

**59th Annual Meeting of the
State Convention of Baptists in Indiana
October 9-10, 2017
Highland Lakes Baptist Camp, Martinsville, Indiana
Theme: Kingdom Unhindered**

**Scripture: "Proclaiming the kingdom of God and teaching about the Lord Jesus Christ with all boldness
and without hindrance." Acts 28:31**

Monday Evening, October 9 –Session One 6:00 pm

1. Scripture and prayer by Dr. Steve McNeil, Executive Director State Convention of Baptist in Indiana. Dr. McNeil shared the death of Dale Eakes and asked that we remember his wife and two sons in our prayers.
2. President Bruce Reynolds called the 59th Annual Meeting of the State Convention of Baptist in Indiana to order.
3. Recording Secretary Sandy Irick was introduced to organize the 59th Annual Convention for Indiana for business. She shared that as of 5:45 pm there were 132 messengers and 21 guests registered. Mrs. Irick moved that those messengers registered and those who would register in later sessions be elected to conduct the business of this 59th Annual Meeting. The motion was seconded and carried.
4. President Reynolds recognized the parliamentarian, Wayne Briant. He shared that you could find how to make a nomination and how to make a motion on page 11 of our program.
5. Jim Shields welcomed us to Highland Lakes Baptist Camp and shared that the Worship Center that we were meeting in for the convention had been built this past year, and we are debt free. He asked that Rick Porter come to the platform and Dr. McNeil cut the ribbon to dedicate our new building.
6. President Reynolds appointed the following Committees to serve during this Annual Meeting:

Order of Business

Bruce Reynolds, Chair
Roger Kinion
Randy Forsythe
Sandy Irick
Bill Bailey
David Cullison
Al Davisson
Steve McNeil

Registration Committee

Alison Blankenship
Gasburg Baptist Church in Mooresville
Hope Community Church in Brownsburg

Prayer Committee

Rick Hillard
Michelle Hillard
Laine Elam
Kyle Bell
Courtney Bell

Tellers Committee

Jim Bohrer, Chair
Gene Crouch
Reginald Fletcher
Jamie Murphy
Mark Zambrano

Credentials Committee

Randy Forsythe, Chair
Bob Parnell
Steve McJunkins
Dan Sager

Arrangements Committee

Dan Conrades, Chair
Nick Clark
Scott McDowell
Dennis Runner
Gary Yochum

Resolutions Committee

Roger Kinion, Chair
Steve Davidson
Reginald Fletcher
Ernie James
Mike Cramer Jr.

Nominations Committee

Tony Manning, Chair
Cliff Howell
Steve Johnson
Tom Keb
James Marlow
Chuck McMahan
Ricky Persons
Roy Redd
Jimi Staton
Bill Taylor
Mat Shockney
Larry Snyder
Michael Wilhite
Denny Zeidler

7. Dr. McNeil recognized the Pastors and Wives that were new to Indiana in the last year.
8. Al Davisson, Minister of Music, First Baptist New Vernon led us in a time of worship.
9. President Reynolds introduced John Horn and Chris Kellermeyer to present the Church Planting/NAMB report. He shared that we had planted churches without church planting funds this past year, we still planted 15 church plants. They introduced Cedric Anderson from Muncie, IN, Josh Crisp from Bargersville, IN, James Murphy from Indianapolis, IN they each shared about their church plants.
10. Roger Kinion introduced Bruce Reynolds our State President who has served at Old Town Hill in Muncie, as pastor for 17 years.
11. Al Davisson led us in a time of worship.
12. President Reynolds gave the President's message. He shared the scripture of II Timothy 3:8 and encouraged us to stand and endure - Semper Fi Southern Baptists of Indiana.
13. Rick Hillard, SCBI Director of Missional Coordination led us in a concert of prayer.
14. President Reynolds recognized Tony Manning to present the Nominations Committee recommendations found in the book of reports on page 104-105.

The Executive Board Member Nominees

Group C, Three Years, Terms Expire 2020

Todd Benkert	Northwest Association
Jeff Burns	West Central Association
Kevin Carty	Southeast Association
John Dimmick	Crossroads Association
Sheila Gustafson	Southeast Association
Guy Lancour	Crossroads Association
Bill McCrary	Southeast Association
Chuck McMahan	Whitewater Association
Al Pierce	White River Association
Bruce Reynolds	East Central Association
Dennis Runner	Wabash Valley Association
Mat Shockney	White River Association
Scott Smith	North Central Association
Steve Taylor	Tri-State Baptist Network

Baptist Foundation of Indiana Board Nominees

Three years, Terms Expire 2018-2021

David Lewis, Oak Park Baptist Church, Jeffersonville
Jerry Miller, Heritage Southern Baptist Church, Vincennes
Carlton Reed, Christian Community Missionary Baptist Church, Indianapolis
Gary Yochum, Oak Park Baptist Church, Jeffersonville

Historical Committee

Terms Expire 2019

Bill Bailey, Parkside Baptist Church, Columbus
Opal Bowles, First Southern Baptist Church, Clarksville

Terms Expire 2020

Dennis Starkey, New Creation Ministry, Highland

Christian Life Committee

Terms Expire 2019

Brandon Doyle, Crosspoint Baptist Church, Richmond
Steve Faith, Charlestown Road Baptist Church, New Albany

Terms Expire 2020

Deb Dieterly, Plymouth Baptist Church, Plymouth
Matthew Hirt, Bethel Baptist Church, North Vernon

The motion carried to approve this report.

15. The Arrangements Committee report found on page 106 of the Book of Reports was presented with the change that the 2018 Annual Meeting would be held at Highland Lakes Camp and the recommendation that the 2018 Annual Sermon be presented by Rev. Alan Scott, Oak Hill Baptist Church, Evansville and Rev. Toby Jenkins, alternate, First Baptist Church, Henryville. The 2019 Annual Meeting will be hosted by Highland Lakes Baptist Camp, October 28-29 and that the 2020 Annual Meeting be hosted by Calvary Baptist Church, West Lafayette on October 19-20. The motion carried to approve this report.
16. The First Election of Officers was held:
 - a. Rev. Cedric Anderson nominated Rev. Bruce Reynolds for President.
 - b. Rev. Randy Forsythe placed the name of Rev. Bob Parnell in nomination for President. Parliamentarian Wayne Briant was recognized and he gave instructions for voting.
17. Miscellaneous Business-None
18. IMB video was shared we had commissioned 193 new missionaries in the last year.
19. We were scheduled to skype with missionaries but were unable to make the connection.
20. Wayne Briant shared that 119 ballots had been placed and 4 had to be set aside and Rev. Bruce Reynolds had been elected President.
21. President Reynolds introduced Dr. Steve McNeil our new State Executive Director.
22. We had a time music worship with Al Davisson leading us in this time of worship.
23. Dr. McNeil shared from John 17:20-26 and reminded us of our convention theme, "Kingdom Unhindered," and as Christians we should show unconditional love.
24. President Reynolds shared that there would be a reception immediately after this session to welcome Dr. Steve and Jeannine McNeil.

25. President Reynolds dismissed us in prayer.

Tuesday Morning Session, October 10

1. President Reynolds called the meeting to order and recognized Daniel Rodas pastor of Calvary Hispanic Mission in Greenwood and he shared scripture from John 17:15 and led us in prayer.
2. SBC Agencies reports were shared. Rev. Ashley Clayton from the Executive Committee shared that every time we invest in Southern Baptist ministries we are locking arms to share the gospel of Christ. The LifeWay representative presented the Pastors Bible to President Reynolds and a Ladies Bible to Mrs. Reynolds. Mr. Don McCloud from GuideStones shared that they have many programs that can help ministers. He also shared that GuideStones is one of the oldest financial institutions.
3. Al Davisson led us in a time of worship.
4. Rev. Rick Hillard shared the Disaster Relief, Evangelism and Prayer report. He shared that during the year we had received 3 million dollars in Cooperative Program gifts. This was the first time since 2008 that we had reached our Cooperative Program goal. He recognized the top 10 churches giving to Cooperative Program: Graceland, New Albany, First Southern, Clarksville, Northside, Indianapolis, Oak Hill Evansville, First Southern, Evansville, Fall Creek, Indianapolis, Grace, Evansville, Eastlake, Crown Point, Gasburg, Mooresville, and Calvary Greenwood. He also recognized the top two churches with the highest giving per capita and those churches were: Halteman Village, Muncie and Fairview, Richmond. Denny Smith was recognized and presented a white hat from Disaster Relief in Indiana. He shared about evangelism throughout our state and shared that we had baptized 2176 people in 2016. He shared that Graceland, New Albany led in baptisms, also recognized the Pointe Church, Ft. Wayne, Emmanuel Missionary, Indianapolis, Come as You Are Community Church, Ft. Wayne, Life Point, Indianapolis, Rock Point, Clarksville, New Day Baptist Church, Pendleton, Mt. Pisgah Missionary, Kokomo, New Life Church, Osceola, and Harvest Bible Chapel, Carmel. Rev. Hillard recognized Laine Elam from Old Town Hill Church and she will be serving as our Prayer Coordinator and she led us in prayer.
5. The Second Election of Officers
 - a. Rev. Jim Bohrer nominated Rev. Roger Kinion for 1st Vice President. There being no other nominations the President cast the ballot for Rev. Roger Kinion as 1st Vice President.
 - b. Rev. Bob Parnell nominated Rev. Randy Forsythe for 2nd Vice President. There being no other nominations the President cast the ballot for Rev. Randy Forsythe.
 - c. Mrs. Sara Burk nominated Mrs. Sandy Irick for Recording Secretary. There being no other nominations the President cast the ballot for Mrs. Irick.
6. Dr. Steve McNeil brought the Church and Leader Development and Communications Report. He recognized Steve Blanchard, regional church planting catalyst and worship strategist, Sarah Bohrer Children's Ministry Director, Alison Kinion WMU and Women's Ministry report.
7. Rick Hillard led us in a concert of prayer and had all pastors come to the front and a special time of prayer for our pastors.
8. Rev. Lonnie Anderson, pastor of Mt. Pisgah Missionary Baptist, Kokomo was introduced he would be bringing the Annual Sermon.
9. Al Davisson and his praise team led us in a time of worship through music.

10. Rev. Anderson shared his message from the 23rd Psalm. We do not go through the valley by ourselves, the Lord is always with us. We may not like the place the Shepherd leads us but we need to depend on His insight.
11. Rev. Roger Kinion presented the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, the 59th Annual Meeting of the State Convention of Baptist in Indiana convened in Monrovia, Indiana, on October 9-10, 2017 and,

WHEREAS, Highland Lakes Baptist Camp has demonstrated a Christ-like spirit and a servant's heart in receiving the messengers and guests of the 59th Annual Meeting of the State Convention of Baptist in Indiana.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that we, the messengers to the 59th Annual Meeting of the State Convention of Baptist in Indiana, meeting in Monrovia, Indiana, on October 9-10, 2017 express our sincere gratitude and deep appreciation to Highland Lakes Baptist Camp for their gracious hospitality and service to the messengers and guests of this Convention.

Dated, October 10, 2017 – Resolutions Committee
Rev. Roger Kinion, 1st Vice President, Chairman
Rev. Steve Davidson
Rev. Reginald Fletcher
Rev. Ernie James
Rev. Michael Cramer

Motion was seconded to adopt this resolution and the motion carried.

12. There was no Miscellaneous Business.
13. Rev. David Cullison presented the Executive Board Report. He shared that the Executive Board recommends the adoption of the budget for 2018 for a total amount of \$4,005,174 and a Cooperative Program budget of \$2,392,657. The budget includes sending 40.0% of the Cooperative Program receipts to the SBC. Motion carried to approve the budget. Dr. McNeil presented plaques to David Cullison, Darin Garton and Greg Bynam for their service on the Executive Board.
14. Jennifer Hall shared the Baptist Foundation of Indiana report found on page 66 of the Book of Reports. She shared that Bev Olonoh had become the Administrative Assistant for the foundation this year.
15. There was a short break given so the convention goers could have time to visit the displays and LifeWay bookstore.
16. Jim Shields was recognized to present the Highland Lakes Report found on pages 99-101 of the Book of Reports. He shared that they were very pleased with the summer missionaries this year. They would like to have a covered walkway from the Worship Center to the hotel rooms and cafeteria. A brick for the walkway in honor or in memory of someone can be purchased for \$75.
17. The WMU report was shared by Allison Kinion and Linda Clark. Linda Clark serves as Indiana WMU President. Their report can be found on page 84 and 85 of the Book of reports.
18. Al Davisson and the Praise Team led us in worship.
19. Dr. Tim Beougher from Southern Seminary brought a message from Philippians 3 about "Witnessing with Boldness." He shared five hindrances to being a bold witness.

20. The officers that will be serving next year were introduced and Dr. Steve McNeil led in prayer.
21. The 59th Annual Meeting of the State Convention of Baptist in Indiana was adjourned by President Reynolds.

Final Count as of 12:20 pm on Tuesday, October 10, 2017:

Messengers	170
Guests	54
Churches	84
States outside Indiana	4

Respectfully submitted,
Sandy Irick
Recording Secretary