

TUESDAY MORNING — Business Update

MBC ANNUAL MEETING • OCTOBER 28-29, 2019

Yeats celebrates the synergy of Missouri Baptists



Dr. John Yeats

Executive Director John Yeats shared a crowded stage Monday evening with the presidents of MBC's entities in order to celebrate the Kingdom work Missouri Baptists are doing together.

Yeats' presentation concluded the first day of the MBC Annual Meeting.

After beginning with an illustration of ordinary people literally pulling together to move a massive Boeing 747, Yeats remarked, "God has called us to the impossible task of communicating the gospel to every person in Missouri. The only way it can be done is by working together. Teamwork makes the difference."

After nearly two decades of litigation as a last resort to win back entities that pulled away from the convention, Missouri Baptists have graciously welcomed back the Missouri Baptist Foundation, The Baptist Home, and Missouri Baptist University.

"Tonight, we are looking forward and seeking to show how we as Missouri Baptists are so much better together," said Yeats. "Our great and mighty God wills that we serve one another and work together."

Yeats conducted short interviews with the presidents of all MBC entities, seeking their perspectives on the strength of synergy. Joining Yeats were: Anthony Allen of Hannibal-LaGrange University; Keith Ross of Southwest Baptist University; Eric Turner of Missouri Baptist University; Russell Martin of the Missouri Baptist Children's Home; Steven Jones of The Baptist Home; and Neil Franks of the Missouri Baptist Credit Union.

Yeats also welcomed MBC ministry leaders to the stage to share how they are working together to carry out the MBC vision of transforming lives and communities with the gospel. Among these directors were: Brad Bennett, Making Disciples Group; Rick Hedger, Multiplying Churches Group; Jim Misloski, Developing Leaders Group; Gene Austin, Collegiate Ministries Group; and Rob Phillips, Ministry Support Group.

"We truly are better together, believing with all our hearts that the cooperative message is a biblical message for today," Yeats said. "When we say we believe the message of cooperation, it is not mere intellectual assent. It means we practice it, we teach it, and we glorify our Lord through it."

Muniz appoints Tellers for 2019 Annual Meeting

Missouri Baptist Convention president Jeremy Muniz presented his appointments to the 2019 Tellers Committee during the Monday evening session of the Missouri Baptist Convention. This committee serves during this year's annual meeting.

The Tellers committee assists the presiding officer with vote-taking, collecting ballots, tabulating results and announcing the results to the presiding officer.

Those appointed to the Tellers Committee are all currently serving as Disaster Relief volunteers. The list includes: Chairman-Doug Irvin, FBC, Mt. Vernon; Peggy Anderson, Union Ridge, Clever; Dave Bailey,

FBC, West Plains; Mike Beasley, Turney Baptist, Turney; Don Boyer, FBC, Chillicothe; Angela Brattin, Solid Rock, Exeter; Joe Brattin, Solid Rock, Exeter; Kay Clemons, Country Meadows, Independence; Leighton Clemons, Country Meadows, Independence; Carol Ethington, Oakwood, Kansas City; Bryan Harvey, FBC, Branson; Patti Irvin, FBC, Mt. Vernon; Pearlina Moore, Glenstone, Springfield; Dale Ohmes, New Salem, Winfield; Diane Ohmes, New Salem, Winfield; Ronald Sherrill, FBC, Hollister.

Credentials Committee report

The MBC Credentials Committee reported to the Convention on Monday afternoon and made the recommendation on page 43 of the Book of Reports with the following additions and one deletion to the list of newly affiliating churches:

New Churches	City	Pastor	Association
Encounter Church	Arnold	Ed Callahan	St. Louis Metro
Faith Baptist	Lee's Summit	Joshua Martin	Blue River-Kansas City
Re-affiliating Churches			
Abounding Hope	Licking	James Miller	Texas
Brushy Bible	St. Mary's	David Clawson	Cape Girardeau
Fellowship	Carthage	Charles Chrisman	Barry
Sherman	Ballwin	Mark Brooks	St. Louis Metro
Delete			
Echo Church	Washington	Rob Rash	Franklin

Additions to Executive Board Recommendations

During the Monday morning meeting of the Executive Board the following items were reported for inclusion in the Executive Board recommendations. (To be added to the Executive Board Recommendations on pages 51-53 of the *Book of Reports*.)

7. The Executive Board approved a substitute Recommendation #7: The Executive Board recommends that the Missouri Baptist Convention directs Southwest Baptist University, through SBU's authorized committee, to submit to the Executive Board SBU's draft of proposed Revised Articles of Agreement for Southwest Baptist University consistent with the Convention's governing documents, including, but not limited to, language concerning the Convention's sole membership and SBU's statement of faith, by March 1, 2020; drafts of bylaws and other conforming governing documents should be submitted by June 30, 2020.
11. The Executive Board recommends that the Convention approve a change in Executive Board Bylaw 3. B: Meetings are held on the Monday/Tuesday following the first Sunday in March; the Monday/Tuesday following the ~~third~~ **fourth** Sunday in August; and preceding the Annual Meeting of the MBC at the same place as the Annual Meeting, unless otherwise established at a previous Executive Board meeting.
12. The Executive Board recommends that the Convention approves the 2022 Annual Meeting of the Missouri Baptist Convention be held October 24-25 at the St. Charles Convention Center, St. Charles, Missouri.
13. The Executive Board recommends that the Convention approves the 2023 Annual Meeting of the Missouri Baptist Convention be held October 23-24 at Crossway Baptist Church, Springfield, Missouri.
14. The Executive Board recommends that the Convention authorizes Missouri Baptist Foundation to create a Missouri non-profit corporation or limited liability company as a holding company for handling investment transactions in real estate, in the normal course of its business, subject to approval as to form by MBC legal counsel.
15. The Executive Board recommends that the Missouri Baptist Foundation Articles of Incorporation be amended as follows: Article IV (B), add the following sentence. "The Corporation has all the powers of a non-profit corporation under Chapter 355, RSMo, including the power to buy, sell, hold, lease, mortgage, pledge and manage real estate and other assets, in its name or through a holding company, except as otherwise limited by these articles."

Nominating Committee Members Nominated

Missouri Baptist Convention president Jeremy Muniz, in consultation with the other officers, has nominated eight new members for three-year terms on the Nominating Committee, terms to expire 2022; and two members with terms to expire in 2020.

Daniel Carr, Canaan Baptist Church, St. Louis, has been nominated to serve as chairman for 2020.

New members term expiring 2020

1. Brad Adams (M), FBC, House Springs (EC) (filling unexpired term of Buddy Perstrobe)
2. Aaron Mick (L), Fellowship, Greenwood (WC) (filling unexpired term of Dinae Chichester)

New members term expiring 2022

1. Kabir Bansel (L), Fellowship, Kirksville (NE)
2. David Burton (L), FBC, Goodman (SW)
3. Daniel Carr (M), Canaan, St. Louis (EC)
4. Steve Foshee (L), FBC, Desloge (SE)
5. Carson Humphreys (L), Richland, Kingdom City (C)
6. John King (M), FBC, West Plains (SC)
7. George Lakatos (M), Grace Community, Smithville (WC)
8. Rick Loft (L), Frederick Boulevard, St. Joseph (NW)

The new members will serve with the following members already on the committee.

Term Expiring 2020

1. Ted Bachman (M), Southern Hills, Bolivar (SW)
2. Kristi Hardecke (L), FBC, Owensville (C)
3. Benjamin Leonard (M), FBC, Cabool (SC)
4. Justin Perry (M), FBC, Viburnum (SE)
5. Joe Thrower (M), Prince Avenue, Hannibal (NE)
6. Charlie Washburn (L), FBC, Chillicothe (NW)

Term Expiring 2021

1. Chris Bass (M), FBC, Versailles (C)
2. Todd Buck (M), Esther, Park Hills (SE)
3. Dave Dexheimer (L), Calvary, Hannibal (NE)
4. Scott Gordon (M), Claycomo (WC)
5. Anthony Hays (L), FBC, Branson (SW)
6. Chris Pearson (M), FBC, Ferguson (EC)
7. Becky Roberts (L), FBC, Pattonsburg (NW)
8. Carissa Schroer (L), FBC, Crocker (SC)

2019 Nominating Committee Report to the Missouri Baptist Convention

An (M) following a nominee's name denotes a minister and an (L) denotes a layperson. Listings followed by an asterisk (*) indicate proposed re-election to a second term.

Executive Board

Term Expiring 2021

1. Charles Yates (M), Calvary, Independence (WC) (filling unexpired term of Trenton Blair)

Term Expiring 2022

1. John Bohannon (L), Morgan, Conway (SC)
2. George Box (M), FBC, Myrtle (SC)
3. Bret Capranica (M), Summit Woods, Lee's Summit (WC)*
4. Greg Carr (M), FBC, Shelbina (NE)
5. Jacob Colwell (M), New Bethel, Jackson (SE)
6. Don Combs (M), Grandview, Centralia (C)*
7. Jason Crowley (M), New Hope, McFall (NW)
8. Pam Dubuque (L), Central, Eureka (EC)

9. Linda Graham (L), Connection Point, Raytown (WC)
10. Roger Graham (M), FBC, Jackson (SE)
11. Josh Hall (M), Selmore, Ozark (SW)*
12. Judy Harding (L), Prince Avenue, Hannibal (NE)
13. Michelle Johnson (L), FBC, Trenton (NW)
14. Nathan Johnson (M), Redeemer, Springfield (SW)*
15. Craig Tanner (M), Temple, Sullivan (EC)
16. Greg White (L), Southridge, Jefferson City (C)*

Committee on Order of Business

2020 Chairman: Michael Byrd

Term Expiring 2022

1. Randy Shipman (M), FBC, Clinton

Credentials Committee

2020 Chairman: Ulysses Ross

Term Expiring 2022

1. Charles Rapp (M), Prince Avenue, Hannibal
2. Daniel Weyand (M), Sonrise, Bonne Terre

Missouri Baptist Christian Life Commission

Term Expiring 2022

1. Allen Calkins (M), FBC, St. Clair*
2. Buddy Funk (M), Fellowship, Neosho
3. William Isaacson (M), FBC, Richmond
4. Bill Savage (M), St. Clair Southern, St. Clair

Missouri Baptist Historical Commission

Term Expiring 2022

1. Greg Dixon (M), FBC, Maysville
2. Tony Jones (M), FBC, Rich Hill
3. Richard Nations (M), Rehoboth, Kirksville

Missouri Baptist Foundation

Term Expiring 2022

1. Chuck Brazeale (L), FBC, Paris*
2. John Dearing (M), Excelsior Springs*
3. Misty Flaughter (L), Riverview, Osage Beach
4. Marita LaChapell (L), Waypoint, St. Charles

Missouri Baptist Children's Home

Term Expiring 2020

1. Mark DeShon (M), Immanuel, Moberly (filling unexpired term of Ward Franz)
2. Beverly Hawkins (L), Second, Lebanon (filling unexpired term of Bonnie Carter)

Term Expiring 2021

1. Kevin Griffey (M), FBC, Clinton (filling unexpired term of Beverly Corum)

Term Expiring 2022

1. Russell Abbott (M), FBC, Browning*
2. Mark Albee (M), Immanuel, Hannibal*
3. E.J. Barnes (M), Modena, Princeton*
4. Chuck Easter (L), Canaan, St. Louis
5. Ken Hawkins (M), FBC, Mt. Vernon
6. Dan Hite (M), FBC, Memphis*
7. Lance Long (M), FBC, Crestwood
8. JoAnne Royer (L), Concord, Jefferson City*
9. Debra Walker (L), Rock Springs, Licking

The Baptist Home

Term Expiring 2020

1. Phillip Burden (M), FBC, Ozark (Filling unexpired term of Jerry Arnold)
2. Richard Young (M), South Haven, Belton (Filling unexpired term of Tom Luthy)

Term Expiring 2022

1. Alan Brock (M), Calvary, Chillicothe
2. Eugene Butler (L), FBC, Arnold*
3. Doug Funk (L), FBC, Annapolis*
4. Scott Hutton (M), Blue Ridge, Independence*
5. Ken Parker (M), FBC, Kearney*
6. Jayne Scott (L), FBC, Tarkio
7. Donald Webb (M), Calvary, Republic*

Hannibal-LaGrange University

Term Expiring 2024

1. Matt Bartig (M), Northroad, Moscow Mills
2. Lisa Branch (L), Providence, Kansas City
3. Chad Ford (L), Immanuel, Hannibal
4. Vinita Henry (L), FBC, Ferguson
5. Mitchell Jackson (M), Miner, Sikeston
6. Luke Stockeland (M), Open Door, Columbia

Missouri Baptist University

Term Expiring 2020

1. Joey French (L), The Ridge Church, Villa Ridge (filling unexpired term of Bob Winters)

Term Expiring 2022

1. Fran Austin (L), Bethany, Cape Girardeau*
2. James Briggs (M), FBC, Fayette*
3. Jeff Brown (L), The Ridge Church, Villa Ridge*
4. Matt Cain (L), Morse Mill, Dittmer*
5. Alan Cobb (M), Roanoke, Kansas City*
6. Dan Dildine (L), River Oaks, Foristell*
7. John Greever (M), FBC, Fenton
8. Ryan Kunce (M), FBC, Bethany
9. Victor Smith (L), FBC of Blue Springs, Independence

Southwest Baptist University

Term Expiring 2024

1. Tim Carter (L), Cornerstone, Sedalia
2. Danny Decker (M), FBC, Humansville
3. Jonathan Hayashi (M), FBC, Troy
4. Linda Marshall (L), Oakwood, Kansas City
5. Michael Roy (M), Pathway, Raymore

Retiring MBC Executive Board Members

During Monday's Executive Board meeting the following MBC Executive Board members were recognized for their service to the Missouri Baptist Convention:

Stephen Andrews, serving 2016-2019

Brian Baker, serving 2013-2019

Chuck Baker, serving 2013-2019

Stella Brinley, serving 2013-2019

Dennis Crowder, serving 2013-2019

Jeff Hardy, serving 2013-2019

Gary Jones, serving 2013-2019

Bob Parker, serving 2013-2019

Jeremy Sells, serving 2014-2019

Garrett Trunk, serving 2018-2019

Stephanie Wood, serving 2013-2019