CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS
OF THE
ERSKINE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

ARTICLE I - NAME

SECTION I - The name of this organization shall be the Erskine Alumni Association.

SECTION II - The Alumni Association shall be deemed to include:

A. Local Chapters holding membership in the Alumni Association.

B. Those in charge of any alumni project which has the sanction of the A. R. Presbyterian Synod, and

C. Such additional activities as this Association may hereafter initiate or authorize others to initiate within the alumni body of Erskine.

SECTION III - Whenever used in this Constitution and these By-Laws, the word alumnus shall be interpreted to include also alumna; the word alumni shall be interpreted to include also alumnae.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

The purpose of this Association shall be:

A. To perpetuate the friendships formed in college and seminary years;

B. To promote the welfare of Erskine College and Erskine Theological Seminary and its alumni; and

C. To promote the cause of Christian education generally.

ARTICLE III - LOCATION OF OFFICE

The Office for the transaction of the business of this Association shall be located in Erskine College, Due West, South Carolina, and shall be designated the Alumni Office.

ARTICLE IV - MEMBERSHIP

Section I - Membership in this Association shall comprise active members and honorary members.

Section II - The active membership shall consist of the holders of any degree from Erskine College and Erskine Theological Seminary, former students of the College and Seminary who have pursued regular courses and received college and/or seminary credit and such other outstanding supporters of Erskine as the Association may from time to time elect as a member.

Section III - The honorary membership shall consist of non-alumni from the following groups:

A. Honorary degree holder;

B. Trustees and ex-trustees;

C. Members and ex-members of the college and seminary faculty;

D. Officers of the college and seminary;

E. Such other as may be elected at any regular annual meeting of the Association; or any local chapter in a regular meeting may elect candidates for honorary membership.

ARTICLE V - OFFICERS

SECTION I - Officers of the Association

A. The officers of the Association shall be a President, a President-Elect and a Secretary.
B. The President and Secretary shall perform such duties as usually devolve upon these offices.
C. The President-Elect shall succeed to the presidency at the expiration of the President's term of office and shall fill the unexpired term of the President if a vacancy occurs in that office. The President-Elect shall perform such duties as usually devolve upon the office of vice president.

SECTION II - There shall be a Board of Directors consisting of three (3) officers, 18 directors each serving a three-year term in which 6 new directors are elected each year, the President of the Flying Fleet Club, and the two Annual Fund Co-chairs. All of the Alumni Officers and Board Members must be active members of the Association. This Board will conduct the business of the Association.

A. The Board's nominating process shall place great emphasis on membership reflective of the entirety of the association.
B. The composition of the Board as herein described would be effective July 1, 2004 and board members shall be nominated for staggered terms at the Spring 2004 Alumni Association Meeting.

SECTION III - There shall be a Director of Alumni Affairs to be selected from a list of recommendations submitted by the Board of Directors of the Alumni Association and approved by the President of the College.

ARTICLE VI - FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year of the Alumni Association shall be the same of that of the college and seminary, July 1 to June 30.

ARTICLE VII - LOCAL CHAPTERS

SECTION I - Local chapters may be formed wherever there is sufficient concentration of alumni population. Where the alumni population is not sufficient to form a local chapter, an area chapter should be encouraged and formed.

SECTION II - The Board of Directors of the Alumni Association, in conjunction with local chapters, may use their discretion about providing for area meetings where it is not feasible to have a chapter.

SECTION III - A Chapter **may** elect the following officers for two-year terms: President, President-elect and a Secretary-Treasurer. The President **may** appoint the following committees: Nominating, Constitution and By-Laws, Social, Athletic, **Annual Fund** and Student Recruitment. The President may appoint other committees as needed.

SECTION IV - The alumni association neither promotes nor prohibits the use of alcohol at its functions. Recognizing the impact of alcohol in society, the association suggests the promotion of responsible behavior of all alumni at any of the chapter related activities. The association further recommends that the provision or exclusion of alcohol at functions be left to the discretion of each chapter and encourages each chapter to be sensitive to the feelings of its members.

ARTICLE VIII - REPRESENTATIVE ON THE ERSKINE COLLEGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

SECTION I - The Alumni President shall serve as a voting member of the Board of Trustees during his term.

SECTION II - The Alumni Board of Directors shall recommend each year one or more persons to serve on the Erskine College Board of Trustees.

SECTION III - Such recommendations shall be submitted to Synod's Committee on Nominations prior to March of each year.

ARTICLE IX - DISTRIBUTION OF THE ALUMNI MAILING LIST

SECTION I - The list of alumni addresses shall be distributed to outside sources only with approval by the Board of Directors

SECTION II - Where there is approval by the Board of Directors for distribution of the alumni list, the list shall only be used for purposes that have direct benefit for the college and seminary and the alumni association

ERSKINE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I - TERMS OF OFFICE

SECTION I - The Officers and Directors of the Association shall be elected at the spring meeting of the Alumni Association. The report of the Nominating Committee shall be read, then the presiding officer shall ask for any nominations from the floor before proceeding with the election.

SECTION II -

A. The terms of the office of President, the President-Elect, and the Secretary shall be two (2) years and they shall be ineligible to succeed themselves.
B. The President shall be installed, and the President-Elect and the Secretary shall be elected and installed in the calendar years of odd numbers.

SECTION III - The term of office of the Board of Directors shall be three (3) years. The terms shall be so arranged that one-third of the directors shall be elected annually.

ARTICLE II - MEETINGS

SECTION I - The Alumni Association shall meet in the spring of the year, the exact date, place, and hour to be set by the Board of Directors.

SECTION II - Special meetings of the Alumni Association may be called by a majority vote of the Board of Directors in any of its official or called meetings.

SECTION III - The Board of Directors shall meet three times a year upon the call of the President of the Association or a majority of its members should the President refuse to issue a call.

SECTION IV - Meeting of any standing committees of the Board of Directors shall be held upon the call of the chairman of the committee.

SECTION V - Local chapter meetings shall be determined by the individual chapters.

ARTICLE III - SPECIAL COMMITTEES

SECTION I - The President shall appoint a nominating committee consisting of the President-elect (Chairman), the President, the Secretary, the Vice President for Development, Director of Alumni Affairs, and one member from the Directors appointed by the President (a total of six) which shall nominate candidates for each of the offices of the Association and secure acceptance of the candidate before the committee makes its report. The Nominating Committee shall be responsible for nominating a candidate for the Alumni Distinguished Service Award. This candidate shall be submitted to the Board for approval.

SECTION II - The Association shall appoint or authorize the president to appoint such special committees as may be warranted such committees shall be one year only. They may, however, succeed themselves for two successive terms.

SECTION III -

A. In accordance with Section II of this Article, the President shall appoint a standing Constitution and By-Laws Committee consisting of a chairman and two (2) other members.
B. The Constitution and By-Laws Committee shall become thoroughly familiar with the Constitution and By-Laws as well as the history of, the precedents of, and the amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws.
C. The Constitution and By-Laws Committee must approve and submit any proposed amendment to the Constitution and By-Laws to the Board of Directors for approval unless the amendment is of an urgent nature, in which case the provision of Article XII, Section III shall apply.
D. Any questions concerning constitutionality shall be referred to the Constitution and By-laws Committee for study and recommendation.
E. To aid this committee, the office of the Director of Alumni Affairs shall maintain an up-to-date master copy of the Constitution and By-laws and an up-to-date special file containing copies of all available previous Constitutions and By-Laws of December 3, 1955, and of any minutes or correspondence pertaining to the Constitution and By-Laws including reports and recommendations of this committee.

SECTION IV-

A. There shall be a standing committee consisting of the previous ten (10) Presidents of the Erskine College and Seminary Alumni Association (the "Alumni Association").

B. The Committee shall be known as the Alumni Presidents Committee.

C. The Committee shall meet when called at the discretion of the President of the Alumni Association

D. The duties of the Alumni Presidents Committee shall be to advise the President of the Alumni Association, Staff and Administration on matters which shall arise from time to time. Further, the Committee may communicate with the Board of Trustees and the President of the College and Seminary, its opinion on matters of concern to the Alumni Association.

ARTICLE IV - FINANCIAL CAMPAIGN

SECTION I - Major financial campaigns within the alumni body shall not be undertaken, by an agency, without the official sanction of the Alumni Association and Board of Trustees of the college and seminary. Major financial campaigns shall be interpreted to be those calculated to interest and involve a large number of alumni.

SECTION II - Minor financial demands, by an agency, shall not be made without the authority of the Director of Alumni Affairs and the Vice President for Development and consent of the President of the college and seminary except such campaigns as are necessary to the work of an established agency of the association. Minor financial campaigns shall be interpreted to be those for transient cause and aimed at only a limited number of alumni, or campaigns aimed at a special group or class of alumni.

SECTION III - The Board of Directors of the Alumni Association shall decide as to whether a financial demand is to be classed as a major or minor for the purpose of these By-Laws.

ARTICLE V - OFFICIAL PUBLICATION

SECTION I- The college and seminary shall publish and distribute all Association publications. The Director of Alumni Affairs shall edit publications pertaining to the Association.

Section II - The Board of Directors shall have general supervision of publications of the Association.

ARTICLE VI - SALARIES

No officer of the Association except the Director of Alumni Affairs and no member of the Board of Directors or committees shall receive compensation.

ARTICLE VII - VACANCIES

Vacancies in the office of President-Elect, Secretary or members of the Board of Directors from any cause shall be filled by the Board of Directors for unexpired terms. Acceptance of such office shall be secured in advance of announcement.

ARTICLE VIII - QUORUM

SECTION I - Thirteen members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum.

SECTION II - Seventy five members of the Alumni Association shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE IX - PARLIAMENTARY GUIDE

Matters of procedure and parliamentary practice undefined in this Constitution and By-Laws shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order.

ARTICLE X - AMENDMENTS

SECTION I- Any ordinary proposed amendment to the Constitution and By-Laws shall originate from or be referred to the Constitution and By-Laws Committee for approval and presentation to the Board of Directors.

SECTION II - The Board of Directors must approve any proposed amendment to the Constitution and By-Laws and submit same at the next session of the Erskine Alumni Association for a vote. If a majority of the members at that session approve, provided a quorum is present, the amendment shall become operative from that day.

SECTION III - If the Board of Directors decides an amendment is of an urgent nature, it shall have the power to approve and declare operative at once such an urgent amendment without the approval of the Constitution and By-Laws Committee and without a vote by the Alumni Association, provided a quorum of the Board of Directors is present and the vote is unanimous. However, the urgent amendment made operative in this manner must be voted on and approved by the Association at its next session as provided in Section II of this Article.

ARTICLE XI - WHEN OPERATIVE

This Constitution and By-Laws shall become operative from this day, December 3, 1955, provided that the terms of officers and directors holding under the old constitution, adopted May 18, 1955, shall continue to completion and provided that the new members of the Board of Directors shall take office on July 1, 1956, or as thereafter elected.

NOTE: This copy of the Constitution and By-Laws includes amendments adopted by the Alumni Association on December 9, 1961; on May 26, 1962; on May 25, 1968; on December 13, 1969, May 20, 1972, April 3, 1992, April 27, 1995, and April 28, 2001, October 11, 2003, April 26, 2008.