

# ARLINGTON

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

## Church Board FAQ's

### **Who can attend an Arlington Seventh-day Adventist Church Board meeting?**

Anyone who is a member in good standing of the Arlington Seventh-day Church may attend a Church Board meeting. Unless they are a member of the Church Board they are not able to speak without prior arrangements with the Church Board Chairperson.

### **How do I get something on the Church Board Agenda?**

The agenda of the Church Board is set by the Church Board Chairperson in consultation with the Senior Pastor. The deadline for requesting an item to be included on the Church Board agenda is the Tuesday, a week prior, to the Church Board meeting. The request for the item to be included should be directed to the Church Board Chairperson who has the final discretion as to whether that item will be included on the meeting agenda.

### **Who is the Church Board Chairperson?**

Currently the Church Board Chairperson is Dr. Tom Grove, the Executive Pastor. He exercises this office as result of a vote by the Church Board as well as his role as Executive Pastor.

### **What is the purpose of the Church Board?**

“The chief concern of the church board is the spiritual nurture of the church and the work of planning and fostering evangelism in all of phases. Included in church board responsibilities are: 1.) Spiritual nurture. 2.) Evangelism in all its phases. 3.) Maintenance of doctrinal purity. 4.) Upholding of Christian standards. 5.) Recommending changes in church membership. 6.) Church finances. 7.) Protection and care of church properties. 8.) Coordination of church departments.

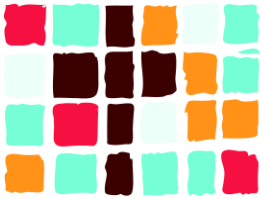
The gospel commission of Jesus makes evangelism, proclaiming the good news of the gospel, the primary function of the church (Matt 28:18-20). It is, therefore, also the primary function of the board, which serves as the chief committee of the church. When the board devotes its first interests and highest energies to every-member evangelism, most problems are alleviated or prevented and a strong, positive influence is felt in the spiritual life and growth of members.” *Seventh-day Adventist Church Manual*. 2010 edition, 124,125.

### **How are board members chosen?**

There are two types of board members who are members of the church board.

- 1.) Ex officio members. These board members are members of the church board based upon being elected by the church to various offices of the church. These members serve on the church board concurrent with the terms of the office in which they have been elected. The current ex officio members of the Arlington SDA Church Board are:

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| a. Senior Pastor                 | h. Revive Director                                   |
| b. Executive Pastor              | i. Head Elder  |
| c. Church Clerk                  | j. Burton Adventist Academy Principal                |
| d. Treasurer                     | k. Burton Adventist Academy School Board Chairperson |
| e. Finance Committee Chairperson |  |
| f. Head Deaconess                |  |
| g. Head Deacon                   |  |



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- 2.) At large members. These members are elected from the membership at large. They are nominated by the Ministry Connection Team and elected by the Church Body for a three-year term. Currently there are nine at large board members who serve staggered terms with three members being elected every year.
- 3.) Invitees. Invitees are individuals who are not members of the Church Board but who are invited to attend the Church Board meeting based upon their position. Currently, the Pastoral Staff members who are not elected Church Board members as well as those who have business before the Board are invitees.

## **Who are the members of the Church Board?**

The current Church Board members are listed on the Arlington SDA Church website. The terms for Church Board members begin July 1. Aren't we going to calendar year instead of fiscal?

## **What happens if there is a vacancy on the church board?**

If there is a vacancy due to a resignation, the Ministry Connection Team at their next scheduled meeting will nominate someone to fill the remainder of the term. The Church Body will then elect that person after a first and second reading in the Worship Guide.

Any other questions can be directed to Dr. Tom Grove, Church Board Chairperson at (817) 483-4837 or [tom@arlingtonadventist.com](mailto:tom@arlingtonadventist.com)