

**MINUTES SBRF ANNUAL MEETING
INTERNATIONAL MISSION BOARD, RICHMOND VA
SEPTEMBER 15-17, 2010**

Officers Meeting Sept 15, 4:00 P.M.

Present: Bill Day, president; Jim Haney, program vice-president; Clay Price, secretary-treasurer; Paula Hancock, membership. Absent: Jim Slack, awards; Phil Charpie, newsletter editor/web coordinator.

1. Jim Haney shared with the group that Jim Slack has been recovering from a heart attack suffered in August, but he will be present for the SBRF meeting.
2. Jim began to review the program. Bill Day will open the session with the welcome and introductions. Cary Moss will be able to share housekeeping details. All meals will be in IMB dining room.
3. The group discussed how the research award should be granted this year. Since there are three candidates, one idea was to vote on the recipient following their presentations. However, the officers felt it was more appropriate to select the top project beforehand. Following an earlier recommendation from Jim Slack, the officers voted to grant the research award to Angela Bauman, with honorable mention going to Jonathan Sharp and Joey White. Officers continued to discuss the procedure for identifying research papers. Jim noted the SBRF needed to establish a closer relationship with the Seminary Consortium (IMB—Ron Wilson coordinates this group).
4. Discussion about whether Phil Charpie is going to continue to serve as newsletter/web coordinator. Clay will attempt to call Phil to get the latest. IMB is gearing up to provide a web site for SBRF. Clay noted that the Simply Design waived the hosting fee this year. Cary/IMB will create accounts for all the officers so content can be uploaded—announcements, events, etc. There is a survey option for voting/rendering decisions and we can add a form for contact with SBRF. Cary will move content from current site to new site. Clay will 1) assist in determining what content should be kept, 2) notify Simply Design that SBRF is taking the web site in-house and ending our relationship with them, 3) and secure permission to get access to current content on the old site so it can be moved to the new site. IMB will secure the new site and work with the newsletter editor/web coordinator. Jim gave a brief demonstration of the new site. The officers agreed to ask Richie Stanley assume the role of newsletter editor/web coordinator. *Postscript: Richie decided to forego the role at this time.*
5. Other items for business session: report from Paula on membership and ways to expand knowledge of SBRF (Paula will contact Joy Townsend to get list of Seminary Consortium for potential contacts). Clay will present treasurer's report.
6. Officers' meeting adjourned.

Annual SBRF Business Session Thursday 2:30 P.M.

1. SBRF called into business session by Bill Day.
2. Clay Price brought the financial report. The report showed income of \$750 from dues/registrations and expenses of \$109.70 as payment for a lifetime membership plaque for Clark Scanlon. The balance on hand was \$2,670.23. Additional dues/registration fees will be collected during the session and additional expenses will be distributed for the research award and speaker honorarium. A revised financial report will be attached to these minutes after final bills related to the meeting have been paid.

[Post-SBRF Addendum to Business Meeting—as of December 31, 2010, income was \$1,195 and expenses were \$1,764.26 for a net operating loss of \$569.26. Current balance was \$1,460.67. At this time there are 22 paid members and 9 lifetime members. The \$200 research award was presented to Angie Bauman, NOBTS.]
3. Jim Haney announced plans to move the SBRF web site to the SharePoint tool at IMB. This option will not require a setup fee or monthly hosting fees. SBRF officers will be able to post content although we will continue to have an SBRF officer who will coordinate web activities. Clay will contact Simply Design to let them know SBRF is terminating our license for annual hosting and maintenance of the former site. The sbrf.net web domain name was originally acquired by Lifeway and that domain name has been moved to the IMB for the new site. Note: Simply Design waived the \$150 annual maintenance fee for 2010.
4. Bill Day announced the Sept. 14-16, 2011 meeting will be held at Lifeway in Nashville. The North American Mission Board is the tentative site for September 19-21, 2012. Staff meetings at NAMB will conflict with the 2011 SBRF dates so Paula will check on the possibility of moving the dates to the following week: Sept. 21-23, 2011. SBRF members and contacts will be notified if the dates are changed. *[Post-SBRF Addendum to Business Meeting—original dates Sept. 14-16, 2011 were kept.]*
5. Bill Day asked the group to notify Paula Hancock of potential new members. Paula will follow-up to invite these persons to join the SBRF.
6. Bill Day opened the session to new business.
7. 2010 SBRF business adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Clay Price, SBRF Secretary-Treasurer
September 16, 2010

Attachments: List of 2009-2011 SBRF Officers, 2010 SBRF Meeting Agenda, Constitution, Treasurer's Report

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Southern Baptist Research Fellowship Agenda
September 15-17, 2010, International Mission Board, Richmond VA

Wednesday, September 15, 2010

4:00 PM.....Officers Meeting

6:00 PM..... Dinner (open to early arrivals), all lunches/dinners at IMB, included in registration fee

Thursday, September 16, 2010

Theme: Bridges and Barriers to Multiplying Churches

8:30 AM.....SBRF Registration Begins

9:00 AM.....Welcome, Announcements, and Introductions

10:00 AM.....**Presentation #1** – Dr. Bill Day – Southern Baptists: Where We Are and Who We Are/Are Not Reaching

10:45 AM.....Discussion of Presentation

11:00 AM.....Break

11:30 AM.....**Presentation #2** – Jim Slack – Bleeders and Barriers to Mission Movements

12:30 PM.....Lunch

1:30 PM.....**Presentation #3** – Lizette Beard – Overview for Receptivity and Best Practices of Evangelism and Church Planting Work among First Generation Immigrants in North America

2:15 PM.....Discussion of Presentation

2:30 AM.....Business Meeting of SBRF

3:00 PM.....Break

3:30 PM.....Jim Haney – Criteria for Consideration of Research Studies for Recognition

4:00 PM.....**Award Candidate Presentation #1** – Joey White – A Historical Examination of Southern Baptist Church Planting in San Diego County, California [Joey unable to attend SBRF]

4:30 PM..... **Award Candidate Presentation #2** – Jonathan Sharp – A Qualitative Study of Selected Aspects of Ecclesiology with the Baptist Convention of Western Cuba

5:00 PM..... **Award Candidate Presentation #3** – Angela Bauman – Distinguishing Characteristics of Evangelistic Youth Ministries in Southern Baptist Churches

5:30 PM.....SBRF Banquet and Awards Presentation

6:30 PM..... **Presentation #4** – Charles Price – Strategic Initiatives in San Antonio Baptist Association in Facilitating Kingdom Growth

Friday, September 17, 2010

9:00 AM.....**Presentation #5** – Ken Sterling – The Church That Reaches Grandkids

9:45 AM.....Discussion of Presentation

10:00 AM.....Break

10:30 AM.....**Presentation #6** – Eugenia Frieburger –Governance in Multi-site Churches

11:15 AM.....Discussion of Presentation

11:30 AM.....SBRF Open Forum Session

12:30 PM..... Lunch and Close of SBRF Annual Meeting

Presenters

Angela Bauman - Graduate Student, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary

Lizette Beard - Lifeway

Bill Day - Professor of Evangelism and Church Health, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary

Eugenia Frieburger - Virginia Baptist Mission Board

Charles Price - San Antonio Baptist Association

Jonathan Sharp - Graduate student, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary

Jim Slack - Field Services and Assessment Consultant, Global Research IMB

Ken Sterling - New Zion Baptist Church, Covington, Louisiana

Joey White – Graduate student, Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary

CONSTITUTION OF THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP

ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of the organization shall be The Southern Baptist Research Fellowship.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSES AND OBJECTIVES

The purpose of this organization is to provide an informal forum for Southern Baptists with professional interests in and/or assignments for religious research.

The objectives of this Fellowship are:

1. To contribute to the development of a more comprehensive understanding of the scientific study of religion, church and denomination;
2. To stimulate the development of basic research skills through the sharing of research efforts and data bases;
3. To further the understanding of the role of research skills through the sharing of research efforts and data bases;
4. To promote maximum use and the practical application of religious research in the work of the conventions and their agencies, associations, and local churches, particularly in development and evaluation of programs;
5. To provide a supporting fellowship for members and to give recognition for outstanding professional achievement.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Members

The members of the Fellowship shall be, upon receipt of annual dues,

1. Interested employees of any Southern Baptist church, association, state convention agency, or convention agency engaged in the work of religious research or statistics;
2. Interested employees of any Southern Baptist church, association, state convention agency, or convention wide agency whose work includes the use of religious research or statistics; or
3. Other interested Southern Baptists whose work relates to the execution or use of religious research or statistics.

Section 2. Charter Members

A charter member of the Fellowship is any person enrolled as a member before the end of June, 1979.

ARTICLE IV - OFFICERS

Section 1. Officers

The officers of the Fellowship shall be the president, the program vice-president, the membership vice-president, the newsletter editor/web coordinator, the secretary-treasurer, and the awards chairperson. The term for all offices shall be two years.

Section 2. Election

The officers shall be elected at an annual meeting of the Fellowship. In case of a vacancy between the annual meetings, the Administrative Committee shall appoint a person to fulfill the unexpired term.

ARTICLE V - DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS

The duties of the offices shall be as follows:

1. President: The president will preside at all regular and called meetings, serve as chairperson of the Administrative Committee, serve as an ex officio member of all committees, and perform other duties required of the office.
2. Program Vice-President: The program vice-president shall preside at the meetings of the Fellowship as requested by the president and shall serve as chairperson of the program committee. The program vice-president will automatically succeed the president.

3. Membership Vice-President: The membership vice-president will serve as chairperson of the membership enlistment committee.
4. Newsletter Editor/Web Coordinator: The Research News Bulletin editor will be responsible for editing and distributing a research news bulletin. As Web Coordinator, coordinate SBRF web presence on the Web including hosting, design, content, and technical issues; serve as chairperson of the web committee.
5. Secretary-Treasurer: The secretary-treasurer shall keep all records and care for all fund of the Fellowship. An annual audit report shall be made to the Fellowship.
6. Awards Chairperson: The awards chairperson shall serve as chairperson of the awards committee.

ARTICLE VI - COMMITTEES

Section 1. Standing Committees

The standing committees of the Fellowship shall be as follows:

1. Administrative Committee: The Administrative Committee shall be composed of all of the officers of the Fellowship. It shall act for the Fellowship between sessions.
2. Program Committee: The Program Committee shall be composed of a chairperson and two members named by the Administrative Committee. It shall develop and publicize agendas for annual and special meetings of the Fellowship.
3. Membership Committee: The Membership Committee shall be composed of a chairperson and two members named by the Administrative Committee. It shall actively recruit members for the Fellowship in keeping with the constitutional provisions.
4. Awards Committee: The Awards Committee shall be composed of a chairperson and two members named by the Administrative Committee. It shall supervise an awards program in recognition of outstanding professional achievements of the members.
5. Web Committee: The Web Committee shall be composed of a chairperson and two members named by the Administrative Committee. The Web Committee shall coordinate all aspects of SBRF presence on the Web.

Section 2. Ad Hoc Committees

Ad Hoc Committees may be appointed by the president on approval of the Administrative Committee and/or the Fellowship.

ARTICLE VII - MEETINGS

1. Annual meeting: The Fellowship will hold an annual meeting at a place and time to be recommended by the Administrative Committee. The meeting sites should be reasonably accessible and economical. The time and place may be changed by the Administrative Committee, provided all members are notified at least thirty (30) days in advance.
2. Budget for annual meeting: The Administrative Committee shall budget an amount of money for the annual meeting in time for the program Committee to take it in consideration in its planning.
3. Special meetings: The Fellowship may vote any special meeting of the group, or the Administrative Committee may call special meetings, provided all members are notified in advance.

ARTICLE VIII - FINANCES

1. An annual budget shall be prepared by the Administrative Committee.
2. An annual audit of the secretary-treasurer's report shall be prepared by an Audit Committee to be appointed by the president and approved by the Administrative Committee.
3. Membership dues shall be determined by the fellowship, with annual review by the Administrative Committee.

ARTICLE IX - CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAW CHANGES

The Constitution may be amended at annual meetings of the Fellowship, provided at least two-thirds of all members present approve the changes. By-laws may be added or amended by a simple majority of all members present at the meeting.

**SOUTHERN BAPTIST RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP
FINANCIAL REPORT**

	2010 Richmond IMB	2009 Kansas City MWBTS	2008 Louisville SBTS	2007 Fort Worth SWBTS	2006 New Orleans NOBTS	2005 Fort Worth SWBTS	2004 Atlanta NAMB	2003 Dallas Crowne Plaza Market Center	2002 Nashville Lifeway	2001 New Orleans NOBTS
Balance on hand Beginning of Year	2,029.93	2,159.52	2,156.22	2,470.01	2,220.01	2,809.05	2,862.11	3,599.87	3,485.12	3,578.90
RECEIPTS										
Membership dues	440.00	310.00	440.00	500.00	440.00	440.00	400.00	555.00	360.00	495.00
Annual Meeting	755.00	225.00	495.00	480.00	500.00	510.00	225.00	290.00	375.00	300.00
Interest										
Total	1,195.00	535.00	935.00	980.00	940.00	950.00	625.00	845.00	735.00	795.00
DISBURSEMENTS										
Adm Comm Expenses										
Annual Program										
Banquet costs	1,354.56	239.05	712.00	774.01	540.00	493.60	348.75	886.33	420.25	585.00
Honorarium	100.00									
Miscellaneous								381.87		34.00
Newsletter Honorarium										
Newsletter Production										
Office expenses	109.70	75.54	219.70	69.78		70.44	129.31	114.56		69.78
Research Award	200.00	200.00		200.00		200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00
Web Site		150.00		250.00	150.00	775.00				
Total	1,764.26	664.59	931.70	1,293.79	690.00	1,539.04	678.06	1,582.76	620.25	888.78
Balance on hand End of year	1,460.67	2,029.93	2,159.52	2,156.22	2,470.01	2,220.01	2,809.05	2,862.11	3,599.87	3,485.12
Paid members	22	16	22	25	21	22	20	23	25	29
Lifetime members	9	8	9	7	7	7	8	9	8	10
Total Members	31	24	29	32	28	29	28	32	33	39

Notes:

- SBRF bank account was transferred from Baytown, Texas, to Dallas, Texas, in 1996. The account under Chester Davidson was in a personal, interest-bearing account. The current account is a non-interest-bearing, no fee business account at Bank of Texas, PO Box 29775, Dallas, Texas 75229-9775. (Bank name change 5/00)
- Administrative Committee expenses are related to annual officer's meeting.
- Office expenses include costs of checks, office supplies, plaques.
- Because of hotel billing practices, annual banquet and program expenses are not always clearly separated.
- The SBRF fiscal year begins and ends with the annual meeting (approximately September 1 to August 31).
- \$15 of the 1998 dues applied to 1999; \$15 of the 1999 dues applied to 2000; \$30 of 2000 dues applied to 2001; \$15 of 2003 dues applied to 2004
- \$30 of 2001 dues applied to 2000 and \$60 applied to 2002; \$15 of 2002 dues applied to 2003; \$15 of 2003 dues applied to 2004
- Miscellaneous expense for 2001 was for "SBRF.net" domain name.
- Miscellaneous expense was for 25th anniversary commemorative pen knives in 2003 plus \$50 for new SBRF logo.
- Annual dues were \$25 from 1979-1994; \$15 from 1995-2002; \$20 starting in 2003.
- The 2009 \$75.54 office expense is for a plaque for outgoing president Bob Mathis.
- The 2010 office expense is for a lifetime member plaque for A. Clark Scanlon.
- \$40 of the 2010 dues was an overpayment by Steve Aillsbrook; amount will be credited to his 2011 and 2012 dues.

Respectively submitted,

Clay Price
SBRF Secretary-Treasurer
December 31, 2010