

**MINUTES SBRF ANNUAL MEETING
LIFEWAY CHRISTIAN RESOURCES, NASHVILLE TN
SEPTEMBER 14-16, 2011**

Officers Meeting Sept 14, 4:00 P.M.

Present: Bill Day, president; Jim Haney, program vice-president; Clay Price, secretary-treasurer; Paula Hancock, membership; Jim Slack, awards.

1. Bill Day asked Clay to lead opening prayer.
2. Bill led group in reviewing the program.
3. Bill asked the officers to serve as a nominating committee and bring recommendations for the new slate of officers. After extended discussion, the group agreed on Paula Hancock for program vice-president, Jim Slack for another term as Awards Chair, Curt Watke as membership (Scott McConnell as backup), Jeff Farmer as newsletter/web (Josh Ellis as backup).
4. Bill listed the items for the business session: 1) election of officers; 2) NAMB as site of 2012 meeting with dates Sept 19-21, 2012; 3) possibility of New Orleans for 2013; 4) treasurer's report.
5. Bill noted that George Siler will receive the \$200 research award and will present his paper on "The Relationship of the Perception of Divine Calling with Identity Development and Purpose in Christian Adolescence." Jim Haney has certificates to be presented at the banquet for Researcher of the Year and Certificates of Recognition for Kurt Van Urbanek and Raymond Iao-Man Chu. Haney or Slack will review the research elements used in recognizing significant research.
6. Jim Haney is slotted to give an overview of the new SBRF website.
7. Clay reviewed the financial report that will be presented during the business meeting.
8. Jim Haney will present a plaque to Bill Day in recognition of his service as president for the past two years.
9. Paula shared that LifeWay will pick up the cost of the breaks. Banquet cost will be \$410.61.
10. Officers' meeting adjourned.

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

1. SBRF called into business session by Bill Day.
2. With current officers serving as a nominating committee Bill Day brought a recommended slate of new SBRF officers for the 2011-2013 term: Jim Haney as President (moving from Program VP per SBRF Constitution), Paula Hancock of LifeWay as Program VP, Clay Price of BGCT as Treasurer, Jim Slack of IMB as Awards Chairperson, Jeff Farmer of Lifetree Church as Newsletter Editor/Web Coordinator, and Scott McConnell of LifeWay as Membership VP. These nominations were approved unanimously.
3. Bill Day announced the Sept. 19-21, 2012 meeting will be held at the North American Mission Board in Atlanta.

4. Clay Price brought the financial report. The report showed income of \$470 from dues/registrations and expenses of \$375.98 (\$75.98 for a plaque for outgoing president Bill Day, \$100 honorarium for the research award recipient, and \$200 for the 2011 research award). The balance on hand was \$1,554.69. 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 13, 2011, income was \$1,050.00 and expenses were \$786.59 for a net operating gain of \$263.41. Ending balance was \$1,724.08. At this time there are 16 paid members and 8 lifetime members.]

5. 2011 SBRF business adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Clay Price, SBRF Secretary-Treasurer
September 15, 2011

Attachments: List of 2011-2013 SBRF Officers, 2011 SBRF Meeting Agenda, Constitution, Treasurer's Report

**Southern Baptist Research Fellowship
Officers for 2011-2013 (9/16/2011)**

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Southern Baptist Research Fellowship Program
September 14-16, 2011, LifeWay Christian Resources, Nashville TN

Wednesday, September 14, 2011

- 4:00 PM..... Officers Meeting
6:00 PM..... Dinner (open to early arrivals)

Thursday, September 15, 2011 (Revision of Original Program)

- 8:30 AM..... SBRF Registration Begins
9:00 AM..... Welcome, Devotion, Prayer, Announcements, and Introductions—Bill Day
10:00 AM..... **Presentation #1** – Scott McConnell – Transformational Church
10:45 AM..... Discussion of Presentation
11:00 AM..... Break
11:30 AM..... **Presentation #2** – Jim Slack – Realities, Trends and Implications Concerning the Future of
Ethnics, Minorities, Anglo-Americans, Evangelicals, and Southern Baptists in the United
States of America as Seen In the Context of Christ's 'Panta ta Ethne' Great Commission
12:15 PM..... Discussion of Presentation
12:30 PM..... Lunch
1:45 PM..... Business Meeting of SBRF – Bill Day
2:00 PM..... **Presentation #3** – Ed Stetzer – Church Planter Candidate Assessment
2:45 PM..... Discussion of Presentation
3:15 PM..... Overview of SBRF Web Site – Jim Haney
3:30 PM..... Break
3:30 PM..... Jim Haney – Criteria for Consideration of Research Studies for Recognition
4:00 PM..... **Presentation #4** – Richie Stanley – Faith Communities Today 2010
4:45 PM..... Discussion of Presentation
5:00 PM..... Criteria for Consideration of Research Studies for Recognition – Jim Haney
5:30 PM..... SBRF Banquet and Awards Presentation
6:30 PM..... **Presentation #5** – George Siler – The Relationship of the Perception of Divine Calling with
Identity Development and Purpose in Christian Adolescence

Friday, September 16, 2011

- 9:00 AM.....**Presentation #6** – Bill Day – The Wall—Baptism Plateau and Decline in the SBC
9:45 AM..... Discussion of Presentation
10:00 AM..... Break
10:30 AM.....**Presentation #7** – Jim Haney – Disturbing Realities of Status Quo Missions
11:15 AM..... Discussion of Presentation
11:30 AM..... SBRF Open Forum Session
12:30 PM..... Lunch and Close of SBRF Annual Meeting

Presenters

- Bill Day - Professor of Evangelism and Church Health, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary
Jim Haney - Director, Global Research Department, International Mission Board
Scott McConnell – Director, LifeWay Research
George Siler – International World Changers and team Projects, International Mission Board
Jim Slack - Field Services and Assessment Consultant, Global Research IMB
Richie Stanley – Director, Research, North American Mission Board
Ed Stetzer – Vice President of Research and Ministry Development, LifeWay Christian Resources

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**

	2011 Nashville LifeWay	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 Market Center	2003 Dallas Crowne Plaza	2002 Nashville LifeWay
Balance on hand Beginning 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
RECEIPTS										
Membership dues	300.00	440.00	310.00	440.00	500.00	440.00	440.00	400.00	555.00	360.00
Annual Meeting	750.00	755.00	225.00	495.00	480.00	500.00	510.00	225.00	290.00	375.00
Interest										
Total	1,050.00	1,195.00	535.00	935.00	980.00	940.00	950.00	625.00	845.00	735.00
DISBURSEMENTS										
Adm Comm Expenses										
Annual Program										
Banquet costs	410.61	1,354.56	239.05	712.00	774.01	540.00	493.60	348.75	886.33	420.25
Honorarium		100.00								
Miscellaneous	100.00								381.87	
Newsletter Honorarium										
Newsletter Production										
Office expenses	75.98	109.70	75.54	219.70	69.78		70.44	129.31	114.56	
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	786.59	1,764.26	664.59	931.70	1,293.79	690.00	1,539.04	678.06	1,582.76	620.25
Balance on hand End of year	1,724.08	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
Paid members	16	22	16	22	25	21	22	20	23	25
Lifetime members	8	8	8	9	7	7	7	8	9	8
Total Members	24	30	24	29	32	28	29	28	32	33

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 5/12/2000)
- 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 Allsbrook; amount will be credited to his 2011 and 2012 dues.

Respectively submitted,

Clay Price
SBRF Secretary-Treasurer
December 13, 2011