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Committee Releases
Trustee Nominations

By Dan Martin

NASHVILLE (BP)--The 1987 Committee on Boards has released its nominations of people to serve on the Executive Committee, boards, commissions, committees and agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention.

"I think all of these candidates are well qualified to hold the jobs for which we have selected them," said T.C. Pinckney of Alexandria, Va., chairman of the 1987 Committee on Boards.

"I was impressed with the dedication of the members of the committee and the thoroughness with which they have sought to identify the best qualified people. This is not to claim these 142 people are the best qualified out of 14.6 million Southern Baptists because I don't know how anybody would ever determine that.

"But I do think that every member has done the very best to pick out the people they thought were best, in so far as is humanly possible and working within the (Holy) Spirit," said Pinckney, a retired Air Force brigadier general and former fighter pilot.

The 54-member Committee on Boards (nominating committee) met in Nashville March 12-13 to nominate people to serve on 24 major boards, institutions, commissions and committees of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The 1987 committee acted on 247 positions, of which 104 are held by people eligible for nomination for a second term, 142 require replacements and one position which is being eliminated under a reduction plan.

Currently, there are 892 people serving on boards of the 24 entities. Under the SBC system of rotating boards, about 25 percent of the positions become vacant each year, with about half of those being eligible for a second four-year term.

Under SBC bylaws, the report of the Committee on Boards must be released through the denominational news service, Baptist Press, at least 45 days in advance of the annual meeting, scheduled this year June 16-18 in Cervantes Convention Center in St. Louis.

In order to serve, people nominated by the Committee on Boards must be elected by messengers at the annual meeting.

In making the nominations, the committee met in executive (closed) session in March. Pinckney drew on his academic background -- he has a master's degree in international relations -- to defend the decision.

"In that field (international relations) there is a debate on the proper route to decision making, whether you have an open covenant openly arrived at, an open covenant secretly arrived at or a secret covenant secretly arrived at," he said.

"There is not an absolute parallel, but we were seeking the best possible people we could find. We were discussing people and their qualifications, and, at least in some cases, very sensitive personal matters had to be raised. It was not appropriate to have these issues raised among more people than absolutely necessary in order to protect the people under discussion."

Pinckney said while the decisions were made in closed session, the results are "open" with the release of the committee report.

"The messengers at the convention in June will now have their say, either accepting our nominations or proposing alternatives as they see fit," he added.

Pinckney said questions on inerrancy of Scripture were raised about "virtually every nominee. Given the state of affairs in the SBC, it would be remarkable if they weren't. But the parallel is that the amount of giving to the Cooperative Program from their churches was addressed on virtually every nominee. We tried to address the concerns on the issues that were dearest to the hearts of people within the convention."

He said while some voiced concerns about the beliefs of denominational employees on the inerrancy of Scripture, "that was not a topic of general conversation, as I recall."

He said several nominees were rejected "who seemed well qualified in every respect except that their churches gave smaller percentages to the Cooperative Program. In those cases, we sought and found other names."

On inerrancy, Pinckney said: "It did not take the route of saying, 'This guy is an inerrantist and we will all vote for him.' We did not have that kind of hard and fast rule. But when the name of a person was presented, the person's stance and background and qualifications were reviewed and one of the things that was normally mentioned was the position on inerrancy."

Most of the nominees are inerrantists, he said, but "more than one" who would disagree with that theory of the inspiration of the Bible was appointed. "We emphasized that we were picking those whom we felt the Holy Spirit led us to; Southern Baptists who would best represent the long-time beliefs and standards of Southern Baptists as we understood them."

Among the items discussed by the committee was the appointment of additional people to serve on the Southern Baptist Public Affairs Committee, the entity which relates to the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs.

If messengers to the annual meeting adopt a proposed revision in Bylaw 18, which changes the size and representation on the committee, the Committee on Boards must have nominees to serve on the PAC. (See related story)

During its deliberations, the committee elected an eight-member subcommittee to meet in St. Louis in advance of the annual meeting to make needed adjustments in the final report.

As of the date of the release of the nominations, there were 14 places still needing to be filled, and the subcommittee will have to name replacements for persons who die, move or decline to serve before the convention.

Named to the subcommittee:

Pinckney, a member of Plymouth Haven Baptist Church, Alexandria, Va.; B.D. Pounds, a telephone company manager and member of Immanuel Baptist Church, San Bernardino, Calif.; Mrs. Harold (Joan) Hendrick, a homemaker and beauty consultant and member of Parker Road Baptist Church, Florissant, Mo.;

Jim Willoughby, a clothing store owner and member of Cameron Baptist Church, Lawton, Okla.; Mel McClellan, pastor of Rifle (Colo.) Baptist Church; Cecil Taylor, pastor of Cedar Crest Southern Baptist Church, West Monroe, La.; David Woods, pastor of Roanoke Rapids (N.C.) Baptist Church; and James Carey, pastor of Lackland Baptist Church, San Antonio, Texas.

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Trustees Nominated For
Boards, Executive Committee

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NASHVILLE (BP)—Persons to serve on the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee and the four boards — Home Mission Board, Foreign Mission Board, Baptist Sunday School Board and Annuity Board — have been nominated by the SBC Committee on Boards.

Nominees are clergy or denominationally related, unless specified.

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (70 members): 19 nominations considered, 10 new members, 9 renominations:

New members with terms to expire in 1991, replacing persons ineligible for reappointment include Fred H. Wolfe, pastor of Cottage Hill church, Mobile, Ala., replacing Dotson M. Nelson Jr., of Birmingham; William K. Hall, a financial consultant and member of Capistrano Valley church, San Juan Capistrano, Calif., replacing David C. Maddox of Anaheim; William R. Parker, pastor of First church of Markham Woods, Lake Mary, Fla., replacing J. Leland Hall of Melbourne;

Newton C. Brill, an attorney and member of First church, West Plains, Mo., replacing Gary C. Brown of Richland; and James T. Roach, an attorney and member of First church, Albuquerque, N.M., replacing Francis L. Wilson of Alamogordo;

Eldridge L. Miller, pastor of First church, Sallisaw, Okla., was named to a term to expire in 1991, replacing Jere A. Wilson of Bartlesville, who moved. Mrs. Tom (Gwyn) Parker Sr., a homemaker and member of Hyde Park church, Austin, Texas, was named to a term to expire in 1991, replacing W. Dewey Presley of Dallas, Texas, who resigned.

Paul R. House, professor of Bible at Taylor University and member of Sunnycrest church, Marion, Ind., was named to a term to expire in 1989, replacing Donald I. Gent of Evansville, who moved.

The subcommittee will name a person to fill the unexpired term — to expire in 1990 — of Alan E. Sears of Louisville, Ky., who moved. Also to be named later is a replacement for Gary F. Young, of Phoenix, Ariz., who declined to serve a second full term.

Nominated to second four-year terms are Frank Lady, Jonesboro, Ark.; William H. Ricketts, Athens, Ga.; James E. Jones, Campbellsville, Ky.; Mrs. C. Bullard Jones, Baton Rouge, La.; Robert J. Goode, Greensboro, N.C.; Sam W. Pace, Lawton, Okla.; Carl E. Compton, Myrtle Beach, S.C.; Charles W. Sullivan, Lenoir, City, Tenn.; and Paul Pressler, Houston, Texas.

FOREIGN MISSION BOARD (85 members): 22 nominations considered, 12 new members, 10 renominations.

New members with terms to expire in 1991, replacing people ineligible for renomination include Bruce A. Romoser, pastor of Berwin church, College Park, Md., replacing Mrs. Mary Maddry Strauss of Hagerstown; L. Daniel Watts Jr., pastor of Raymond Road church, Jackson, Miss., replacing Gene Triggs of Yazoo City; James Michael Goodwin, pastor of Faith church, Festus, Mo., replacing Robert E. Lively of Columbia;

Horace W. Hall Sr., pastor of Freedom church, Wilmington, N.C., replacing J. Albert Leath Jr., of Charlotte; Gary A. Smith, pastor of Emmanuel church, Enid, Okla., replacing Paul Box of Moore; Bruch Alan Russell Sr., pastor of Charleston Heights church, Charleston, S.C., replacing Alastair C. Walker of Spartanburg; David L. Stevens Jr., pastor of Zion church, Powell, Tenn., replacing R. Trevis Otey of Jackson; and B.G. (Bob) Clements, a full-time evangelist and member of Bannockburn church, Austin, Texas, replacing Sam S. Sorrell of Houston.

Named to a term to expire in 1988 is Rod H. Masteller, pastor of Putnam City church of Oklahoma City, replacing Wendell Estep, of Oklahoma City, who moved.

Two people will be nominated when the subcommittee meets in St. Louis, both to full four-year terms expiring in 1991. Replacements will be named for James B. Henry of Orlando, Fla., who is ineligible for reappointment, and for William M. Rowlett of Hopkinsville, Ky., who declined another appointment.

Nominated to second terms are Dick Thomassian, Huntsville, Ala.; Rick Lance, Tuscaloosa, Ala.; Paul R. Sanders, Little Rock, Ark.; John Jackson, Anaheim, Calif.; Hubert G. Keefer, Hillcrest Heights, Md.; Claude Kirkpatrick, Baton Rouge, La.; Dale Cain, Lubbock, Texas; and Nathaniel W. Kellum, Mechanicsville, Va.

Nominated to second four-year terms as local members are Donald H. Bowen, Alexandria, Va., and Wayne W. Poplin, Charlottesville, Va.

HOME MISSION BOARD (85 members): 25 nominations considered; 10 new members, 15 renominations.

New members with terms to expire in 1991, replacing people ineligible for renomination include S. Thomas (Tom) Kyzer, pastor of Old Spanish Fort church, Spanish Fort, Ala., replacing Marvin L. Prude of Birmingham, Ala.; Olan K. Wills, pastor of Springhead church, Plant City, Fla., replacing Thomas J. Draper of Winter Park;

Anthony B. Carson, pastor of Emmanuel church, Jenkins, Ky., replacing M.A. Winchester of Whitley City; Charles L. Chaney, assistant to the chancellor and dean of the Courts Redford School of Theology and Church Vocations, Southwest Baptist University, Bolivar, Mo., replacing Thomas W. Sneed of Hannibal;

Jack D. Moore, pastor of Fisherville church, Eads, Tenn., replacing H. Eugene Cotey of Murfreesboro; Elton Ikels, pastor of Salem Sayers church, Adkins, Texas, replacing William G. Perdue of San Antonio; and Earl W. Moore, a physician and member of First church, Chase City, Va., replacing Norman P. Gillum of Crozet.

Named to a term to expire in 1989 is Keith Russell, pastor of First church, Anadarko, Okla., replacing Travis E. Wiginton of Norman, who moved.

Named to a term to expire in 1990 is Rex Holt Jr., pastor of Central church, Jonesboro, Ark., replacing Nick Garland of Hot Springs, who moved.

A replacement will be named by the subcommittee to fill the unexpired term — to expire in 1990 — of Ronald L. Burdon of Jeffersontown, Ky., who resigned.

Nominated for second four-year terms are Douglas M. Reddick, Valdosta, Ga.; Robert Lee Latham, Indianapolis; John Click, Wichita, Kans.; Austin B. Tucker, Shreveport, La.; Ronald Dale Gross, Milford, Mich.; Louie W. Odom, Brandon, Miss.; Robert H. Lacy, Hobbs, N.M.; Mrs. Richard (Ann) Frazier, Roanoke Rapids, N.C.; Mrs. Joe L. Ingram, Oklahoma City; and Gaylon B. Wiley, Angleton, Texas.

Nominated for second four-year terms as local members are Clark G. Hutchinson, Marietta, Ga.; Ronald J. Henning, Colquitt, Ga.; Lawson Lee Schroeder, Atlanta; Mrs. John (Barbara) Fain, Dunwoody, Ga.; and Ronald B. Long, Lithonia, Ga.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD (85 members): 24 nominations considered; 12 new members, 12 renominations.

New members with terms to expire in 1991, replacing people ineligible for renomination include Al Jackson, pastor of Lakeview church, Auburn, Ala., replacing Harper Shannon of Montgomery; Gene R. Swinson, pastor of Hillcrest church, Augusta, Ga., replacing Donald L. Folsom of Tucker; Wayne L. DuBose, pastor of Summer Grove church, Shreveport, La., replacing John Macon Oswald of Hammond; T.C. French Jr., pastor of Jefferson church, Baton Rouge, La., replacing Crawford Williams of Shreveport;

Eugene Ridley, pastor of Long Leaf church, Wilmington, N.C., replacing Alton H. McEachern, Greensboro; Larry E. Toothaker, a professor of psychology at the University of Oklahoma and member of Trinity church, Norman, Okla., replacing Mrs. Harry J. (Ruth) Ellis of Okmulgee; Mrs. Larry (Cynthia) Phillips, a pastor's wife and member of Lockeland church, Nashville, replacing Roy J. Gilleland Jr., of Nashville; and Carlos B. Scott, pastor of First church, Pound, Va., replacing John J. Bryan of Bluefield, W.Va.

Named to a term to expire in 1991 is John W. Sager, minister of education at Meadow Heights church, Collinsville, Ill., replacing Greg Baumann of Granite City, who declined appointment to a second term.

Named to fill unexpired terms — expiring in 1990 — are Douglas Sager, pastor of Roebuck Park church, Birmingham, Ala., replacing Travis J. Tindal of Birmingham, who moved; Sam Simmonds Jr., pastor of Trinity church, Memphis, Tenn., replacing Winford L. Hendrix of Chattanooga, who moved; and Gerald M. Taylor of El Dorado, Ark., replacing Cecil E. Weller of Fort Smith, who died.

Nominated to second four-year terms are Wayne L. North, Tucson, Ariz.; Miss Janice L. Williams, Washington, D.C.; Donald M. Moore, Evansville, Ind.; Mahlon C. Morley, Belle Plaine, Kan.; Don R. Mathis, Corbin, Ky.; Floyd E. Hughes, Grand Rapids, Mich.; James L. Holly, Beaumont, Texas; Bill Tisdale, Henderson, Texas; and Mrs. Sherion H. Babb, Huntington, W.Va.

Local members nominated for second four-year terms are Roland Maddox, Memphis, Tenn.; J.B. Miller, Columbia, Tenn.; and Billie K. Friel, Mt. Juliet, Tenn.

ANNUITY BOARD (49 members): 19 nominations considered; 14 new members, 5 renominated.

New members with terms to expire in 1991, replacing people ineligible for renomination include Gerald H. Lord, pastor of First church, Florence, Ala., replacing Billy C. Austin of Birmingham; Mark H. Daniel, director of associational missions and member of East Verde church, Payson, Ariz., replacing Ron Hart of Tucson; Stephen B. Henderson, pastor of Scott Lake church, Lakeland, Fla., replacing Woodrow M. Pinson of Orlando;

Gene Flynn, investment and insurance broker and member of Gardenside church, Lexington, Ky., replacing Frank R. Purdy of Lexington; A.D. Foreman III, a retired shoe store owner and member of First church, Monroe, La., replacing Willis L. Meadows of Shreveport; Arnold S. Hederman Jr., a retired newspaper publisher and member of Fellowship church of Mendenhall, Miss., replacing Louis F. Smith of Canton;

Mrs. John P. (Lauretta) Reynolds, a bank vice president and member of Velma Church, Velma, Okla., replacing Max Brattin of Shawnee; Bill Yung, vice president of marketing for an insurance firm, and member of First church, El Paso, Texas, replacing F.T. Goodson of Jacksonville, Texas; and Eugene C. Smith, a retired government employee and member of Del Ray church, Alexandria, Va., replacing Hugh D. Adams Sr. of Hampton.

Named to fill an unexpired term — expiring in 1988 — is E. Lee Wyatt, a corporate business planner and member of Gateway church, Millstadt, Ill., replacing C. Eugene Phillips of Peoria, who moved.

Named to fill unexpired terms — expiring in 1990 — are William G. Beshears, a retired Kraft, Inc., employee and member of First church, McDonough, Ga., replacing R.W. Turner of Natchez, who moved, and David C. Hall, pastor of Plainview church, Tulsa, Okla., replacing James L. Sanderson of Jenks, who moved.

Nominated to second four-year terms are James C. Ehrlich, Indianapolis; Carlin D. Pruitt, Pittsburg, Kan., and George H. Balentine Jr., Greenville, S.C.

Nominated to a new four-year term as a local member is Terry Barber, an insurance broker and member of North Fort Worth church, Fort Worth, Texas, replacing David Roberts (Bob) Floyd of Dallas.

Nominated to a new three-year term as a local member is R. Earl Allen, pastor of Rosen Heights church, Fort Worth, Texas, replacing Herbert H. Reynolds of Waco.

Nominated to second four-year terms as local members are Terry Gene Washburn, Colleyville, Texas, and Earl B. Patrick, Waco.