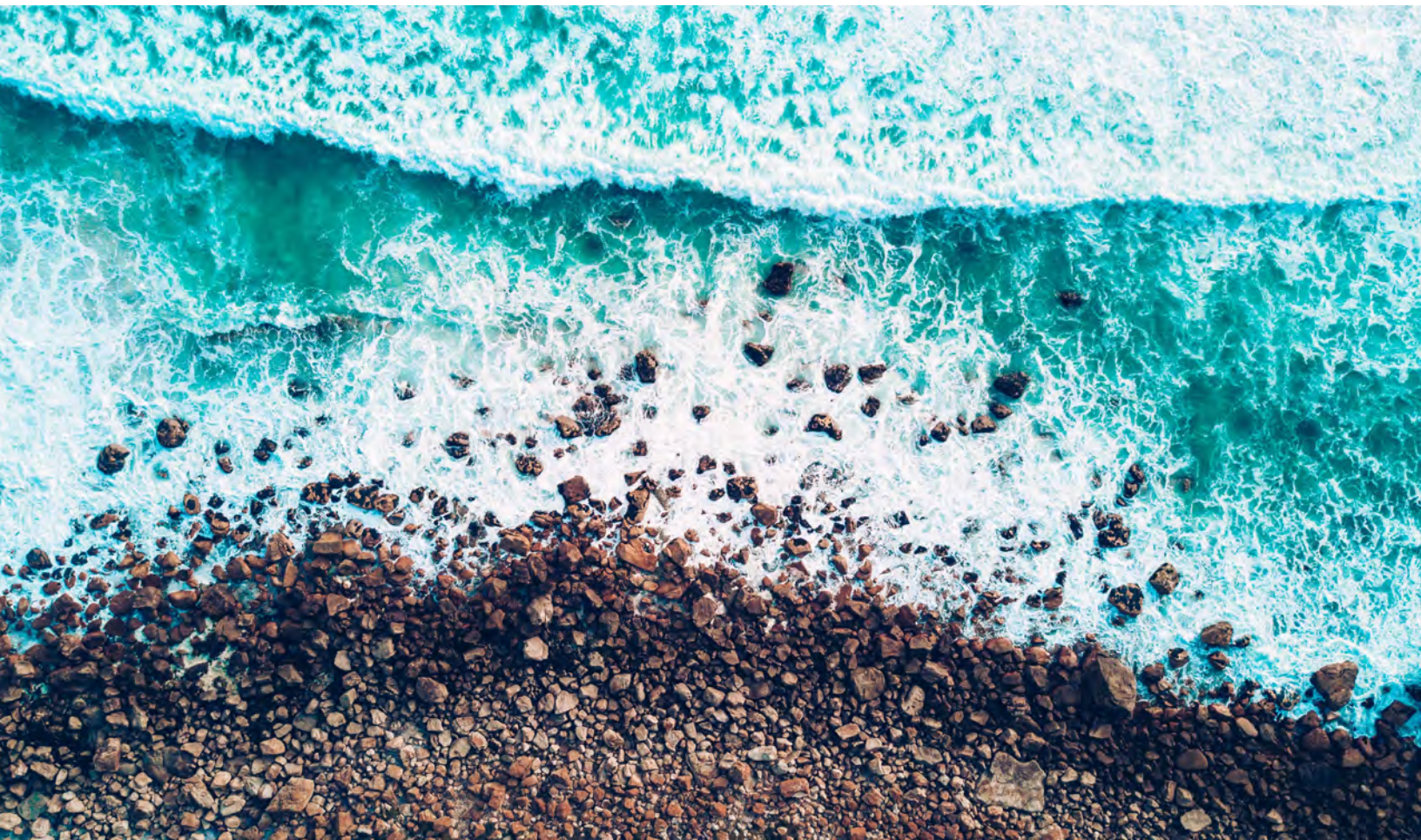




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"GOD PROMISED THIS GOOD NEWS LONG AGO
THROUGH HIS PROPHETS, AS IT IS WRITTEN
IN THE HOLY SCRIPTURES." **ROMANS 1:2**

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MESSAGE FROM SBCD PRESIDENT

From your SBCD President...

Wow!! It is hard to believe that the fall season has arrived, and October is already here!! I hope each one of you take the time to enjoy God's beautiful creatures as we enter a new season. Remember to be thankful for everything God has done and made for each one of us!! It seems like it was just yesterday we all gathered together to celebrate SBCD's 75th Anniversary at Calvary Church in Clearwater, Florida. It was an amazing week as brothers and sisters in Christ came from all over the United States to celebrate an exciting event together. We sincerely appreciate Calvary Church for allowing us to use their facility for this celebration as well as allowing us to have our conference there for two years (2022 and 2023). I would like to take this time to thank the Executive Committee members for all their hard work as they helped prepare for the conference. A heartfelt appreciation goes to Sharon Joyner and Lorraine Linares for all their hard work preparing for the 75th Anniversary banquet; to Donnie Wiltshire for sharing the history of SBCD during History night and setting up all the pictures in the lobby for people to reminisce 75 years of SBCD. I also would like to thank our conference Pastor, Rev. David Fair from Fremont, California for sharing God's Word during the week and to our Praise Worship Leader, Steve Dye from Harvest, Alabama for the music and the amazing people he chose to lead in praise worship — Deanna Hill, Raymond Ballengee, and Christine Johnson and Dirk Hill from Richmond, Virginia for leading devotion every morning. Thanks to all the workshop presenters for giving their time to teach during the week. We thank our awesome God for allowing us to come together to celebrate the rich history of SBCD.

Anchored in Christ,

Laura Hill

SBCD President
2023-2024

As we prepare for our upcoming SBCD conference, the Board of Directors and Executive Committee will have our mid-year meeting in November. Please keep the Executive Committee and Board of Directors in your prayers as we seek God's will in planning for the conference in July of 2024. We will have more information in the next newsletter about the conference that will take place on July 7th to 11th. In closing, let this verse serve as a reminder to you daily — "This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." — Psalms 118:24



SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONFERENCE OF THE DEAF

SBCD COMMITTEE 2023-2024

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Greg Johannsen, TN – Chair (2027)
Robert Moore, NC – Vice Chair (2024)
Joni Bice, OK – Secretary (2025)
Dwight Swim, KY (2024)
Donnie Wiltshire, TX (2025)
Anna Austin, TN (2026)
John Wyble, VA (2026)
Aric Randolph, TN (2027)

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Laura Hill, VA – President
Steve Dye, AL – 1st Vice President
Brance Long, NC – 2nd Vice President
Marsha Forer, TX – Secretary
Deanna Hill, GA – Assistant Secretary
Tom Linares, FL – Treasurer
Karen Rhodes, VA – Child Care Coordinator
Corey Harrison, TN – Jr. SBCD Coordinator

MISSION (NAMC/IMC)

Robert Crowell, MO – Chair (2026)
Donna Lawlor, KY – Vice Chair (2025)
Rosalie Harris, FL – Secretary (2025)
Esperanza Hernandez, CO (2024)
Martha Knowles, FL (2024)
Tina Clary, FL (2024)
Gloria Hodson, AZ (2025)
Kevin Cartwright, KS (2026)
Ronda Perrin, GA (2026)

ITP

Tammy Cantrell, KY – Coordinator

BY-LAWS

Danny Bice, OK – Chair (2026)
Daniel Lute, AL – Vice Chair (2024)
Kelvin Hodson, AZ – Secretary (2025)

EDUCATION

Aston Luff, TX – Chair (2026)
Jessica Cartwright, KS – Vice Chair (2025)
Nina Coyer, KY – Secretary (2024)

HISTORY

Sharon Joyner, WV – Chair (2024)
Ethan Elder – Vice Chair (2026)
Liz Rentner, TX – Secretary (2025)

ASBID

Bill Green, TX – Chair
Tommy Cothorn, MS – Vice Chair
Daphne Cox, FL – Secretary
Ina Faye Price, KY – Historian
Rosalie Harris, FL – Nominating Chair
Esperanza Hernandez, CO – Deaf Blind Coordinator
Jennifer Mitchell, FL – Interpreter Coordinator
Karen Corbello, TX – Program Coordinator

FMPD

Larry White, TN – Chair
Stacey Clement, NC – Vice Chair
Vacant – Secretary

MAPSF

Mandi Dye, AL – Chair
Vacant – Vice Chair
Vacant – Secretary

TWSBCD

Ethan Elder, FL

Webmaster

Rusty Lower, TN



PRESIDENTS OF SBCD FROM 1948 TO 2023

1948 – 1950	Joseph W. Gardner	1974 – 1975	N. S. Draughon	1999 – 2000	Phillip Easterling
1950 – 1951	Joseph W. Gardner	1975 – 1976	Dean Pritchard	2000 – 2001	Phillip Easterling
1951 – 1952	S. P. Wright	1976 – 1977	Dean Pritchard	2001 – 2002	Tim Bender
1952 – 1953	Leonard Asbridge	1977 – 1978	Carl Earwood	2002 – 2003	Tim Bender
1953 – 1954	Leonard Asbridge	1978 – 1979	Clifford Bruffey	2003 – 2004	Greg Johannsen
1954 – 1955	Carey C. Shaw	1979 – 1980	William Roaden	2004 – 2005	Greg Johannsen
1955 – 1956	Carey C. Shaw	1980 – 1981	William Roaden	2005 – 2006	Lenny West
1956 – 1957	James Fair	1981 – 1982	James Fair	2006 – 2007	Lenny West
1957 – 1958	Raymond Atwood	1982 – 1983	Gary Shoemaker	2007 – 2008	Aric Randolph
1958 – 1959	Raymond Atwood	1983 – 1984	Jerry Jamison	2008 – 2009	Aric Randolph
1959 – 1960	Glen Prock	1984 – 1985	William Roaden	2009 – 2010	Jim Dermon
1960 – 1961	Leon Myatt	1985 – 1986	Kevin Kreutzer	2010 – 2011	Jim Dermon
1961 – 1962	Robert Marsden	1986 – 1987	Kevin Kreutzer	2011 – 2012	Greg Johannsen
1962 – 1963	Robert Boltz	1987 – 1988	Carter Bearden, Sr.	2012 – 2013	Greg Johannsen
1963 – 1964	Clifford Bruffey	1988 – 1989	Robert Moore	2013 – 2014	Aric Randolph
1964 – 1966	Clifford Bruffey	1989 – 1990	Robert Moore	2014 – 2015	Aric Randolph
(No 1965 meeting)		1990 – 1991	David Fair	2015 – 2016	Greg Johannsen
1966 – 1967	Lloyd Bridges	1991 – 1992	James Gregory	2016 – 2017	Greg Johannsen
1967 – 1968	Neal Peyton	1992 – 1993	Rocky Shifflett	2017 – 2018	Dirk Hill
1968 – 1969	Sam Hinson	1993 – 1994	Rocky Shifflett	2018 – 2019	Dirk Hill
1969 – 1970	Leslie Hall	1994 – 1995	Greg Johannsen	2019 – 2021	Anna Austin
1970 – 1971	James Fair	1995 – 1996	Robert Moore	(No 2020 meeting)	
1971 – 1972	Edwin Oliver	1996 – 1997	Robert Moore	2021 – 2022	Anna Austin
1972 – 1973	Edwin Oliver	1997 – 1998	Larry White	2022 – 2023	Laura Hill
1973 – 1974	Jack Earwood	1998 – 1999	Larry White	2023 – 2024	Laura Hill



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 Bill Green.

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 White.

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.



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DEAF PATHWAY GLOBAL

We are currently seeking applicants for position of Deaf Pathway Global President. Deaf Pathway Global is non-profit. We are happy to provide a written copy of this information on request. To apply please send resume to: VHou@imb.org

Qualifications for consider:

- Believe Jesus Christ as Savior; much Spiritual and personal honest and mature
- Self-motivated, can adapt easy
- Knowledge about accepted bible translation processes, tools, and resources
- Familiar translation software, linguistic resources, and research tools
- Bible knowledge foundational related to bible translation
- Commit to use Sign Roots methodology to translate the bible into natural sign language (training available)
- Full understanding different cultures and contexts related to biblical meaning
- Success leading non-profit with Experience developing and preparing staff
- Fund raising and financial management experience
- Can develop partnerships with critical people and groups
- Native ASL fluency! Must able understand and express complex ideas using a wide
- ASL continuum
- Excellent communications skills include written information accurate and effective
- Cultural skills to handle diverse Deaf, cross-cultural communities in US and International
- Mission experience
- BA or BS from accredited university

"Always remember that Jesus Christ, a descendant of King David, was raised from the dead. This is the Good News I preach." **2 Timothy 2:8**



SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONFERENCE OF THE DEAF

UPCOMING EVENTS 2023

Deaf Men's Gathering

September 8-10, 2023

Mississippi Baptist Conference of the Deaf

September 29 – October 1, 2023

Oklahoma Baptist Conference of the Deaf

October 6-8, 2023

Florida Baptist Conference of the Deaf

October 20-22, 2023

South Carolina Baptist Conference of the Deaf

October 27-29, 2023

Deaf Men's Conference

November 3-5, 2023

UPCOMING EVENTS 2024

Georgia Baptist Conference of the Deaf

March 15-17, 2024

Deaf Women's Gathering

April 25-28, 2024

Southern Baptist Convention

June 9-12, 2024

Southern Baptist Conference of the Deaf

July 7-11, 2024

TO BE ANNOUNCED

Alabama Baptist Conference of the Deaf

Kentucky 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

Tennessee Baptist Conference of the Deaf

Texas Baptist Conference of the Deaf

Virginia Baptist Conference of the Deaf

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



SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONFERENCE OF THE DEAF

Hello from Sunshine State!



SBCD WAS HELD AT CALVARY CHURCH IN CLEARWATER, FLORIDA



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SBCD CELEBRATED 75 YEARS



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BUSINESS MEETING

Southern Baptist Conference of the Deaf

July 9–13, 2023 | Calvary Baptist Church | Clearwater, Florida

July 9, 2023 (Sunday Night)

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 p.m.

President Laura Hill explained that the minutes have been posted on the SBCD website and on Facebook. The minutes were accepted as read.

Executive Committee Report:

President: We, the executive committee team met at Brentwood Baptist Deaf Church in Brentwood, Tennessee for our mid-year meeting during the first weekend of November in 2022. We had a wonderful meeting, we made great progress with a great team of leaders.

1st Vice President: No report

2nd Vice President: No report

Secretary: No report

Assistant Secretary: No report

Treasurer: Tom Linares will give his report later this week.

The meeting was paused at 6:42 p.m.

July 10, 2023 (Monday Night)

The meeting was resumed at 6:32 p.m.

Board of Directors Report:

Robert Moore — Worked as liaison with By-Law Committee to clean up some things in the By-Laws and the committee members are still working on the by-laws.

Greg Johannsen — He collected all old minutes (SBCD Meetings, Board of Director Minutes), TWSBCD Newsletters, Charter of Incorporation, By-Laws and Policy & Procedure Manual, and

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

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Aric Randolph, TN

Dwight Swim, KY

Joni Bice, OK

Donnie Wiltshire, TX

John Wyble, VA



BUSINESS MEETING

other things. He is still working on updating everything and will store all of that information in google drive.

The Board of Directors announced that 2024 SBCD will be in Glorieta, New Mexico. In 2025, it will be in Ridgecrest, North Carolina.

Southern Baptist Conference of the Deaf 2023-2024 Budget

Conference Site	
History/Preservation/Anniversary	\$500
SBCD Conference Week	\$8000
Executive Committee	\$4000
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
William Leonard Asbridge Home Office (2%)	\$580
Media	\$2000

Grand Total

\$29,030

No discussion. Passed.



SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONFERENCE OF THE DEAF

BUSINESS MEETING

Board's 2024 and 2025 SBCD theme, place, and date proposal:

Themes:

2024: Living, Active, Power — Hebrew 4:12

2025: Press ON! Remaining Steadfast through Challenging Times — James 1:12

Time and Place:

2024 — Glorieta, New Mexico July 7-12, 2024.

2025 — Ridgecrest, North Carolina July 14-18, 2025. (Date not finalized yet).

President Laura Hill called for a vote. Passed.

Baptist Faith and Message 2000:

Board of Director — Aric Randolph: (clarify on SBCD's beliefs)

SBCD By-Laws Article 6 states that we follow the Baptist Faith and Message 2000. In this Baptist Faith and Message Article 6: The church it states: "Its two scriptural offices are that of pastor/elder/overseer and deacon. While both men and women are gifted for service in the church, the office of pastor/elder/overseer is limited to men as qualified by Scripture."

What does that mean? Women can serve anywhere in the local church except the pastor.

If any question or problems with SBCD's belief, you are free to meet with the Board to discuss our By-Laws Article 6.

The meeting was paused at 6:47 p.m.

July 11, 2023 (Tuesday Night)

The meeting was resumed at 6:37 p.m.

President Laura Hill, VA, announced that Business Meeting is postponed to Wednesday night at 6:30 p.m.

The meeting was paused at 6:38 p.m.



BUSINESS MEETING

July 12, 2023 (Wednesday Night)

The meeting was resumed at 6:33 p.m.

Treasurer Report: Tom Linares, Jr., FL

Financial Report:

The Southern Baptist Conference of the Deaf, Inc.

Annual Financial Statement

July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023

Beginning Balance — 07/1/2022 **\$124,303.91**

Revenue

300 Child Care	\$0.00
303 Designation	\$487.15
306 NAMB	\$0.00
312 Interest	\$4.24
316 Individuals	\$1,660.00
318 Local Church	\$6,203.07
321 Miscellaneous	\$0.00
327 Offering	\$1,941.30
330 Registration	\$39,469.79
333 Sales	\$1,970.30
334 Scholarships	\$0.00
336 State	\$0.00

Total Revenue **\$51,735.56**

Subtotal **\$176,037.47**



BUSINESS MEETING

Expenses

400 Bank Charge	\$0.00
402 Cooperative Program	\$80.00
405 Child Care	\$0.00
410 Conference	\$0.00
415 Copies	\$0.00
420 Honorarium	\$0.00
425 Interpreting	\$0.00
430 Linens	\$0.00
435 Lodge	\$2,986.42
440 Supplies	\$10,113.87
445 Meals	\$6,178.41
450 Miscellaneous	\$0.00
460 Postage	\$106.37
465 Printing	\$0.00
475 Refund	\$451.78
480 Registration	\$0.00
485 Rental	\$0.00
490 Returned	\$0.00
492 Scholarships	\$0.00
495 Telephone	\$0.00
500 Transportation	\$3,562.45
555 Missions	\$8,349.67
Total Expenses	\$32,328.97
Ending Balance — 06/30/2023	\$143,708.50

Respectfully Submitted,

Tom Linares, Jr.

SBCD Treasurer



SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONFERENCE OF THE DEAF

BUSINESS MEETING

Audit Report:

Kevin Bryant, FL, reviewed the audit report, and everything looks good.

The following auditors have found Annual Financial Report to be accurate.

Name of list who audited:

Robert Crowell, MO

Stacey Clement, NC

Scott Williams, FL

Passed.

FMPD Report:

Larry White – Acting chairperson for Larry Barrett (absent due to health reasons).

New Chairperson – Larry White, TN

Vice Chairperson – Stacey Clement, NC

Secretary – No report

MAPSF Report:

Allison Randolph, TN

MAPSF met on Monday and Tuesday afternoon with 26 women in attendance. Thank you to Brenda Tolosa for leading craft time making cards to be shared with others. Our guest speaker was Dr. Angela Scruggs who led our afternoon session focusing on mental health for ourselves and church members. We were so thankful for her insights and plan to meet with her on ZOOM several times during this year. On Tuesday, we meet with FMPD for lunch and time for fellowship and pictures. We talked about our needs and want to stay connected to each other more during the year. We elected Mandi Dye as chairperson for MAPSF 2024 and hoping to focus on relationships and healthy boundaries. We voted to reimburse expenses for crafts and the rest of our budget to be given as an honorarium for our guest speaker.

Respectfully submitted by Allison Randolph, MAPSF Chair 2023.



BUSINESS MEETING

Missions Report:

Nathan Hill, GA

It was a new experience working with the Mission Team. We supported two people, Barbara Coffan, GA, and Stacy Nalls, GA, for their mission trip to Honduras. Barb Coffan and Stacy Nalls shared their testimonies about their work in Honduras. Missions currently have \$26,000 for NAMF and \$12,000 for IMF.

History Report:

Sharon Joyner, WV

Committees: Liz Renter designed and sold t-shirts for our 75th year anniversary. Lorraine Linares planned the 75th anniversary banquet.

There is a total at 195 people here that will attend the 75th anniversary banquet. Out of 195 people, only two people were at the 25th anniversary of SBCD.

Nominating Committee Report:

Tony Austin, TN – Chair

Dirk Hill, VA

Chadwick Noel, KY

Tony Austin showed a list of Nominees for 2023-2024 SBCD officers and committee members.

The meeting was paused at 6:51 p.m.



BUSINESS MEETING

July 13, 2023 (Thursday Morning)

The meeting was resumed at 9:06 a.m.

By Laws Committee:

Daniel Lute, AL

By-Law Committee (Daniel Lute and Mary High). Daniel Lute went over the motions that have been submitted by the messengers. We will look over 3 motions, we will vote for one of them this year as for the other two, we will vote on them next year to make sure it does not conflict with the By-Laws.

Education Committee:

No Report

Kid SBCD Report:

Avey Jane Lute shared her report with us during Kid SBCD night. The theme for this week was GLOW – Sharing His Light. There were 19 children in attendance – 18 Hearing and 1 Deaf. Avey thanked the volunteers for their time in assisting with Child Care this week. They made pillowcases that glow in the dark and did other fun things along with Bible Study.

Jr. SBCD Report:

Ethan Elder shared his report with us during Jr. SBCD night. They had 9 Jr. SBCD attendees. They participated in Bible Study and had fun activities planned throughout the week. Ron Cooney taught Bible Study during the afternoons. It has been a great week for Jr. SBCD.



BUSINESS MEETING

ASBID Report:

Cindy Moore, NC — ASBID Chairperson

ASBID had business meeting on July 12, 2023.

26 interpreters in attendance.

12 workshops were set up and provided RID CEUs.

Florida Baptist Interpreters and Calvary Deaf Ministry hosted fellowship.

The newly elected ASBID Officers for 2023–2024:

Chair: Bill Green, TX

Vice Chair: Tommy Cothorn, MS

Secretary: Daphne Cox, FL

Historian: Ian Fay Price, KY

Nominating Committee Chair: Rosalie Harris, FL

Deaf-Blind Interpreter Coordinator: Esperanza Hernandez, CO

Interpreter Coordinator: Jennifer Mitchell, FL

Program Chair: Karen Corbello, TX



BUSINESS MEETING

SBCD Roll Call: Brance Long, NC

State	Total
AL	9
AR	1
CA	1
CO	1
FL	54
GA	26
IL	3
KS	3
KY	16
MA	4
MD	2
MO	4
MS	4
NC	22
NY	14
OH	8
OK	9
TN	20
TX	24
VA	18
WV	1
WY	1



BUSINESS MEETING

SBCD Roll Call: Brance Long, NC

Categories	Total
Messengers	125
Visitors	124
Deaf	138
Hearing	71
Deaf/Blind	4
Jr. SBCD	9
Kid SBCD	14
Missionaries	17
Spouse of Missionaries	3
Interpreters	28
Sunday School Teachers	16
Pastors	24
Spouse of Pastors	25
Lay Ministers	1
Deacons	0

Total Number of Attendees: 249



BUSINESS MEETING

New Business

Motion #1: Phillip Easterling, NC move that all presentations at the SBCD annual meeting will be done in either American Sign Language or spoken English with an American Sign Language Interpreter.

Seconded by Danny Bice, OK.

Discussion. Close discussion and vote on the motion.

Motion passed.

Motion #2: I, Aric Randolph, TN move that By-Laws Article 10: Committees Section 2.2.4.2 be amended as "The members of JR SBCD shall consist of Deaf young person 7th grade to high school graduate belonging to Southern Baptist Conference of the Deaf. **Motion will be brought up to vote next year.**

Motion #3: I, Aric Randolph, TN move that By-Laws: Article 8: Officers oversee the coordination of childcare programs from birth to 6th grade. Section 5.8 be amended as "Childcare Coordinator": Can't vote this year Why? Because must print TWSBCD advance. **Motion will be brought up to vote next year.**

Nominations:

Tony Austin, TN

2024 Executive Committee:

President: Laura Hill, VA

Vice President: Steve Dye, AL

2nd Vice President: Brance Long, NC

Secretary: Marsha Forer, TX

Asst. Secretary: Deanna Hill, GA

Treasurer: Tom Linares, FL

Cindy Moore, NC moves to accept all Executive Committee for 2024 by acclamation.

Dirk Hill, VA seconded, Passed.



BUSINESS MEETING

Nominations for Childcare Coordinator:

Sarah Noel, KY

Karen Rhoads, VA

Vote on Child Care Coordinator. Karen Rhoads was voted as the Child-Care Coordinator.

Passed.

Jr. SBCD Coordinator: Corey Harrison, KY

Passed.

Board of Directors:

Dwight Swim, KY — 2024

Bob Moore, NC — 2024

Joni Bice, OK — 2025

Donnie Wiltshire, TX — 2025

Passed.

Missions Committee:

New nominees: Robert Crowell, MO and Kevin Cartwright, KS. One vacancy needs to be filled.

Nancy Perry, KY nominated Ronda Perrin, GA accepted.

Missions Committee:

Esperanza Hernandez, CO — 2024

Martha Knowles, FL — 2024

Tina Clary, FL — 2024

Gloria Hodson, AZ — 2025

Passed.

Anna Austin, TN — 2026

John Wyble, VA — 2026

New nominees:

Aric Randolph, TN — 2027

Greg Johannsen, TN — 2027

Donna Lawlor, KY — 2025

Rosalie Harris, FL — 2025

Robert Crowell, MO — 2026

Kevin Cartwright, KS — 2026

Ronda Perrin, GA — 2026



BUSINESS MEETING

By Laws Committee:

New nominees for one vacant position:
Leanne Carrera, VA.

Daniel Lute, AL nominated Danny Bice, OK,
accepted.

Messengers voted for Danny Bice.

By-Laws Committee:

Daniel Lute, AL — 2024

Kevin Hodson, AZ — 2025

Danny Bice, OK — 2026

Passed.

Education Committee:

Nominations for one vacant position:

Cindy Moore, NC nominated Ethan Elder, FL,
accepted.

Steve Dye, AL nominated Ashton Luff, TX,
accepted.

Messengers voted for Ashton Luff.

Education Committee:

Nina Coyer, KY — 2024

Jessica Cartwright, KS — 2025

Ashton Luff, TX — 2026

Passed.

History Committee:

One position vacant: Chadwick Noel, KY
Nominations:

Cindy Moore, NC nominated Ethan Elder, FL,
accepted.

Sharon Joyner, WV nominated Leeann
Carrera, VA, accepted.

Messengers voted Ethan Elder, FL.

History Committee:

Sharon Joyner, WV — 2024

Liz Rentner, TX — 2025

Ethan Elder, FL — 2026

Passed.



BUSINESS MEETING

Resolutions:

Anna Austin, TN – Chairperson

Committee Members: Lorraine Linares, FL and Laura Hill, VA

Anna Austin, TN showed SBCD resolution letter on the screen.

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 72nd 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, 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 - Executive Pastor, 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 expresses their deepest gratitude to Sharon Joyner and Lorraine Linares for investing their time in preparing for the 75th Anniversary celebration of Southern Baptist Conference of the Deaf. They have demonstrated God through their service to SBCD.

WHEREAS, the SBCD expresses their deepest appreciation to Donnie Wiltshire for his time and dedication to gathering all the historical moments of SBCD for the last 75 years. Donnie shared amazing memories of people who invested their time with SBCD throughout the years and displayed historical events throughout the week.

WHEREAS, the SBCD conference theme - "CONTINUE THE TASK" - Ephesians 2:10 challenged messengers and visitors to remember to continue to carry on the task that is set forth before us and to include HIM in our daily lives.

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



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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.

Passed.

Donna Lawlor move for SBCD to accept this Resolution Letter for NAD.

Seconded by Dwight Swim, KY.

Resolution About the NAD

Whereas, the National Association of the Deaf (NAD) claims to represent all parts of the Deaf Community.

Whereas, NAD hosted a webinar entitled; "HOW-TO: LGBTQIA2S+ Clubs at Deaf Schools/Programs on June 13, 2023.

Whereas, Deaf/HH students with gender confusion, addiction to pornography, or involved in sexual abuse need the truth of the Savior along with healthy mentoring relationships. See Leviticus 18:22, Leviticus 20:13, Romans 1:26-28, Jude 1:7

Whereas, NAD should empower the parents of these students by teaching the parents how to communicate these tough ASL topics in a manner that is clearly understood.

Whereas, NAD has failed to equally represent the Judeo-Christian Deaf/HH Community in any political discourse relating to human sexuality.

WHEREAS, The Bible declares that God created humans in His own image as distinctly male and female (Genesis 1:27; Matthew 19:4); and

WHEREAS, The Bible teaches that the differences between men and women are complementary, determined at conception, immutable, rooted in God's design, and most clearly revealed in bodily differences (Genesis 1:28; Psalm 100:3), not in self-defined and ultimately false notions of "gender identity"; and



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WHEREAS, The Baptist Faith and Message declares that “[t]he sacredness of human personality is evident in that God created man in His own image, and in that Christ died for man; therefore, every person of every race possesses full dignity and is worthy of respect and Christian love” and that God created “male and female as the crowning work of His creation...The gift of gender is thus part of the goodness of God’s creation” (Article III); and

WHEREAS, God’s holy and good design for two distinct and complementary sexes is rooted in the created order, and it serves as the foundation for all societal cooperation and structures; and

WHEREAS, Scripture teaches that the body should be honored as the temple of the Holy Spirit and affirms the unity of body and soul (1 Corinthians 6:19); and

WHEREAS, Driven by cultural change, the promotion of gender ideology, and social pressures, unprecedented numbers of adolescents and young adults are experiencing identity or body-related distress or asserting an identity at odds with their birth sex; and

WHEREAS, The number of medical interventions for purposes of “gender transition” has also risen significantly, including the use of puberty blockers, unnaturally high doses of hormones, and surgical interventions; and

WHEREAS, These so-called medical interventions are not only spiritually destructive but also render otherwise healthy children sterile for life, impairing or destroying their fertility, reproductive organs, capacity for sexual pleasure, and at times causing lifelong medical dependency as well as unknown long-term consequences; and

WHEREAS, Vulnerable children and teens are targets for psychosocial messaging and claims from the medical community that induce and even coerce their participation in escalating, increasingly harmful “transition” interventions; and

WHEREAS, The Lord has ordained government for the purpose of executing justice, praising that which is good, and punishing those who do evil (Romans 13:1-7; 1 Peter 2:14); and

WHEREAS, Some state governments have taken action to prohibit the promotion of gender ideology and “transition” interventions for children; and

WHEREAS, Tragically, other governments and municipalities throughout the United States have taken egregious action to promote “gender transition” for children, enabling minors to bypass parental consent and obtain these life-altering procedures, often through so-called sanctuary cities that provide confidential services to out-of-state children; now, therefore, be it



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RESOLVED, That the messengers to the Southern Baptist Conference of the Deaf meeting at Calvary Church in Clearwater, Florida, July 9-13, 2023, condemn and oppose “gender-affirming care” and all forms of “gender transition” interventions; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we oppose “gender transition” interventions as a futile quest to change one’s sex and as a direct assault on God’s created order; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we condemn corporate medical services that promote harmful and often irreversible “gender transition” experiments on vulnerable minors and young adults, exploiting them for the sake of profit; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we call on legislatures to reverse any law or policy that supports “gender transition” interventions, undermines parental rights, or creates supposed sanctuary jurisdictions that facilitate these harmful interventions for minors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we commend the legislatures who have undertaken just and praiseworthy action to protect children from “gender transition” interventions, have re-affirmed the rights of parents to direct the upbringing of their children, and have defended the free speech and conscience rights of religious believers from governmental efforts to coerce them into endorsing gender ideology; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the messengers of the S.B.C.D. call on any members of the Southern Baptist Conference of the Deaf who are performing or actively supporting “gender transition” interventions to immediately repent and refrain; and be it further

RESOLVED, that SBCD informs NAD of this resolution requesting that NAD remain neutral on the topic of human sexuality especially with minors finally

RESOLVED, That we extend the love of Christ, who can save anyone who would call on His name, as well as compassionate care and tender mercy to those experiencing identity or body-related distress and/or are currently undergoing or have undergone “gender transition” interventions.

Discussion:

Mary High, NC - I move to refer it to the Board of Directors to look over the letter and consider a better way to handle it and decide what we should do. Phillip Easterling, NC seconded. No discussion. Passed. The meeting was adjourned by President Laura Hill at 10:49 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by: Marsha Forer, Secretary (TX) and Deanna Hill, Assistant Secretary (GA)



BUSINESS MEETING

Association of Southern Baptist Interpreters for the Deaf

July 12, 2023

Cindy Moore, NC, called the meeting to order at 12:45 P.M. with prayer. Twenty-six members were in attendance.

I. Chair Report: Cindy Moore, NC

Thank you to all the 2023 officers for their excellent service. Everyone did an excellent job and willing to jump in where necessary. A special thank you to Barb Coffan, GA, who willingly filled in the gaps.

Workshops with CEUs were provided for 12 time slots. Three were in conjunction with SBCD.

II. Minutes: Secretary, Roberta Green, TX

Ina Fay Price, KY/Mary High, NC moved and seconded the minutes be accepted as read.
Motion Passed.

III. Old Business: None

IV. New Business:

Chair: We did not use any of our allotment from SBCD because Calvary Baptist and the Florida Association of Southern Baptist interpreters for the Deaf have provided for all our needs.

Donna Lawlor, KY moved we donate all the money to Job Ayantola, CN.

Barb Coffan, GA amended the motion to: "donate the money to the Deaf Christian Evangelistic Association, Job's organization.

Frona Elkes, FL/Mary High, NC seconded the first motion.

Ina Fay Price, KY/Donna Lawlor, KY seconded the second motion.

Motions Passed.

V. Nominating Committee Report: Pat Harris, FL

Pat Harris, FL thanked her team for their work in gathering names to be presented for officers.

Chair: No nominee.

Vice Chair: Tommy Cotheran, MS



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Secretary: Daphne Cox, FL

Historian: Ina Fay Price, KY

Nominating Committee Chair: Pat Harris, FL

Deaf/Blind Coordinator: Esperanza Fernandez, CO

Interpreter Coordinator: Jennifer Mitchell, FL

Program Chair: Karen Carbello, TX

Nominations for Chair were taken from the floor.

Barb Coffan, CO nominated Mary High, NC. Declined.

Barb Coffan, CO nominated Bill Green, TX. Accepted.

Donna Lawlor, KY moved to accept the slate of candidates by acclamation.

Motion Passed.

Discussion: Officers discussed ways to mentor potential officers so they would be familiar with the duties and be more willing to take positions. Also discussed was the fact that the Coordinators and Chairs of committees could choose team members to help with their jobs.

VI. Miscellaneous:

Barbara Porter, NC passed away at the age of 90. She was a faithful interpreter at SBCD for many years.

Discussion: We need a way to inform members of the deaf community through the year of deaths of beloved interpreters.

Suggestion: Through Together with SBCD.

Karen Corbello, TX asked that if anyone has ideas for workshops for 2024 please let her know. She wants to schedule workshops of interest to the interpreters.

Mary High, NC/Donna Lawlor, KY moved and seconded for the meeting to adjourn.

Motion Passed.

Meeting adjourned at 1:34 P.M.

Respectfully recorded,

Roberta Green, TX

Secretary



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FMPD and MAPSF had time for fellowship during lunch on July 11, 2023.

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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 Robert Crowell.



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