

PRAIRIE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BYLAWS

I. NAME

The name of the organization shall be the Prairie Alumni Association.

II. STATUS

The Association shall function in an interdependent relationship with the Administration of Prairie Bible Institute (operating as Prairie College), working toward common goals and mutual benefit through reciprocal trust and respect.

III. MISSION

The mission of the Association shall be:

- A. To foster, maintain, and strengthen relations between Prairie and its Alumni, between the Alumni and Prairie, and among the Alumni themselves.
- B. To promote Prairie's mission, vision, and core values.

IV. CORE VALUES

- A. Prairie's History: We cherish and celebrate Prairie's rich history, respecting and honoring the people who contributed to it.
- B. Vital Relationship: We highly treasure Alumni connections with Prairie and with each other, seeking to encourage, facilitate, and expand these unique interactions.
- C. International Influence: We esteem Prairie's international influence, extending representation and service to all alumni around the world.
- D. Active Service: We highly regard the active service of Prairie and its Alumni, actively supporting, encouraging, and providing for these intentional ministries.

V. OBJECTIVES

- A. To facilitate effective communication with alumni by opening channels for the flow of current, accurate and relevant information about Prairie.
- B. To facilitate interaction among alumni, providing avenues for sharing, caring, connecting and mutual encouragement.
- C. To facilitate ways for alumni to communicate current, accurate, and relevant information about themselves to Prairie.
- D. To support events that encourage alumni to visit the Prairie campus.
- E. To assist alumni in promoting Prairie in their respective localities.
- F. To encourage alumni to actively support Prairie through prayer, finances and the recruitment of students.
- G. To serve alumni by promoting and providing opportunities for continued personal growth, spiritual edification, and ministry development.

VI. MEMBERSHIP

Members shall be alumni who have completed at least the equivalent of one semester of study at Prairie Bible Institute/Prairie College or Prairie Graduate School or any of the past divisions including Prairie Distance Education, or have completed one year of study at Prairie High School, or have served as a member of the Prairie staff for one year.

VII. EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

A. Responsibilities

1. The Executive Council shall be responsible for the fulfilment of the Mission and Objectives of the Association.
2. The Executive Council shall appoint alumni regional representatives across Canada and the United States, and for overseas areas with large numbers of alumni, to help facilitate the flow of information between Prairie and the Alumni, and to help with setting up regional events.

B. Membership:

1. The Executive Council shall select five to seven Prairie Alumni members on the basis of their interest in and commitment to the core values, mission, and objectives of the Prairie Alumni Association. The Prairie Administration shall appoint two to three members from among Prairie Staff.
2. All members of the Executive Council shall be reciprocally approved and appointed by the Alumni Members and by the Prairie Administration.
3. All members of the Executive Council shall sign a statement indicating that they fully endorse Prairie's stated Mission, Vision, Core Values, Faith Statement, and Community Covenant.

C. Positions: The Executive Council shall choose a Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer from among its members. The Chairperson shall not be a member of the Prairie staff.

D. Terms:

1. Members selected from among the alumni who are not employees of Prairie Bible Institute, shall serve a term of three years and shall be eligible for re-selection for a second term only. Members will only be eligible again after a minimum absence of one-year.
2. Terms for the alumni members shall be staggered in such a way that continuity of the majority of Executive Council members will always be maintained.

E. The members of the Executive Council shall normally meet on a semi-annual basis at the Prairie Bible Institute, or as often as is deemed necessary, and may communicate throughout the year by means of digital communication systems.

F. Quorum: A quorum shall be 60% of the members of the Executive Council.

VIII. AMENDMENTS

The Bylaws may be amended by eighty percent of the members of the Executive Council.