

Wednesday

■ BUSINESS UPDATE

MBC ANNUAL MEETING • OCTOBER 30, 2013

Resolutions submitted for consideration

The Committee on Resolutions of the 179th Annual Session (2013) of the Missouri Baptist Convention submits this report to the convention.

Resolutions recommended for adoption

The Committee on Resolutions recommends that the messengers to the annual meeting adopt the following resolutions:

Resolution No. 1: Courtesy Resolution to Express Appreciation

WHEREAS, the officers, committees, and staff of the Executive Board of the Missouri Baptist Convention have, through their preparation, labor, and spirit, contributed to a successful convention;

WHEREAS, the members of the Local Arrangements Committee along with Director of Missions and staff of the Blue River-Kansas City Baptist Association, have made every effort to make our stay in this area comfortable;

WHEREAS, Sheraton Hotel has assisted with preparations and have made their excellent facilities and competent staff available in hosting this meeting; be it

RESOLVED, that we, the messengers to the 179th Annual Session of the Missouri Baptist Convention

meeting in Kansas City, Missouri, October 28-30, 2013, express our grateful appreciation to the staff of the Executive Board and to the officers and committees of the Missouri Baptist Convention for an excellent and orderly program and for their leadership in these convention sessions; be it further

RESOLVED, that we express our sincere appreciation to the members of the Local Arrangements Committee; and to the Director of Missions and staff of the Blue River-Kansas City Baptist Association, whose thorough preparation and hospitality have contributed greatly to the comfort and convenience of the messengers and visitors of the convention; be it finally

RESOLVED, we thank the Sheraton Hotel for their hospitality and help during this session of the Missouri Baptist Convention.

Resolution No. 2: On the U.S. Supreme Court Ruling Striking Down the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA)

WHEREAS, The Defense of Marriage Act of 1996 was passed with overwhelming majorities in the 104th Congress (House: 442-67, Senate: 85-14); and was signed into law by President William J. Clinton on September 21, 1996 and has been federal law for over 16 years; and

WHEREAS, Southern Baptists have on multiple occasions (1996, 2003, 2008, 2011) affirmed through resolutions the truth and principles that the Defense of Marriage Act seeks to defend; and

WHEREAS, the federal government has an appropriate role in preserving the foundations of a healthy society; and

WHEREAS, redefining the concept and legality of marriage to mean anything other than the union between one man and one woman would fundamentally undermine the historic and biblical foundation of a healthy society (Genesis 1:28, 2:24, Matthew 19:4-6); and

WHEREAS, equating same-sex marriage relationships with heterosexual marriage creates a host of

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Annual meeting attendees registered

As of 5:45 p.m. of the Tuesday evening session, 940 messengers and 263 visitors, representing 530 churches, had registered for a total of 1,203 people in attendance during the 179th annual meeting of the Missouri Baptist Convention.

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religious liberty and freedom of conscience conflicts; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Supreme Court has ruled that the Defense of Marriage Act is unconstitutional and that same-sex couples who are legally married will be entitled to equal treatment under federal law; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Supreme Court has eroded the stability of the institution of marriage by ruling that part of the Defense of Marriage Act is unconstitutional and that same-sex couples who are legally married will be entitled to equal treatment under certain federal laws; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the messengers to the Missouri Baptist Convention meeting in Kansas City, October 28-30, 2013, express our continued opposition to and grave disappointment in the ruling of the U.S. Supreme Court to strike down the Defense of Marriage Act; and be it further

RESOLVED, that we reaffirm our historic and consistent support of the biblical definition of marriage as the exclusive union between one man and one woman; and be it further

RESOLVED, that we encourage the churches of the Missouri Baptist Convention to make their marriage convictions clear in their confessions of faith and adjust their wedding policies accordingly; and be it further

RESOLVED, that we encourage pastors to speak strongly, prophetically, and redemptively concerning the sinful nature of homosexual behavior, the urgent need to protect biblical marriage, and the certainty that the blood of Christ can atone for any sin; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that we encourage the churches of the Missouri Baptist Convention to continue to lovingly reach out evangelistically, declaring our love in Christ for all people regardless of their perceived sexual identity and/or sexual orientation, praying that God will bring all into a saving knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Resolution No. 3: On the Change in Membership Policy of the Boy Scouts of America

WHEREAS, the Scout Oath contains language that is consistent with belief in God and biblical precepts that serve as the basis for Christian faith: "On my honor, I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law; to help other people at all times; to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake and morally straight;" and

WHEREAS, the Scout Oath contains language that serves as the basis for Christian faith and throughout its history has restricted from membership and leadership those persons who would affect the group's ability to advocate their own viewpoints of God and His moral precepts; and

WHEREAS, the Boy Scouts of America has been providing a program for young men that builds character and trains them in personal responsibilities of participating citizenship, knowing that helping youth is a key to building a more conscientious, responsible, and productive society; and

WHEREAS, many Missouri Baptist churches sponsor a Boy Scout troop or are involved in Scouting; and

WHEREAS, The Baptist Faith and Message 2000 states that "Christians should oppose all forms of sexual immorality, including adultery, homosexuality, and pornography," and have expressed strong opposition to the normalization of sinful behavior in American culture through resolutions over the past thirty years; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the messengers to the Missouri Baptist Convention Annual Meeting on October 28 – 30th 2013, express our continued opposition to, and disappointment in, the decision of the Boy Scouts of America to change its membership policy to allow openly homosexual members; and be it further

RESOLVED, that we express our gratitude to, and continued prayer for, those Council Members who

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voted in opposition to the policy change for membership; and be it further

RESOLVED, that we affirm the right of all families and churches to prayerfully review their relationship with the Boy Scouts of America, expressing our support for those churches and families that as a matter of conscience can no longer be part of the Scouting family; and be it further

RESOLVED, that we encourage churches and families that remain in the Boy Scouts to seek to impact as many boys as possible with the life-changing Gospel of Jesus Christ, to work toward the reversal of this new membership policy, and to advocate against any future change in leadership and membership policy that normalizes conduct opposed to the biblical standard; and be it further

RESOLVED, that we encourage churches that choose to sever ties with the Boy Scouts not to abandon their ministry to boys but consider implementing or expanding a Royal Ambassadors ministry, a distinctively Southern Baptist missions organization to develop godly young men; and be it finally resolved

RESOLVED, that we declare our love in Christ for all people regardless of their perceived sexual orientation or identity, praying that God will bring all into a saving knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Resolution No. 4:

On 50/50 Cooperative Program Support

WHEREAS, the 2014 Missouri Baptist Convention budget calls for a 60/40 sharing of Cooperative Program funds received between the Missouri Baptist Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention, and

WHEREAS, the Missouri Baptist Convention Executive Director, Dr. John Yeats and the Missouri Baptist Convention Executive Board have made a commitment to lead the Missouri Baptist Convention to a 50/50 sharing of the Cooperative Program funds with the Southern Baptist Convention by 2020; be it

RESOLVED, that we, the messengers to the 179th

Annual Session of the Missouri Baptist Convention meeting in Kansas City, Missouri, October 28-30, 2013, encourage Missouri Baptist Convention churches to continue supporting the Cooperative Program and give serious consideration to increasing their commitment to the Cooperative Program by 2020.

Disposition of Resolutions

The Committee on Resolutions took the following actions respecting disposition of resolutions submitted by messengers to the Convention, the subject matters of which are addressed in the resolutions recommended for adoption:

Resolution submitted by Justin Mosher on the U.S. Supreme Court Ruling Striking Down the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA), see Resolution No. 2.

Resolution submitted by Doug Austin on the Change in Membership Policy of the Boy Scouts of America, see Resolution No. 3.

Resolutions not reported out

The Committee on Resolutions does not report out the following resolutions submitted by messengers to the Convention:

Resolution submitted by Kerry Messer on Christian Citizenship and Integrity in Civil Government Polity, since messengers adopted a comprehensive resolution on Christian Citizenship in 2012.

Resolution submitted by John Tabb on Clean House Resolution.

Resolution submitted by John Tabb on Clean Heart Resolution.

Respectfully submitted, Committee on Resolutions

Rev. Brad Russell (chairman), First Baptist Church, Arnold; Rev. Allen Calkins, First Baptist Church, Gray Summit; Mr. Jason Fleenor, Stoutsville Baptist Church, Stoutsville; Mr. Ken Lake, Camp Branch Baptist Church, Sedalia; and Mr. Russell Meek, Northland Baptist Church, Kansas City.

Resolutions

Thanks given for Services

The MBC Executive Board and staff expresses appreciation to the following groups and individuals for their help in making this year's annual meeting run smoothly.

Kim Holland, CMP, Complex Conference Planning Manager, Sheraton Kansas City Hotel at Crown Center, for coordination and provision of our annual meeting space, furnishings, and services.

Jennifer Backes and **Megan Schaperle** of Brown Printing, Jefferson City, Mo., for quality and timely printing of the *Book of Reports*.

Emily of FedEx Office Print & Ship Center, Independence, Mo., for overnight printing and delivery of the bulletins.



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Business

Preacher Committee submits names

During today's session, the Committee on Convention Preacher will make recommendations on who will preach at next year's MBC annual meeting.

The committee will recommend that Richie Rhea, pastor, First Baptist church, Troy, preach the annual sermon during the 2014 meeting in Osage Beach.

The recommended alternate will be Phil Bray, pastor, First Baptist Church, Macon.

Committee chairman is Tom Bray, Fellowship Baptist Church, Warrenton. Other members are Rhonda Rhea, First Baptist, Troy; and John Rhodes, New Bethel Baptist, Jackson.

Continuing Review reports amendment

The Committee on Continuing Review recommends the following proposed amendment to the Bylaws of the Missouri Baptist Convention (deletion shown by strikethrough):

I. Preparation for Annual Meeting

1. The time, the place (city), and the site of a particular annual meeting shall be set by the Convention ~~four years~~ in advance, on recommendation of the Executive Board after due consideration of available facilities and other factors.

2012-2013 deceased ministers list additions

Listed below are additions to the list of 2012-2013 deceased ministers printed in the *Book of Reports*. These additions include those received by staff during the annual meeting.

Neil Franks, first vice president, led the annual memorial prayer service honoring deceased

Missouri Baptist ministers during the Tuesday afternoon session.

Please notify the MBC administrative office of additional names, if names have been omitted, or if entries are incorrect.

Name	Church	Association
Weldon Forman	Friendship Baptist Church	Grand Crossings

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Committee on Committees gives final report

Business

To serve at 2014 annual meeting, Osage Beach:

Committee on Convention Preacher for 2015 (reporting in 2014)

1. Dr. B.T. Clemons (L), FBC, O'Fallon — Chairman
2. Dr. Todd Forman (M), FBC, Versailles
3. John Vernon (M), DOM, Cape Girardeau Association, Jackson

Committee on Resolutions

1. Mauricio Vargas (M), Southridge, Jefferson City — Chairman
2. Roy Dameron (L), Concord, Jefferson City
3. Ken Martin (M), FBC, Camdenton
4. Josh Tillman (M), FBC, Oak Ridge
5. Jonathan Whitehead (L), Abundant Life, Lee's Summit

Committee on Enrollment

1. Spencer Plumlee (M), Riverview, Lake Ozark — Chairman
2. Steve Adams (M), Lake Ozark
3. Cathy DeGraffenreid (L), Lake Ozark

Committee on Local Arrangements for 2015 Convention, Springfield Expo Center, Springfield

1. Michael Overton (M), FBC, Springfield — Chairman
2. Vince Blubaugh (M), Second, Springfield
3. Tyler Foster (L), South Haven, Springfield
4. Lisa Holbert (L), Northbridge, Springfield
5. Bob Roberts (M), Second, Springfield
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____

Other committees:

Credentials Committee

Term expiring 2016

1. Randy Sharpe (L), FBC, Lewistown
2. Ron Shaw (L), Faith Bible, Trenton

Term expiring 2015

1. Sam Owens (M), FBC, Macon — Chairman
2. Rodney Dorr (M), Maysville

Term expiring 2014

1. Charlie Dawson (L), Sturgeon
2. Chance Glenn (M), Atlanta

Committee on Order of Business

Term expiring 2016

1. Jonas Mackey (M), FBC, Shelbina
2. Jimmie Stewart (L), FBC, Paris

Term expiring 2015

1. Muriel Elder (L), St. Joseph
2. Kevin Rhodes (M), Millersville

Term Expiring 2014

1. Jim Breeden (M), St. Louis — Chairman
2. Don Colborn (L), Calvary, Hannibal
(filling unexpired term of Travis Edwards)

Committee on Continuing Review

Term expiring 2016

1. James Freeman (L), Country Meadows, Independence
2. LaMoine Hamilton (L), Ozark, Houston

Term expiring 2015

1. Shawn Wasson (M), Cape Girardeau — Chairman
2. Christian Abernatha, (M), Macon

Term expiring 2014

1. Mark DeShon (M), Moberly
2. David Sheppard (M), St. Peters

Those underlined will be considered on Wednesday.

Answer: Nearly a quarter of a million people.

Question: What is the total number of foreign born population in Missouri?

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