

**MINUTES SBRF ANNUAL MEETING
CARSON-NEWMAN UNIVERSITY, JEFFERSON CITY, TN
SEPTEMBER 23-25, 2015**

Officers Meeting Sept 23, 4:30 P.M., Library at CNU

Present: Paula Hancock, president; Mickey Crawford, program vice-president; Clay Price, secretary-treasurer; Richie Stanley, web. Absent: Jim Slack, awards; Jim Haney, membership.

1. Paula led in prayer and then walked the group through the 2015 program, assigning officers to introduce the various speakers. Ray Dalton will introduce CNU President Randall O'Brien who will welcome SBRF to Carson-Newman. Ray Dalton to introduce Al Lang; Clay Price to introduce Richie Stanley; Mickey Crawford to introduce Bill Day; Paula Hancock to introduce Clay Price; Bill Day to introduce Angie Bauman. Lloyd Rodgers will comment on criteria for research award during the Thursday night banquet.
2. Clay reviewed the financial report that will be presented during the business meeting. SBRF began the year with \$2,115.23 in the bank. To date, \$240 in dues and \$210 in registration fees have been collected. No other expenses have been incurred. Research Awards have not been issued for the past two years because the students being honored moved back to their home countries and the treasurer did not have an address to mail the checks. Bill Day will attempt to get the addresses so these pending expenses can be made. Current balance \$2,565.23. Clay will announce during the business session that annual dues have been raised to \$40—SBRF officers voted to make this change in a recent conference call as a response to a motion made by Glenn Akins in the 2014 SBRF business session. In other action regarding the same motion, the annual Research Award is being increased to \$300. A final treasurer's report will be added to the minutes after other income and meeting costs have been determined.
3. Paula announced that she had contacted Southern Seminary regarding the SBRF annual meeting for 2016. SBTS charges a fee of \$500 for a meeting room. Officers agreed this cost was too high for our small group so discussion ensued over options. Clay made a suggestion SBRF meet at the Baptist University of the Americas and we consider a themed meeting on the topic of people groups. The dates would be September 14-16. Consensus was to bring a recommendation to the business meeting that we meet in San Antonio for 2016. If approved, Clay will contact BUA for arrangements.
4. Paula led discussion on nominating new officers to bring to the business session. Mickey Crawford will ascend to the President's slot per the SBRF Constitution. After much discussion it was decided to recommend Lloyd Rodgers for the Awards Chair and Angie Bauman for the Membership Chair. Richie agreed to continue as Web Chair if elected. Clay announced he was ready for a new person to fill the Secretary-Treasurer slot. There was no consensus on a choice for this position so there would be no recommendation brought to the business session. The same outcome occurred with the Program Chair position. Clay noted that the SBRF Constitution has a provision that allows the Administrative Committee (all officers) to fill any vacancies that might exist between annual meetings.
5. Paula initiated discussion regarding a proposal from Jim Haney to enhance the SBRF research award (*Jim emailed the officers on 9/14/2015*). The group was hesitant to discuss the proposal in Jim's absence since we would not have the benefit of his further insights about the award process. It was agreed to mention the proposal in the business session and to recommend we table discussion until Jim can be present.
6. Officers meeting adjourned.

Annual SBRF Business Session Thursday 4:20 P.M.

1. SBRF called into business session by Paula Hancock. Thanks to Mickey Crawford for assembling the 2015 program. Thanks to Ray Dalton for hosting SBRF at Carson-Newman and arranging the hotel and Thursday evening meal.
2. Clay Price brought treasurer's report and reported on action taken by the Administrative Committee to the motions made by Glenn Akins in 2014 regarding dues and research award stipend. The Administrative Committee voted to raise annual dues to \$40 and to increase the research award stipend to \$300, both effective for the 2015 meeting.

Regarding the treasurer's report, SBRF began the year with \$2,115.23 in the bank. To date, \$240 in dues and \$210 in registration fees have been collected. Current balance in the bank is \$2,565.23.

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. Additional expenses will be the cost of the Thursday evening meal and the new \$300 stipend for the Researcher of the Year award. Report approved.

Post-SBRF Addendum to Business Meeting—as of 10/7/2015 additional income was \$250.00 and expenses were \$536.93 (\$236.93 for banquet expenses at CNU and \$300 for the research award). Ending balance was \$2,278.30. Amended report attached to these minutes. At this time there are 10 paid members and 8 lifetime members. An additional \$400 is pending for the recipients of the research awards for 2013 and 2014—home addresses in foreign countries are needed in order to mail checks.

3. Richie Stanley brought an update on the SBRF website. With help from Catherine Franck at IMB updates were made regarding a listing of current officers and minutes of business sessions from previous years. Richie noted SBRF is attempting to be more timely in posting minutes, listing of officers, listing of research award winners, and other matters. There was some discussion concerning SBRF efforts to develop a website in 2005 and the expenses incurred in the initial setup. The reason for the move to a website hosted by IMB was to save costs on both set up and maintenance.
4. Paula announced the results of contacting SBTS in Louisville for the 2016 meeting. Because SBTS will charge \$500 for a meeting room plus additional expenses, SBRF officers recommended meeting in San Antonio at the Baptist University of the Americas. Dates will be Sept 14-16, 2016. The officers further recommended a program theme centered on "people groups." Clay will work with BUA on arrangements. Approved.

Paula asked for ideas on 2017. Discussion ensued about the history of where and when SBRF has met. Baylor University in Waco has numerous faculty with research interests but the school is not easily accessible via air travel. The group acknowledged there are many schools that could serve as a host site. One idea was to hold SBRF in conjunction with another group, for example when the Baptist Data Consortium met in conjunction with State ACP Reps in Nashville. No decisions were made regarding a site for the 2017 meeting.

Other ideas about the SBRF annual meeting included: 1) try to find ways to partner with schools to get students to receive education credits for attending SBRF (like Catalyst events with Andy Stanley in Atlanta or DOM in Orlando sessions on Church Revitalization); 2) have some type of mentoring program where students could be tied to SBRF members to learn research processes with Skype or

other regular contact to assess their learning experience (Angie). Much of the discussion reinforced the very reasons SBRF exists as found in the purpose and objectives listed in the SBRF Constitution.

5. Paula announced that Jim Haney had brought a proposal related to changes in the research award process. Per discussion during the officers' meeting, officers recommended tabling discussion and action on Jim's proposal until Jim Haney can be present. Approved.
6. Paula announced slate of officers for 2015-2017. Mickey will ascend to President, Angie Bauman has agreed to be membership VP, Lloyd Rodgers, awards, and Richie Stanley, web. There was no recommendation for Program VP or secretary-treasurer. She invited discussion. Officers shared some of the issues and their frustrations in identifying good candidates. Consensus was to leave Program slot unfilled at present—Clay and Mickey will handle program for 2016 until the Program Chair slot can be filled. Clay announced the SBRF Constitution allows the SBRF Administrative Committee to fill vacant officer positions between business sessions of the SBRF. Clay also volunteered to continue serving as Secretary-Treasurer for the next few months on an interim basis until the position can be filled. New officers were approved with vacancies for the Program and Secretary-Treasurer positions.
7. New business. Richie noted we might want to explore the possibility of other themed meetings in the future.

There being no further business, the 2015 SBRF business session was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Clay Price, SBRF Secretary-Treasurer
October 7, 2015

Attachments: List of 2015-2017 SBRF Officers, 2015 SBRF Meeting Agenda, SBRF Constitution, Treasurer's Report

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**Southern Baptist Research Fellowship Program
September 23-25, 2015, Carson-Newman University, Jefferson City TN**

Wednesday, September 23, 2015

4:00 PM..... Officers Meeting – CNU Library, Second Floor
6:00 PM..... Dinner (open to early arrivals)

Thursday, September 24, 2015

8:30 AM..... SBRF Registration Begins—CNU Library, Second Floor
9:00 AM..... Welcome, Announcements, and Introductions—Paula Hancock
10:00 AM..... **Presentation #1** – Al Lang – Tour of the Special Collections Library at CNU
10:45 AM..... Discussion of Presentation
11:00 AM..... Break
11:30 AM..... **Presentation #2** – Richie Stanley – Pastoral Protection, Phase Two
12:15 PM..... Discussion of Presentation
12:30 PM..... Lunch
2:00 PM..... **Presentation #3** – Bill Day – Katrina, Ten Years Later
2:45 PM..... Discussion of Presentation
3:00 PM..... **Presentation #4** – Clay Price – BGCT, Profile of A State Convention
3:45 PM..... Discussion of Presentation
4:00 PM..... Break
4:30 PM..... Business Meeting of SBRF – Paula Hancock
6:00 PM..... Banquet Meal on Campus

Friday, September 25, 2015

9:00 AM.....**Presentation #5** – Angie Bauman – Evaluation of Spiritual Growth Through Seminary Course
Engagement and Church Leadership Training
9:45 AM.....Discussion of Presentation
10:00 AM.....Break
10:30 AM.....**Presentation #6** – Richie Stanley – 2015 Faith Communities Today Survey (FACT)
11:15 AM..... Discussion of Presentation
11:30 AM.....SBRF Open Forum Session and Discussion of New Research
12:30 PM.....Close of SBRF Annual Meeting

Presenters

Angie Bauman – Associate Professor of Christian Education, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary

Bill Day – Associate Director of the Leavell Center for Evangelism and Church Health,
New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary

Al Lang – Special Collections Librarian & Archivist, Carson-Newman University

Clay Price – Information Analyst, Decision Support, Baptist General Convention of Texas

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**

	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
	Jefferson City Carson-Newman	Wake Forest SEBTS	New Orleans NOBTS	Atlanta NAMB	Nashville LifeWay	Richmond IMB	Kansas City MWBTS	Louisville SBTS	Fort Worth SWBTS	New Orleans NOBTS	Fort Worth SWBTS
Balance on hand Beginning of Year	2,115.23	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	400.00	180.00	300.00	320.00	300.00	440.00	310.00	440.00	500.00	440.00	440.00
Annual Meeting	300.00	240.00	360.00	450.00	750.00	755.00	225.00	495.00	480.00	500.00	510.00
Interest											
Total	700.00	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	236.93	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		24.95	74.44		75.98	109.70	75.54	219.70	69.78		70.44
Research Award	300.00	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	536.93	173.16	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	2,278.30	2,115.23	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	10	9	15	17	16	22	16	22	25	21	22
Lifetime members	8	9	7	8	8	8	8	9	7	7	7
Total Members	18	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; \$40 starting in 2015. Research Award stipend raised to \$300 starting in 2015.
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
October 7, 2015