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C. J. Bordeaux announced in July that he would not seek a second term as president. Timmy Blair, current first vice president of BSC and pastor of Piney Grove Chapel in Angier, said Mark Harris will nominate him for the office of president. Harris is pastor of First Baptist in Charlotte and former president of the BSC.

Aaron Wallace of Hephzibah Baptist Church in Wendell will nominate Cameron McGill, the BSC's second vice president and pastor of Dublin First Baptist Church, for the office of first vice president. Joel Stephens, senior pastor of Westfield Baptist Church, will be nominated for the office of second vice president of the BSC by Rick Speas, senior pastor of Old Town Baptist Church in Winston-Salem and former BSC president.

Speakers



Nominees for officers for the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina include, from left: Timmy Blair for president; Cameron McGill for first vice president; and Joel Stephens for second vice president. (Contributed photos)

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Welcome to Greensboro, and welcome to the 184th annual meeting of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

Our meeting in Greensboro is part of a legacy that has spanned many decades of dedicated Baptists who leave their towns and cities and congregate together in one place to worship, pray, fellowship and conduct the business of our convention. It is my distinct honor to welcome you, one and all. I pray that you, along with me and our officers, will experience the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ in these days.

Many opportunities await you over the next couple of days. We will be worshipping with messages and music that will be uplifting and challenging. We will be focusing on allowing the Lord to do “Greater Things” through our lives for His Kingdom. We will conduct the business affairs of the convention, but for me one of the best parts of any annual meeting is the reports we hear from our agencies and committees. It is here where we see the real work of N.C. Baptists.

I am excited that on Monday night we will have a presentation from Michael Blackwell and our N.C. Baptist Children’s Homes. This is always a very special time, and you will be richly blessed to be here for that. I will be bringing the president’s address on Monday night, Milton Hollifield our executive director-treasurer will be reporting to us, and we will close out our annual meeting hearing from one of the most recognized names in all of Baptist life, Jonathan Falwell, senior pastor of Thomas Roads Baptist Church in Lynchburg, Va. It promises to be a great time of spiritual uplifting, and I am personally glad you are here.

Our convention officers and staff are thrilled to be leading you in these next days, so pray for us as we lead. I will pray for you as we assemble – but most of all, may we enter the halls of this convention with open hearts and minds, ready for our Lord to do “Greater Things” in and through us in these days.

C.J. Bordeaux, president
Baptist State Convention of North Carolina

Join in worship, reconnect with friends

Welcome to the 184th annual meeting of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina (BSC). During our annual gatherings, we seek to accomplish several things, including the election of officers, consideration of committee reports, adoption of a budget for 2015 and other items of business. However, the annual meeting is first and foremost a celebration. As we gather, we celebrate all that God has accomplished through the missions and ministries of the convention this year.



MILTON A. HOLLIFIELD JR.
BSC executive
director-treasurer

The theme of this annual meeting is “Greater Things” and is taken from John 14:12, which states, “*He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do.*” I pray that as we celebrate all that God has accomplished in 2014, we will seek His face, submit ourselves to Him afresh and

anew, and ask Him to accomplish even greater things through us in 2015.

I look forward to sharing with you about the progress we are making in the new convention strategy, titled “Impacting Lostness Through Disciple-making.” I believe God is challenging us to reach and disciple

individuals in our sphere of influence, including the next generation within our own families. I rejoice in the reports I receive about the ways God is at work among our churches.

People are coming to know Christ, discipleship is taking place with new enthusiasm, and we are taking the first steps necessary to facilitate a disciple-making culture in many of our churches. We are identifying more unreached and unengaged people who are coming from around the world to make North Carolina their home. Church congregations are asking God to begin a movement that will result in a multiplication of disciples who make disciples, who make disciples.

You have opportunity to enjoy great worship services on Monday and Tuesday evening. Visit your BSC staff, as well as representatives from both our state and national convention entities and other vendors in the exhibit hall.

Take time to visit with friends, reconnect or even connect for the first time with other N.C. Baptists and pray – pray for God to do a life-changing work within us that will be evident to others in communities where we live, work and play. Pray that He will draw us closer to Himself and closer to one another in order that together, we might impact lostness through disciple-making for His glory!

Milton A. Hollifield Jr.
Executive director-treasurer

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Resolution of continued support

This resolution has been submitted by David Gasperson, pastor of Warsaw Baptist Church, and will be voted on at the annual meeting of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina Nov. 10-11 in Greensboro:

Whereas the Southern Baptist Convention and North American Mission Board have adopted a strategy for reaching the unchurched in North America by increasing their focus on the greatest concentrations of unreached and underserved people groups in the largest metropolitan areas of North America through its “Send Cities” approach, and

Whereas the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina has adopted a strategy entitled “Impacting Lostness Through Disciple Making” which

identifies the 100 greatest pockets of lostness in North Carolina clustered primarily in 8 population areas in the state, and has committed to implement this strategy starting in those population areas, and

Whereas Acts 1:8 commands us to reach those in “Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the uttermost parts of the earth,” and

Whereas we as North Carolina Baptists recognize that our Jerusalem and Judea encompasses all of the state of North Carolina, and

Whereas the stated mission of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina is to assist all of our churches in fulfilling their divinely appointed missions, and

Whereas it is clear that the major-

ity of North Carolina Baptist churches are now plateaued or declining in both urban and rural settings, and

Whereas we recognize the value of every lost soul, whether residing in an urban or rural area of our state and the importance of strengthening and resourcing churches in every area of our state,

Be it resolved that we, the messengers of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, meeting in Greensboro November 10-11, 2014 acknowledge the great need to address lostness in both North Carolina and North America, and furthermore

Be it resolved that we affirm the strategy of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina that begins in the 8 population areas containing the 100

greatest pockets of lostness, but is not limited to working in those 8 population areas, and furthermore

Be it resolved that we encourage the leadership of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina to continue engaging, supporting and equipping churches and associations in areas outside of the identified eight population areas so that disciples will be made across this state and churches might experience revitalization in both urban and rural areas, and finally

Be it resolved that we commit ourselves to renewed prayer for spiritual awakening across this great state that Christ might be exalted and millions of lives in both urban and rural settings might be transformed for the glory of God the Father.

Annual Meeting schedule

Messengers to the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina (BSC) will gather Nov. 10-11 at the Koury Convention Center in Greensboro. Visit ncannualmeeting.org or brnow.org for more information.

Monday evening, Nov. 10

2:00 p.m. Exhibits and Registration Open

6:00 Reflective Worship

6:15 Worship Concert – Vertical Generation, Youth Worship Choir, Calvary Baptist Church, Winston-Salem

6:30 Call to Order – Conley J. Bordeaux Sr.
Pledges (American & Christian flags, Bible)
Committee on Convention Meetings
Prayer – James David Gailliard

6:55 Greetings
N.C. Baptist Men Partnerships
BSC Great Commission Partnerships

7:10 Theme Interpretation Video
Jackson Ussery and Rebecca Brambila

7:25 Baptist Children's Homes – Michael Blackwell

7:50 Worship through Music – Vertical Generation

8:10 Introduction of President – Timmy D. Blair Sr.
Special Music – Darrell J. Bordeaux

8:15 President's Address – Conley J. Bordeaux Sr.

8:45 Closing Prayer – Jeff Broadwell

Tuesday morning, Nov. 11

7:30 a.m. Listening Sessions

2015 Budget Proposal (Pinehurst)

Proposed Bylaw Amendments (Turnberry)

8:00 Exhibits and registration open
(exhibits close at 7:30 p.m.)

8:30 Call to Worship – The Ambassadors

8:45 Call to Order – Conley J. Bordeaux Sr.
Prayer – Linda Blackburn

8:50 Theme Interpretation – Robert J. Peters III

9:00 Worship through Prayer – Robert J. Peters III

9:10 Worship through Music – The Ambassadors

9:20 Board of Directors Report – Michael Barrett
Impacting Lostness through Disciple-Making
Milton A. Hollifield Jr.

10:00 Music – The Ambassadors

10:05 Miscellaneous Business

10:20 Election of Officers (Fixed Order of Business)
President

10:30 Board of Directors Report – Michael Barrett

11:00 Institution & Agency Reports
North Carolina Baptist Foundation
Biblical Recorder

North Carolina Baptist Hospital
North Carolina Baptist Aging Ministry

11:30 Closing Prayer – David Gasperson

Tuesday afternoon, Nov. 11

1:15 p.m. Call to Order – Conley J. Bordeaux Sr.
Prayer – Jonas Perez

1:20 Greeting – LifeWay Christian Resources

1:25 Theme Interpretation – Noah Crowe

1:30 Worship through Prayer – Noah Crowe

1:35 Worship through Music – Kenny Lamm

1:40 Election of Officers
First & Second Vice President

1:50 North Carolina Baptist Men/Baptists
on Mission – Richard Brunson

2:05 Convention Committee Reports
Committee on Nominations
Committee on Resolutions and Memorials
Historical Committee

2:20 Music – Kenny Lamm

2:25 Board of Directors Report (Fixed Order of
Business) – Michael Barrett
Proposed 2015 Budget for BSC and NCMO
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2:55 Breakout Sessions Promotion – Lynn Sasser

3:00 Closing prayer – Angela Honeycutt

3:15 First Breakout Session (see list, page 20)

4:15 Second Breakout Session (see list, page 20)

Tuesday evening, Nov. 11

6:45 Call to Worship – N.C. Baptist Singers and
Orchestra

7:15 Call to Order – Conley J. Bordeaux Sr.
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of the SBC: Call to Columbus
Prayer – Perry K. Brindley III

7:20 Greetings – International Mission Board,
North American Mission Board

7:35 Evaluation

7:40 Presentation of Officers

7:45 Greater Things Worship Service
Worship Leaders – N.C. Baptist Singers and
Orchestra

Convention Sermon – Jonathan Falwell

Prayer – Henry S. (Sandy) Beck III

Other events during annual meeting

Each year messengers gather for the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina (BSC) annual meeting. This is a list of some of the meetings that are occurring.

● **Pray Greensboro: prayer walking**
Nov. 10 in Greensboro. Teams should have already registered and received information about where to meet.

● **North Carolina Baptist Ministers' Wives** Annual Meeting meets Nov. 10 9-11:30 a.m. at the Koury Convention Center in Greensboro. The room is Guilford G.

● **N.C. Baptist International Missionary Fellowship** plans to meet Nov. 10 from 10:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. at

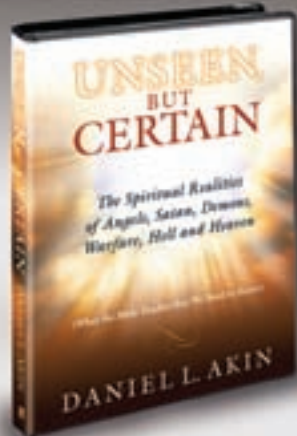
Lindley Park Baptist Church in Greensboro. Christian books and Bibles will be collected to share with ministry areas overseas. The fellowship will also be collecting funds to add to its scholarship fund.

● **Great Commission Partnerships Ice Cream Social** will meet Nov. 10 after the evening service of the annual meeting in Guilford G of the Koury Convention Center.

● **Heavenly Banquet** meets Nov. 11 at noon in Guilford G of the Koury Convention Center.

● **SEBTS Alumni Luncheon** will be Nov. 12 from noon until 1:15 p.m. at the Sheraton Greensboro.

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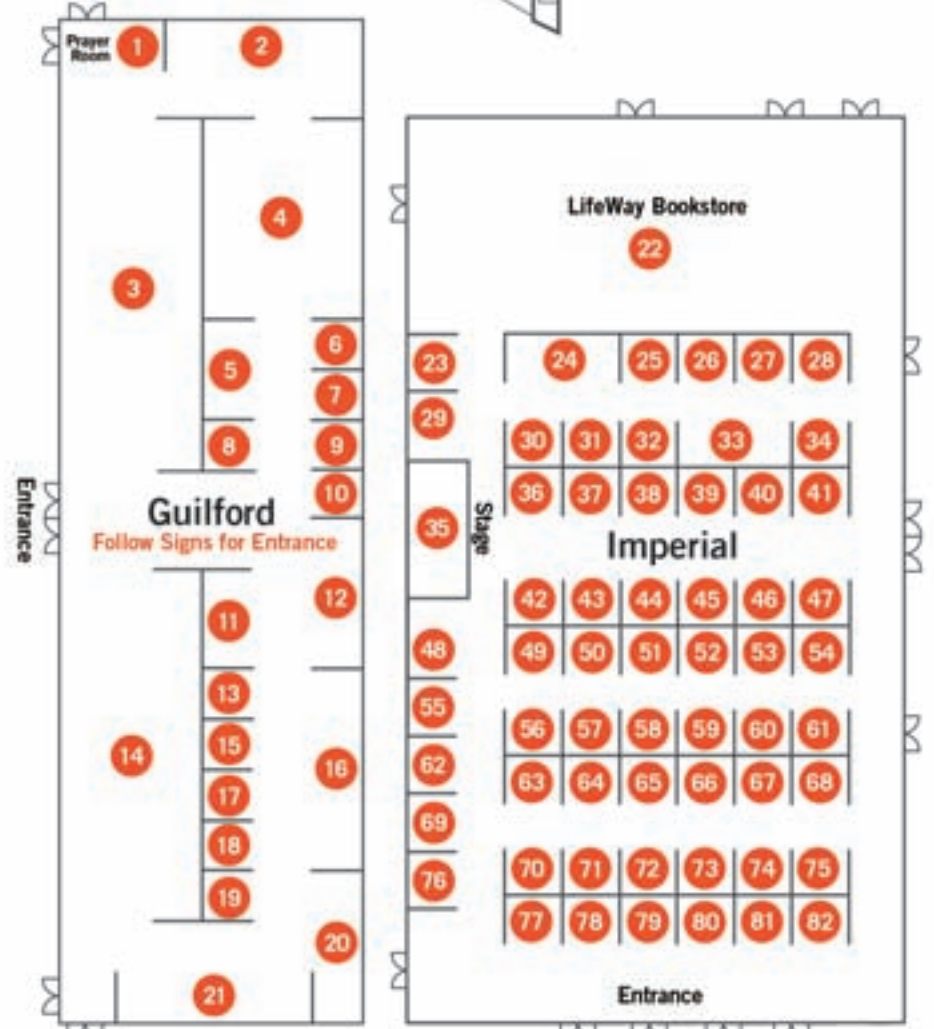
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2014 summary for proposed BSC bylaw amendments

BSC Communications

The Board of Directors (Board) will present to the messengers attending the 2014 annual meeting of the Baptist State Convention (Convention) proposed amendments to the Convention's bylaws for consideration. The proposed amendments are encapsulated in six (6) motions. A brief description of each motion is found below. The current reading and proposed reading for each affected bylaw is found here (p. 6, 8, 10, 12). Please note that no changes are proposed for the Convention's Articles of Incorporation, only for its Bylaws.

Motion 1 – These amendments focus on the work of the Resolutions and Memorials Committee and the submission of resolutions for consideration during the annual meeting of the Convention. Increasingly, some messengers are bypassing the Resolutions and Memorials Committee and are bringing resolutions directly to the floor of the Convention during miscellaneous business. In those cases, messengers are called upon to

consider resolutions that have not been vetted by the Resolutions and Memorials Committee. Such resolutions may or may not be artfully drafted. The messengers have not had time to prayerfully consider the resolutions. Such actions can consume time that might be devoted to other matters requiring the attention of messengers. These amendments attempt to bring more order to what has been at times a chaotic procedure with emergency meetings of the Resolutions and Memorials Committee or efforts by parliamentarians and others to assist the messenger presenting the resolution with clarification and editing of the resolution. These amendments would eliminate surprise resolutions and require a messenger to go through the Resolutions and Memorials Committee for consideration of the resolution; the amendments also provide a procedure for messengers to present any resolution that is not proposed by the Resolutions and Memorials Committee.

Motion 2 – These amendments seek to address the difficulties that arise when a regular meeting of the Board is

cancelled. The members of the Board experienced complications that arose following the cancellation of the January 2014 meeting. In the past, the shortened meeting of the Board at Caswell in September 2010 due to an approaching tropical storm created numerous challenges. The January and September meetings are critical because cancellation of these meetings impacts the work of the various committees of the Board, the Convention's Committee on Nominations, and proposals requiring Board action prior to consideration by messengers at the annual meeting in November. These amendments provide a means for the existing leaders to continue to serve and for the Board to convene for substitute regular meetings in the event any of its scheduled meetings are cancelled due to inclement weather, disaster, or similar emergency circumstances.

Motion 3 – This change addresses a request made by the Committee on Nominations regarding the need for clarification on the eligibility of certain individuals being considered for service on the Convention's Board of Directors.

Motion 4 – This amendment removes language that has persisted from the time when the current Christian Life and Public Affairs Committee was a council of the Convention. The deletion brings consistency among committee responsibilities.

Motion 5 – These changes update the names referenced in these sections.

Motion 6 – These amendments bring consistency to the current language regarding the trustees of North Carolina Baptist Hospital (Hospital). Currently, some provisions in this section apply to all trustees serving on the board of the Hospital; other provisions only apply to trustees elected by the Convention. To achieve consistent application of these provisions, the amendments will apply these provisions only to trustees elected by the Convention. The Hospital has been electing half of the trustees since the late 1990s.

If you have any questions, concerns or comments please feel free to contact Brian Davis, associate executive director-treasurer, at bdavis@ncbaptist.org or (800) 395-5102.

Proposed amendments to bylaws of Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc.

Motion 1. *The Board of Directors moves that Article I.C.6.c. be deleted in its entirety with the following language substituted in its place.*

Current Reading:

When considering the resolutions, the committee shall observe the following procedures:

- (i) All resolutions shall be submitted to the committee in writing no later than September 10 prior to the annual meeting of the Convention in which the proposed resolution is to be considered. The committee shall consider all resolutions submitted. The committee shall provide notice in the *Biblical Recorder* in at least one (1) issue with a publication date more than fourteen (14) days in advance of the meeting of the Convention of when and where the resolution will be available on the Convention's website and may also be available on the *Biblical Recorder's* website. Those resolutions to be presented to the Convention shall appear on the Convention's website and may also be available on the *Biblical Recorder's* website, beginning at least fourteen (14) days in advance of the meeting of the Convention and to remain on such website(s) through the commencement of such meeting of the Convention. Exceptions to prior publication may be made in the case of emergency resolutions dealing with matters such as national disasters, public tragedies, or late developments. Also, by two-thirds (2/3) vote of the messengers present and voting at the Convention the rules may be suspended and a resolution taken up for immediate consideration.

(ii) The committee may:

- a. reword resolutions for clarity,
- b. combine like issues into one resolution, or
- c. reject resolutions which have been previously addressed or are inappropriate.

(iii) The committee shall notify those submitting resolutions of the disposition thereof. Where possible, notification shall be made prior to the Convention.

Proposed Reading:

When considering properly submitted resolutions, the committee and messengers shall observe the following procedures:

- (i) All resolutions proposed by individuals shall be submitted to the committee in writing no later than September 10 prior to the annual meeting of the Convention at which the proposed resolution is to be considered. The committee shall consider all resolutions submitted. Those resolutions to be presented to the Convention by the committee shall appear on the Convention's website and may also be available on the *Biblical Recorder's* website, beginning at least fourteen (14) days in advance of the meeting of the Convention and to remain on such website(s) through the commencement of such meeting of the Convention. The committee shall

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- provide notice in the *Biblical Recorder* in at least one (1) issue with a publication date more than fourteen (14) days in advance of the meeting of the Convention of when and where the resolution(s) to be presented to the Convention will be available on the Convention's website and may also be available on the *Biblical Recorder's* website. Exceptions to prior publication by the committee may be made in the case of emergency resolutions dealing with matters such as national disasters, public tragedies, or late developments.
- (ii) The committee may:
- reword resolutions for clarity,
 - combine like issues into one resolution, or
 - reject resolutions which have been previously addressed or are inappropriate.
- (iii) The committee shall notify those submitting resolutions of the disposition thereof no later than September 30.
- (iv) In the event that the committee rejects in whole a resolution proposed by an individual who is a member of a cooperating church, then such individual who had submitted the resolution to the committee may seek to present the resolution for consideration by the messengers at the meeting of the Convention provided the following requirements are met:
- Such individual shall deliver to the Board Secretary the text of such resolution twenty-one (21) days in advance of the meeting of the Convention so that it will be available on the Convention's website beginning at least fourteen (14) days in advance of the meeting of the Convention and to remain on the website through the commencement of such meeting of the Convention. In addition, the text of the resolution may also be available on the *Biblical Recorder's* website.
 - Such individual, at their own expense, provides notice in the *Biblical Recorder* in at least one issue with a publication date more than fourteen (14) days in advance of the meeting of the Convention that such resolution's text will be available on the Convention's website and may also be available on the *Biblical Recorder's* website.
 - Such individual is registered as a messenger and is recognized during Miscellaneous Business to move that such resolution be considered by the messengers.
 - By a vote of two-thirds of the messengers present and voting at the meeting, the messengers determine that such resolution should be taken up immediately contrary to the decision of the committee.
- (v) If a resolution was not properly submitted to the committee, a messenger shall not be allowed to

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present it from the floor of the Convention at the meeting.

Motion 2. *The Board of Directors moves that Article II.E.1., Article II.E.2., Article II.F.2. and Article II.F.6.a. be deleted in their entirety and the following language substituted in their respective places.*

Current Reading:

E. Meetings of the Board

1. Regular and Special Meetings. The Board shall have three (3) regular meetings, scheduled as follows: The first and third meetings shall be in January and September on the Tuesday and Wednesday following the fourth Sunday. The mid-year meeting shall be on the Tuesday and Wednesday following the third Sunday of May, or a more convenient date recommended by the Executive Director-Treasurer and Board President and voted on by the Executive Committee in its March meeting. Special meetings of the Board may be called by the Executive Director-Treasurer and the President of the Board or by request from a majority of the Board members.

2. Notice of Meetings. Regular meetings of the Board may be held without notice, unless the May meeting date is changed in accordance with these Bylaws. The person or persons calling a special meeting of the Board shall, at least fourteen (14) days before the meeting, give notice thereof, specifying the purpose for which the meeting is called, by any usual means of communication of which is capable of being confirmed by the Board Secretary. Any member of the Board may waive notice of any meeting held without proper call or notice, either before or after the meeting is held. Attendance by a member of the Board at a meeting shall constitute a waiver of notice of such meeting, except where a Board member attends a meeting for the purpose of objection to the transaction of any business because the meeting is not lawfully called. Failure of a member of the Board who did not attend a meeting held without proper call or notice to file with the Board Secretary his or her written objection to the holding of the meeting or to any specific action taken promptly after having knowledge of the action taken and of the insufficiency of notice shall constitute ratification of the action taken at the meeting.

F. Board Committees and Special Committees

2. Committee Meetings. The Business Services Special Committee, Christian Higher Education Special Committee, Christian Life and Public Affairs Special Committee, Christian Social Services Special Committee, Church Planting and Missions Partnerships Committee, Communications Committee, and Evangelism and Discipleship Committee shall meet for organizational purposes at the January meeting of the Board, at which time they shall elect a Chairperson. All committees will meet at other times as specified or as called by the committee Chairperson, the Executive Director-Treasurer or the Executive Leader, except that the Executive Committee shall meet at least once per quarter or at such other times as may be called by the Executive Director-Treasurer or the President of the Board, or both. The person or persons calling a committee meeting (other than the January meeting for organizational purposes) shall, at least seven (7) days before the meeting, give notice thereof, specifying the purpose for which the meeting is called, by any usual means of communication of which is capable of being confirmed by the Board Secretary.

6. Executive Committee.

a. Composition. . . .

The committee as constituted the previous year shall remain intact until the January meeting of the Board with the exception of the newly elected Convention officers. The committee shall be reconstituted during the January Board meeting.

Proposed Reading:

E. Meetings of the Board

1. Regular and Special Meetings. The Board shall have three (3) regular meetings, scheduled as follows: The first and third meetings shall be in January and September on the Tuesday and Wednesday following the fourth Sunday. The mid-year meeting shall be on the Tuesday and Wednesday following the third Sunday of May, or a more convenient date recommended by the Executive Director-Treasurer and Board President and voted on by the Executive Committee in its March meeting. In the event that any regular meeting of the Board is postponed due to inclement weather, the threat of inclement weather or other emergency circumstances, that would prevent a quorum from assembling due to the travel conditions, then the Executive Director-Treasurer and the President of the Board may call a substitute regular meeting of the Board. Special meetings of the Board may be called by the Executive Director-Treasurer and the President of the Board or by request from a majority of the Board members.

2. Notice of Meetings. Regular meetings of the Board may be held without notice, unless the mid-year meeting date is changed in accordance with these Bylaws. In the event that the Executive Committee moves the date of the mid-year meeting of the Board, then the Board Secretary shall give notice of the new date of the Board meeting no less than thirty (30) days prior to the commencement of the mid-year meeting of the Board. In the event that the Executive Director-Treasurer and the President of the Board call a substitute regular meeting due to the postponement of a regular meeting as set forth above, then the Board Secretary shall, at least seven (7) days before the meeting, give notice thereof to the Board by any usual means of communication which is capable of being confirmed by the Board Secretary. The person or persons calling a special meeting of the Board shall, at least fourteen (14) days before the meeting, give notice thereof, specifying the purpose for which the meeting is called, by any usual means of communication which is capable of being confirmed by the Board Secretary. Any member of the Board may waive notice of any meeting held without proper call or notice, either before or after the meeting is held. Attendance by a member of the Board at a meeting shall constitute a waiver of notice of such meeting, except where a Board member attends a meeting for the purpose of objection to the transaction of any business because the meeting is not lawfully called. Failure of a member of the Board who did not attend a meeting held without proper call or notice to file with the Board Secretary his or her written objection to the holding of the meeting or to any specific action taken promptly after having knowledge of the action taken and of the insufficiency of notice shall constitute ratification of the action taken at the meeting.

F. Board Committees and Special Committees

2. Committee Meetings. The Business Services Special Committee, Christian Higher Education Special Committee, Christian Life and Public Affairs Special Committee, Christian Social Services Special Committee, Church Planting and Missions Partnerships Committee, Communications Committee, and Evangelism and Discipleship Committee shall meet for organizational purposes at the January meeting of the Board, at which time they shall elect a Chairperson. Such Chairperson shall serve until their successors have been duly elected and qualified. All committees will meet at other times as specified or as called by the committee Chairperson, the Executive Director-Treasurer or the Executive Leader, except that the Executive Committee shall meet at least once per quarter or at such other times as may be called by the Executive Director-Treasurer or the President of the Board, or both. The person or persons calling a committee meeting (other than the January meeting for organizational purposes) shall, at least seven (7) days before the meeting, give notice thereof, specifying the purpose for which the meeting is called, by any usual means of communication of which is capable of being confirmed by the Board Secretary.

6. Executive Committee.

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The committee as constituted the previous year shall remain intact until the January meeting of the Board with the exception of the newly elected Convention officers. The members of the Committee shall serve until their successors have been duly elected and qualified.

Motion 3. *The Board of Directors moves that Article II.B.1. be deleted in its entirety with the following language substituted in its place.*

Current Reading:

B. Election of At-Large Members of the Board of Directors

1. Qualifications. All at-large members of the Board shall be active members of cooperating churches as defined in Article VI.A.3. of the Articles. No one who is employed by the Convention or any institution, agency or affiliated educational institutions of the Convention, whether the salary be total or supplemented, shall be eligible for at-large membership on the Board or as an at-large member (other than an ex-officio member) of any special Committee of the Board.

Proposed Reading:

B. Election of At-Large Members of the Board of Directors

1. Qualifications. All at-large members of the Board shall be active members of cooperating churches as defined in Article VI.A.3. of the Articles. No one who is employed by the Convention, or any institution or agency of the Convention as described in Article III.A.(1) below, or any affiliated educational institution of the Convention, whether the salary be total or supplemented, shall be eligible for at-large membership on the Board or as an at-large member (other than an ex-officio member) of any special Committee of the Board.

Motion 4. *The Board of Directors moves that Article II.F.II.c.(iii),(iv), and (v) be deleted in their entirety and the following language substituted in their respective places.*

Current Reading:

- (iii) Shall designate three of its members for nomination as trustees of the Christian Action League and shall cooperate with the Christian Action League in its efforts to combat addictive substances and other social evils;
- (iv) Shall work, in cooperation with the Convention staff person assigned to the Committee, to promote the Convention’s position on Christian social ethics with the applicable legislative and executive branches, including the General Assembly of North Carolina, for the benefit of North Carolina Baptists; and
- (v) Shall recommend to the Associate Executive Director-Treasurer the budget for the work of the committee.

Proposed Reading:

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Motion 5. *The Board of Directors moves that (1) in the title of Article II.G., the word “Institute” be deleted with the word “College” substituted in its place; and*

(2) in Article III.A., the name “Mars Hill College” be deleted with the name “Mars Hill University” substituted in its place.

Motion 6. *The Board of Directors moves that Article III.C.3.,4.,7., and 8. be deleted in their entirety with the following language substituted in their respective places.*

Current Reading:

C. North Carolina Baptist Hospital

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3. At least one-half (1/2) of the trustees of the Hospital shall be residents of the State of North Carolina and members of churches cooperating with the Convention.

4. If for any reason a Hospital trustee elected by the Convention shall cease to be a member of a church cooperating with the Convention or shall remove residence from the State (unless in the latter case the nonresident trustee becomes a member of a church cooperating with a Baptist State Convention affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention, and there would be no more than one-fourth (1/4) of the Hospital trustees who are nonresidents of North Carolina), membership on the Hospital board shall be thereby terminated. Any vacancy on the Hospital board resulting from the departure of a Hospital trustee elected by the Convention, may be filled by a recommendation of the Committee on Nominations to the Executive Committee until the next annual meeting of the Convention, and the Convention shall at its next annual meeting fill the vacancy for the unexpired term.

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7. No individual elected by the Convention shall serve on the Hospital board who at the same time is holding membership on the Board of the Convention or of any other institution, agency of the Convention or affiliated educational institution of the Convention.

8. No individual who is employed, either on a full-time or part-time basis, by the Convention or any institution, agency or affiliated educational institution of the Convention shall be eligible to serve on the board of trustees of the Hospital.

Proposed Reading:

C. North Carolina Baptist Hospital

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3. The trustees of the Hospital elected by the Convention shall be residents of the State of North Carolina and members of churches cooperating with the Convention.

4. If for any reason a Hospital trustee elected by the Convention shall cease to be a member of a church cooperating with the Convention or shall remove residence from the State, membership on the Hospital board shall be thereby terminated. Any vacancy on the Hospital board resulting from the departure of a Hospital trustee elected by the Convention, may be filled by a recommendation of the Committee on Nominations to the Executive Committee until the next annual meeting of the Convention, and the Convention shall at its next annual meeting fill the vacancy for the unexpired term.

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7. No individual elected by the Convention shall serve on the Hospital board who at the same time is holding membership on the Board of the Convention or of any other institution or agency of the Convention or affiliated educational institution of the Convention.

8. No individual who is employed, either on a full-time or part-time basis, by the Convention, any institution or agency of the Convention, or affiliated educational institution of the Convention shall be eligible to be elected by the Convention to serve on the board of trustees of the Hospital.



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K. ALLAN BLUME
Editor

As I travel around the state I am amazed at the large number of Baptists who do not know there is a news agency for North Carolina Baptists. They are not getting the news and information that supports the work of the local church and guides them through the maze of challenging cultural clashes. Many are clueless when it comes to the massive impact of the ministries they support across the state and around the world.

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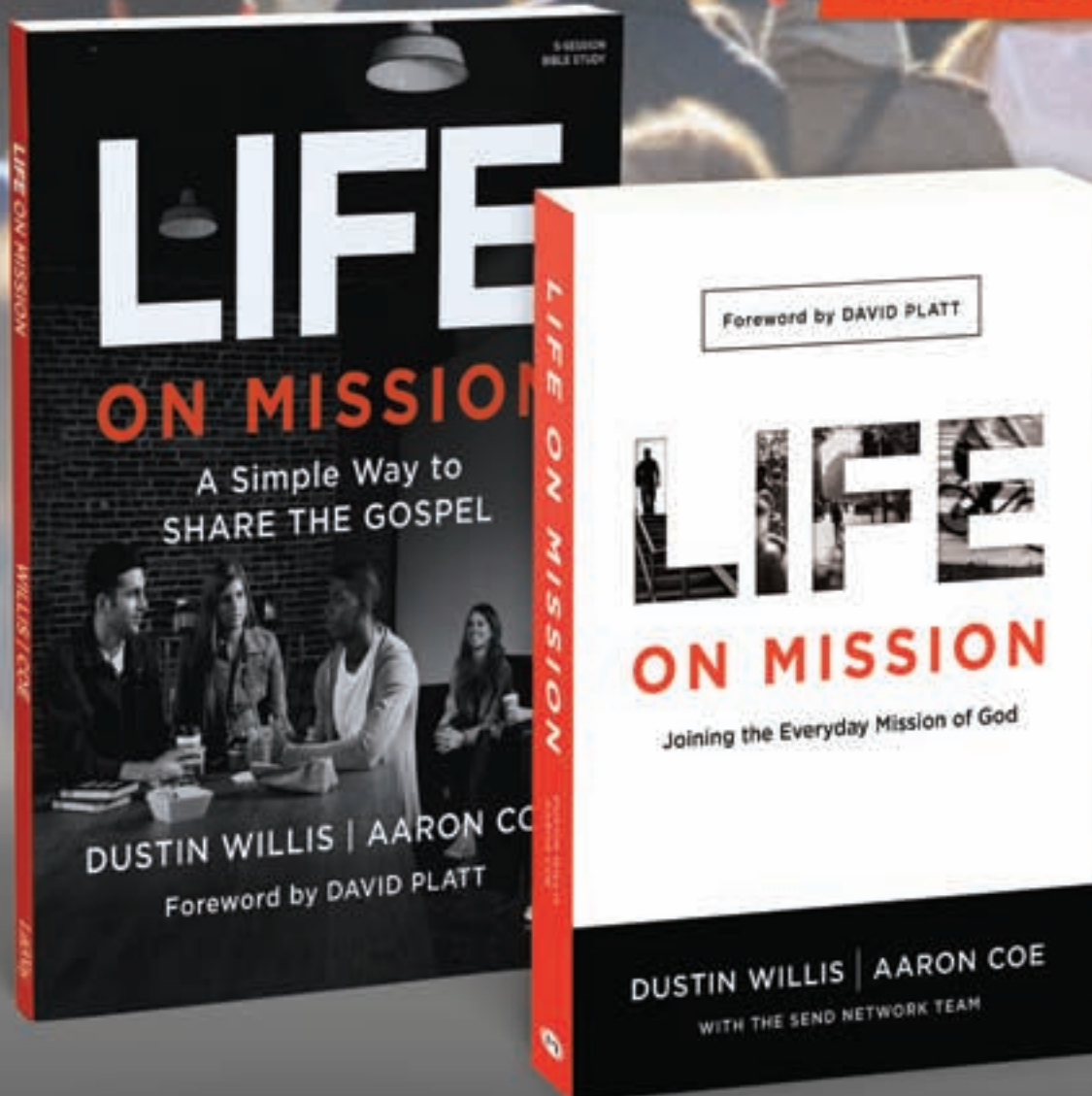
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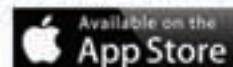
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Churches, same-sex marriage seminar before annual meeting

BSC Communications

Pastors and other congregational leaders interested in developing a gospel-centered response to same-sex marriage are invited to a seminar being held in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina (BSC).

On Nov. 10, North Carolina Baptists have the opportunity to meet with Lynn Buzzard, retired professor from the Norman Adrian Wiggins School of Law at Campbell University.

Buzzard will lead a discussion related to potential challenges facing churches in light of the recent actions of the Supreme Court of the United States regarding same-sex marriage; these actions have legalized same-sex marriage in North Carolina.

Directors of missions across the state have already received resources developed by BSC staff, in consultation with Buzzard.

The seminar will take place from 3:30-5 p.m. in Auditorium IV, located on the third floor of the Koury Convention Center in Greensboro.

If you have not received a copy of the samples and templates, this document is also available for download from the BSC's Christian Life and Public Affairs blog: <http://blog.ncbaptist.org/clpa/>.

Resolution in support of religious liberty

The Committee on Resolutions and Memorials met via telephone conference call Oct. 30 to consider the "Resolution in Support of Religious Liberty."

The resolution was approved unanimously by the Committee and will be presented at the Annual Meeting Nov. 10-11 as part of the committee's report.

Whereas the Holy Scriptures state, "We must obey God rather than men" (Acts 5:29) and,

Whereas a group of pastors in Houston, Texas, having taken a stand upon this scriptural truth, publicly opposed legislation in their city known as the Houston Equal Rights Ordinance which focuses on gender identity, and

Whereas the legal counsel representing the City of Houston, Texas by issuing subpoenas for the pastors' public opposition to the ordinance, demonstrated a gross misunderstanding of the religious liberty afforded pastors by the Constitution of the United States of America to speak without interference from the governments of this nation, and

Whereas the legal counsel representing the City of Houston, Texas rescinded the subpoenas of these pastors' sermons, emails, texts, and other documents on October 29, 2014, therefore

Be it resolved that the messengers attending the 184th meeting of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina join the growing chorus of voices that support these pastors in Houston, Texas, and the freedom all pastors possess to speak out against

such legislation, and

Be it further resolved that the messengers denounce any government's efforts attempt to intimidate the speech of pastors, and to imply that pastors forfeit their freedom to protest the actions of governments when they enter their pulpits, and

Be it finally resolved that copies of this resolution be sent to the following individuals indicating our shared sentiments as each of these leaders have already signed a letter of protest that was sent to Mayor Parker's office dated October 16, 2014:

SBC Ethics and Religious Liberty Committee President Russell D. Moore,

Baptist Joint Commission Executive Director Brent Walker,

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3 Circles: Life conversation guide

Alvin Reid (Sessions 1 & 2; Colony A)

How many times in everyday conversations do people engage you about their problems or challenges? It's amazing how often people share their heartaches regarding their marriages, children, finances, addictions, depression – you name it. People are hurting, and they need hope. This session will help you learn how to turn conversations about problems to conversations about Jesus.

Children and choices

Cheryl Markland (Session 2; Cedar B)

Life can be viewed as a series of choices: leave or stay, do or don't, obey or disobey. Effective disciple-making with children develops a biblical worldview for decision making throughout life. Join us as we use gospel stories that focus on choices that help children develop a biblical worldview for living life as a disciple of Christ.

The Church Renewal Journey

Bob Foy (Session 2; Cedar C)

The Church Renewal Journey is a lay-led ministry of awakening designed to help focus the congregation on its mission of impacting lostness in its community, nation and around the world. This conference is designed to give an overview of this journey and to show you how your church can get involved.

Engaging unreached people with the gospel

Chuck Register (Session 2; Oak B)

Hear about mission opportunities in East Asia, Southeast Asia and across North Carolina and learn how your church can engage unreached peoples with the gospel.

Greater Things through prayer

J. Chris Schofield (Session 1; Cedar C)

We all can agree that we are in desperate need of God. Biblically and historically, God has always used revival and spiritual awakening to impact lostness and transform the moral and spiritual fiber of churches and communities. This conference examines ways to pray biblically and effectively for God to do greater things through revival and spiritual awakening.

Knowing your community

Shirley Sells (Sessions 1 & 2; Oak C)

MissionInsite provides the most comprehensive community demographic information for missional use in ministry. This includes the ability to view and analyze member presence by neighborhood and view households by social, economic, behavior and religious interests. Learn how to use new technology and community demographic information systems for ministry.

Minister's wives: Fruitful living in Christ

Lesley Hildreth (Session 1; Heritage A)

This session will encourage participants to cultivate a deep relationship with Christ as a source of fruitful living. Our goal will be to help all women live on mission with God through different seasons and stations in life. Whether you are staying at home or working outside the home, raising toddlers or teenagers, serving on a church staff or married to a church staff member, you can bear fruit that will last. Our session is intended to deepen your walk with God and extend your influence in the field He has placed you.

Multiplying my church

Mark Gray & Marcus Redding (Sessions 1 & 2; Olympia)

Reaching the 5.8 million lost in North Carolina will take different kinds of churches to reach different kinds of people. This conference will assist church leaders in identifying unreached people groups in their communities and reveal keys to reaching them with the gospel. Healthy churches multiply and give birth to new congregations that contextualize to reach the unreached. This session will provide handles and perspectives to get the job done.

Step by step disciple-making

Brian Upshaw (Sessions 1 & 2; Colony B)

Disciple-making may be a buzz word in the life of the church today, but biblically it is much more! Every church needs to discover a process to help people take the next step in discipleship – from the not-yet believer to the fully mature follower. In this session we will provide proven techniques for creating a system in your church where disciples are developed and deployed to do greater things for God.

North American mission opportunities

Chuck Register (Session 1; Oak B)

Meet our North American missions partners from New York City, Boston and Toronto and hear how your church can be involved in reaching these major urban centers with the gospel of Christ.

Parenting teenagers with purpose

Merrie Johnson (Session 1; Cedar B)

Parents are still the number one influencers in a teenager's life. Are you leveraging your influence to disciple your teens? What we say matters, but what we do will be what they reproduce. As a parent, are you being purposeful in how you are modeling your faith to your teens?

Stewardship that produces abundant harvest

Neal Eller (Sessions 1 & 2; Bear Creek)

Do you really believe Jesus when He said, "anyone who believes in me will do the same works I have done, and even greater works?" Stewardship that produces abundant harvest is going to require a lot of faith and action on your part as a leader. A new discipleship stewardship resource will be introduced guaranteed to test just that.

Cultivating women who make disciples

Ashley Allen (Session 2; Heritage A)

Jesus clearly gives the Great Commission mandate to all believers – including women. In 2 Timothy 2:2 Paul encouraged Timothy to teach the things he learned from Paul to another person so they could disciple others, too. How can women do the same? This breakout session will provide practical ideas for building relationships with other women in order to make disciples, help those disciples grow in their faith and teach them to make other disciples.

The ethne in North Carolina

Michael Sowers (Session 2; Turnberry)

The face of North Carolina is changing. Our cities are becoming more ethnically diverse, and the church must be ready to engage people who God is bringing to our neighborhoods. This session will help your church see how to discover the people who are coming to our cities, and how to begin the process of engaging people from all over the world.

No campus left

Jonathan Yarboro (Sessions 1 & 2; Heritage B)

There are 591,000 college students in North Carolina. We can't reach all of them by focusing on a small fraction of college campuses. In order to reach them all, we must mobilize missionaries on every single college campus in the state until there is "no campus left" without a gospel presence. This breakout session will introduce how the Collegiate Partnerships Team of the BSC is working with churches across the state toward that end.

Knowing your mission field

Michael Sowers (Session 1; Turnberry)

"Impacting Lostness through Disciple-making" is a great way to describe our task in the community in which we live. However, before we can truly impact lostness, we need to know what our mission field is. This session will help you discover the mission field around you and begin to lay a foundation of a strategy to engage.

Passion, purity and porn

Eddie Thompson (Sessions 1 & 2; Auditorium 1)

Sex is a great gift designed by God to bring a husband and wife together in oneness. But our sexual culture of extremes, including pornography and homosexuality, has impacted families in ways previously unknown. This breakout session will consider real life answers to one of the toughest battles of our time.

The church's mission heart

Patrick Fuller & Larry Phillips (Session 1; Colony C)

This session is to assist churches to think strategically through some foundational mission principles that will equip the church for a holistic and powerful Acts 1:8 mission strategy.

Becoming intercultural

Steve Harris & Larry Phillips (Session 2; Colony C)

This session will assist churches in initiating, developing and sustaining intercultural relationships, body life and ministry.

Groups matter!

Paul Hill (Sessions 1 & 2; Cedar A)

Your Sunday School or small group ministry is a key part of seeing greater things happen in the life and ministry of the church. In this session you will learn proven principles for building Bible-centered, missional classes and groups that make disciples!

Multiple missions opportunities

N.C. Baptists on Mission Staff (Sessions 1 & 2; Oak A)

Your church can be involved in missions locally, across the state and around the world. Come discover the mission adventures available right now!

Revitalizing your church

Antonio Santos (Sessions 1 & 2; Pinehurst)

According to the North American Mission Board, 70-75 percent of Southern Baptist churches in North America are either plateaued or declining. This session will explore various options for revitalizing your congregation.

Committee on Nominations report

The Committee on Nominations is charged with the task of receiving and reviewing the numerous recommendations provided by North Carolina Baptists for service on the Board of Directors and committees of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina as well as the boards of the institutions and agencies of the Convention.

The Committee begins its work with the recommendations sent by North Carolina Baptists and only when exhausted, or in the event that too few recommendations have been received for a specific place of service, the committee seeks to find candidates who meet the qualifications for service as outlined in the Convention bylaws.

The full report from the Committee on Nominations can be found on the Convention's Annual Meeting website, in the edition of the *Biblical Recorder* dated Oct. 11, 2014, on the *Biblical Recorder* website, in this special annual meeting publication and in the Book of Reports provided to each messenger who completes their registration at the Annual Meeting.

On behalf of the Committee members listed below, I want to thank each North Carolina Baptist who completed and submitted a recommendation. It is not too early to begin thinking about those individuals whom you wish to recommend for consideration by the 2015 Committee on Nominations. Please continue to submit your recommendations, as your input is essential to the Committee's work and the ongoing effectiveness of the missions and ministries of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

Charles Martin, Chair

2014 Committee on Nominations members

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The Committee on Nominations report follows the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina's bylaws directive to, "nominate persons for election by the Convention to the committees listed in Article I.C.1 (b) – (d) of these Bylaws, such other committees as may be assigned to it, the chair of such Convention committees, the boards of trustees and directors of all institutions and agencies of the Convention, the Board, and such other nominations as may be delegated to the committee by the Convention."

Among other considerations for nominees, the bylaws state, "It is desirable that at least twenty-five percent (25%) of members nominated to all committees of the Convention, the Board, the boards of trustees and directors of the Convention's institutions and agencies shall come from churches with a membership under four hundred (400)." This is indicated in the Committee's report by (O) for 400 and over and by (U) for under 400 in church membership.

The bylaws further direct that, "The Committee on Nominations shall include in its report at a minimum the name, church, home town, association, occupation and sex of each nominee, the name of the committee or board on which the nominee is to serve together with such summary information as will make clear to this Convention the diversity and breadth of representation provided by the slates of nominees."

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
			
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In order to conduct the business of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina (BSC) certain rules have been established within the BSC governing documents. The introduction and deliberation of business follows Roberts Rules of Order.

To facilitate the consideration of business items, messengers are asked to abide by the guidelines outlined below. It is the desire of the convention's officers to ensure that messengers have the opportunity to bring items for consideration, raise questions, and enter into discussion related to business brought before the convention. Any messenger wishing to clarify the appropriateness of a motion, the appropriate time for the presentation of a motion, or the wording of a motion is encouraged to speak to a parliamentarian or a convention officer.

Resolutions

A resolution has traditionally been defined as an expression of opinions or concerns, as compared to a motion, which calls for action. A resolution is not used to direct any entity of the BSC to specific action. The BSC Bylaws provide that all resolutions are to be submitted to the Committee on Resolutions in writing no later than September 10 prior to the annual meeting in which the proposed resolution is to be considered.

If a resolution has not been previously submitted to the Committee on Resolutions, then the convention may consider a resolution only upon a vote by two-thirds of the messengers to suspend the rules. It is suggested that any messenger desiring to present a resolution from the floor contact a parliamentarian or a convention officer regarding the appropriate procedure.

Making a Motion

A motion calls for a specific action by the BSC. A motion normally begins with, "I move that."

Write the motion legibly. If the motion is spontaneous and you do not have time to write it before presenting it to the convention at a designated microphone, write the motion, as you stated it, before leaving the microphone area.

Avoid any language in your motion that could be construed as mandating an action by a BSC entity. These are typically ruled out of order for legal reasons. Instead, word such motions as requests to the entity.

Go to a floor microphone at a time when motions are being considered. Notify the microphone monitor of your

desire to make a motion. When recognized by the presiding officer, state your name, the name and location of your church, and read your motion. Do not argue the merits of your motion. If your motion receives a second, you will be given the first opportunity to speak on behalf of your motion, after which discussion by others will follow, alternating between opponents and supporters so as to provide a balance of differing perspectives. When you finish speaking, please bring your written motion to the platform.

Point of Order

The purpose of a Point of Order is to call the attention of the chair to a violation of the convention's rules. A Point of Order should be raised only when a member has good reason to believe that the chair has failed to notice and correct a breach of the rules that prevents the proper transaction of business. Because a Point of Order interrupts pending business, it should not be raised merely to point out minor irregularities or as a guise for debating an issue or as a method of obstructing business or harassing the chair. Improper Points of Order will be ruled out of order.

Microphone System

To assist messengers wishing to bring items to the floor of the convention for consideration, as well as the debate of all appropriately presented business, a microphone system is employed during the convention's business sessions.

When messengers approach the microphones they will be asked by the microphone monitor to declare their intent: introducing a motion, speaking for/against a motion already under consideration, or other parliamentary procedures. A computerized sequencing system is employed to register messengers and provide the presiding officer information regarding the nature of a comment.

Messengers will not be recognized by the chair unless they are properly registered at a microphone.

The presiding officer uses the information from the computerized system to guide him as he moderates the debate striving to alternate between messengers wishing to speak for and those wishing to speak against an issue brought before the convention for consideration.

In the event that deliberation of a motion must be interrupted to address a fixed order of business, the computerized sequencing system will retain the order in which messengers have regis-

tered to speak to that motion in order that debate may resume once the fixed order of business has been completed.

Nominations

The Committee on Nominations will publish their full report in the *Biblical Recorder* in at least one issue with a publication date at least four (4) weeks prior to the annual meeting and on the convention's website at least 35 days in advance of the annual meeting. The report will include the name, church, home town, association, occupation, and sex of each nominee as well as the name of the agency, institution or board

to which they are being nominated to serve. The name of any person to be nominated from the floor of the convention and the name or the nominee intended to be displaced shall appear on the Convention's website and may also be available on the *Biblical Recorder's* website beginning at least fourteen (14) days in advance of the meeting. In addition, biographical material relating to any person proposed to be nominated from the floor of the convention shall be given to the institution or agency involved and to the Committee on Nominations at least one (1) week prior to the meeting.

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