

ANNA-DIGBY COUNCIL JUNE 2, 2007
RESPONSE TO RE-STRUCTURING PROPOSAL

POSITIVE

- Effort to initiate change
- Recognizes that Geography is and has been a problem
- Cutting down number of meetings per year
- Localized activity both positive and negative: Positive is that smaller churches could get together and support each other

NEGATIVE

- How do we retain concept of the Association in the restructuring?
- Questions about paragraph 4 re the structure of the central committee: lot of work for small group, what is their term, how to get delegates to make selection
- Concern about the amount of work the 3-5 would have to do
- Is there is another way to do some of the work?
- Would foster continued fracturing of association.
- If we change everything, what is the purpose and role of Assn.—ex, how do churches become part of CABC
- There is a need to give support to pastors and congregations
- Have difficulty getting people on committees now and will still have it
- People probably won't respond to a call to attend to issues—need a way to deal with accountability
- Ad Hoc committee structure needs defining
- Should be at least one annual gathering of Assn.
- Committee should be more than 3-5 and rotation should be defined, as well as geography of committee

OTHER COMMENTS:

- Recognizes clustering according to geography, almost along county lines
- How will our efforts relate to developing regional concepts?
- Is the Association becoming redundant in the face of Regional activity?
- If don't function the way we have, will we get a rebate?
- Won't miss coming to Saturday morning council meetings!!!!
- Have appreciated events that have met specific personal needs, esp. practical teaching events and fellowship times
- Feel need a way to draw us together
- Currently, the Assn doesn't have much grass-roots support!!!!!!
- Demographic shift in the Valley affecting number of people to serve and to minister to