

# Central Region of Open Bible Churches

1920 Bell Avenue, Des Moines, IA 50315-1008

## Bylaws

### ARTICLE 1. NAME AND OFFICE

The name of this corporation shall be "Central Region of Open Bible Churches", hereafter referred to as "the Region". Its principal office is 1920 Bell Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa.

#### Section 1. Change of Address

The regional board of directors may change the principal office from one location to another. Any such change shall be recorded in corporation minutes but shall not be processed as an amendment to these bylaws.

#### Section 2. Other Offices

The regional board of directors may establish offices at any place or places where the corporation is qualified to conduct its activities.

### ARTICLE 2. PURPOSE AND MISSION

~~Central Region of Open Bible Churches~~ The Region is a nonprofit corporation organized and operated exclusively for religious, charitable, and educational purposes. As such it is a multicultural family of ministers and churches united in purpose to know God and serve the local church, promoting health and multiplication, by empowering Spirit-filled leaders and congregations to evangelize their communities and world through its mission of ~~discovering, developing, and deploying leaders, assisting local churches to health, and planting churches making disciples, developing leaders, and planting churches.~~

#### WHY? REASON:

Consistency in using the Region instead of our full, formal name

Adopting our common national and regional mission

### ARTICLE 3. REGION

#### Section 1. Definition

The Region is a membership corporation of credentialed ministers, affiliated churches, and its regional board of directors.

#### Section 2. Affiliation

The Region is affiliated with Open Bible Churches, hereafter referred to as the "Association", a 501(c)(3) and Iowa corporation with offices currently located at 2020 Bell Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa. The Region does not have the right to withdraw from affiliation with ~~Open Bible Churches~~ the Association.

#### Section 3. Governance Documents

- A. **Enumerated** – The governing documents of the Region consist of the Articles of Incorporation, Statement of Faith, bylaws of the Region, regional policy manual in support of the bylaws, official minutes of the regional business meetings and the regional board, financial reports and records, and the Association's Open Bible Manual, hereafter referred to as the Open Bible Manual.
- B. **Statement of Faith** – The Statement of Faith is the fundamental, biblical authority for faith, doctrine, and spiritual life of the Region. It is given precedence as the leading document in the Open Bible Manual. It conveys the historical and contemporary Pentecostal identity, unity of thought, direction, and decisions of the Association and the Region.

#### Section 4. Legal Instruments

- A. **Signatories** – Legal instruments shall be signed by two of the following corporate officers, hereafter

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referred to as "officers": president, secretary, treasurer or other person officially designated by the regional board.

- B. Corporate Seal** – The Region may have a corporate seal that may be affixed to legal instruments as required.

## Section 5. Governing Body

The registered, seated members and affiliated-church delegates present at a duly called business meeting of the Region shall be the highest governing body.

### A. Business Meetings

1. **Biennial Meeting** – The Region shall have a biennial meeting to be held in ~~the second quarter of the calendar~~ even-numbered years at a place and date designated by the regional board.
2. **Special Meetings** – Special meetings of the Region may be called by a majority of the regional board. Any special meeting must be limited to the purpose for which it is called.
3. **Notice of Meetings** – Notification of the biennial meeting ~~and special meetings~~ must be ~~given by written mailing sent by first-class mail or electronic email~~ to the credentialed ministers and affiliated churches not less than ~~thirty (30) days~~ two weeks before the meeting. ~~Notification of special meetings must be given by written mail to the credentialed ministers and affiliated churches not less than ten (10) days before such meeting.~~

- B. Authorization to Vote** – Credentialed ministers in good standing residing in the Region and affiliated-church delegates of affiliated churches located in the Region are authorized to vote at meetings of the Region if they are registered and seated.

1. **Registry and Seating of Voters** – Voters shall register with and be seated by the secretary of the Region before being entitled to vote.
2. **Ministers in Good Standing** – A minister in good standing is one who cooperates spiritually, physically, and financially with all provisions, procedures, and regulations in the Open Bible Manual and is not under disciplinary restriction.
3. **Affiliated-Church Delegates** – Each affiliated church shall be entitled to one voting delegate per 100 active members of the church or fraction thereof.

- C. Absentee Ballots** – Absentee ballots shall not be allowed except as allowed by the Open Bible Manual.

- D. Quorum** – A quorum shall consist of one-half of the registered, seated voters at a duly called business meeting of the Region.

- E. Availability of Records and Reports** – The governing documents shall be available to members of the regional board, official representatives of ~~Open Bible Churches~~ the Association, and other members upon request as required by Iowa law. All governing documents shall be stored at the regional office.

### F. Powers and Responsibilities

The governing body shall:

1. Seat registered delegates and approve the agenda, minutes, reports, and standing rules for business meetings.
2. Process amendments to the bylaws.
3. Receive and approve financial reports, reports from officers, leaders of regional ministries, and other commissioned reports.
4. Vote on resolutions submitted by the Regional board.

## Section 6. Governance Conflicts and Omissions

When there is a conflict between bylaws of the Region and the provisions, procedures, and regulations in the Open Bible Manual, or when the bylaws of the Region are silent, the provisions, procedures, and regulations in the Open Bible Manual shall prevail. ~~In the event of a conflict between any provisions in the Open Bible Manual or bylaws of the Region between the laws or regulations of the state, county, or city, only the provision in conflict shall be of no effect. The Region believes in abiding by the laws and regulations of its country, state, county, and city. However, should a situation arise where any law or regulation of the country, state, county, or city is in opposition to or impinges on the closely held religious beliefs of the Region or Open Bible Churches, the Region reserves the right to utilize its First Amendment right to the free exercise of religion and to ignore said laws or regulations. (Acts 4:1-21).~~ In the event of a conflict with any provision in

these bylaws with the laws or regulations of any state, county, or city, only the provision in conflict shall be of no effect. The Region respects and honors the laws and regulations of federal, state, local, and other governmental jurisdictions. However, the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States guarantees the free exercise of religion. The Region reserves the constitutional right to the free exercise of religion should any law or regulation by federal, state, local, or other governmental jurisdiction or agency oppose biblical convictions (Acts 4:1-21) or impinge on the closely held religious beliefs of the Region, as prescribed in the Open Bible Manual.

### Section 7. Fiscal Year

The Region's fiscal year shall be January 1 through December 31.

### Section 8. Audit Review

The Region shall have a biennial audit review on the odd-numbered years and agreed upon procedures for the even-numbered years conducted by an independent auditor.

WHY?	Sect.	REASON
	2	Consistency in using the Association in place of Open Bible Churches
	3	Clarifying that the Open Bible Manual belongs to the Association
	5	Removing "2 <sup>nd</sup> quarter" gives us greater flexibility; adding "even-numbered years" helps us keep clear on calendar
	5	Requires ALL meetings of members to have a two-week notice and gives permission for email notification
	6	Aligns this section with national bylaws
	8	Clarifies specific plan for our independent auditor

## ARTICLE 4. MEMBERSHIP

### Section 1. Composition

Membership in this Region shall ~~be composed consist~~ of credentialed ministers in good standing with ~~Open Bible Churches the Association, residing in and affiliated church~~ delegates, leaders of the Region's ministries, and at-large members of the regional board ~~from affiliated churches located in the Region.~~

### Section 2. Official Record

The secretary of the Region shall have on record a file of the affiliated churches, their locations, and the names of credentialed ministers ~~residing in or located with~~ in the Region.

### Section 3. Personal Liability

The private property of members, officers, and directors of this corporation shall be exempt from corporate debts and liabilities.

WHY?	Sect.	REASON
	1	General clean-up of language, consistency in using the Association in place of Open Bible Churches, and aligns with national restructure changes
	2	General clean-up of language

## ARTICLE 5. OFFICERS

### Section 1. Enumerated

Officers of the Region shall be president, secretary, and treasurer.

### Section 2. Eligibility

Officers of the Region shall be ordained ministers in good standing or a member in good standing in an Open Bible Church. They shall demonstrate servant-leadership gifts and competencies, exemplary spiritual maturity, ability to work with others, and cooperate spiritually, physically, and financially with the provisions, procedures, and regulations in the Open Bible Manual.

### Section 3. Appointment and Term of Office

A. **Appointment** – The president of the corporation, who shall be the chief executive officer of the

Region, shall be appointed in accordance with the Open Bible Manual. The secretary and treasurer shall be appointed by a majority vote of the regional board.

- B. Term of Office** – The president shall serve in office for a term consistent with his or her appointment as regional executive director. The secretary and treasurer shall serve for a two-year period beginning on a date determined by the regional board. An officer may be appointed for consecutive terms of office, but shall not be appointed to a life position.
- C. Vacancy or Incapacity** – In the event of a presidential vacancy or incapacity during a term, all provisions, procedures, and regulations for such an event as stated in the Open Bible Manual shall be followed. Any vacancy or incapacity during the term of other officers shall be filled by appointment as defined in this article.
- D. Accountability** – The president shall be accountable to the regional board. Other officers shall be accountable to the president for faithfulness and fulfillment of their duties.
- E. Discipline, Restoration, and Removal** – The policy and procedure for discipline, restoration, and removal of an officer is prescribed in the Open Bible Manual.

#### Section 4. Duties of Officers

- A. President** – The president is the spiritual leader and chief executive officer of the Region who implements the directives of the regional board and shall:
  - 1. Preside** – Preside at all meetings of the Region and regional board. This responsibility may be delegated to another officer.
  - 2. Fulfill Regional Duties** – Fulfill the duties of a regional executive director.
  - 3. Serve Ex Officio** – Serve as a member, ex-officio, of all regional bodies.
  - 4. Perform Other Duties** – Perform other duties as assigned by the regional board.
- B. Secretary**
  - 1. Custodian of Records** – The secretary shall keep all minutes of the meetings of the regional board and regional membership, shall have a working knowledge of the corporate records, and shall serve all necessary notices. If the secretary was not chosen from among the members of the regional board, the secretary shall have a voice, but not a vote on the regional board.
  - 2. Other Duties** – Perform other duties as prescribed by the Regional board.
- C. Treasurer** – The treasurer shall assist the president in the care and custody of all funds, securities, and financial documents of the Region. In general the treasurer shall perform all duties germane to such office.
- D. Combined Offices** – The offices of secretary and treasurer may be held by the same person.

#### Section 5. Officer Indemnity

No officer, director or employee acting in accordance with bylaws shall be liable except for willful misconduct. No officer, director or employee shall be liable for any action taken by that person in good faith in furtherance of the ordinary affairs of the corporation, even though not authorized by the bylaws then in effect.

WHY? Sect. 5	REASON Alignment with national restructuring change
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### ARTICLE 6. REGIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The regional executive director shall represent Central Region as a member of the ~~national board~~ Association's executive leadership team. The director shall carry out decisions and actions of the Regional board and shall direct regional ministries in cooperation with the policies, ministries, and financial programs of the Association and the Region.

#### Section 1. Eligibility

The regional executive director shall be an ordained, Open Bible minister in good standing, shall demonstrate servant-leadership gifts and competencies, exemplary spiritual maturity, ability to work with others, and shall be required to cooperate spiritually, physically, and financially with the provisions, procedures, and regulations in the Open Bible Manual.

#### Section 2. Appointment and Term of Office

The regional executive director shall be appointed according to the policies, procedures, and regulations as

prescribed in Article 9 of the ~~Open Bible Churches Association's~~ bylaws and policies and procedures as prescribed in the Open Bible Manual. The term of office for the regional executive director shall be four years, beginning on a date determined by the national board.

### Section 3. Duties

The regional executive director is the chief executive officer of the Region and the chairman of the regional board of directors who implements the directives of the regional board of directors and shall:

- A. **Pursue Purpose and Mission** – Cast vision, inspire, influence, and encourage and partner with the national president, officers, national board, leaders of Association ministries, official national institutions, leaders of regional ministries, churches, and ministers to accomplish the purpose and mission of the Association and Region.
- B. **Represent** – Serve as a member of the ~~national board~~ Association's executive leadership team and represent the Region during the tenure of office.
- C. **Preside** – Preside at all regional board meetings and business meetings. In the event of the inability of the regional executive director to conduct business, the national president or person appointed by the national president shall act.
- D. **Account** – Account to the regional board of directors, the national president, and the national board.
- E. **Report on Finances** – Provide financial reports to the regional and national boards.
- F. **Appoint Committees** – Appoint all committees not elsewhere provided for.
- G. **Staff** – Appoint or terminate regional staff members with the approval of the regional board who will determine the compensation package.

### Section 4. Vacancy or Incapacity

A vacancy or incapacity during the term of office of a regional executive director shall be filled by the appointment process as prescribed in Article 9, Section 2, Paragraph 2 of the policies and procedures of ~~Open Bible Churches the Association~~ as prescribed in the Open Bible Manual.

### Section 5. Discipline, Restoration, and Removal

The policy and procedure for discipline, restoration, and removal of a regional executive director is prescribed in the Open Bible Manual

WHY?	Sect.	REASON
	Pre	Alignment with national restructuring change
	2	Consistency in using Association instead of Open Bible.
	3	Alignment with national restructuring change
	4	Consistency in using Association instead of Open Bible.

## ARTICLE 7. REGIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The regional board is the board of directors of the corporation. The regional board represents and directs the ministries and business of the Region. It is accountable and shall report to the governing body for those responsibilities and powers delegated to it.

### Section 1. Composition

The regional board shall consist of the regional executive director, who shall serve as chair of the board, the district directors, the ~~regionally appointed member~~ Region's Geographic Appointee ~~of to~~ the Association's national board, ~~the regionally appointed member of the Global Missions board,~~ and at-large members. The number of at-large members shall not exceed the number of districts. The regional board shall consist of not less than five (5) members including the regional executive director. ~~With the exception of the regional executive director, other regional ministry directors and regional office personnel shall not serve as members of the regional board.~~ A majority of the regional board must be other than ~~employees/staff and/or~~ persons related to any officer of the Region or to ~~other the~~ members of the regional board by blood or marriage and must be of legal age according to the laws of the state of incorporation.

### Section 2. Eligibility

- A. **Regional Executive Director** – The regional executive director shall meet eligibility requirements as prescribed in the Open Bible Manual.

- B. **District Directors** – District directors shall be ordained ministers in good standing and shall meet eligibility requirements as prescribed in these bylaws and the Open Bible Manual. They may be appointed to serve as the ~~regionally appointed member from the Region~~ Geographic Appointee to the Association’s national board.
- C. **Geographic Appointee to ~~Regionally Appointed Members of the National Board and Global Missions Board~~** – ~~Regionally appointed members of the national board and Global Missions board~~ Geographic Appointee to the Association’s national board shall be ordained ~~ministers~~ senior pastors in good standing and shall meet eligibility requirements as prescribed in the Association’s national bylaws.
- D. **At-Large Members of the Regional Board** – At-large members of the regional board shall offer leadership skills, experience, or other distinctive qualifications. They may be appointed to serve as the ~~regionally appointed member from the Region~~ Geographic Appointee to the Association’s national board if they meet the qualifications as prescribed in the national bylaws.

### Section 3. Appointment and Term of Office

- A. **Regional Executive Director** – The regional executive director serves as a member of the regional board concurrent with service as a regional executive director.
- B. **District Directors** – District directors shall be appointed by the regional executive director, approved by the regional board, ratified by a 2/3 vote of the national board and ratified by a majority vote of the votes received from the credentialed ministers residing in the district the director represents. The process of ratification by district credentialed ministers shall be prescribed in the regional policy manual. Appointment shall be for a two-year term beginning May 1. District directors may be reappointed to successive, two-year terms following a biennial review by the regional executive director. However, no district director may be appointed to a life term.
- C. ~~**Regionally Appointed Member of Geographic Appointee to the National Board**~~ – The ~~regionally appointed member~~ Geographic Appointee to the Association’s national board shall be appointed by the regional board, following consultation by the regional executive director with the Association’s President. ~~nominated by the regional executive director, appointed by the regional board, and approved by a 2/3 vote of the national board.~~ Nominees shall require 2/3 approval by the Association’s national board to serve as members. They shall serve two-year terms, with a limit of ~~two~~, four consecutive terms of service, beginning on a date established by the ~~regional national~~ board. A ~~regionally appointed member~~ Geographic Appointee, after being out of the position two years, may serve again.
- ~~D. **Regionally Appointed Member of the Global Missions Board** – The regionally appointed member shall be nominated by the executive director of global missions, appointed by the regional executive director, approved by the regional board, and ratified by a 2/3 majority vote of the national board. They shall serve two-year terms beginning on a date established by the national board.~~
- E. **At-Large Members of the Regional Board** – At-large members of the regional board shall be nominated by the regional executive director, appointed by the regional board, and approved by a 2/3 vote of the national board. They shall serve two-year terms beginning on a date established by the regional board. Such at-large members who provide distinctive leadership may serve ~~unlimited~~ consecutive terms by a 2/3 vote of the regional board, however, no at-large member may be appointed to a life term.

### Section 4. Responsibilities of the Regional Board

- A. **Oversee Purpose and Mission** – Shall develop, oversee, and implement the purpose and mission of the Region in partnership with the regional ~~executive~~ director, other officers, leaders of Regional ministries, and local churches and ministers.
- B. **Establish Policies** – Establish policies, procedures, and regulations for the Region consistent with the laws of the state of incorporation and the Open Bible Manual, for the guidance of its officers, regional board, leaders of regional ministries, churches, and ministers.
- C. **Exercise Fiduciary Oversight** – Review and approve the Region’s annual budget, retirement plan policy, internal financial reports, investment policy, insurance matters, and audit.
- D. **Configure Districts** – Define and configure districts, with the approval of the national board of the Association.
- E. **Carry Out Monetary Transactions** – Have the right to buy, borrow, or otherwise acquire, own, hold

in trust, use, loan, sell, convey, mortgage, lease, invest, or otherwise dispose of funds and property, both real and chattel. The regional board must approve the sale and purchase of real estate by a 2/3 vote.

- F. Call Special Meetings** – Call special meetings of the membership by a majority vote of the regional board.
- G. Ratify, Appoint, Approve, and Determine Compensation** – Ratify, appoint, or approve district directors, at-large members of the regional board, leaders of Association ministries, as prescribed in these bylaws, and any other personnel or consultants retained by the regional board, and determine compensation and benefits when appropriate.
- H. Appoint** – Appoint standing committees, special committees, and task forces to carry out the purposes of the Region.
- I. Serve as a Regional Board of Credentials** – Serve as the regional board of credentials to review credential applicants and make recommendations of applicants to the national board.
- J. Serve as a Board of Review for Church Affiliations** – Review church-affiliation applications and make recommendations to the national board.
- K. Oversee Discipline, Restoration, and Removal** – Oversee the discipline, restoration, and removal policy for ministers as prescribed in the Open Bible Manual.
- L. Process Appeals** – Process appeals of church and regional board decisions in accordance with procedures in the Open Bible Manual.
- M. Supervise Pastoral Selection and Transition** – Follow the procedures for the selection of senior pastors by election or re-election or appointment or reappointment as prescribed in the Open Bible Manual.
- N. Authorize Regional Supervision** – Place churches under regional supervision, when necessary, as prescribed in the Open Bible Manual.
- O. Develop Standing Rules** – Make standing rules not in conflict with these bylaws as necessary to the carrying on of its business.

**Section 5. Meetings**

Meetings shall be held at least twice yearly or as deemed necessary by the regional executive director or regional board. The president or secretary of the Region shall notify each member of the regional board of a meeting two weeks in advance for onsite meetings, 24 hours for online meetings, or 3 hours for emergency meetings. Electronic polls are permissible to handle business items that do not require discussion as long as every member votes in the affirmative. If one or more members votes in the negative, the item will be moved to an onsite or online meeting.

**Section 6. Quorum**

A majority of the members of the regional board shall constitute a quorum.

**Section 7. Vacancy**

Any vacancy occurring during the term of a member of the regional board shall be filled by the appointment process for that member.

**Section 8. Discipline, Restoration, and Removal**

The policy and procedure for the discipline, restoration, and removal of members of the regional board who are ~~Open-Bible Association~~ ministers is prescribed in the Open Bible Manual. The policy and procedure for discipline, restoration, and removal of regional board members who are not ~~Open-Bible Association~~ ministers shall be prescribed in the regional policy manual.

**Section 9. Director Indemnity**

No officer, director or employee acting in accordance with bylaws shall be liable except for willful misconduct. No officer, director or employee shall be liable for any action taken by that person in good faith in furtherance of the ordinary affairs of the corporation, even though not authorized by the bylaws then in effect.

WHY? Sect.	REASON
1-3	Alignment with the national and regional restructuring changes
4	Corrected title
5	Adjusted notices for meetings
8	Consistency in using Association instead of Open Bible.
9	Alignment with national restructuring changes

## ARTICLE 8. REGIONAL MINISTRIES

### Section 1. Accomplish Purpose and Mission

The regional board may create or discontinue regional ministries and ratify the appointment of leaders of regional ministries who support fulfillment of the purpose and mission of the Region.

### Section 2. Eligibility

- A. **Credentialed Leaders of Regional Ministries** – Credentialed leaders of regional ministries shall be ~~Open Bible Association~~ ministers in good standing who demonstrate servant-leadership gifts and competencies, exemplary spiritual maturity, and ability to work with others. They shall be required to cooperate spiritually, physically, and financially with the provisions, procedures, and regulations in the Open Bible Manual.
- B. **Non-Credentialed Leaders of Regional Ministries** – Non-credentialed leaders of regional ministries shall exhibit spiritual maturity, leadership skills, ability to work with others, and vocational success. They shall be required to cooperate spiritually, physically, and financially with the provisions, procedures, and regulations in the regional policy manual.

### Section 3. Appointment and Term of Office

Leaders of regional ministries shall be appointed by the regional executive director and ratified by a 2/3 vote of the regional board. Leaders of regional ministries shall serve two years beginning on a date determined by the regional board. Any vacancy or incapacity during the term of a leader of regional ministry shall be filled by the appointment process established in this section.

### Section 4. Accountability

Leaders of regional ministries shall be accountable to the regional executive director and regional board for faithfulness and fulfillment of their duties and shall file financial and other reports as requested by the regional board.

### Section 5. Descriptions and Guidelines

Regional ministries, descriptions, and guidelines are contained in the regional policy manual.

### Section 6. Discipline, Restoration, and Removal

The regional executive director, with approval of the regional board, may discipline, restore, and remove leaders of regional ministries, as prescribed in the Open Bible Manual, if those leaders are ~~Open Bible Association~~ ministers, and as prescribed in the regional policy manual if those leaders are not ~~Open Bible Association~~ ministers.

WHY? Sect. 2 & 6	REASON Consistency in using Association instead of Open Bible.
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## ARTICLE 9. DISTRICTS

### Section 1. Composition

Districts may be established by the regional board as approved by the national board and governed in such a way as to promote the health and effectiveness of the district's ministers and churches.

### Section 2. District Directors

The district director shall represent the Region in the districts, working under the supervision of the regional executive director. The district director shall keep the regional executive director advised at all times of changes in the status of the district's churches and ministers. The district director is expected to maintain regular contact with the ministers of the district. Appointment, eligibility, and terms of service for district directors shall be as prescribed in these bylaws.

### Section 3. Meetings

Meetings of the districts shall be held ~~at least annually or~~ as often as deemed necessary.



**Section 4. Accountability**

District directors shall be accountable to the regional executive director and the regional board.

**Section 5. Vacancies and Incapacities**

In the event of a vacancy or the incapacity of a district director the position shall be filled by the same process as prescribed in these bylaws for the appointment of a district director.

WHY?	Sect.	REASON
	3	This requirement was a holdover from the era when District Directors were elected in an annual meeting of the District. Now they are appointed and ratified through mail-in ballots. It still gives a District the option of meeting when necessary.

**ARTICLE 10. Regional Supervision**

The intent of regional supervision is to provide a service of counsel and supervision to a church needing or requesting help in the management of pastoral, internal, or legal affairs. It is a protective action to assist a church back to stability and health. The causes for regional supervision, the roles and relationship between the Region and a church under regional supervision, and the requirements for release from regional supervision are prescribed in the Open Bible Manual.

**ARTICLE 11. PROPERTY**

**Section 1. Ownership of Property**

Ownership of all property shall be held in the name of the corporation and not in the name of any individual person.

**Section 2. Conveyance and Encumbrance**

Conveyance or encumbrance of the corporation's assets must be authorized by a two-thirds vote of the regional board. The president, secretary, treasurer, or other person officially designated by the regional board shall sign on behalf of the corporation in all matters pertaining to property.

**ARTICLE 12. AMENDMENTS**

Amendments to these bylaws must be preapproved by the secretary of the Association and a two-thirds vote of the national board prior to being presented to the membership for vote. An amendment must be approved by a two-thirds vote of all seated and registered delegates at a duly called biennial or special meeting of the Region.

**ARTICLE 13. PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY**

Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, latest edition, is the parliamentary authority on all points not conflicting with the articles of incorporation or the provisions, procedures, and regulations in the Open Bible Manual.

Central Region of Open Bible Churches has officially adopted these bylaws by vote of the members in good standing.

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Date of Meeting

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Regional Executive Director's signature

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Board Secretary's signature