

**MINUTES SBRF ANNUAL MEETING
NORTH AMERICAN MISSION BOARD, ATLANTA, GEORGIA
SEPTEMBER 19-21, 2012**

Annual SBRF Business Session

Thursday 4:00 P.M.

1. SBRF called into business session by Jim Haney who thanked Richie Stanley for hosting the meeting at NAMB and Paula Hancock who put together the program.
2. Jim H brought up the SBRF website (<https://extranet.imb.org/sites/sbrf>) and demonstrated how members can enter their contact info under the “About Us” menu choice.
3. Clay Price brought the financial report. The report showed income of \$280 in dues and \$390 in registration and expenses of \$200 (2012 research award). The balance on hand was \$2,194.08. 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 November 12, 2012, income was \$770.00 and expenses were \$519.25 for a net operating gain of \$250.75. Ending balance was \$1,974.83. Final report attached to these minutes. At this time there are 17 paid members and 8 lifetime members.

4. Jim H noted that one of the main ways we promote SBRF is through our adopted research criteria and through the annual research award. He introduced Jim Slack to report on the process for 2012.
 - a. Jim S explained that he began the process in March by contacting the Seminary Consortium with a list of potential research projects and information about the SBRF research award. Over the next few months five applicants applied for the 2012 award.
 - b. Jim S announced the 2012 SBRF Research Award goes to Leo Endel, currently Executive Director of the Minnesota-Wisconsin Baptist Convention. Endel’s dissertation title was “Increasing Missions Funding for the Minnesota-Wisconsin Baptist Convention and Cooperating Associations.” Leo will received a check for \$200 from the SBRF.
 - c. Jim S explained he works with two others in reviewing the applications and then makes a recommendation to the SBRF officers for a final decision for the award.
 - d. Jim H reviewed the research criteria as it is currently defined on the SBRF website.
 - e. Bill Day noted there appears to be relatively few quantitative dissertations at our Baptist schools.
5. Jim Haney announced the dates Sept. 18-20 for the 2013 meeting to be held at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. Bill Day will confirm the dates.
6. Jim Haney led an extended discussion on how members can enhance the purpose and objectives of SBRF. The question is critical because there are fewer Baptist employees in research roles. How do we expand to include Baptists in roles that might be related to research? Future membership might include 1) Baptist employees in research roles, 2)

Baptist consumers of research, 3) Baptist strategists, 4) Baptist students (free membership for students?), 5) professors, and 6) state-side missionaries.

- a. We might expand the research award to include Baptist students of any institution.
- b. It would be good to adopt a goal to report an increase in membership in 3 months.
- c. Jeff Farmer will contact members to get contact information from anyone who would be willing to provide information for the web site. He will also post links to members' research that resides on other web sites (ex. seminaries, agencies, state conventions).
- d. Jim H made the following points about how we might enhance our objectives (i.e., move the SBRF closer to the objectives listed in the SBRF constitution): 1) members could serve as field supervisors for students, 2) members could help shape research thinking for student projects and perhaps serve in a consulting role, 3) members could lead research workshops or seminars, 4) some members might be able to underwrite or sponsor student projects (especially when there might be mutual interests for the particular organization), 5) members could provide specialized research assistance as requested by any Baptist (non-Baptist?) entity, 6) the SBRF could create forms to help someone know how to ask for information or request research assistance, 7) members need to be proactive in sharing research/information.

5. 2012 SBRF business adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Clay Price, SBRF Secretary-Treasurer
November 12, 2012