

The bylaws of a local church are rules which specify how the affairs of the church are to be conducted. They stipulate how the responsibilities and duties of the members, officers, and boards and agencies are to be carried out, and how the various organizations within the church are to function. In organizational theory, bylaws specify processes and procedures.

Bylaws usually include such articles as the following:

- I. Meetings
- II. Election of Officers
- III. Board(s)
- IV. Church Committees
- V. Church Organizations
- VI. Rules of Order
- VII. Amendment

2. The Board(s) of the Church

a. Membership of the Board(s)

- (1) Nomination of members
- (2) Training and probation of members
- (3) Election and ordination of members
- (4) Term of office of members
- (5) Dismissal from office of members

b. Internal Organization of the Board(s)

- (1) Officers
- (2) Committees

(a) It is wise to attempt to match the gifts, expertise, and experience of elders/deacons to the purposes and duties of the various committees.

(b) Some committees that might be established are:

Benevolence Committee
Building and Maintenance Committee
Christian Education Committee
Evangelism Committee
Finance Committee
Membership and Discipline Committee
Missionary Committee
Music Committee
Nominating Committee