

**MINUTES SBRF ANNUAL MEETING
SOUTHEASTERN BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
SEPTEMBER 17-19, 2014**

Annual SBRF Business Session Thursday 4:00 P.M.

1. SBRF called into business session by Paula Hancock.
2. Paula announced September 16-18 at Carson-Newman as the dates and site for the 2015 SBRF. There was some discussion over the dates and Ray Dalton agreed to work with the school to see which dates will work best—Sept 23-25 would be a better time frame, followed by Sept 9-11.

Paula will contact Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville to see if they would host the 2016 SBRF on Sept 14-16.

3. Clay Price brought the financial report. SBRF began the year with \$1,868.39 in the bank. To date, \$80 in dues and \$120 in registration fees have been collected. Current balance of \$2,068.39. Other than covering the cost of the Thursday night meal, no other expenses are anticipated in connection with the SEBTS meeting site. Additional dues/registration fees will be collected during the session and 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 10/31/2014 income was \$420.00 and expenses were \$148.21 (banquet expenses at SEBTS) for a net operating gain of \$271.79. Ending balance was \$2,140.18. Final report attached to these minutes. At this time there are 9 paid members and 9 lifetime members. An additional \$400 is pending for the recipients of the research awards for 2014 and 2013—home addresses are needed in order to mail checks.

4. In new business Glenn Akins brought a motion to have SBRF officers examine the possibility of increasing the amount of the research award, currently set at \$200. Second by Ray Dalton. Clay Price brought an amendment to the motion to add “and possibly increase SBRF dues to accommodate an increase in the research award.” Second by Ray Dalton. Discussion included the suggestion officers submit their recommendations to the SBRF membership through email in order to move forward with any change before next year’s meeting. The amended motion passed.
5. Paula brought a recommendation from the officers to grant lifetime membership to Jim Slack and Bob Mathis. Recommendation was passed by acclamation.
5. 2014 SBRF business adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Clay Price, SBRF Secretary-Treasurer
October 14, 2014

Attachments: List of 2013-2015 SBRF Officers, 2014 SBRF Meeting Agenda, Constitution, Treasurer’s Report

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Southern Baptist Research Fellowship Program
September 17-19, 2014, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, NC

Wednesday, September 17, 2014

- 4:00 PM..... Officers Meeting – Sailhamer Conference Room, Library
- 6:00 PM..... Dinner (open to early arrivals)

Thursday, September 18, 2014

- 8:30 AM..... SBRF Registration Begins—Adams Hall, Room 212
- 9:00 AM..... Welcome, Announcements, and Introductions—Paula Hancock
- 10:00 AM..... **Presentation #1** – Jim Haney – Modeling the Diaspora
- 10:45 AM..... Discussion of Presentation
- 11:00 AM..... Break
- 11:30 AM..... **Presentation #2** – Steve McCord – Leadership Styles and Listening Practices of IMB Team
Leaders: A Correlational Study
- 12:15 PM..... Discussion of Presentation
- 12:30 PM..... Lunch
- 2:00 PM..... **Presentation #3** – Mike Dodson – The People Next Door Project
- 2:45 PM..... Discussion of Presentation
- 3:00 PM..... **Presentation #4** – Jim Slack – Why the Researcher of the Year was Chosen
- 3:45 PM..... Discussion of Presentation
- 4:00 PM..... Break
- 4:30 PM..... Business Meeting of SBRF – Paula Hancock
- 6:00 PM..... Dinner together

Friday, September 19, 2014

- 9:00 AM..... **Presentation #5** – Richie Stanley – Why Congregations Are Removed From the Database
- 9:45 AM..... Discussion of Presentation
- 10:00 AM..... Break
- 10:30 AM..... SBRF Open Forum Session and Discussion of New Research
- 12:30 PM..... Close of SBRF Annual Meeting

Presenters

Mike Dodson – Associate Director of North American Missions, Assistant Professor of Church Planting and Evangelism,
Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary

Jim Haney – Director, Global Research Department, International Mission Board

Steve McCord – Analysis Services Team Leader, Global Research Department, International Mission Board

Jim Slack – Missiologist, International Mission Board

Richie Stanley – Team Leader, Center for Missional Research, North American Mission Board

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**

	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
	Wake Forest	New Orleans	Atlanta	Nashville	Richmond	Kansas City	Louisville	Fort Worth	New Orleans	Fort Worth
	SEBTS	NOBTS	NAMB	LifeWay	IMB	MWBTS	SBTS	SWBTS	NOBTS	SWBTS
Balance on hand										
Beginning of Year	1,868.39	1,974.83	1,724.08	1,460.67	2,029.93	2,159.52	2,156.22	2,470.01	2,220.01	2,809.05
RECEIPTS										
Membership dues	180.00	300.00	320.00	300.00	440.00	310.00	440.00	500.00	440.00	440.00
Annual Meeting	240.00	360.00	450.00	750.00	755.00	225.00	495.00	480.00	500.00	510.00
Interest										
Total	420.00	660.00	770.00	1,050.00	1,195.00	535.00	935.00	980.00	940.00	950.00
DISBURSEMENTS										
Adm Comm Expenses										
Annual Program										
Banquet costs	148.21	692.00	319.25	410.61	1,354.56	239.05	712.00	774.01	540.00	493.60
Honorarium					100.00					
Miscellaneous				100.00						
Newsletter Honorarium										
Newsletter Production										
Office expenses		74.44		75.98	109.70	75.54	219.70	69.78		70.44
Research Award	pending	pending	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00		200.00		200.00
Web Site						150.00		250.00	150.00	775.00
Total	148.21	766.44	519.25	786.59	1,764.26	664.59	931.70	1,293.79	690.00	1,539.04
Balance on hand										
End of year	2,140.18	1,868.39	1,974.83	1,724.08	1,460.67	2,029.93	2,159.52	2,156.22	2,470.01	2,220.01
Paid members	9	15	17	16	22	16	22	25	21	22
Lifetime members	9	7	8	8	8	8	9	7	7	7
Total Members	18	22	25	24	30	24	29	32	28	29

Notes:

1. 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)
2. Administrative Committee expenses are related to annual officer's meeting.
3. Office expenses include costs of checks, office supplies, plaques.
4. Because of hotel billing practices, annual banquet and program expenses are not always clearly separated.
5. The SBRF fiscal year begins and ends with the annual meeting (approximately September 1 to August 31).
6. \$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
7. \$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
8. Miscellaneous expense for 2001 was for "SBRF.net" domain name.
9. Miscellaneous expense was for 25th anniversary commemorative pen knives in 2003 plus \$50 for new SBRF logo.
10. Annual dues were \$25 from 1979-1994; \$15 from 1995-2002; \$20 starting in 2003.
11. \$40 of the 2010 dues was an overpayment by Steve Allbrook; amount will be credited to his 2011 and 2012 dues.

Respectively submitted,
Clay Price
SBRF Secretary-Treasurer
November 1, 2014