

Article 1: NAME

The Name of the Organisation shall be "Fellowship of European Broadcasters".

Article 2: PURPOSES

The Purposes of the Organisation shall be:-

- a) To encourage effective co-operation and co-ordination between Christians in the European broadcasting media, both nationally and internationally.
- b) To provide a forum for the exchange of news, material, services and ideas and to create opportunities for joint ventures and training.
- c) To be a credible voice to the European Union and to Governments.
- d) To represent the interest of European Christians in the context of world broadcasting.
- e) To encourage and help each other to achieve the highest professional standards of broadcasting.
- f) To require those in fellowship to establish and maintain Christian ethical standards in their business practice.

Article 3: BASIS OF FELLOWSHIP

"The Lausanne Covenant" will be the basis of co-operation in the Fellowship.

Article 4: INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION

"The Hanau Statement" will be our guidelines for co-operation in Broadcasting.

Article 5: OFFICE

The Board of the Fellowship will decide the location of the Administrative Office.

Article 6: FINANCE

The Fellowship will be a non-profit Organisation and will derive its income from:

- a) Membership Fees
- b) Gifts and Sponsorships
- c) Other legal sources of income.

Article 7: MEMBERSHIP

- a) The Fellowship will have Three categories of Membership.
 - aa. "Personal": Christians working or interested in Broadcasting.
 - ab. "Corporate": Christian Organisations involved in Broadcasting.
 - ac. "Associate": Organisations or Individuals supporting the work of FEB.
- b) **Voting Rights**
 - ba. Personal Members will have one vote.
 - bb. Corporate Members are entitled to a minimum of 3 Votes - either through Representatives present - or by Proxies. However, up to 10 Representatives of Corporate Members attending meetings **IN PERSON** may each have one vote.
 - bc. A Personal Member unable to attend a meeting in person may authorise an Individual to act for him/her by proxy.
 - bd. Corporate Members unable to send a Representative to a Meeting may authorise a Member of the Board to cast up to 3 votes on their behalf.
 - be. All Proxies must be in writing and a copy delivered to the Chairman at least one hour before the Meeting.
 - bf. No Individual Person may cast more than three votes in total - excepting a Board Member exercising Proxy votes for Corporate Members.
 - bg. Associate Members do not hold voting rights.
- c) **Termination of Membership**
 - ca. A member may resign by filing a written resignation with the Secretary of the Fellowship.
 - cb. If a member fails to pay fees or other amounts due, within 90 days after due date, the Board may decide to terminate the membership of that member.
 - cc. If the Board unanimously agrees that a member has failed to maintain the qualifications of membership, it may decide to terminate the membership of that member.
 - cd. Membership will end automatically if the individual member dies and if a Corporate Member goes out of Business.
 - ce. In case of termination of membership for any reason the individual or his/her heir(s) or the organisation and/or the solicitor(s) shall not be relieved of the obligation to pay any fees or other amounts due.
 - cf. Upon termination of membership under any of the above sections, all rights, privileges and interests of that member in the Fellowship shall cease.

Article 8: MEETINGS OF MEMBERS

- a) A **General Meeting** of members shall be held in Europe at a time and place designated by the Board, not less than once every two calendar years.
 - aa. Business at the General Meeting shall include reports from the Chairman and the Treasurer. The results of any election shall be announced and new Board Members and/or Officers shall be introduced and installed. Other matters of business shall be put before the membership, as agreed by the Board.
 - ab. At a General Meeting, the Treasurer shall give a report on the financial status of the Fellowship and propose a budget for the year to come.
 - ac. The Annual Accounts of the Fellowship shall be prepared by Chartered Accountants and shall be included in the Report of the Treasurer.

- b) A **Special Meeting** may be called by the Board, or by voting Members representing not less than 25% of the membership.
- c) Written notice stating the place, date and time of any meeting of Members, shall be delivered to each Member entitled to vote at such a meeting, not later than 30 (thirty) days before the date of such meeting. This notice shall include the purpose of the meeting.
- d) Voting on all occasions shall be decided by a simple majority of votes in person and by proxy.
- e) When any matter shall arise which needs immediate action, the Board may decide to invite Members to vote by mail, or fax. The matter thus presented shall be determined according to a majority of votes received by mail, or fax within 30 days after submission to the members.

Article 9: BOARD NOMINATION AND ELECTION

- a) The Fellowship shall be led by a Board:
 - aa. The Board of the Fellowship shall consist of a Chairman and a number of Members with a minimum of 4 (four) and a maximum of 8 (eight). A Board Member must be a Member of the Fellowship in good standing, be resident in Europe and subscribe fully to the objectives of the Fellowship.
 - ab. The Chairman and the Board shall be elected separately. Candidates for Chairman must have served on the Board for a minimum of one year.
 - ac. No Country may have more than two members on the Board.
 - ad. Any Personal Member may nominate or second another Personal Member for election to the Board. A Corporate Member may nominate one individual for election to the Board. Only one person from a Corporate Member may serve on the Board at any time.
 - ae. Each nomination must be supported by two seconders who are Members of the Fellowship. Nominations, seconds, and the consent of the candidate must be received in writing in the FEB Office, no later than ten days prior to the General Meeting.
 - af. The Chairman and Board Members shall be elected for a period of 3 (three) years. They may be re-elected.
 - ag. When an Election is required - it will take place at the General Meeting by secret ballot.

Article 10: BOARD MEETINGS

- a) The Board shall meet at least twice a year at a place and time to be decided by the Chairman.
- b) The Chairman of the Board shall chair Board Meetings and General Meetings.
- c) The Board shall elect a Treasurer from among its Members.
- d) The Board shall keep records of Board Meetings and General Meetings.
- e) The Treasurer shall keep Books and Accounts of the Fellowship Finances.

Article 11: COMMITTEES

The Board may appoint Committees for special purposes.

Such Committees should include at least one Member of the Board. The Chairman is an ex-officio member of all Committees.

Article 12: AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS

These bylaws may be altered, amended or repealed and new bylaws may be adopted at a Membership Meeting, if at least 30 days written notice is given to all Members of the intention to alter, amend, repeal or adopt new bylaws at such meeting.

Article 13: TERMINATION OF FELLOWSHIP

The Members may decide to close the activities of the Fellowship.

- a) A decision to close the Fellowship can only be taken by a special meeting of the Members.
- b) At this special meeting at least 75% of the members must be represented. Decisions can be made by a simple majority of votes.
- c) When closing the Fellowship, the Treasurer will be responsible for ensuring that all debts are paid and the books and records will be properly closed.
- d) In case of financial deficit, the Members will be responsible for an equal share of the outstanding debts. This share will be proportional to the annual fee each member pays.
- e) In case of a credit balance the credit amount after payment of all the Fellowship debts will be remitted to the Treasurer of the European Evangelical Alliance.

Article 14

The Board is empowered to take any decision on any or all matters not covered by these Bylaws.

18th March 2006