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Committee On Boards
Releases 1984 Report

By Dan Martin

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NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP)--The 1984 Southern Baptist Convention Committee on Boards report was released April 25, in accordance with a new bylaw requiring the report be released "at least 45 days" before the annual meeting of the 14.1 million member denomination.

The report, released by Chairman Charles G. Fuller, pastor of First Baptist Church of Roanoke, Va., includes 215 nominations; 103 renominations of persons eligible to serve a second term and 112 new trustees for the 20 national agencies and standing committees of the SBC.

Messengers at the 1984 annual meeting of the SBC in Kansas City, Mo., must adopt the report before it is official.

Fuller said: "I think it is correct to say the committee worked harmoniously, but not necessarily unanimously in its selections. There were certain names offered in nomination which brought response from the group, both in support and not in support."

The committee chairman declined comment when asked about recent remarks by two leaders of the inerrancy movement in the SBC--Paul Pressler, an appeals court judge from Houston, and Paige Patterson, president of Criswell Center for Biblical Studies in Dallas--who told a seminary audience they are pleased with the progress of a five-year campaign to place persons of their view of biblical inspiration on the denomination's boards of trustees.

The committee chairman added, however: "The report definitely shows a conservative flavor, but how it may or may not fit into some design or plan, I cannot say. I believe the sessions of the committee were free from any such design...."

Fuller said the nomination of Pressler, a member of First Baptist Church, Houston, to an unexpired term on the SBC Executive Committee, has created the most interest and reaction.

"I have had quite a few comments about it (Pressler's nomination)," he said. "Mostly, it was more the reaction of others rather than a question about my reaction. I think, no question, this is THE nomination of the report and it has caused much interest and reaction."

Pressler, a vocal critic of the "liberal drift" of the convention and its institutions, particularly the six seminaries, was nominated to fill the unexpired term of C. Welton Gaddy, who became ineligible to serve after resigning his pastorate in Fort Worth, Texas, to become campus minister at Mercer University in Macon, Ga.

Pressler was nominated to serve the remaining three years of Gaddy's four-year term. Under current rules, if Pressler is elected by messengers, he could serve the unexpired term of three years, plus two full four-year terms, for a total of 11 years as a member of the Executive Committee, which functions as the convention "ad interim."

While committee members were urged to protect the confidentiality of the report until it was released through Baptist Press, rumors of Pressler's nomination began to circulate almost immediately after adjournment of the committee, which met in Nashville, March 26-27.

Fuller said the committee adopted three "general policies" to govern its work: that it would not appoint current committee members; that members of the 1983 Committee on Committees would not be given trusteeships, and that persons eligible for renomination to second terms would be renominated unless there was a compelling reason not to do so.

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"There were five exceptions to the policies," Fuller said. "Three were nominations of persons who were on the 1983 Committee on Committees, one from Florida, one from Missouri and one from the District of Columbia."

The 1983 Committee on Committees, named by the convention president, selected the 1984 Committee on Boards, Commissions and Standing Committees. The general guideline, Fuller said, has been adopted in recent years to protect against conflict of interest.

Exceptions include Jerry Passmore, pastor of Olive Baptist Church in Pensacola, Fla., named to the SBC Executive Committee; Stephen G. Hyde, pastor of First Baptist Church of Silver Spring, Md. (District of Columbia Baptist Convention), named to the board of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas; and Ted Garrison, a medical doctor and member of First Baptist Church of Camdentown, Mo., named to the Baptist Sunday School Board.

Fuller said another exception was the naming of 1984 Committee on Boards member Ronald E. Stewart, pastor of Northside Baptist Church of Lebanon, Ohio, to the board of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky.

Stewart had been named an interim trustee at Southern Seminary--allowed under the seminary's charter--prior to being told of the guidelines. The committee made an exception in Stewart's case, Fuller said, and nominated the Ohioan to a full five-year term.

Fuller said "some questions were raised" about a North Carolina man who was eligible for renomination as a trustee but was not renominated. Richard Eskew, pastor of First Baptist Church of Yadkinville, N.C., had served an unexpired term of three years and a full term of four years, and was eligible, under convention bylaws, for a second full term on the Home Mission Board.

"The guideline was that we would renominate persons eligible...unless there was good and sufficient reason that they not be renominated," Fuller said. "The North Carolina representative was aware of Eskew's eligibility and commended him for 'good and faithful service,'" Fuller said.

"The reason she gave for not nominating Eskew was that he had served an unexpired term and then a full term, and another term would give him 11 years on the Home Mission Board. She said that was an 'excessively long period of time,' especially when there were many other people in North Carolina qualified to serve who had not been able to do so," Fuller said.

Fuller said the committee accepted the nomination of Thomas S. Freeman, pastor of First Baptist Church of Dunn, N.C., to replace Eskew on the Home Mission Board, but raised a number of questions.

"Primarily, they were reluctant to make exceptions to the guidelines. The second major area was they wanted to be sure the person in question (Eskew) was contacted as soon as possible by one of the North Carolina representatives so the situation and their rationale would be fully explained," Fuller said.

Fuller said T.W. Wilson of Montreat, N.C., and vice chairman of the committee, made a motion that Fuller ask the SBC Executive Committee to study the possibility of setting a limit on the number of years any person could serve on any board of trustees.

The motion was seconded by the other North Carolina representative, Mrs. Richard Frazier of Roanoke Rapids, and was adopted by the committee.

"The sentiment of the group was that the Executive Committee look into this matter. I don't know that everyone on the committee approved setting an eight or 10 year limit, but the vote was that the Executive Committee study the possibility."

Fuller said a seven-member subcommittee will meet prior to the Kansas City annual meeting to fill in any gaps in the report and to replace persons who have either moved or died. Serving with Fuller on the subcommittee will be Ron Phillips, Hixson, Tenn.; John Wright, Little Rock, Ark.; Brnda Shaver, El Toro, Calif.; Dale Hensley, Grandview, Mo.; Wallace Henley, Birmingham, Ala., and Ronald E. Stewart, Lebanon, Ohio.

The report includes four new positions for the Alabama Baptist Convention. The ABC received one additional seat on the Executive Committee, Home Mission Board, Foreign Mission Board and Baptist Sunday School Board because the state convention topped the one-million member mark, according to statistics compiled from the 1983 annual church letters.

Nominees are clergy or denominational related, unless specified.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (69 members): 20 nominations considered; 12 persons renominated, eight new members.

New members include William D. Powell, a dentist from Shades Mountain church, Birmingham, new Alabama member; Wallace E. Jones of Fee Fee church, Bridgeton, Mo., replacing William C. Link Jr., of Liberty, who resigned; Doyle Collins, of Vine Street church, Roseburg, Ore., replacing Jack D. Stuart of Springfield, Ore., who died.

New members named to unexpired terms include Charles W. Sullivan of First church, Lenoir City, Tenn., replacing Earl Wilson of Knoxville, who resigned (term to expire in 1987); and Paul Pressler, an attorney from First church, Houston, replacing C. Welton Gaddy, of Fort Worth, Texas, who moved (term to expire in 1987).

New members replacing persons ineligible for second terms are Jerry Passmore of Olive church, Pensacola, Fla., replacing Conrad Willard, Miami; John T. Tippet Jr. of Calvary church, Savannah, Ga., replacing James C. Bruner, Macon, and Joe B. Warwick, businessman from Second church, Knoxville, Tenn., replacing William A. Fortune, Knoxville.

Nominated for second terms are Mrs. Jerry Miller, Huntsville, Ala.; Alvin O. West, District of Columbia; John R. McCall, Louisville, Ky.; John Sullivan, Shreveport, La.; Malcolm A. Jones, Silver Spring, Md. (Maryland Convention); Roger Brink, Warren, Mich.; Tommy King, Monticello, Miss.; John Bunn, Sylva, N.C.; Kenneth Mahanes, Dayton, Ohio; Dan Hobbs, Norman, Okla.; John C. Cothran, Greenville, S.C., and James E. Baucom, Martinsville, Va.

FOREIGN MISSION BOARD (84 members): 23 nominations considered; 13 renominations, 10 new members.

New members include Joseph P. Hester, minister of missions activity at Cottage Hill church, Mobile, new Alabama member; William L. Hancock of Highview church, Louisville, Ky., replacing John C. Huffman of Mayfield, who moved.

New members filling unexpired terms include Bill Hall of Gethsemane church, Danville, Ky., replacing Marion T. Duncan, of Catlettsburg, who died (term to expire in 1986), and Hal Browning Boone Jr., a physician from First church, Friendswood, Texas, replacing Rick A. Forrester of Vernon, who moved (term to end in 1986).

New members replacing persons ineligible for a second term include Bryan W. Judge, a farmer/rancher from First church, St. Cloud, Fla., replacing Mrs. R.J. Alexander, Jacksonville; Mrs. Harriett Gilbert, a homemaker from First church, Brunswick, Ga., replacing Mrs. W. Jack Smith, Brunswick; E. Harmon Moore, retired executive director-treasurer of the State Convention of Baptists in Indiana, Brownsburg, replacing Ronald P. Liesmann, Bloomington; Jerry Don Abernathy, evangelism director of the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, Oklahoma City, replacing William E. Neptune, Vivian; Paul E. Martin, an attorney from West Memorial Church, Houston, replacing Harold T. Branch, Corpus Christi, and Hunter Riggins, a layman from Emmaus church, Poquoson, Va., replacing Raymond L. Spence Jr., Richmond.

Nominated for second terms are Harrell R. Cushing, Gadsden, Ala.; Mrs. Glen N. Crotts, Phoenix, Ariz.; W.N. Prather Sr., Eunice, La.; W.W. Walley, Waynesboro, Miss.; Jim E. Jeffries, Springfield, Mo.; Mrs. James F. Dalton, Asheville, N.C.; Jimmie H. Carpenter, Seneca, S.C.; Carroll C. Owen, Nashville, Tenn.; Robert E. Smith, Weslaco, Texas; Mrs. R.L. Rhodes Jr., Grafton, Va.; Wayne Varner, Lynchburg, Va.; Mrs. Walter L. Bradley, Richmond, Va., and Meriwether W. Buckalew, Falls Church, Va.

HOME MISSION BOARD (84 members): 21 nominations considered; 11 renominations, 10 new members.

New members are Troy Morrison of 12th Street church, Gadsden, new Alabama member; John Click of Immanuel church, Wichita, Kansas, replacing John B. Cox of Millard, Neb., who resigned (term expiring 1987); Thomas M. Freeman of First church, Dunn, N.C., replacing Richard S. Eskew of Yadkinville, who was eligible for a second full term but was not renominated;

New members replacing members ineligible for renomination include Joe Bob Mizzell of Alberta church, Tuscaloosa, Ala., replacing O. Wyndell Jones, Montgomery; J. Don Aderhold of Columbia Drive church, Decatur, Ga., replacing Stanley Howells, Macon; Wendell Romans of Boone's Creek church, Lexington, Ky., replacing William L. Turner, Lexington; William H. Delaney of South Seminole church, Chattanooga, Tenn., replacing Gerald L. Stowe of Cookeville; Albert E. Simms of Derbyshire church, Richmond, Va., replacing Emmett C. Stroop of Harrisonburg; Mrs. Ellington E. Wheelless, pastor's wife from First church, Springfield, Va., replacing Charles B. Nunn, Richmond, and Mrs. Rachel Howard, a homemaker from First church, Doraville, Ga., replacing Mrs. Weldon Shows of Atlanta.

Members renominated include Mrs. Cathleen Lewis, Montgomery, Ala.; Johnny Jackson, Little Rock, Ark.; Warren G. Hall, Los Altos, Calif.; John L. Hessel, West Frankfort, Ill.; Kenneth L. Fournet, Martinsville, La.; Mrs. Lloyd Haworth, Centertown, Mo.; P. Edward Rickenbacker, Belton, S.C.; Mrs. Bruce McIver, Dallas; D. F. Norman, Stone Mountain, Ga.; James C. Strickland Jr., Cartersville, Ga.; Frank B. Lowndes Jr., Atlanta.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD (84 members): 23 nominations considered; 12 renominated, 11 new members:

New members are Lavan G. Parker of Central church, Birmingham, new Alabama member; Jeff McBeth of Academy church, Colorado Springs, Colo., replacing Rowland Gregory of Denver, who moved (term to expire in 1985); Janice L. Williams, a supervisory rehabilitation counselor with the District of Columbia government, from Tacoma Park church, Washington, replacing J. Franklin Helms, Greenbelt, Md., who died (term to expire in 1987); Floyd E. Hughes of First church, DeWitt, Mich., replacing Michael J. Clingenpeel of Ann Arbor, who moved (term to end in 1987);

T.W. Garrison Jr., a physician from First church Camdentown, Mo., replacing J.R. McNeil of Fort Dodge, Iowa, who died; Edwin Young, pastor of Second Baptist Church, Houston, replacing Leon Marsh of Fort Worth, Texas, who declined to serve a second term;

Filmore Strunk of Central church, Oak Ridge, Tenn., replacing Harold D. Smith of Columbia, who resigned; and Robert L. York, a businessman from First church, Nashville, Tenn., replacing John B. Daley of Nashville, who resigned.

New members replacing members ineligible for renomination include Gary W. Bearce of Pleasant Valley church, Liberty, Mo., replacing A.L. Palmer of Trenton; Joseph T. Knott, an attorney from First church, Raleigh, N.C., replacing Alton G. Elmore of Edenton, and Jerry D. Burden, an executive with Gideons International from First church, Donelson, Tenn., replacing G. Wayne Brown of Brentwood.

Members renominated include Mrs. J.R. Stevenson, Auburn, Ala.; Joe H. Courson, Fort Walton Beach, Fla.; Samuel H. Letson Jr., Norcross, Ga.; David C. Jackson, Frankfort, Ky.; Charles W. Adams, Dover, Md.; Frank L. Palmer, Oak Harbor (Northwest), Wash.; J. Thomas Terry, Shawnee, Okla.; Lloyd E. Batson, Pickens, S.C.; Earl C. Davis, Memphis, Tenn.; Thomas M. Chism, El Paso, Texas; Mrs. Jerome George, Dallas, and William G. Hurt, Hampton, Va.

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Seminary Trustees
Nominations Told

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NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP)--Trustees for the six Southern Baptist Convention-affiliated seminaries have been nominated by the 1984 SBC Committee on Boards, Commissions and Standing Committees.

The nominations were included in the Committee on Boards report, released to Baptist Press April 25 by Chairman Charles G. Fuller, pastor of First Baptist Church of Roanoke, Va.

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Seminary trustees serve five-year terms, and according to convention bylaws, are eligible for two full terms on the boards.

SOUTHERN BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY (63 trustees): 16 nominations considered; eight renominated, eight new trustees.

New trustees include Ronald D. Stewart of Northside church, Lebanon, Ohio, replacing Roger Roberts of Fairborn, who moved (term to expire in 1985); Jess Moody of First church, Van Nuys, Calif., replacing J. Walker Campbell of La Habra, who resigned (term to expire in 1987); Gary W. Schwitz of Orchard Hills church, Novi, Mich., replacing Joyce Martin of Garden City, who moved (term to expire in 1987); George Steincross, of Second church, Liberty, Mo., replacing Harlan E. Spurgeon of Bolivar, who moved (full term).

Trustees replacing board members ineligible for second terms include W. Horace Benjamin of Berea First church, Greenville, S.C., replacing Maurice B. Morrow Jr., of Gaffney; John R. Michael, a coal company executive from Highview church, Louisville, Ky., replacing Homer Parker of Louisville, and Henry B. Huff, an attorney from Crescent Hill church, Louisville, Ky., replacing Joe D. Cross of Louisville.

A trustee from Louisiana to replace Kelly Fitzgerald of Baton Rouge, La., ineligible for renomination, will be named by the subcommittee in Kansas City, Mo.

Trustees renominated include Wilson C. Deese of Little Rock, Ark.; James L. Monroe of Fort Walton Beach, Fla.; William L. Wilson of Owensboro, Ky.; Cline L. Vice of Glen Burnie, Md.; James P. Craine of Anderson, S.C.; Stephen W. Anderson of Memphis, Tenn.; Eldon F. Wood of Charlottesville, Va., and Richard O. Sutton of Topeka, Kansas.

SOUTHWESTERN BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY (36 members): Nine nominations considered; three renominated and six new members.

New members include Delmar G. Morris of Calvary church, Seymour, Ind., replacing Calvin T. Harvell of Evansville, who moved (term to expire in 1987), and Bartis Harper of Tylertown church, Tylertown, Miss., replacing James M. Keith of First church, Gulfport, who moved (term to expire in 1988).

New members replacing members ineligible for renomination include Billy J. Tolbert of El Toro church, El Toro, Calif., replacing Floyd W. Strickland of Clearlake Oaks; Stephen G. Hyde of First church, Silver Spring, Md. (D.C. Convention), replacing C. Wade Freeman Jr., a government worker from Washington; Jim M. Bolton, a businessman from First church, Dallas, replacing Mrs. Gladys Sherman Lewis of Oklahoma City, and James T. Draper Jr., of First church, Euless, Texas, replacing W.M. Shamburger of Tyler.

Renominated for second terms were Earl E. (Gene) Hawkins, Topeka, Kansas; Lewis N. McDonald, Bel Air, Md., and C.W. Farrar of Landrum, S.C.

NEW ORLEANS BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY (36 trustees): seven nominations were considered; four were renominated and three new members.

New members include George F. Webb of First Southern church, Holbrook, Ariz., replacing James E. Carter of Phoenix; Charles Dampier of First church, Fairfield, Ill., replacing Charles W. Boling of Pinckneyville, and J. Roy McComb of First church, Columbia, Miss., replacing Frank Gunn of Biloxi.

Renominations include Donald D. Jackson of Mariposa, Calif.; J.E. Moak of Moultrie, Ga.; Robert M. Jelks of Paris, Tenn., and James Davison of Ruston, La.

SOUTHEASTERN BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY (30 trustees): six nominations considered; three renominated, three new members.

New members include Thomas M. Metts Jr., an executive with Prison Fellowship from Providence church, Raleigh, N.C., replacing Edgar M. Wyatt of Raleigh, and Eddie L. Sellers, a businessman from Burkemont church, Morganton, N.C., replacing David M. Britt of Raleigh.

A trustee from Georgia to replace Sam D. Allen of Savannah, Ga., who is ineligible for renomination, will be nominated by the subcommittee in Kansas City, Mo.

Renominated were Charles W. Midkiff of Greenville, Ky.; W. Lee Beaver Jr. of St. Louis, and C. Warren Pearson of Hobbs, N.M.

MIDWESTERN BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY (35 trustees): nine nominations considered; five renominations, four new members.

New members include Timothy K. Norman of Ginter Park church, Richmond, Va., replacing M. Vernon Davis of Alexandria, who resigned (term to end in 1985); Jack D. Amis, a physician from First church, Hopkinsville, Ky., replacing Ronald W. Stone of Winchester, who moved (term to expire in 1986); Mrs. Carolyn D. Snider, housewife from First church, Pagosa Springs, Colo., replacing Ronald L. Thayer of Security, who moved.

James E. Graves, a public school administrator from Red Bridge church, Kansas City, Mo., replaces Edward I. Van Deusen of Raytown, who is ineligible for renomination.

Renominated to second terms are Russell R. Reid Jr., Smithburg, Md.; James W. Jones, Detroit, Mich.; T. Robert Mullinax of Raleigh, N.C.; C. Eugene Dempsey of Everett, Wash., and J.W. Simmons of Windsor, Mo.

GOLDEN GATE BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY (35 members): eight nominations considered; one renominated, seven new members.

New members include Mrs. David Butler, a pastor's wife from Sevier Heights church, Knoxville, Tenn., replacing Mrs. Grady Cothen of Nashville, who moved (term to expire in 1986); Lawrence H. Langford of Highland Avenue church, Cincinnati, replacing L. Frank Welch of Dayton, who moved (term to expire in 1988), and Mrs. Sandra Casteel, an attorney's wife from First church, Fort Lauderdale, Fla., replacing Mrs. Doyle E. Carlton Jr., of Wauchula, who declined to serve a second term.

New members replacing members ineligible for renomination are Calvin Kelly of Ridgecrest church, Montgomery, Ala., replacing John R. Riddle of Birmingham; Calvin L. Capps of Southside church, Greensboro, N.C., replacing William T. Mills of Hickory; Herman E. Wooten, director of missions of the Orange County Baptist Association, Anaheim, Calif., replacing Cristobal M. Dona of San Jose; and Robert D. Lewis of Temple church, Fairfield, Calif., replacing Sheldon H. Russell of Portersfield.

Renominated was O.M. Kington of First church, Madisonville, Ky.

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Agency Trustees
Nominated For 1984

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NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP)--Persons to serve as trustees of Southern Baptist Convention agencies have been nominated by the 1984 Committee on Boards, Commissions and Standing Committees.

The report was released to Baptist Press April 25 by Charles G. Fuller, chairman, and pastor of First Baptist Church of Roanoke, Va. The release coincides with a bylaw adopted by messengers to the 1983 annual meeting of the SBC that the report be released through Baptist Press at least 45 days before the annual meeting.

The nominations are subject to messenger vote at the 1984 annual meeting in Kansas City, Mo., June 12-14, 1984.

Nominees for nine agencies and thr standing committees follow. All are clergy or denominational service related unless otherwise specified:

ANNUITY BOARD (55 members, being reduced to 48): 11 nominees considered; one place was eliminated by not replacing a trustee who died; five were renominated and six are new members.

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Robert C. Mann of Boone, N.C., died and was not replaced on the board.

Bob R. Howard, a general insurance agent from First church, Independence, Mo., was nominated to fill the unexpired term of Roy R. Heimburger of St. Louis, who resigned. The term ends in 1986.

Other new members are Joe S. Martinez of Primera Iglesia Bautista in Denver, Colo., replacing Sam Burk Jr., of Aurora; Dallas E. Pulliam of Greenbelt church, Greenbelt, Md., replacing Harold W. Sorrill Jr., of Clinton; William S. Baird, a stockbroker from Roswell Street church, Marietta, Ga., replacing Stanley R. Hahn of Savannah; C. Eugene Phillips of Woodland church, Peoria, Ill, replaces Stanley H. Dill of Urbana, and Paul W. Powell of Greenacres church, Tyler, Texas, replaces D.L. Lowrie of Lubbock.

Renominated were Beverly V. Tinnin of Meridian, Miss.; Ronald G. Davis of Longview (Northwest), Wash.; Mrs. Irene D. Horn of Owasso, Okla., and Alden H. Wilson of Jackson, Tenn.

SOUTHERN BAPTIST FOUNDATION (35 members, including 15 laypersons, representatives of SBC agencies plus the convention president): 11 persons considered; five renominated, six new members.

New agency representatives include Hoffman C. Harless, American Seminary Commission, Nashville, Tenn; Norris E. Smith, Historical Commission, Memphis, Tenn.; Frank M. Morris, Radio-Television Commission, Opelika, Ala.; plus representatives to be named by the subcommittee in Kansas City for the Executive Committee and Midwestern Seminary.

New at-large member is Robert G. Lamons, a banker from First church, Jackson, Tenn.

Renominated are agency representatives Alden H. Wilson, Annuity Board, Nashville, Tenn., and Charles R. Wade, Christian Life Commission, Arlington, Texas.

Also renominated are Calvin R. Guest, Bryan, Texas; Roy L. Depue, Hendersonville, Tenn., and James R. Bocell, St. Joseph, Mo.

SOUTHERN BAPTIST COMMISSION ON THE AMERICAN BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY (16 members): four persons considered; one renominated, three new members.

New members include Donald L. Sharp of Faith Tabernacle church, Chicago, Ill, replacing Harold A. Collins of Atlanta, Ga.; Kenneth L. Castleberry of Dalewood church, Nashville, Tenn., replacing Hiram A. Lemay of Nashville, and Charles E. Barham, a high school teacher from First church Donelson, Tenn., replacing Mrs. J. Thomas Bryan of Nashville.

Renominated was Thelma A. Pearson of Hattiesburg, Miss.

EDUCATION COMMISSION (21 members): five persons considered; two reappointed, three new members.

New members include William R. Cotton, a farmer, Lemon Heights church, Palatka, Fla., replacing Robert D. Walker Jr., of Gainesville; George Brannon, an attorney from Morningside church, Atlanta, replacing J. Theodore Phillips of Douglasville, and W. Randolph Davenport of Campbellsville church, Campbellsville, Ky., replacing J.M. Boswell of Williamsburg, Ky.

Renominated were John E. Johns of Greenville, S.C.; Mrs. Doris Nunn of Sacramento, Calif.

BROTHERHOOD COMMISSION (36 members): nine persons considered; two reappointed and seven new members.

New members include Robert E. Gaultney of Reynoldsburg church, Reynoldsburg, Ohio, replacing James Efird of Niles, Ohio, who died (term to expire in 1987).

New members replacing persons ineligible for second terms include Ellis M. Norris, a government employee from Pennsylvania Avenue church, Washington, replacing Louis S. Clapper of Silver Spring, Md.; Donald N. Varnado, a hospital administrator from Hillcrest church, Franklinton, La., replacing Carl E. Voda of Alexandria;

Claire L. Bowe Jr., a rancher from San Jon, N.M., replacing Fred L. Harris of Hatch; Wendell C. Reed, an insurance supervisor from Fort Lewis church, Salem, Va., replacing Harry Houchins of Purcellville; John C. Baxley, a businessman from Anastasia church, St. Augustine, Fla., replacing James Threlkeld of Memphis, Tenn., and Walter G. Barnes, an insurance executive from Shades Crest church, Birmingham, Ala., replacing James M. Gardner of Blytheville, Ark.

Renominated were Spurgeon Willet Jr., of Warren, Mich., and Don Donalson of Oklahoma City.

CHRISTIAN LIFE COMMISSION (30 members): seven persons considered; five renominated, two new members.

New members are Richard G. Elkins, a savings and loan official from Hoffmantown church, Albuquerque, N.M., replacing David King of Albuquerque, and Ruffin E. Snow of First church of Lakewood, Tacoma, Wash., replacing Mrs. Irene E. Brame of Tacoma.

Renominated were James E. Harvey of Glendale, Ariz.; Lynn P. Clayton of Alexandria, La.; Donald Blanton of Bel Air, Md.; Mrs. Verna R. Haushalter of Livonia, Mich., and Charles R. Wade of Arlington, Texas.

HISTORICAL COMMISSION (34 members): eight persons considered; three renominated, five new members.

New members include Ray Granade, professor at Ouachita Baptist University from First church, Arkadelphia, Ark.; Jerry L. Tillman of Trinity church, Fresno, Calif., replacing Stephen P. Carleton of Riverside; Sam A. Harvey of Calvary church, Renton, Wash.; Mrs. Margaret Melton, a homemaker from Northside church, Lebanon, Ohio, replacing Gerald A. Bishop of Cincinnati; and David McDaniel, a businessman from Judson church, Nashville, Tenn., replacing John G. Justice of Nashville.

Renominated were Ben M. Primer of Baltimore, Md.; E. Jerry Vardaman of Lampkin, Miss., and Ira V. Birdwhistell of Georgetown, Ky.

RADIO AND TELEVISION COMMISSION (26 members): six persons considered; one renominated, five new members.

New members include Ted E. Savage of First church, Colorado Springs, Colo., replacing Stewart R. McChesney of Arvada; Len B. Turner of First church, Merritt Island, Fla., replacing N.B. Langford Jr., of Panama City; David John Williams of Naperville church, Naperville, Ill, replacing George H. Davis of Urbana;

James Russell Capps, a broadcaster from Tabernacle church, Raleigh, N.C., replacing Tommy Joe Payne of Washington, N.C., and Harold T. Brundige, an attorney from First church, Martin, Tenn., replacing Fred W. Isaacs Jr., of Cosby.

Renominated was J. Clark Hensley of Jackson, Miss.

STEWARDSHIP COMMISSION (26 members): six persons were considered; four renominated and two new members.

New members are Lloyd A. Sparkman of First church, Crossett, Ark, replacing Mrs. Roy E. Cooper of Jonesboro, and Daniel Pena, a high school counselor from New Life church, Colorado Springs, Colo., replacing Robert J. Oxford of Wheat Ridge.

Renominated were Dewey Corder of Montgomery, Ala.; Glen W. Zumwalt of Wichita, Kansas; Dan T. Stowe of Dublin, Ohio, and Jim D. Bowmer of Temple, Texas.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE (15 members, eight of whom serve by virtue of office as SBC administrators): two persons considered, two new members. The Committee on Boards also selected the PAC chairman.

New members are Don Turner, editor of the Rocky Mountain Baptist, newsjournal of the Colorado Baptist General Convention, and member of Trinity church, Aurora, Colo., replacing R.G. (Gene) Puckett, Raleigh, N.C., and Jim I. Ginnings, independent oil producer and chairman of deacons at First church, Wichita Falls, Texas, replacing Donald P. Aiesi, Greenville, S.C.

The committee also re-elected Samuel T. Currin, U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of North Carolina, and member of Hays-Barton church, Raleigh, to a second term as chairman.

DENOMINATIONAL CALENDAR COMMITTEE (6 members): two persons considered; two new members were appointed and the Committee on Boards selected the committee chairman.

New members are Fred Powell of Pisgah church, Excelsior Springs, Mo., replacing Russell Bush of Columbia, Miss., and James C. Waits of First church, Laurel, Miss., replacing William H. Cook of Bartlesville, Okla.

Mrs. Don (Skeet) Workman of Lubbock, Texas, was named chairman.

COMMITTEE ON ORDER OF BUSINESS (7 members, including the SBC President): two persons were considered; two new members were named and the committee chairman also was selected.

New members are Stan Coffey of First church, Albuquerque, N.M., replacing Charles G. Fuller of Roanoke, Va., and Jay Strack of Riverside church, Fort Myers, Fla., replacing C. Bruce McIver of Dallas, Texas.

Morris H. Chapman of First church, Wichita Falls, Texas, was named chairman.

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Historical Commission
Makes Bylaw Changes

By Leisa A. Hammett

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NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP)--In its annual meeting the Southern Baptist Historical Commission approved recommendations to reduce the number of local members on the commission, set four stages of operation for the Southern Baptist Historical Library and Archives, employed a librarian and adopted 1984-85 and 1985-86 budgets.

The 33-member commission adopted, subject to SBC messenger approval, bylaw changes which would eliminate the provision for eight local members and provide hereafter for one member from each cooperating state. Current local members will complete their terms.

The Library and Archives Planning Committee, appointed last April, noting limited staffing and funding, proposed the Southern Baptist Historical Library and Archives move toward full operation in four stages.

- 1) The library will open when the card catalog is substantially complete.
- 2) When the card catalog is complete, the library will operate as a reference library with no circulation, and will be open up to three days a week.
- 3) In the third stage, Southern Baptist Historical Library and Archives will operate as a circulating library up to three days a week.
- 4) At the final stage, the library will be fully staffed and fully operational.

The Southern Baptist Historical Library and Archives will occupy over three-fourths of the commission's floor on the fourth level of the new Southern Baptist Convention building currently under construction.

Commissioners approved the part-time employment of Nashvillian Pat Brown who will graduate in May from Vanderbilt University's Library and Information Science program.

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The revised Historical Commission budget for 1984-85 and proposed budget for 1985-86 totals \$482,765 and \$568,750, respectively. Requested Cooperative Program allocations for the two budget years are \$404,600 and \$491,000, respectively, also subject to SBC approval.

Wayne Flynt, Auburn, Ala., Stan Rushing, Leland, Miss, and Lynn E. May Jr., Commission executive director-treasurer, were reelected as commission chairman, vice chairman and treasurer, respectively. Richard McCartney, Oklahoma City, was elected recording secretary.

Loulie Owens, Travelers Rest, S.C., was honored with the Distinguished Service Award for Outstanding Contributions to Baptist History. Owens served six terms with the Commission and was the first woman to be president of the Southern Baptist Historical Society. She is a noted writer, dramatist and state Baptist historical leader.

Shelby County, Ala., native, Bill Sumners was presented the Norman W. Cox Award for his article, "Southern Baptists and the Liquor Question, 1910-1920," in the Historical Perspectives section of the April 1983, The Quarterly Review. The Norman W. Cox Award is given by the Commission annually to the person judged to have written the best historical article published by the Historical Commission during the previous calendar year.

Members approved "Southern Baptists and Relationships with Other Denominations" as the 1988 annual meeting theme.

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SEYMOUR, Tenn. (BP)--William L. Palmer of Galax, Va., was elected president of Harrison Chilhowee Baptist Academy at a called meeting of the trustees April 18 on the Baptist school's campus. He will assume the presidency on June 1.

Palmer succeeds Hubert B. Smothers, who died Jan. 1 in a fire which destroyed the president's home. Since Smother's death, the academy has been supervised by the trustee's executive committee, led by Jane Ellison, trustee chairman.

After Palmer's unanimous election, Ellison said, "We are most grateful to God for sending us a man of outstanding ability, experience, and dedication. The trustees, staff, and faculty pledge to William Palmer our support and help in making Harrison Chilhowee Baptist Academy all that God would have it be."

After graduation from college, Palmer attended Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N.C., receiving the doctor of ministry degree in 1975. He taught New Testament Greek at Southeastern.

Before becoming pastor of First church, Galax, Va., in 1981, he was pastor of three churches in South Carolina and of First Baptist Church, Morristown, Tenn., from 1969-1981.

While pastor in Morristown, he was elected president of the Tennessee Baptist Convention in 1979.

Mrs. Palmer is the former Ellen Bourne of Owings, Md., and the family includes two daughters and one son.

During the April 18 meeting, the HCBA trustees were told that the president's home on the HCBA campus is being rebuilt and is expected to be completed by July 1.

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