

58th Annual Meeting of the
State Convention of Baptists in Indiana
October 10-11, 2016
The Palms Banquet and Conference Center, Plainfield, Indiana
Theme: Shining through the Darkness
Scripture: "For you were once darkness, but now (you are) light in the Lord.
Walk as children of light" Ephesians 5:8

Monday Evening, October 10 – Session One: 6:00 pm

1. Scripture and prayer by Daniel Rodas, Pastor of Calvary Hispanic Mission, Greenwood.
2. President Darin Garton, called the 58th Annual Meeting of the State Convention of Baptists in Indiana, to order.
3. Recording Secretary, Sara Burk, was introduced to organize the 58th Annual Convention the State Convention for Indiana for business. She shared that as of 5:45 pm there were 120 messengers, and 22 guests registered. Mrs. Burk moved that those messengers registered and those who would register in later sessions be elected to conduct the business of this 58th Annual Meeting. Motion seconded and carried.
4. First Vice President Bob Parnell moved the adoption of the printed program and any necessary changes, be the agenda for this meeting. Motion carried.
5. President Garton appointed the following Committees to serve during this Annual Meeting.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Darin Garton, Chair
Sara Burk
Michael Cramer
David Cullison
Al Davisson
Roger Kinion
Bob Parnell
Cecil Seagle

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

Greg Byman, Chair
Jeff Burns
Nate Butler
Pete Cerling
Fred Denton
Jack Elliot
John Hutcheon
Jeff Jackson
Jim Jenkins
Steve Johnson
Chuck McMahan
David Nycamp
Dan Sagar
Jamie Woodyard

CREDENTIALS

Roger Kinion, Chair
Greg Byman
Trevor Kirtman
Tony Manning
Don Morris
Dan Sager
Larry Snyder

REGISTRATION

Alison Blankenship
Gasburg Baptist Church, Mooresville
Hope Community Church, Brownsburg
Plainfield Baptist Church, Plainfield

ARRANGEMENTS

Gary Yochum, Chair
Steve Davidson
Joshua Goepfrich
Jeff Jackson
Mat Shockney

PRAYER

Rick Hillard, Chair
Marty Beck
Michelle Hillard

TELLERS

Joshua Goepfrich, Chair
Pete Cerling
Mat Shockney
Brad Walker

RESOLUTIONS

Bob Parnell, Chair
Randy Forsythe
Greg Lukas
Steve McJunkins
Dennis Starkey
Mitch Tabla

6. President Garton introduced John Horn and Chris Kellermeyer to present the SCBI/NAMB Church Planting Report. There were 30 church plants last year. Two videos were shared with the congregation.
7. Miscellaneous Business: David Cullison, Chairman of the Executive Committee, shared concerning the proposed Bylaw change that would be voted on in the morning session on Tuesday. David encouraged everyone to read this information on page 109 in Book of Reports.
8. Steve McNeil introduced missionaries David and Debbie Wilson through Skype as they shared with us concerning their work in Ecuador.
9. President Garton introduced Rick Hillard who recognized the top ten Cooperative Program giving churches in our convention. They were:
 - 1) First Southern Baptist Church, Clarksville, IN
 - 2) Graceland Baptist Church, New Albany
 - 3) Northside Baptist Church, Indianapolis
 - 4) First Southern Baptist Church, Evansville
 - 5) Eastlake Baptist Church, Crown Point
 - 6) Oak Hill Baptist Church, Evansville
 - 7) Grace Baptist Church, Evansville
 - 8) Fall Creek Baptist Church, Indianapolis
 - 9) Gasburg Baptist Church, Mooresville
 - 10) Calvary Baptist Church, Greenfield

Dr. Hillard also recognized the top two churches with highest giving per capita:

- 1) First Southern Baptist Church, Clarksville - per capita giving was \$797.59 per member.
- 2) Harrison Hills Baptist Church, Lanesville - per capita giving was \$413.20 per member.

Continuing with our Cooperative Program Giving Celebration, Dr. Frank Page joined us. Dr. Page serves as President and Chief Executive Officer of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee since October 2010. Dr. Page presented a plaque with a resolution to Dr. Seagle from the SBC Executive Committee. There are 46,793 Churches with several thousand church plants making 51,000 congregations. Of these congregations there are 163 churches with over 2,000 in attendance. Most of our churches are small churches. They are the back-bone of our convention. Dr. Page challenged us that God speaks to the churches reminding us that we have left our first love. Indiana needs to recapture our first love. *Remember, Repent and Do*, Indiana, get back to doing the first work.

10. President Garton called for the first election of officers. The floor was open for nominations for the office of President: Rev. Randy Forsythe, Pastor of Grace Baptist Church, Portage, nominated Rev. Bob Parnell, Pastor of Black Oak in Gary, to serve as President. Rev. Chris Hubler, Pastor of Calvary Baptist Chapel, Alexandria, nominated Rev. Bruce Reynolds, Pastor of Old Town Hill in Muncie, to serve as President. There were no other nominations. Parliamentarian Wayne Briant gave instructions on how to vote. Tellers collected the ballots and went out to count. Nominations for First Vice President were moved to Tuesday during the second election of officers.

11. President Garton called for Committee Reports. Greg Byman shared that the Report from the Nominating Committee could be found on page 105 in the Book of Reports.

Executive Board Members Nominees, Group C, Three-Year Term to Expire 2019:

Darrell Brown	East Central Association
Greg Byman	Northeast Association
Fred Denton	Southwestern Association
Dave Ferry	White River Association
Clark Harless	North Central Association
Chris Hortin	Wabash Valley Association
Steve Johnson	Miami Association
Jeremiah Kinney	East Central Association
Brandon Lindsey	Southwestern Association
Scott McDowell	Crossroads Association
Jamie Murphy	Crossroads Association
Mitch Tabla	Northwest Association
Bryce Ulrich	West Central Association

Baptist Foundation of Indiana Board Nominees, Three-Year Term, 2017-2019:

Ken Booster, Geist Chapel, Indianapolis
Michele Dehabey, Waynedale Baptist Church, Fort Wayne
Dennis King, Western Avenue Baptist Church, Connerville
Tammy Long, Northside Baptist Church, Indianapolis
Tony Manning, Gasburg Baptist Church, Mooresville.

Rev. Byman moved that the Nominating Committee Report be adopted as printed. Motion from the floor for Dave Trimble to replace Greg Byman as the Nominee from Northeast Association. Dan Sager spoke for the Nominating Committee concerning their nominations. Vote taken on the Amendment to replace Greg Byman with Dave Trimble. Motion failed. Motion from Nominating Committee Report to stand as printed passed.

12. Tellers returned with the report on Nominations for President. There were 132 Ballots cast. Bruce Reynolds received 64 votes. Bob Parnell received 62 votes. Six ballots were not eligible. Bruce Reynolds was elected to serve as the President of the State Convention of Baptist in Indiana.

13. Gary Yochum, Chairman of the Arrangements Committee, stated that their report is found on page 107 in the Book of Reports. The report states:

- a. The 2017 Annual Meeting will be hosted by Highland Lakes Baptist Camp on October 9-10, 2017.

- b. Recommendation that the 2017 Annual Sermon be presented by Rev. Lonnie Anderson, Mount Pisgah Missionary Baptist Church, Kokomo, with Rev. Ray Deeter, Grace Baptist Church, Evansville, as the alternate.
- c. The 2018 Annual Meeting to be hosted at the Palms Conference Center in Plainfield.
- d. Recommendation that the 2019 Annual Meeting be hosted by Highland Lakes Baptist Camp. October 28-29, 2019.

Recommendations were approved.

14. Al Davisson led the congregation in worship through music.
15. Motion by Dr. Seagle carried to adjust program by moving report from Highland Lakes by Jim Shields until Tuesday morning after the break.
16. Steve McNeil introduced the report from the Church Leader Development Team. He recognized Sarah Bohrer to share about the work with children; Steve Blanchard to share about his work concerning leading worship; and Allison Kinion to share about Women's Ministry, and Student Fusion Camp. Steve McNeil then introduced Greg Jackson, Indiana's Representative from LifeWay.
17. First-Vice President Bob Parnell introduced Pete Cerling who introduced our President, Darin Garton, who gave the President's address. He challenged us that we cast light wherever we go. God needs us to be a light where God has planted us. "Shine in the Darkness." God has a true treasure in each of us. God has placed it (the Gospel) in us (His containers). Dr. Garton led in prayer.
18. Rev. Hre Mang, Pastor, Falam Christian Church in Indianapolis led in the Benediction prayer.

Tuesday Morning, October 11, – Session Two: 8:30 am

19. The session was opened with Scripture and prayer by Rev. Kiel Nunn, Pastor of First Baptist Church, Ossian.
20. President Garton called the meeting to order.
21. Jennifer Hall, President of the Baptist Foundation of Indiana, gave her report which is found on page 70 in the Book of Reports.
22. Allison Kinion and Linda Clark shared the report from Women's Missionary Union. Linda Clark is the President of Indiana Women's Missionary Union. She is from Oak Park Baptists Church, Jeffersonville.
23. First-Vice President Bob Parnell nominated Roger Kinion to serve as First-Vice President for the coming year. With no other nominations, President Garton cast the Ballot for Roger Kinion to serve as First-Vice President.
24. Rev. Jim Walls, Pastor of First Baptist Church, Charlestown, brought the Annual Sermon. He used passages from 1 Samuel. He told us we do not need to run from the darkness, but heed the opportunity to change Darkness into Light for someone.
25. Rev. Rick Hillard led the congregation in a Concert of Prayer.
26. Rev. David Cullison, Chairman of the SCBI Executive Board, introduced Rev. Rick Hillard, Director of Missional Coordination for SCBI, sharing his job description. Brother David

shared about work the Board has done this year. The most difficult and saddest was to accept Dr. Seagle's resignation.

- a. David stated that the 2017 Budget could be found on pages 109 and 111-112 in the Book of Reports. Motion to approve the 2017 Budget was seconded and passed.
- b. Motion concerning the proposed Bylaws revision listed on pages 109-110 in Book of Reports. Kiel Nunn spoke against motion. David answered his concern using Matthew 18. Randy Forsythe questioned item #2. Vote was taken. Proposed revision was approved as printed.

Steve and Jeannine McNeil presented gifts to Dr. and Mrs. Seagle from the Executive Board.

27. The Second Election of Officers:

- a. Rev. David Nycamp, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Lake Station, nominated Rev. Randy Forsythe, Pastor of the Grace Baptist Church, Portage to serve as Second-Vice President. There being no other nomination, President Garton cast the ballot for Rev. Forsythe to serve as Second-Vice President of our Convention.
- b. Sara Burk nominated Sandy Irick to serve as Recording Secretary. No other nominations. President Garton cast the ballot for Sandy Irick to serve as Recording Secretary.

28. Chairman of the Resolutions Committee, Bob Parnell presented the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, the 58th Annual Meeting of the State Convention of Baptists in Indiana convened in Plainfield, Indiana, on October 10-11, 2016, and,

WHEREAS, Plainfield Baptist Church, Gasburg Baptist Church, Hope Community Church, and The Palms have all demonstrated a Christ-like spirit and a servant's heart in receiving the messengers and guests of the 58th Annual Meeting of the State Convention of Baptists in Indiana.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that we, the messengers to the 58th Annual Meeting of the State Convention of Baptists in Indiana, meeting in Plainfield, Indiana, on October 10-11, 2016, express our sincere gratitude and deep appreciation to Plainfield Baptist Church, Gasburg Baptist Church, Hope Community Church and the Palms for their gracious hospitality and service to the messengers and guests of this Convention.

Dated: October 11, 2016 -

Resolutions Committee, Rev. Bob Parnell, 1st Vice-President, Chairman

Rev. Randal N. Forsythe Rev. Greg Lukas

Rev. Steve McJunkins Rev. Dennis Starkey

Rev. Mitch Tabla

28. There was no Miscellaneous Business

29. Rev. Jim Shields was recognized to bring a report for Highland Lakes Baptist Camp. The Report is on page 100 in the Book of Reports. Rev. Steve Taylor spoke about the children who were saved during camp at HLBC. Rev. Shields shared that one of the contractors working on the new auditorium was won to Christ, while working at HLBC.

30. There was a 30-minute break to give the convention goers time to visit the displays and LifeWay bookstore.
31. The music of Al Davisson and his praise team called us all back to order for the for the rest of the program.
32. Rick Hillard honored the top five churches in our state leading in baptisms. They were:
 - 1) New Life, Osceola – Dr. Michael Cramer
 - 2) The Crossing, Nineveh – Rev. Paul Taylor
 - 3) Oak Hill, Evansville – Rev. Alan Scott
 - 4) Calvary, West Lafayette – Rev. Daniel Berry
 - 5) Black Oak, Gary – Rev. Bob Parnell
33. A video was shown.
34. The new officers were recognized and installed as we prayed for them as they will lead our convention.
35. Dr. Seagle recognized the outgoing officers and thanked them for their service by presenting them with plaques to honor their time of service.
36. Al Davisson led the congregation in music.
37. Dr. Seagle brought the Director’s Message after he asked Al Davisson to share the song, “Take Me to the King.” This song had really touched him when he heard Al sang it at First Baptist Church, North Vernon. He also introduced us to the new pastor at North Vernon, Rev. Drew Dukes. Dr. Seagle used Revelation 19: 11-18 as the text for his message. He reminded us that “The Gospel is the Power of God to Salvation.” Ephesians 2 reminds us that we are dead without Jesus Christ. Al Davisson sang “He Loved Me to The Cross” as a video was shown. Dr. Seagle responded with prayer asking us to be willing to surrender to the Lord.
38. Rev. Michael Peoples, pastor of the Abundant Church, Speedway, brought the closing prayer.
39. The 58th Annual Meeting of the State Convention of Baptist was adjourned by President Garton.

Final Count as of 12:30 pm on Tuesday, October 11, 2016:

Messengers	198
Guests	45
Churches	97
States outside Indiana	3

Respectfully submitted,
 Sara A. Burk
 Recording Secretary