Covenant Church (i.e., offices, ministry areas, members, pastors, churches, and leaders) of the role, educational opportunities, and ministry of Covenant Camps and Conference Centers.
 - f. Advocate: To support the institutions and causes of the Evangelical Covenant Church and to cooperate with the Make and Deepen Disciples ministry area as related to camping ministry and its interfaces and partnerships within the denomination.

ARTICLE II MEMBERSHIP

1. Membership in The Association is open to all Covenant Camps and Conference Centers and to all persons who actively share in the ministry of Covenant camping and/or desire to support The Association.
2. Each member camp or conference center shall have two (2) votes. Voting delegates will be selected by the individual institution. Individual members shall have voice but not voting privileges in The Association.
3. The ECC's Make and Deepen Disciples ministry area shall designate a representative to be a member of The Association and its Board with voice and voting privileges.

ARTICLE III OFFICERS

1. A Board of six (6) members shall be elected for no more than two successive three-year terms, and one member shall be appointed as representative of the Make and Deepen Disciples ministry area. Both directors and program directors shall be represented on the board. Elections shall be completed at The Association's Annual Meeting each year. The Board may appoint an individual to fill an unexpired term until the next Association Annual Meeting.
2. The officers of The Association shall be elected within the Board immediately following The Association's Annual Meeting. The officers shall be President, Secretary, and Treasurer.
3. The representative from the ECC's Make and Deepen Disciples ministry area assumes the role of Executive Vice President of the board.
4. The President shall preside at Association meetings. In the absence of the President, he/she will designate an acting President.
5. The Board shall be responsible for formulating the program for the Annual Meeting, developing resources and member benefits, compiling annual Covenant facility statistics, and conducting the business of The Association.

ARTICLE IV ANNUAL MEETING

1. The Annual Meeting of The Association shall be held at a time and place named by the Board no later than three months prior to the meeting/gathering.
2. Approval of any issue, by mail or at The Association's Annual Meeting, shall require a majority of votes.
3. The Association's Annual Meeting and its adjacent gatherings shall consist of a business meeting, educational seminars, devotionals, and fellowship opportunities.

ARTICLE V COMMITTEES AND TASK FORCES

1. The Association, by appropriate bylaws, may create standing committees charged with such responsibility as The Association has the power to confer.
2. The Association may establish special committees or task forces to make recommendations or develop resources on special topics of camping and/or partnership concerns.
3. Membership in The Association shall not be prerequisite to membership on any committee/task force except the Board. Members of such committees/task forces who are not members of The Association shall have the privilege of speaking to the reports of their committees/task force before The Association.

BYLAWS

1. DUES

The dues for an individual camp or conference center are indexed to those set by the Christian Camp and Conference Association (CCCA/3CA) for its member camps. Covenant camps who desire to be members of The Association (ACCC/A4Cs) but operate for fewer than four weeks, have a budget of less than \$100,000, or depend primarily on volunteers for camp operations, will be accepted into full membership with no cost upon request. Individual memberships are \$10.00 per year. Annual dues are payable by April 1.

2. CONSTITUTIONAL AND BYLAW CHANGES

Any change in the Constitution and Bylaws shall require 30 days' notice by mail before a vote is taken at the next Association Annual Meeting. Suggested changes shall be mailed out by the Board Secretary or Executive Vice President.

3. NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The officers shall present a slate of candidates to The Association's Annual Meeting for election to the Board. Additional candidates may be nominated from the floor of the Annual Meeting. Geographical representation, camp size, and ability to participate shall be criteria to consider in making all nominations.

4. EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

With the consent of The Association Board, the Executive Vice President shall be appointed by the individual who oversees the Make and Deepen Disciples area (formerly the Department of Christian Formation). This representative shall be a standing member of the Board, not subject to the three-year term limit.