

Bylaws of the Presbytery of Scioto Valley
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
Columbus, Ohio
As Amended July 18, 2000, September 16, 2003, and March 2, 2010

These bylaws, having been adopted by the action of the Presbytery of Scioto Valley at its stated meeting of July 18, 2000, amended at its stated meeting on September 16, 2003, and amended at its stated meeting of March 2, 2010, shall be effective on March 2, 2010, and hereby replace and supersede any and all other bylaws and regulations of the Presbytery of Scioto Valley, which has its principal offices in Columbus, Ohio.

I. Organization

1. The Presbytery of Scioto Valley (the “Presbytery”), being a governing body of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and incorporated under the laws of the state of Ohio, recognizes that the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and the laws of the state of Ohio as they pertain to the organization of religious institutions, are obligatory upon it and its members.
2. These bylaws shall, to the extent possible, be interpreted to maintain consistency with the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), including any amendments thereto. To the extent these bylaws cannot be interpreted consistent with the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), including any amendments thereto, the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) shall control the proceedings of the Church. Annually, the Stated Clerk shall report at the next stated meeting of the Presbytery following the adjournment of the General Assembly whether any amendment to the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) is inconsistent with these bylaws, and if so propose appropriate amendments to these bylaws to insure consistency between the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and these bylaws.
3. These bylaws shall, to the extent possible, be interpreted to maintain consistency with the Code of Regulations of the Presbytery of Scioto Valley. To the extent these bylaws cannot be interpreted consistent with the Code of Regulations of the Presbytery of Scioto Valley, including any amendments thereto, the Code of Regulations of the Presbytery of Scioto Valley shall control the proceedings of the Presbytery.

II. Membership

1. Membership in the Presbytery shall be determined consistent with the provisions of the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).
2. Meetings: The Presbytery shall hold stated (or regular) meetings quarterly, at least four times a year, on such dates as are determined by the Council of the Presbytery, which shall announce them no later than October 31st of the previous calendar year.

- The annual meeting of the Presbytery shall be the last regular meeting of the Presbytery held in the second quarter of the calendar year.
3. **Special Meetings:** Special meetings may be called in any manner authorized by the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Such calls shall state clearly the purpose of the meeting, and no other matter not so specified shall be considered. If any special meeting of the Presbytery is called, the calling body or persons shall bear the cost of notice of the special meeting.
 4. **Moderator:** The moderator of the Presbytery shall be elected in the manner authorized by the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) for a term of one year, beginning each year at the annual meeting of the Presbytery which shall normally be the last stated meeting of the Presbytery in the second quarter of the calendar year.
 5. **Voting:** The members of the Presbytery as determined consistent with the provisions of the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), shall be eligible to vote at all stated and special meetings of the presbytery.
 6. **Robert's Rules of Order:** Meetings of the Presbytery shall be conducted in accordance with the most recent edition of Robert's Rules of Order, except in cases in which the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) provides otherwise.
 7. **Opening and Closing with Prayer:** All meetings of the Presbytery shall be opened and closed with prayer.
 8. **Quorum:** A quorum of a meeting of the Presbytery shall be 5% of the minister members on the active roll of the Presbytery and an equal number of elders each representing a different church of the Presbytery.
 9. **Business of the Corporation:** At any meeting of the Presbytery, the Presbytery is constituted as a meeting of the members of the corporation and may conduct such business on behalf of the corporation as is proper under the laws of the state of Ohio, the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), and the Code of Regulations of the Presbytery, including the election of trustees. The annual meeting of the corporation shall normally be the last stated meeting of the Presbytery held in the second quarter of the calendar year. The stated clerk of the Presbytery shall serve as secretary of the corporation.

III. The Trustees

1. The Board of Trustees shall be constituted as provided for in the Code of Regulations of the Presbytery.
2. Members of the executive staff of the Presbytery will be members of the Board of Trustees *ex officio* and without vote. Members of the executive staff are ineligible to serve as officers of the corporation. The officers of the Presbytery (moderator and stated clerk) are not members of the executive staff.

3. Authority delegated by Presbytery: The Presbytery delegates to the Board of Trustees the following responsibilities and authorizes it to spend such funds as are approved in the annual budget in the following areas:
 - a) To receive, hold, encumber, manage, and transfer property, real or personal for the Presbytery, and to accept and execute deeds of title to such property and to hold and defend title to such property, consistent with the provisions of the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), provided that the signatures of any two officers of the corporation (president, vice-president, or treasurer) shall be required on documents that receive, encumber, lease, sell or transfer property, real or personal, for the Presbytery, or to accept or issue deeds of title to such property;
 - b) To maintain the property of the Presbytery;
 - c) To approve sales, purchases, leases and mortgages of the property of congregations in the Presbytery subject to ratification at the following meeting of the Presbytery;
 - d) To account for the income and expenses of the Presbytery in conjunction with the Treasurer, and to provide the Presbytery with regular reports of such income and expenses;
 - e) To manage the funds of the church in conjunction with the Treasurer, and to provide the Presbytery with regular reports of the balance of such funds;
 - f) To obtain liability coverage to protect the facilities, programs and officers of the Presbytery and to retain legal counsel.
3. The Presbytery, in accordance with and not contrary to the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and the Code of Regulations of the Presbytery, may delegate by standing rule such other authority and responsibilities to the Board of Trustees as the Presbytery determines.

IV. Committees of the Presbytery

1. The committees of the Presbytery shall be those required by the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) (including a Council, Committee on Ministry, Committee on Preparation for Ministry, Committee on Representation, Nominating Committee, and Permanent Judicial Commission) and such other committees as the Presbytery shall create.
2. Terms of membership on Presbytery Committees shall be as provided for in the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and the Standing Rules of the Presbytery.
3. Terms of membership on Presbytery Committees (except the Permanent Judicial Commission) shall begin at the adjournment of the annual Presbytery meeting

following election and end at the adjournment of the annual meeting in the year of the election class.

4. Terms of membership on the Permanent Judicial Commission shall begin January 1 of the year following the annual Presbytery meeting following election and shall end on December 31 of the year of the election class.

V. Nominations and Elections

1. Eligibility for office or service on the committees of the Presbytery shall be consistent with the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).
2. There shall be a representative Nominating Committee of nine to twelve persons, divided into three classes. The nominating committee shall choose its chair from among its members. A quorum of the committee shall consist of one-half of the members of the committee. Nominations for the Nominating Committee shall be made by the Presbytery Council. This committee shall also serve as the nominating committee for the corporation. No individual shall serve more than six consecutive years on the Nominating Committee.
3. The Nominating Committee shall nominate a candidate for vice moderator at the first meeting of the Presbytery in the first quarter of the calendar year. The current vice-moderator shall normally be the nominee for moderator. Additional nominations of qualified persons may be made from the floor by any eligible presbyter.
4. The stated clerk of the Presbytery shall be nominated by the Nominating Committee and elected for a term of three years. Additional nominations of qualified persons may be made from the floor by any eligible presbyter. No individual shall serve more than four consecutive three-year terms as stated clerk.
5. The treasurer of the Presbytery shall be nominated by the Nominating Committee upon recommendation of the trustees and elected for a term of one year. Additional nominations of qualified persons may be made from the floor by any eligible presbyter.

VI. Miscellaneous

1. Review: The Presbytery shall appoint a committee to review the efficacy of the provisions of these Bylaws not less than every three years.
2. Amendment:
 - a) These Bylaws may be amended, subject to the Charter of the Corporation, the laws of the state of Ohio, the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), and the Code of Regulations of the Presbytery, by approval of the Presbytery at any stated or special meeting of the Presbytery by a majority vote of those present, provided that a full reading of the proposed changes or a distribution by

any printed or electronic means of the same shall have been made in connection with the call of the meeting.

- b) These Bylaws may not be amended contrary to or so as to not include the provisions of the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).