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“FOR I KNOW THE PLANS I HAVE FOR YOU,” DELCARES THE LORD.

“PLANS TO PROSPER YOU AND NOT TO HARM YOU, PLANS

TO GIVE YOU HOPE AND A FUTURE.” **JEREMIAH 29:11**

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MESSAGE FROM SBCD PRESIDENT

Greetings from Virginia where it is cold, and I am sitting near the fireplace as I type this letter. I am yearning for snow but highly doubt it will happen this year.

It is so hard to believe that it is now 2023. Where did the time go? It felt like 2022 went by in a blink and we are now focusing on 2023. As we prepare for our upcoming 75th anniversary celebration at Calvary Church in Clearwater, Florida during the week of July 9th to 13th, it is my prayer that many of you are making plans to attend this conference. It will be a week where we will take a stroll through memory lane looking back at 75 years of SBCD. We will also have our 75th anniversary banquet on Thursday evening, July 13th at Calvary Church.

As the Executive Committee prepare to make this an exciting conference, registration is now open for the conference by going to www.sbcdeaf.org and click on registration. Please keep checking the website for information on hotels, conference schedule, and many more.

If you have any pictures from SBCD that you are willing to share with us, please email the pictures to our History Chairperson, Sharon Joyner at: Skj4him@gmail.com.

Please continue to pray for each other and for those that are struggling during this season. Please remember to pray for our Pastors and church leaders as they minister to their congregation and to reach lost people for Christ. It has not been an easy journey for our country and our nation but remember God is in control and He will sustain and carry us during this time.

In closing, let's remember this verse – "This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." – Psalms 118:24

In His Unfailing love,

Laura Hill

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SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONFERENCE OF THE DEAF

SBCD COMMITTEE 2022-2023

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Greg Johannsen, TN – Chair (2023)
Bob Moore, NC – Vice Chair (2024)
Anna Austin, TN – Secretary (2026)
Aric Randolph, TN (2023)
Dwight Swim, KY (2024)
Joni Bice, OK (2025)
Donnie Wiltshire, TX (2025)
John Wyble, VA (2026)

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

President – Laura Hill, VA
1st Vice President – Corey Harrison, KY
2nd Vice President – Brance Long, NC
Secretary – Marsha Forer, TX
Assistant Secretary – Deanna Hill, GA
Treasurer – Tom Linares, FL
Child Care Coordinator – Avey Jane Lute, AL
Jr. SBCD Coordinator – Ethan Elder, FL

MISSION (NAMC/IMC)

Nathan Hill, GA – Chair (2023)
Donna Lawlor, KY – Vice Chair (2025)
Rosalie Harris, FL – Secretary (2025)
Robert Crowell, MO (2023)
Kevin Cartwright, KS (2023)
Esperanza Hernandez, CO (2024)
Martha Knowles, FL (2024)
Tina Clary, FL (2024)
Gloria Hodson, AZ (2025)

ITP

Tammy Cantrell, KY – Coordinator

BY-LAWS

Mary High, NC – Chair (2023)
Daniel Lute, AL – Vice Chair (2024)
Kelvin Hodson, AZ – Secretary (2025)

EDUCATION

LeeAnn Carrera, VA – Chair (2023)
Jessica Cartwright, KS – Vice Chair (2025)
Nina Coyer, KY – Secretary (2024)

HISTORY

Sharon Joyner, WV – Chair (2024)
Liz Rentner, TX – Vice Chair (2025)
Chadwick Noel, KY – Secretary (2023)

ASBID

Chair – Cindy Moore, NC
Vice Chair – Frona Elkes, FL
Secretary – Roberta Green, TX
Historian – Ann Cothorn, MS
Deaf Blind Coordinator – Nancy Perry, KY
Nominating Chair – Pat Harris, FL
Program Coordinator – Karen Corbello, TX
Interpreter Coordinator – Jennifer Mitchell, FL

FMPD

Larry Barnett, TX – Chair
Vacant – Vice Chair
Vacant – Secretary

MAPSF

Allison Randolph, TN – Chair
Vacant – Vice Chair
Vacant – Secretary



SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONFERENCE OF THE DEAF

HISTORY OF SBCD

The first annual meeting was held at First Baptist Church of Memphis in December 1948. It was called "Baptist Workers Conference for the Deaf". Messengers traveled by train from Texas, Georgia, North Carolina, Kentucky, Oklahoma, Arkansas, and Tennessee.

In 1951, it was "Southwide Conference of Baptist Deaf" and also "Southwide Baptist Conference for the Deaf". In 1952, it was "Southern Baptist Conference of the Deaf". It was clearly that the name was officially changed to "Southern Baptist Conference of the Deaf" in 1954 and it has carried the name of our organization ever since.

PURPOSE OF SBCD

- 1.) To provide a vehicle for obeying the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20) with respect to deaf people by personal witnessing, evangelism, home missions, foreign missions and discipleship.
- 2.) To provide opportunities for training in local church settings, in state conferences, and on the national level to help equip people in all aspects of the deaf ministry.
- 3.) To serve as a liaison between the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) and deaf persons, interpreting the needs and functions of the one to the other.
- 4.) To provide a channel of communication within the Southern Baptist deaf community.
- 5.) To provide an understanding of deafness and of the needs of deaf people to the community at large.
- 6.) To provide opportunities for inspirational worship experiences.
- 7.) To provide opportunities for Christian fellowship.

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." **Matthew 28: 19-20**



ASSOCIATION SOUTHERN BAPTIST INTERPRETERS OF THE DEAF

Association of Southern Baptist Interpreters for the Deaf (ASBID) welcomes interpreters each year to our annual training workshops. These workshops are available to interpreters, both deaf and hearing, as well as visitors who do not necessarily fit into SBCD or other workshops. Interpreters look forward to the ASBID meeting as an opportunity to learn new skills, ideas, and hear alternative ways to perform their ministries. An added blessing comes from the opportunity to fellowship with old friends and meet new friends. We invite and encourage interpreters and other interested people to join with us at Southern Baptist Conference of the Deaf. For more information about Association of Southern Baptist Interpreters of the Deaf, please contact Cindy Moore.

FELLOWSHIP OF MISSIONARIES AND PASTORS TO THE DEAF

Fellowship of Missionaries and Pastors to the Deaf (FMPD) welcomes all Southern Baptists deaf and hearing missionaries, pastors, assistant pastors, associate pastors, deacons, evangelists, lay pastors, bi-vocational pastors, worship pastors, and youth pastors to the annual conference. We want to keep in touch with every Southern Baptist Convention employed and retired pastors and missionaries. Every year, we look forward to the FMPD meeting as an opportunity to fellowship with everyone at the annual meeting. We want to invite and encourage missionaries and pastors to join with us at Southern Baptist Conference of the Deaf. For more information about Fellowship of Missionaries and Pastors to the Deaf, please contact Larry Barnett.

SBCD DIRECTORY

You can add new information about your deaf church or deaf ministry in SBCD Directory. If you need to update information in SBCD directory. Please contact us, and we can add or update SBCD directory.

BAPTIST FAITH & MESSAGE

SBCD accepts the Holy Scriptures as the all-sufficient guide authority for faith and practice. It concurs with the Baptist Faith and Message as adopted by the SBC (Southern Baptist Convention) in 2000.



SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONFERENCE OF THE DEAF

GOING ON A MISSION TRIP?

Are you planning to share the Gospel in United States or in other countries?

If your church is planning a mission trip, your mission team is eligible to apply for a grant of offering funds to help with your mission trip expense. North America Mission Committee (NAMC) can help your mission trip in statewide includes Alaska, Hawaii, Canada, and Puerto Rico. International Mission Committee (IMC) provides money for a mission team to every nation around the world. To send mission teams to help SBCD churches identify, develop, and strengthen deaf ministries and churches. We can help you to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ to every person in every town, every city, every state, and every nation. For more information about Mission (NAMC/IMC), please contact Nathan Hill.

75th Annual Southern Baptist Conference of the Deaf will be held at Calvary Church in Clearwater, Florida on July 9–13, 2023.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bob Rhoads resigned from First Baptist Church of Alexandria in Virginia. He was hired as Deaf Church Planter for Spotwood Baptist Church in Fredericksburg, Virginia. He started preaching at Spotwood Baptist Church since October 30, 2022.

Darrell Bonjour, pastor of Amarillo Deaf Church (formerly Paramount Baptist Deaf Mission) in Amarillo, Texas, is now retired. Bonjour retired on December 31, 2022. He served as pastor for nearly 43 years. He co-founded Paramount Baptist Deaf Mission in 1980. He also co-founded Deaf Men's Conference (DMC) in 2002.

Scott Tankersley is now an interim pastor at Amarillo Deaf Church since January 1, 2023.



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UPCOMING EVENTS 2023

Deaf Women's Gathering

February 23-26, 2023

Alabama Baptist Conference of the Deaf

March 3-5, 2023

Georgia Baptist Conference of the Deaf

March 24-25, 2023

Tennessee Baptist Conference of the Deaf

April 21-23, 2023

Virginia Baptist Conference of the Deaf

May 5-7, 2023

Kentucky Baptist Conference of the Deaf

June 9-11, 2023

Southern Baptist Convention

June 11-14, 2023

Southern Baptist Conference of the Deaf

July 9-13, 2023

Deaf Men's Gathering

September 8-10, 2023

TO BE ANNOUNCED 2023

Deaf Men's Conference

Arkansas Baptist Conference of the Deaf

Florida Baptist Conference of the Deaf

Louisiana Baptist Conference of the Deaf

Mississippi Baptist Conference of the Deaf

Missouri Baptist Conference of the Deaf

New Mexico Baptist Conference of the Deaf

North Carolina Baptist Conference of the Deaf

Ohio Baptist Conference of the Deaf

Oklahoma Baptist Conference of the Deaf

South Carolina Baptist Conference of the Deaf

Texas Baptist Conference of the Deaf

**MORE
UPCOMING
EVENTS WILL
BE POSTED
ON THE NEXT
NEWSLETTER**



SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONFERENCE OF THE DEAF

SBCD BUSINESS MEETING

Monday, July 25, 2022

6:37pm—President Anna Austin called the business meeting to order.

President Anna asked if the minutes on SBCDeaf.org website are accepted as read.

None opposed, vote passed.

President Anna's report:

At the January mid-meeting, we talked with pastors here, planned the SBCD Conference, toured the church, developed relationships, and grew excited about going forward with our plans. We are so thankful for the Executive Committee, the Board of Directors of the SBCD who gave of their time. We want to also thank Calvary Church who has allowed us to use their facilities. I am very grateful. I will now turn it over to Vice President Corey Harrison, KY, to offer his report.

Vice President Corey's report:

I have spent the past year working hard to look for leaders who could lead the workshops. I spent a lot of time praying about that. In January, I felt the pressure to find leaders, however, not many pastors/church planters/missionaries/leaders were willing. I reached out to Deaf Pathways and tried to learn how to best develop workshops. They were instrumental in helping to find those in the SBCD community who were willing to lead workshops. I was able to find pastors who were not associated Deaf Pathways and tried to develop more workshops for this week. I want to give a special thank you to the pastors and leaders for their time, which meant many of them had to sacrifice their vacation hours from work to come to Florida. Their volunteering to lead workshops has made my job so much easier. Again, thank you. I will be showing a slideshow of the workshops and their leaders before the morning devotional, during breaks, and after the evening worship. We are hopeful this will help everyone know where workshops are located and stay motivated to attend these workshops to learn God's word. Thank you.

2nd Vice President Lorraine Linares:

I am Lorraine Linares, the 2nd Vice President. I was in charge of registration this year. We have had a total of 160 register SBCD began. Thank you for supporting us and being involved with SBCD. Thank you for having the desire to come and learn about God's word.

President Anna Austin:

That concludes the report from the mid-term meeting in January and our report on the registration.

Business meeting recessed at 6:42pm.



SBCD BUSINESS MEETING

Tuesday, 7-26-22

President Anna Austin reconvened the business meeting of the SBCD at 6:35pm.

She informed those present at the meeting that The Board of Directors has decided on dates for SBCD 2023. Our meetings will be July 9-13th, 2023.

President Anna called up Tom Linares, SBCD Treasurer, to give his annual report.

Treasurer's Report:

Tom Linares, Jr.: Showed report of the budget from the past year via large screen. The full record of cash flow and expenses is shown on the following page:

The Southern Baptist Conference of the Deaf, Inc.
Annual Financial Statement
July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022

Beginning Balance - 07/01/2021		\$140,818.98
<u>Revenue</u>		
300 Child Care	\$	0.00
303 Designation		29.78
306 NAMB		0.00
312 Interest		4.24
316 Individuals		0.00
318 Local Church		10,805.68
321 Miscellaneous		0.00
327 Offering		3,609.81
330 Registration		21,667.42
333 Sales		716.72
334 Scholarships		0.00
336 State		0.00
Total Revenue		\$36,833.65
Subtotal		<u>\$177,652.63</u>



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Expenses

400 Bank Charge	\$ 0.00
402 Cooperative Program	1,130.00
405 Child Care	0.00
410 Conference	0.00
415 Copies	0.00
420 Honorarium	806.00
425 Interpreting	0.00
430 Linens	0.00
435 Lodge	18,281.17
440 Supplies	4,272.82
445 Meals	15,441.03
450 Miscellaneous	0.00
460 Postage	161.25
465 Printing	0.00
475 Refund	1,271.00
480 Registration	0.00
485 Rental	0.00
490 Returned	0.00
492 Scholarships	0.00
495 Telephone	0.00
500 Transportation	9,287.45
555 Missions	2,700.00
Total Expenses	\$53,350.72
Ending Balance – 06/30/2022	\$124,301.91

Respectfully Submitted,

Tom Linares, Jr.

SBCD Treasurer



SBCD BUSINESS MEETING

President Anna asked if anyone had any questions. There were none.

Bob Moore from NC made a motion to approve the report.

Nancy Perry from KY seconded the motion.

The motion to accept the report passed unanimously.

President Anna called up Bob Moore, vice chairperson of the Board of Directors to give us a report from the Board of Directors.

Bob Moore: Greetings to everyone! First you may have noticed that we passed out brochures containing specific information about what SBCD does every year. This was designed specifically for hearing members of Southern Baptist Churches so they will know what the SBCD is all about. We will be passing these brochures out in hopes that they will circulate at your respective state conventions which are held in the fall so that we can raise awareness in the hearing community about SBCD.

The other members of the Board of Directors are:

Donnie Wiltshire, NC

Chris Partain, TN (Absent)

Greg Johannsen, TN

Joni Bice, OK

Aric Randolph, TN

Dwight Swim, KY (Absent)

Laura Hill, VA

Laura Hill, VA presented the proposed budget for 2023 on behalf of the Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors makes a motion for our proposed budget for 2023 as follows:

SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONFERENCE OF THE DEAF PROPOSED BUDGET - 2022-2023

	2022-2023
Conference Site	\$4000
History/Preservation/Anniversary	\$500
SBCD Conference Week	\$3000
Executive Committee	\$4000



SBCD BUSINESS MEETING

Board of Directors	\$4250
Cooperative Program (2%)	\$580
NAMC Fund (1%)	\$290
IMC Fund (1%)	\$290
Deaflympics (1%)	\$290
ASBID	\$250
Child Care	\$5000
Jr. SBCD	\$2000
FMPD	\$250
MAPSF	\$250
Ephphatha Scholarship	\$500
Media	\$3000
William Leonard Asbridge Home Office (2%)	\$580
Grand Total	\$29,030

President Anna asked if anyone had any questions:

Nancy Perry, KY asked what the Ephphatha scholarship was for.

Bob Moore, NC appealed to the Education Committee to answer.

Tom Linares, Jr., FL answered that the scholarship is for anyone who wants to go to college. They would need to contact the SBCD, and the committee will oversee and approve any pre-determined amount of money that would go to support college for any student.

LeeAnn Carrera, MD the chairperson on the Education Committee affirmed that the scholarship is for Deaf college students only.

Question from the floor: History/Preservation/Anniversary \$500–What do we anticipate the types of expenditures to be? How can we use the funds?



SBCD BUSINESS MEETING

President Anna explained that next year we will celebrate our 75th anniversary. We might make pictures to show history or use the funds to have a big celebration.

President Anna Austin made a motion to vote to accept the proposed budget for SBCD 2023.

The budget was accepted with a unanimous vote.

Bob Moore, NC: Explained the Board's role is to plan for future conference themes. In three years, (SBCD 2025), our theme will be "Press on! Remaining Steadfast Through Challenging Times, James 1:12".

President Anna Austin made a motion to accept the theme and called for a vote.

All in favor, show by raise of hands; none opposed.

The motion passed to accept the theme for SBCD 2025.

Bob Moore, NC: The last item on the agenda will not require a vote. I need to let everyone know that this year we had a mix up with the messenger status of many individuals. Some of those at SBCD this year thought they had messenger status, but did not because they did not have a physical form with their pastor's signature. Tonight we will figure out who is and who is not a messenger. By Thursday we will have an announcement for what the Board of Directors proposes we do about the situation.

President Anna Austin announced the business meeting recessed at 6:55pm.

FOR THE WORD OF GOD IS ALIVE AND POWERFUL.

HEBREWS 4:12



SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONFERENCE OF THE DEAF

SBCD BUSINESS MEETING

Wednesday, July 27, 2022

President Anna reconvened the business meeting at 6:35pm.

She first called the chairperson of each committee up to give their report.

By-Laws Committee:

Mary High, NC reports they have no motions to submit this year, but they are working with the education committee and plan to have motions next year.

Audit Report:

Larry Gomez, FL read through all of the annual financial reports. I trust the treasurer of SBCD to handle money accordingly and with integrity. A team of auditors found Tom Linares in good standing. His hard work on the budget was good and he cooperated well with others. Some of those who helped us with the teamwork were:

Kelvin Hodson, AZ

Gloria Hodson, AZ

Scott Williams, FL (Absent)

Educational Committee Report:

LeeAnn Carrera, VA

This year we had a wonderful year with the Educational Committee. Nina Coyer, KY, Liz Rentner, TX, and I served on the committee and worked together for the last 5 years. Thankful for all of the video calls and zoom calls and work during that time. I am here to report the finances from the educational committee. We gained a small amount of interest each month. We give \$500 for the Ephphatha scholarship. SBCD gives that fund every year. With those funds, we have invested some and have those funds accruing interest. We lost some investments due to COVID, but we have seen some gains since then. That is positive news. You can see the gains from last year. Two students went through the application process with DTC, but because of COVID, they had to withdraw from the process. Beginning in the fall, we will begin to look for new potential applicants. By this fall, we would like to see if someone could assist us with setting up an Ephphatha page with criteria listed and they could apply for school for the Spring semester. Our cut off dates are as listed in the report attached. We would like to have a website attached to the SBCD website where you see the scholarship criteria and instructions for the application process in ASL. Tuition keeps going up for colleges, so we need to build up our account for those who might really need tuition relief. If you feel the Lord calling you to help raise funds for students to attend DTC or somewhere else in order to obtain training to become pastors or missionaries, reach out to us. We don't want them to worry about borrowing money. Pray if you would like to give, see how the Lord leads you; we are looking for more donors for this fund.



SBCD BUSINESS MEETING

The History Committee offered no report.

Missions Committee Report:

Donna Lawlor, KY (Chair)

Kevin Cartwright, KS (Absent)

Robert Crowell, MO (Absent)

Marsha Forer, TX

Rusty Lower, TN

Stacy Stoops, OK (Absent)

John Wyble, VA (Absent)

Yvette Aarons resigned in December 2021. She has a weekly Bible study group meeting in Brooklyn, NYC.

Bro. Ron Crego passed away from COVID a couple of months after our meeting at Campbellsville, KY in 2021. Let us remember his wife Marie Crego.

We had no one to fill out the form and request any support for mission trips.

No one represented the Missions Committee at SBC in Anaheim, California this year because of the high cost for the trip.

KBCD will have a big outreach on September 2nd. Keith Wann will be the featured entertainer and a meal on Friday night for the DeaFestival 2022 at Centre College and the 200th Anniversary on KSD on September 3rd. Pray that lives will be saved.

KBCD sent out an email application for \$1000 of support for evangelism efforts.

We are displaying the Code Blue Banner on display at SBCD 2022.

MAPSF:

Allison Randolph, TX

Frances Courson, AL (Absent)

Denise Wyble, VA (Absent) attended the conference at first, and was supposed to come and lead a devotional at MAPSF. She and her husband suddenly contacted us and let us know she had a family emergency. We had to take over leading a great group of 14 women. We shared with one another, prayed together, supported and encouraged each other. We made some crafts and enjoyed it. Next year I will be the chairperson and I will enlist others to help.



SBCD BUSINESS MEETING

ASBID Report:

Cindy Moore, NC

We had an excellent meeting. We had 36 interpreters register for our workshops. We offered 18 workshop slots, all with RID CEUs. Applying for CEUs is complicated because you must have someone who is certified lead the workshop and submit well in advance. It can also be denied. Then we have to count how many people will be attending and how many hours and resubmit. It is a lot of work for CEUS that it is important to have workshops to benefit us as interpreters in our local churches. This year I want to thank Mary High, NC, and Karen Snead, MO. They worked a lot on the program and got all of the paperwork done. Next year we have new officers. Thank you for your support for ASBID.

Current Officers 2021-2022:

Chair: Cindy Moore, NC

Vice Chair: Frona Elkes, FL

Secretary: Roberta Green, TX

Historian: Ann Cothorn, MS

Nominating Committee Chair: Barb Coffan, GA

DeafBlind Coordinator: Pat Harris, FL

Interpreter Coordinator: Bill Green, TX

Program Chair: Mary High, NC and Karen Snead, MO

Officers elected to serve in 2022-2023:

Chair: Cindy Moore, NC

Vice Chair: Frona Elkes, FL

Secretary: Roberta Green, TX

Historian: Ann Cothorn, MS

Nominating Committee Chair: Rosalie Harris

DeafBlind Coordinator: Nancy Perry, KY

Interpreter Coordinator: Jennifer Mitchell, FL

Program Chair: Karen Carbello, TX

FMPD Report:

Dirk Hill, VA

First, I would like to report that Monday Aric Randolph, TX, taught a workshop about mentoring and leading. Tuesday we discussed our needs, studied the word together, and prayed for each other and supported each other. Because of COVID, Pastors and missionaries have become very frustrated. Church life has changed completely. Many members do not faithfully attend church, and make excuses for not showing up. We prayed for each other. Also, FMPD pastors and missionaries please pray for our Southern Baptist Deaf pastors. Please meet me at the stage after worship.

John Wyble, Chair (Resigned)

Larry Barnett, Vice Chairperson

Secretary (vacant)

As of today, I was told by someone that John Wyble resigned his position as chairperson. We will discuss it soon after the worship service. Thank you for your time. Goodnight.

Business meeting recessed at 7:03pm.



SBCD BUSINESS MEETING

Thursday, 7-28-22

President Anna: Business meeting reconvened at 9:17am.

Tony Austin, TN will share with us the nominations for SBCD offices.

Tony thanked President Anna and explained the color coding of the names on the form. Names that are in red ink denote new nominees or vacancies. The incumbent officers are typed in black ink.

Executive Committee:

The Office of President of the SBCD:

Laura Hill, VA

Corey Harrison, KY

President Anna asked if there were any nominations from the floor. There were none.

President Anna then called for a vote. Laura Hill was appointed as the President.

Tony Austin presented the nominee for the 1st Vice President of the SBCD:

Here is the nominee:

Corey Harrison, KY

President Anna asked for other nominations from the floor. There were no other nominations from the floor, so we voted to accept Corey Harrison, KY as the 1st Vice President of the SBCD. Passed.

Tony Austin presented the nominee for the 2nd Vice President of the SBCD:

Branche Long, NC

President Anna asked for the nominee to stand and asked for other nominations from the floor. There were no other nominees. President Anna called for a vote to accept Branche Long as 2nd Vice President. Passed.

Tony Austin presented the nominee for the Secretary of the SBCD:

Lorraine Linares, FL

President Anna asked for the nominee to stand and asked for other nominations from the floor.

There were no other nominees. President Anna called for a vote to accept Lorraine Linares as the office of Secretary. Passed.



SBCD BUSINESS MEETING

Tony Austin presented the incumbent Childcare Coordinator for KidSBCD:

Avey Jane Lute, AL (who was at the time back with the children) and the incumbent JrSBCD Coordinator, Ethan Elder, FL.

President Anna asked for a motion to accept the incumbent Childcare Coordinator and JrSBCD Coordinator. Cindy Moore, NC made a motion to keep the current offices of Childcare Coordinator and JrSBCD Coordinator as filled. Dirk Hill, VA seconded. President Anna called for a vote. Passed.

Tony Austin, TN presented the office of Assistant Secretary as vacant.

President Anna asked for any nominations from the floor. There were none.

Tony Austin, TN presented the office of Treasurer, filled by Tom Linares.

President Anna asked for other nominations from the floor for Treasurer.

President Anna asked for a motion to accept the incumbent Treasurer. Passed.

Tony Austin presented two new nominations for the Board of Trustees:

Anna Austin, TN

John Wyble, VA

They would both serve on the Board from 2023 to 2026.

President Anna asked to accept these two new Board members. Passed.

Tony Austin presented one vacancy on the By-Laws Committee.

President Anna asked for any nominations from the floor.

Bob Moore nominated Kelvin Hodson, AZ

President Anna asked to accept this nomination to the By-Laws Committee. Passed.

Tony Austin presented one vacancy on the Education Committee.

President Anna asked for any nominations for the Education Committee?

Nomination from the floor: Cindy Moore, NC. Declined.

Jessica Cartwright. Accepted. Passed.

Tony Austin presented one vacancy on the History Committee.

President Anna asked for any nominations for the History Committee?



SBCD BUSINESS MEETING

Nomination from the floor: Liz Rentner, TX.

Liz Rentner accepted the nomination.

President Anna asked to vote on this nomination to the History Committee. Passed.

Tony Austin presented several vacancies (5) on the Missions Committee.

President Anna asked for nominations for the missions committee.

Chairperson Donna Lawler, KY approached the president for a more in-depth description of the Missions Committee. She said, "The Missions Committee focuses not only on overseas. It also focuses on North America. If people need help on mission trips or special evangelical events, they should contact the Missions Committee. The group going on the trip must be SBC. We do not focus on other denominations. It is important that we look at each individual situation and see where the funds can be used." Bob Moore, NC clarified, "The Missions Committee does not go on mission trips. The committee oversees whether a person is qualified to go on a missions trip."

President Anna asked for nominations for someone to serve on the Missions Committee.

Floor nominated: Gloria Hodson, AZ , Accepted, Passed (Will serve until 2025).

Floor nomination: Martha Knowles, FL, Accepted, Passed (Will serve until 2024).

Nathan Hill, GA, Accepted, Passed (Will serve until 2023).

Rosalie Harris FL, Accepted, Passed (Will serve until 2025).

Tina Clary, FL, Accepted, Passed (Will serve until 2024).

Donna Lawlor, KY. Accepted. Passed. (will serve until 2025).

Bob Moore has a point of order: The by-laws say that family members cannot serve on the same committee at the same time. Tom is treasurer for the Executive Committee, so his wife Lorraine cannot serve on the same committee. Lorraine Linares is effectively removed from the Executive Committee.

Laura Hill (VA) nominated Marsha Forer, TX for the office of secretary Marsha Forer, TX accepts the position of Secretary, with the contingency that she resigns from the Missions Committee.

Nancy Perry, KY nominated Esperanza Hernandez Colorado for the Missions Committee, and she accepted the position. She will serve until 2024. Passed.

Corey Harrison, KY nominated Deanna Hill as Assistant Secretary and she accepted the role.

Business meeting recess for a short break at 10:12am.



SBCD BUSINESS MEETING

Business resumed at 10:31am.

President Anna asked the Assistant Secretary if there were any old business from last year? She replied there is no old business.

President Anna asked if there were any motions to hear:

Brance Long came forward with the following motion:

We make a motion that SBCD create an ad-hoc committee of three members to do a feasibility study to explore covering the worship speakers and conference speakers' financial needs for the 2023 75th anniversary in Clearwater, FL. The SBCD Board of Trustees will be responsible for the appointment of the committee members. The ad-hoc committee will in turn respond to the Board of Trustees and Executive Committee by their mid-year meeting.

Motion seconded by Marsha Forer.

President Anna asked if there was any discussion needed on this motion? Brance clarified that we have some do their homework on how much money it would cost to host this special event. Especially considering emeritus missionaries who might be willing to come if they had an invitation and ballpark figure for transportation and amenities.

Corey Harrison asked for clarification on whether this reimbursement would be for the conference speakers for the workshops, or only the worship speaker?

Brance Long replied, the evening worship keynote speaker.

Nathan Hill came forward with a discussion: Some state conventions do spend money on keynote speakers and workshops in order to show those presenting proper respect for the sacrifice of taking time off. Also, we want to recognize that this is such a big occasion.

Ready work, coming to their conference. Another idea would be to waive the conference fee and give them an honorarium. Passed.

A second motion was made by Larry Barnett:

I, Larry Barnett, make a motion from the floor. I move that the SBCD President is given authority to set up a special Task Force committee established by the messengers who can study and recommend conference sites in order to predict the needs for the next five years. This Task Force would be appointed by the President and messengers involved in the Task Force will be announced after the convention. We would have 5 members for that Task Force and they would serve for the next five years. Brance Long



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seconds the motion.

Discussion from the floor.

President Anna announces we need to vote to close the discussion.

Bob Moore wants to emphasize that we are only voting to close the discussion.

Vote Passed. Discussion closed. Motion failed.

President Anna said we are working on the next few conferences. Please pray that we will find the best place for us to hold SBCD.

Business meeting recesses at 11:15am.

Business meeting resumed at 6:36pm.

President Anna called up JrSBCD for a report.

JrSBCD—Ethan Elder, FL

This week we had a total of five youth and we went bowling and skating. We made crafts, played games, and listened to Bible stories. Aric came and told us about his experience on a mission trip. We listened as a family to God's word. It was a great experience, but we would love to see more youth come out to SBCD and hear God's word, obey, and spread the word to all of the world. CODAs, hearing, and Deaf youth are all welcome.

KidSBCD—Avey Jane Lute

I am responsible for KidSBCD, which is kiddos age 1-10. This week I had a total of 12 kids, 11 hearing and 1 Deaf. Eleven of those children were pastor's kids and 1 child was a hearing pastor's kid. We had a great week learning all about the ocean and the beach. It was neat to see God work through teaching us the different Bible stories that contain WATER. Will see one of those stories tonight. One of the activities the kiddos really enjoyed was creating a tie-dyed beach towel with each child's name on it. Another highlight was that we went to an aquarium yesterday with the JrSBCD group yesterday.

President Anna: Thank you for that report. We will be posting the resolution on the large screen now.



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Resolutions: Chair—Laura Hill, VA

Committee:

Anna Austin, TN

Lexi Hill, VA

WHEREAS, to the glory, honor and praise of God, the Father, through His Son Jesus Christ, the Southern Baptist Conference of the Deaf (SBCD) held its 71st conference at Calvary Church in Clearwater, Florida where administration staff and technical personnel demonstrated their Christ-like servant spirit.

WHEREAS, the SBCD Executive Officers, Board of Directors, Worship Pastor, Praise Team leaders, Calvary Deaf choir, workshop presenters, interpreters, committee members and Calvary Church team have demonstrated God through their service to SBCD.

WHEREAS, the SBCD expresses their deepest gratitude to Taylor Smith - Groups Ministry Assistant, Ron Cooney - Lead Pastor of Ministries, Calvary Church and all their volunteers, Florida Baptist Convention and their representative, Myles Dowdy, and Florida Baptist Conference of the Deaf Officers and their volunteers for investing their time during this conference. They demonstrated God's love through their service to SBCD.

WHEREAS, the SBCD conference theme - Who's Your One? - 2 Timothy 2:2 challenged messengers and visitors to REMEMBER JESUS IS THE ONE and keep their eyes on HIM!!!

WHEREAS, the SBCD, the technical and video staff shared information through video presentations and exhibitors shared their ministries through exhibit booths.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that, We at SBCD wholeheartedly agree and thank every person who served the members of our conference and its auxiliaries.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that, We at SBCD, both individually and collectively, embrace God's call to reach out to the lost Deaf people throughout the world and reach the unreached people who do not know the gospel.

Do we move to accept this resolution?

Bob Moore: I caught two errors. The first is that there is an error in the number of conferences we have had. It says 74 conferences, but it should say 71 conferences. The second is that we need to remove the word "the" where it was unnecessary.

Resolution is as accepted as recorded.



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2nd Vice President Lorraine Linares will now give us a report on the final count of SBCD attendee's representation:

Alabama 5	Mississippi 8
Arizona 3	New Jersey 4
Connecticut 2	New York 3
Colorado 2	North Carolina 9
Florida 87	Ohio 3
Georgia 13	Oklahoma 2
Indiana 2	South Carolina 2
Kansas 1	Tennessee 19
Kentucky 11	Texas 10
Maryland 4	Virginia 6
Missouri 1	West Virginia 1

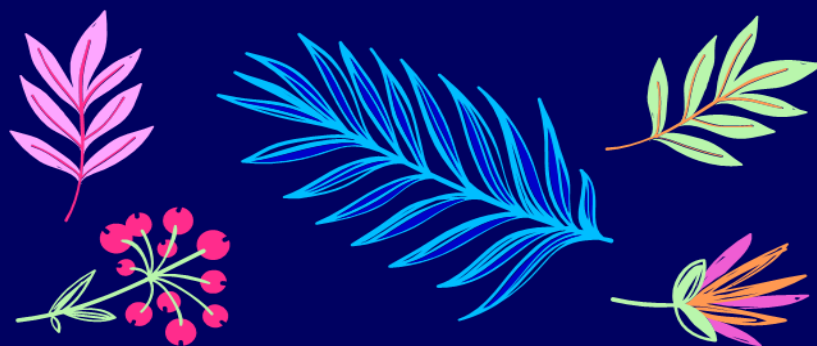
Totals by category:

Messengers: 68	Spouse of Missionaries: 3
Visitors: 81	Interpreters: 39
Deaf: 115	Sunday School Teachers: 11
Hearing: 82	Pastors: 19
Deaf-blind or low vision: 2	Spouse of Pastors: 15
JrSBCD: 5	Lay Ministers: 2
KidSBCD: 12	Deacons: 3
Missionaries: 6	

President Anna announced the business meeting of the SBCD 2022 adjourned at 6:49pm.



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• 1:30-4:00 PM •

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Room TBD

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Fellowship • Crafts



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