

**MINUTES SBRF ANNUAL MEETING
NEW ORLEANS BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
SEPTEMBER 18-20, 2013**

Annual SBRF Business Session

Thursday 4:00 P.M.

1. SBRF called into business session by Jim Haney who thanked Bill Day for hosting the meeting at NOBTS. He also thanked Paula Hancock for assembling the program and Scott McConnell for his promotional efforts.
2. Jim H reviewed the Purpose and Objectives from Article II of the SBRF Constitution. His questions to the group: How well are we meeting our five objectives? How well are we contributing to the development of a more comprehensive understanding of research? How well are we sharing our research efforts and data bases? How well are we addressing basic research skills? How well are we promoting practical research applications? How well are we recognizing outstanding professional achievement?

Jim H noted additional questions we want to answer: Who is doing SBC research (those in the room and others of whom we are aware)? Where are we putting our data? Where and with whom are we sharing our research findings? Who is seeking our consultation? Who are we mentoring or bringing along? What visions are being casted by those we are mentoring? What should we do differently to be relevant and competitive?

3. Jim H reviewed the 2012 minutes and asked Clay to make sure minutes are posted on the SBRF website. He noted officers had approved the minutes.
4. Clay Price brought the financial report. The report showed income of \$100 in dues and \$120 in registration and expenses of \$274.44 (2013 research award and plaque for outgoing president). The balance on hand was \$1,920.39. Additional dues/registration fees will be collected during the session and additional expenses will be paid related to the 2013 meeting. A revised financial report will be attached to these minutes after final bills related to the meeting have been paid. Report approved.

Post-SBRF Addendum to Business Meeting—as of October 14, 2013, income was \$640.00 and expenses were \$966.44 (\$692 banquet & break expenses at NOBTS, \$200 research award, \$74.44 plaque) for a net operating loss of \$326.44. Ending balance was \$1,648.39. Final report attached to these minutes. At this time there are 14 paid members and 7 lifetime members.

5. Clay announced recommendations for new officers from the current SBRF officers, functioning as a nominating committee. Paula Hancock will move to the role of President per the SBRF constitution. Recommendations for other officers were Mickey Crawford for Program Vice-President, Jim Haney for Membership Vice-President, Richie Stanley for Newsletter Editor/Web Coordinator, Jim Slack for Awards Chairperson, and Clay Price for Secretary-Treasurer. There being no other nominations from the floor, this slate of new officers was approved unanimously.

6. Jim Haney announced the dates Sept. 17-19 for the 2014 meeting to be held at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest NC. The preliminary recommendation for the 2015 meeting is Carson-Newman University in Jefferson City TN, Sept. 16-18.
7. Jim Haney returned to questions he raised earlier concerning SBRF purpose and objectives.
 - a. Are we developing a more comprehensive understanding of research? Clay—yes, but perhaps more internally as individuals rather than corporate understanding. Jim H and Bill Day—we build relationships that we can call on for collaboration. Richie Stanley—we have a kingdom view; we have not yet created anything that serves as an SBRF brand. Scott McConnell—perhaps we have a brand as the group that defines what good research looks like as we acknowledge researcher of the year awards. Bill D—we continue to lack press coverage on our meeting and on our research publications. Jim H—we need activators, persons who make things happen. Bill D—some of our presenters may not want to have their presentations publicized.
 - b. How are we promoting the use and practical application of research? Glenn Akins—it is not our nature to be data driven; leaders are typically action driven and most do not have data persons on staff. Clay—certainly we use data for decision support. Jim H—business intelligence should lead to better questions, especially if we as researchers are brought in during the early stage. Richie—data and research should address strategy or warn of possible danger; it should also help leaders not to make bad decisions.
 - c. Where are we putting our data: 1) dissertations, 2) Powerpoint, 3) web sites—note: if a researcher wants to publish a paper, the research is considered already published if it appears on a web site (possible reason why SBRF presenters might not want to have their presentations on the SBRF website), 4) social media, especially with links to web sites, 5) infographics—a one slide summary that point to action(s).
5. 2013 SBRF business adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Clay Price, SBRF Secretary-Treasurer
October 14, 2013