

**Alumni Association
Northeastern Seminary at Roberts Wesleyan College**

Philosophical Context: The vision for the formation of this Alumni Association is anchored in the context of Christian Ministry. While financial support for the institutional mission will be a natural part of any alumni organization, the main thrust here is seen as a further expression of Northeastern Seminary's mission statement. As such, the guiding principles given the Student Life and Alumni Committee in their deliberations have been to fashion an association that focuses on providing our graduates with resources for ministry and opportunities for communication that will encourage, strengthen and spiritually challenge them for years beyond Commencement. In doing this we have also sought avenues that would involve our graduates in keeping NES informed and responsive to the very real needs of those on the front lines of Christian ministry.

BYLAWS

**Article I
NAME - PURPOSE - OBJECTIVES**

Section 1-1 Name

- The name of this organization is the ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF NORTHEASTERN SEMINARY

Section 1-2 Purpose Statement / Objectives

- The purpose of the Association, by the grace of God, is to develop in our alumni and friends an understanding of and loyalty to NORTHEASTERN SEMINARY and to provide opportunities for lifelong partnerships in ministry between the graduates and the Seminary. This includes:
 1. Providing a two-way communication between alumni and the Seminary administration, and serving both as a sounding board and as a source of valuable insight and expertise.
 2. Promoting activities and social gatherings to increase fellowship among alumni and current students.
 3. Assisting in the development of new resources for alumni and the Seminary.
 4. Providing various ministry enhancing benefits to graduates of NES. These may include:
 - Participation in NES retreats;
 - Auditing elective courses at reduced tuition rate; and
 - Access to Career Services resources.
 5. Increasing student awareness of the Alumni Association.
 6. Develop lifelong participation and support of the Seminary by providing alumni opportunities to exercise their expertise, talents, and resources in capacities related to:
 - Recruitment

- Financial and spiritual support of the seminary and its students
- Service to students as Faith Sharing Facilitators and Field Education Mentors
- Advising the seminary through ministry on faculty boards and committees

Article II MEMBERSHIP

Section 2-1 Regular Memberships

- Regular members of the Alumni Association shall include all persons who have graduated from a degree program at Northeastern Seminary, or have completed the “Core,” or have completed one full year of study in a degree program (27 hours).

Section 2-2 Honorary Memberships

- NES faculty, administrators, and staff shall be invited to participate in the Association and its events as Honorary Members.
- Other categories of honorary membership may be developed by action of the Association and the approval of the Seminary.

Article III ALUMNI COUNCIL

An alumni council will be established by invitation from the President and the Vice President and Academic Dean

The names of prospective candidates for the alumni council will be received from current council members, faculty, staff, administration, and trustees of the Seminary

If deemed necessary, the council will determine the number and type of officers needed. For example, the council may decide to select a chairperson, vice chair, and secretary.

The council will meet at the call of the President, typically twice/year

The council’s purpose will be to facilitate the objectives of the alumni association as outlined in Article I. In addition, the council will fulfill the following:

- At its regular meeting, the Alumni Council will be informed of developments at the seminary, including but not limited to the areas of curriculum, finance, student recruitment, faculty/staff development, and strategic planning.
- The Council’s input into seminary developments will be sought
- The Council will also be utilized to strengthen alumni relations
- The Council will annually review the Alumni Association bylaws and make adjustments as necessary

Article IV MEETINGS

Section 1-1 Annual Meeting of the Association

- The Alumni Association of Northeastern Seminary will meet annually for the transaction of business. All members will be invited to participate at this meeting. The President in consultation with the Alumni Council will set the agenda for the Annual Meeting.

Section 1-2 Alumni Council

- The Alumni Council shall meet at least quarterly to conduct business, advise and communicate with the Seminary, and plan the Annual Meeting.

Section 1-2 Special Meeting

- The Alumni Council may call a special meeting of the full Association as needs arise.
- Any regular member of the Association may petition the Council, in writing, for a special meeting or to propose an agenda items for the Annual Meeting. Each request will clearly state the purpose or purposes for the petition and be signed by the petitioner.

Section 1-3 Notice of Meetings

- Association Members will be given adequate advanced notice of all meetings. Each notice will clearly state the place, date, hour and purpose of the meeting to be held.

Section 1-4 Procedure

- The presiding officer will determine the order of business and all other procedures at meeting of association members.
- Issues requiring Association action as well as all elections shall be decided by the majority vote of all members present at the Annual or Special Meeting.

Section 1-5 Voting

- Each member will be entitled to one vote per motion or per ballot on all matters appropriate for consideration by the association. Absentee or proxy voting will not be allowed.