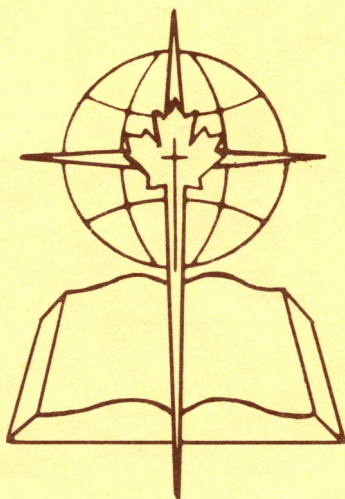


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PROPOSED CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I - NAME

This body shall be called The Canadian Convention of Southern Baptists.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

The purpose of the Canadian Convention of Southern Baptists is to provide a channel for cooperating churches to work together to carry out Christ's mission of preaching, teaching, healing and ministering to all persons throughout the world. This Convention shall maintain a cooperative relationship with the Southern Baptist Convention. The commitment of this Convention shall be to work through the Cooperative Program of the Southern Baptist Convention as its primary world mission ministry outlet.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. This Convention shall consist of messengers who are members elected and certified by Baptist churches cooperating with and contributing financially to its work.

Section 2. Each church shall be entitled to messengers as follows:

- (1) Four messengers from each church with up to 50 resident members.
- (2) One messenger for each additional 50 resident members or major portion thereof.
- (3) No church shall have more than 12 messengers.

Section 3. Messengers from new churches may be seated at any annual Convention session by a two - thirds (2/3) vote. Cooperation is voluntary and any church may withdraw at its discretion.

Section 4. As an autonomous Baptist entity this Convention reserves the right to determine what constitutes a cooperating Baptist church. Churches will be considered cooperating which are in sympathy with the purpose of this Convention and have not adopted a statement of faith in conflict with THE BAPTIST FAITH AND MESSAGE (adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention in 1963). This Convention shall be the final judge of its messengers' qualifications.

Should a church cease to cooperate with the Convention or become corrupt in doctrine or practice, as determined by the Convention, its messengers shall be refused seating. The church will be considered no longer in fellowship with the Convention until it reapplies, and is accepted again for the seating of its messengers.

ARTICLE IV - NON - PROFIT STATUS

The Convention shall be carried on without purpose of gain for its members, and any profits or other accretions to the Convention shall be used in promoting its purpose(s).

ARTICLE V - DISSOLUTION

Upon dissolution, all assets will be distributed to Southern Baptist charitable organizations of the Convention's choice that are qualified donees registered under the Income Tax Act of Canada.

ARTICLE VI - BOARDS, COMMITTEES, OFFICERS

This Convention shall have power to elect or appoint such officers, boards, committees and trustees as shall be found necessary to carry out its purpose.

ARTICLE VII - JURISDICTION

This Convention shall respect the autonomy of each Baptist body. It shall not exercise ecclesiastical authority or control over cooperating churches.

ARTICLE VIII - MEETINGS

This Convention shall meet at least annually at such time and place as may be designated by the Convention.

ARTICLE IX - AMENDMENTS

This Constitution may be altered or amended in the following procedure provided that Articles V and VII shall not be subject to any amendment that would violate the principles which they embody.

Section 1. A motion to amend the Constitution must be presented in writing to the Convention.

Section 2. After the opportunity for debate and upon majority vote of the messengers present and voting, it shall be held over to the next annual meeting.

Section 3. At the next annual meeting, after the opportunity for debate during which the amendment may be changed in form but not in character, it becomes effective upon two-thirds (2/3) vote of messengers present and voting.

ARTICLE X - STATEMENT OF FAITH

The Statement of Faith of this Convention shall be the same as that adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention in 1963 entitled THE BAPTIST FAITH AND MESSAGE.

BYLAWS

1. PROCEDURE

- (1) Except as otherwise provided in the Constitution and Bylaws, Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised shall be the parliamentary guide in conducting the business of the Convention.
- (2) Visitors to the Convention may be granted the privilege of speaking, but not voting. Only duly elected messengers may vote.
- (3) Messengers must register with the Credentials Committee and provide certification from their churches that they are duly elected messengers before voting in the Convention business sessions.
- (4) As an exception to Constitution Article III, Section 2, an invitation shall be extended to churches from outside Canada which are sponsoring missions in Canada, to elect two (2) messengers from each of their missions in Canada.
- (5) The Convention shall express its official position only through its Constitution and Bylaws or by vote of the messengers. The receiving, acceptance, or adoption of a report shall not, in the absence of specific implementing motions, be construed as authorizing action by the Convention committees, employees, boards, agencies, or institutions.
- (6) Voting by proxy shall not be permitted.

2. MEETINGS

Special meetings of the Convention may be called or a change of time and place for the annual meeting may be made by the President or Executive Director, with the consent of the Executive Board, provided at least 30 days written notice is given to all messengers attending the last Convention and to the churches listed in the most recent annual. A printed agenda shall accompany such notice.

3. OFFICERS

- (1) The officers of this Convention shall be President, first and second Vice - Presidents and Executive Director - Treasurer.
- (2) The Executive Director - Treasurer shall be elected by the Convention for an indefinite tenure of office after nomination by the Executive Board. When the position of Executive Director-Treasurer is vacated, a search committee shall be elected by the Executive Board from members of churches in fellowship with the Convention.

- (3) Other officers shall be elected annually on the second day of the annual Convention after nominations from the floor. Election shall be by ballot with a majority vote necessary for election, except when there is only one nomination for an office and no other person desires to nominate, in which case, the President may take the vote by acclamation. The officers shall begin serving at the close of the annual session in which they are elected. No one is eligible for election as President for more than two (2) consecutive terms.
- (4) The Executive Director-Treasurer and the President of the Convention shall sign and apply the corporate seal to legal papers or documents as authorized by the Executive Board or Convention. In the absence of either the aforesaid officers, the first Vice-President and/or second Vice-President may sign.
- (5) Duties of Officers

The duties of the officers of the Convention shall be those usually required in similar organizations, to wit:

- (a) The Executive Director-Treasurer shall plan, coordinate, and promote the activities of the Convention through its boards, departments, committees, agencies and trustees. He shall receive and disburse all funds coming under the direction of this Convention and/or the Executive Board. He shall give to the annual session of the Convention and at least twice annually to the Executive Board complete and accurate reports of all funds received and disbursed. He shall receive and disburse designated funds as directed by the donor, and shall be bonded in sufficient amount as to insure faithful handling of all funds. He shall submit to the Executive Board an annual audit of all funds handled and disbursed

The Executive Director-Treasurer shall serve ex-officio as a secretary of the Convention and its Executive Board. He shall keep accurate and faithful minutes of all sessions of the Convention. He shall cause these to be published in suitable form in the annual of the Convention, together with the Constitution and Bylaws and such other information as the Convention or its Executive Board deems necessary and proper. He shall be an ex-officio member without voting privileges of all boards and committees of the Convention.

- (b) The President shall preside over sessions of the Convention and appoint such special committees as the Convention or Executive Board shall authorize. He is ex-officio member of all boards and committees of the Convention.

- (c) It shall be the duties of the first and second Vice-Presidents in the order of their election to preside in the absence of the President or by request of the President in any Session of the Convention. These officers shall be ex-officio members of the Executive Board.
- (d) The first and second Vice-Presidents of the Convention shall succeed to the office of President in the order of their election in the event that the office of President is vacated between annual sessions of the Convention. The Executive Board is authorized to elect a President to serve until a successor is elected in an annual session of the Convention in the event of the vacating of office or inability to serve on the part of all three of the executive officers.

4. EXECUTIVE BOARD

- (1) There shall be an Executive Board elected by this Convention through which this Convention shall function in its cooperative work and handle its affairs between annual meetings, provided the Board shall do nothing to change the expressed will of the Convention. The Executive Board shall serve as the Convention ad interim.
- (2) The Executive Board shall consist of 12 members chosen by the Convention at the Annual meetings, as nearly as possible equally distributed from the churches, with not more than three (3) members belonging to churches in the same association, together with the President, first and second Vice-Presidents as ex-officio members.
- (3) Any person elected to the Board must have been a member of a church within the Convention for at least one (1) year.
- (4) No person (or their spouse) employed by the Executive Board, agencies or institutions of this Convention shall be eligible for election to the Executive Board.
- (5) The Executive Board shall consist of both ministers and lay persons. Not more than two-thirds (2/3) of the members shall be drawn from either category.
- (6) The Executive Board shall meet at least twice annually.
- (7) The members of the Executive Board shall be nominated for election for four (4) consecutive years, all being elected annually. Existing vacancies shall also be filled by the Convention at annual session. No person having served a four (4) year term, or three (3) years of an

unexpired term shall be eligible for re-election to the Executive Board until one (1) year has passed. One-fourth (1/4) of the members shall rotate off annually.

- (8) The Convention shall elect a Chairman for the Executive Board by secret ballot from among the Board members who have served at least one year on the Executive Board. No one shall serve as Chairman for more than two consecutive years.
- (9) Any member who misses two (2) consecutive meetings shall be recognized as having resigned from the Board unless excused by vote of the Board.
- (10) A majority of the members shall constitute a quorum.
- (11) The Executive Board shall propose to the annual session of the Convention for its approval the total budget for all operations of the agencies and institutions of the Convention for the ensuing year.
 - (a) All proposed changes in this budget shall be referred, by majority vote of the Convention, to the Executive Board for further study and recommendation to the Convention before final action shall be taken on its adoption.
 - (b) The Executive Director shall obtain approval of the Executive Board concerning budget adjustments where necessary.
- (12) In carrying out the work of the Convention the Executive Board shall organize itself, select and employ personnel, receive and disburse funds, and report annually to the Convention.
- (13) Members of boards and committees and trustees shall serve without remuneration. This Convention shall provide cost of travel, meals and lodging as funds permit, for such personnel when fulfilling their duties as directed by the Convention.

5. INCORPORATED AGENCIES AND INSTITUTIONS

- (1) This Convention is incorporated under the appropriate federal or provincial legislation as a non-profit corporation or society.
- (2) The Convention shall own and operate all institutions and agencies it deems necessary to fulfill its purpose(s).
- (3) The Convention alone shall authorize new institutions and agencies and these only after a study by the Executive Board and favorable action by two successive Conventions, one of which shall be an annual meeting.

- (4) The trustees of institutions and agencies shall report to and be accountable to the Convention through the Executive Board.
- (5) The executive officers of institutions and agencies shall be nominated by the trustees of those institutions and agencies for election by the Executive Board.
- (6) The trustees of institutions and agencies shall present to the Executive Board a policies and procedures manual which shall be used in the development and operation of the institution or agency.

6. PROPERTY, ASSETS, ACQUISITIONS

This Convention may buy, sell, exchange, develop, lease or mortgage assets which it deems necessary.

7. CONVENTION COMMITTEES

- (1) The President, first and second Vice-Presidents shall serve as a committee on committees and shall nominate to the Convention at its first session necessary committees to serve the following year. One alternate for each committee shall be elected to fill any occurring vacancy.
- (2) It shall be the responsibility of the Nominating Committee to bring to the Convention recommendations of persons to serve on the Executive Board and any Trustees of institutions and agencies.

8. BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL PLAN

- (1) Budget year. The financial affairs of the Convention and its agencies and institutions shall be planned on a calendar year basis, January 1 - December 31.
- (2) Receipt and distribution of funds. The Executive Board is authorized to raise, collect, receive and disburse through its Executive Officers all Contributions and gifts according to the expressed will of the donors and to provide a receipt for funds received.
- (3) Annual audits. The Executive Board shall authorize an annual certified audit of the books of the Convention, institutions, and agencies by a chartered accountant.
- (4) Operating budget. Convention boards, committees and trustees shall present budget recommendations to the Executive Board at least 90 days before the annual session of the Convention.

- (5) Security of funds. All persons who handle funds or securities of the Convention shall be adequately bonded. The securities of all Convention agencies and institutions shall be placed in a safety deposit vault in a bank, trust company or credit union for safe keeping.
- (6) Financial reports. Each agency and institution shall submit a semi-annual report to the Executive Board which includes total receipts, total expenditures and financial position. The annual audit of each agency and institution shall be printed in the Convention annual.
- (7) Conflict of interest. As normal operating policy, each agency and institution of the Convention shall refrain from entering any business transaction with a trustee, or employee, or a business enterprise in which a trustee or employee has an interest. An exception to this policy may be made by the Executive Board.
- (8) Trust fund. Each agency of the Convention is hereby instructed and ordered to keep all trust funds and designated gifts sacred to the trust and designation. Trust funds and designated gifts shall be kept separate from all other funds and are not to be used even temporarily for any any other purpose than the purpose specified.
- (9) Liability limits. Total debt or liability in excess of \$20,000 or involving more than one year repayment shall not be made without approval of the Convention.
- (10) Budget shortfall notification. The chief administrative officer of any agency, or institution, or board of the Convention whose funds are falling below anticipated budget income by as much as 20% at the end of any quarter shall immediately notify the Chairman of the Executive Board and officers of the Convention.

9. AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS

Bylaws may be added or amended at any meeting of the Convention by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the messengers present, provided notice in writing has been mailed to the churches at least forty-five (45) days prior to the meeting, accompanied by the proposed amendment.

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RECOMMENDED TRANSITIONAL STATEMENT

Preamble

As a constitution/transition study committee we suggest there be two readings of the proposed constitution and bylaws, the first of which shall be at the annual meeting 1985. The second reading and final approval shall be at the annual meeting 1986.

Due to the time lapse between the first and second reading of the proposed constitution and bylaws, a transitional Executive Board and the Canadian Coordinator acting in the capacity of Executive Director shall function within the guidelines of the constitution and bylaws, in consultation with the representatives of the Northwest Baptist Convention during the interim period.

(Start-up procedure: Three board members shall be nominated for term to expire in 1986, three shall be nominated annually for a term to expire in 1987, three shall be nominated annually for a term to expire in 1988., three shall be nominated annually for a term to expire in 1989. It should be recognized that those serving for not more than two years may be re-nominated for a full term of four years.)

No salaried officer shall be elected until such time as the Executive Board recommends appropriate budgeting for the position.

To be adopted, there shall be a majority vote on the first reading and a two-thirds (2/3) vote on the second reading - by those present and voting.

TIMETABLE

- 1985
- first reading of proposed constitution and bylaws
 - elect all officers except Executive Director
 - elect an Executive Board which will work in consultation with the Northwest Baptist Convention Executive Board.
 - the President, first and second Vice-Presidents shall appoint a nominating committee, which shall function until the annual meeting 1985. This nominating committee shall recommend to the Convention an Executive Board in alignment with the proposed constitutional guidelines.
 - Any member elected this year to the Executive Board shall be eligible for election as Chairman of the Executive Board.
 - It is the recommendation of the Constitution Committee that the Body recognizes that the establishment of a seminary be exempt from the time limits of Bylaw 5(3).
- 1986
- second reading of proposed constitution and bylaws
 - with a two-thirds vote required by those present and voting - for the adoption of the document
 - the Canadian Convention Executive Board shall operate under the full authority of the Constitution and Bylaws, in fraternal relationship with the representatives of the Northwest Baptist Convention until the 1987 annual meeting
- 1987
- After 1987 we would no longer recommend that our churches send messengers to the Northwest Baptist Convention. We request the Executive Board to bring to the 1987 Canadian Convention suggested steps for further development of an autonomous convention.

We ask the Directors of Missions, with committee representatives from their areas, to act as resource persons to encourage the understanding of and co-operation by the churches in their respective areas. Allen Schmidt shall be responsible for any unassigned areas.

PROCEEDINGS OF ANNUAL MEETING

CANADIAN SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONFERENCE

MAY 7 - 9, 1985

Faith Gospel Church
Kelowna, B.C.

"LIFT UP YOUR EYES"
John 4:35

TUESDAY AFTERNOON MAY 7, 1985

2:00 Pastors Wives' Conference Mrs. Catherine Schmidt

TUESDAY EVENING, MAY 7, 1985

6:30 Worship in Music
6:50 Devotion and Prayer Capilano, Rev. Henry Blackaby
7:00 Call of Order and Seating of Messengers
7:10 Welcome
Host Pastor Rev. Al Niebergal
Civic Leader TBA
7:30 Introduction of New Ministers Rev. Allen Achmidt
7:40 Special Music Mr. Jack Weintz
7:45 Baptist Polity Dr. James Sullivan
8:25 Hymn
8:30 Report from Constitution Committee
9:05 Adjourn

WEDNESDAY MORNING, MAY 8, 1985

8:30 Worship in Music
8:40 Devotion and Prayer Plateau, Rev. Horace Burns
8:50 Baptist Polity Dr. James Sullivan
9:30 Constitution Committee (Continued)
10:30 Break
10:50 Hymn
10:55 Special Music Rev. and Mrs. Bill Goebel
11:00 Home Mission Board Dr. Bill Hunke
11:30 Business
12:00 Adjourn

Southwestern Theological Alumni Luncheon

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, MAY 8, 1985

2:00	Hymn
2:05	Devotion and Prayer Midwest, Rev. Roy Williams
2:15	Baptist Polity Dr. James Sullivan
2:55	Report of Theological Study Committee
3:30	Break
3:50	Theological Study Committee (Continued)
4:45	Adjourn

WEDNESDAY EVENING, MAY 8, 1985

7:00	Worship in Music
7:10	Devotion and Prayer Northern Lights, Rev. Jack Conner
7:20	Special Music Mrs. Kathy Richardson
7:30	Baptist Polity Dr. James Sullivan
8:10	Business
8:30	Special Music Mr. Bob Wilson
8:35	President's Message Rev. Eugene Laird
9:05	Adjourn

THURSDAY MORNING, MAY 9, 1985

8:30	Worship in Music
8:40	Devotion and Prayer Wheatland, Rev. Jack Conner
8:50	Canadian Coordinator Rev. Allen Schmidt
9:10	Foreign Mission Board Rev. James Teel
9:30	Northwest Baptist Convention Rev. Cecil Sims
9:50	Break
10:10	Hymn
10:15	Election of Officers, Nominating Committee Report and Misc.
11:15	Special Music
11:20	Baptist Polity Dr. James Sullivan
12:00	Adjourn

PROCEEDINGS

CANADIAN SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONFERENCE

TUESDAY EVENING, MAY 7, 1985

1. Bob Wilson led the conference in a time of singing.
2. Henry Blackaby, Director of Missions for Capilano Association, read from Jeremiah 32 & 33 with the challenge to "claim our inheritance", and then led in prayer.
3. Eugene Laird, President, called the meeting to order.
4. Bill Goebel moved that messengers duly elected by the churches affiliated with the Canadian Southern Baptist Conference be recognized. Motion seconded and carried.
5. The following churches had made application for affiliation with the Canadian Conference: Indian Baptist Church, Prince Albert, Saskatchewan; Leroy Baptist Church, Leroy, Saskatchewan; Garden Park Baptist Church, Winnipeg, Manitoba; Dixie Southern Baptist Chapel, Mississauga, Ontario; and Ridgecrest Baptist Chapel, Hamilton, Ontario. Doug Owens moved that these churches be accepted and that their messengers be seated. Motion seconded and carried.
6. Al Niebergal, pastor of Community Baptist Church in Kelowna, gave greetings as the host pastor.
7. Randy Jost, pastor of the Faith Gospel Church, brought greetings from the city of Kelowna and his own church.
8. Eugene Laird introduced the officers of the Conference.
9. Allen Schmidt introduced the new pastors to our Conference.
10. Jack Weintz presented a message in song, "Bless The Lord, O My Soul".
11. Allen Schmidt introduced Dr. James Sullivan, former president of the Southern Baptist Convention and the Baptist Sunday School Board, who gave the first message concerning Baptist Polity.
12. Cecil Sims, Executive Director-Treasurer of the Northwest Baptist Convention presented the Northwest Baptist Convention staff who were attending the Conference. These included Bill Peters, Sam Fort, Sara Wisdom and Jim Watters.
13. Mickey Porter announced the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary Alumni Lincheon to be held May 8th.
14. Bob Wilson led the conference into the singing of a hymn.
15. Eugene Laird introduced the members of the Constitution Committee and asked that Bill Goebel take the chair for the Constitution Committee's report. The sections of the proposed Constitution and Bylaws were read by different committee members, clarifying questions were answered, and the conference was asked to submit written requests or suggestions for consideration in the morning.
16. The evening was dismissed in prayer.

17. Bob Wilson led the conference in a time of singing.
18. Horace Burns, Director of Missions for Plateau Association, read from James 4: 13-17 and asked "Are we investing our lives in God's work?", and then led in prayer.
19. Dr. Sullivan continued his study on Baptist Polity, discussing the structure of the Southern Baptist Convention.
20. Eugene Laird opened discussion on the Constitution Committee Report and moved that the proposed Constitution and Bylaws as amended be accepted for first reading. Motion seconded and carried. Discussion followed.
 - a) Lewis Markwood moved that Bylaws, Procedure (4) be amended to read: "The number of messengers shall be determined by the Constitution, Article III, Section 3." Motion seconded. Des Price moved to amend the amendment to state: "shall be calculated based on the mission membership in accordance with the Constitution, Article III, Section 3". This motion was seconded and the amendment to the amendment carried. The amendment then carried.
21. Following a short break, Bob Wilson led the conference in the singing of a hymn.
22. Bill and Joyce Goebel presented a message in song, "God Leads His Dear Children Along".
23. Richard Kaye brought greetings from the Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville, Tennessee.
24. Dr. Bill Hunke, from the Home Mission Board in Atlanta, Georgia, shared with the Conference, asking the question, "What is the Holy Spirit saying to the churches today?"
25. Eugene Laird re-opened discussion of the Constitution Committee Report.
 - a) D.K. Hale moved that Bylaws, Procedure (4) be amended to read: "An invitation shall be extended as an exception to Article III, Section 2, to churches from outside Canada, to elect two (2) messengers from each of their missions in Canada." Motion seconded and carried.
 - b) The question was called, to accept the Constitution Committee Report and the proposed Constitution and Bylaws as amended. Carried unanimously.
26. Eugene Laird moved to terminate the Canadian Southern Baptist Conference and instructed the Canadian Coordinator to transfer any necessary accounts to the Canadian Convention of Southern Baptists. Motion seconded and carried.
27. Cecil Sims led in a prayer of thanksgiving.
28. Eugene Laird moved that the Executive Board become the new Constitution Committee, and that they receive any forthcoming suggestions for amending the Constitution. Motion seconded and carried.

29. Bo Brantley expressed appreciation to the Constitution Committee for their fine work on the proposed Constitution and Bylaws.
30. Cecil Sims shared greetings from Dr. Quinn Pugh, Executive Director of the New York Southern Baptist Convention: "The New York Southern Baptists send Christian greetings to the messengers of the Canadian Convention of Southern Baptists in annual session. On this significant occasion we are asking God's blessing on the development of your work, and assure you of our continuing interest in the ministry of all Canadian Baptists. This is expressed with enthusiasm by the Executive Board of the New York Convention."
31. Jack McKay moved that a letter of thanks be sent to R.E. Milam for his original vision of the Canadian Southern Baptist work, and the result we now see. Motion seconded and carried.
32. The meeting was adjourned with prayer.

PROCEEDINGS

CANADIAN CONVENTION OF SOUTHERN BAPTISTS

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, MAY 8, 1985

33. Bob Wilson led in a time of singing.
34. Roy Williams, Director of Missions for the Midwest Association, led in the responsive reading of Matthew 5:1-12, "The Beatitudes" and then led in a prayer time.
35. Dr. Sullivan continued to share on Baptist Polity.
36. Philip Yung, acting chairman of the Theological Study Committee in the absence of Barbara McKenzie, presented that Committee's recommendations and moved their adoption. Seconded. Eugene Laird suggested that due to the magnitude and importance and significance of the decisions to be made at this time, that we deal with each recommendation on its own.
 - 1) Philip Yung moved that in keeping with the Constitution and Bylaws of the Canadian Convention of Southern Baptists, at any time, if the recommendation of this Committee is in conflict with the Constitution and Bylaws of the Canadian Convention of Southern Baptists, the Constitution and Bylaws will take priority. Motion seconded and carried.
 - 2) Philip Yung moved that a Seminary Board of Trustees, with at least one member from each association, be elected in the 1986 conference, being nominated by the Nominating Committee. Motion seconded and carried.
 - 3) Philip Yung moved that the Board of Trustees will be responsible and have the authority to nominate a President. Motion seconded and carried.
 - 4) Philip Yung moved that the Board of Trustees will have the responsibility and authority to acquire property subject to the approval of the Convention or its Executive Board. Motion seconded and carried.

- 5) Philip Yung moved that the Board of Trustees will have the responsibility and authority to explore legal ramifications. Motion seconded and carried.
 - 6) Philip Yung moved that the Board of Trustees will have the responsibility and authority to develop curriculum, including phase-in sequence. Give consideration to implementing the forms of theological education, including siminary extension, correspondence courses, Bible College, and relationship of B.S.U. Motion seconded and carried.
 - 7) Philip Yung moved that the Board of Trustees will have the responsibility and authority to develop a doctrinal statement which affirms that all instruction shall be in harmony with the absolute authority of the Word of God. Motion seconded and carried.
 - 8) Philip Yung moved that the Board of Trustees will have the responsibility and authority to develop policies for hiring personnel such as required practical experience, and consider the possibility of one or two full time professors through Foreign Mission Board appointment of fraternal representatives. Motion seconded.
- Stuart McKelvie moved that this be amended to read: "That the Board of Trustees will have the responsibility and authority to develop policies for hiring personnel such as required practical experience, and consider the possibility of one or more full time professors through Foreign Mission Board appointment of fraternal representatives." Motion seconded and carried as amended.
- 9) Philip Yung moved that the Board of Trustees will have the responsibility and authority to give careful consideration to various types of semester structure including mini terms. Motion seconded and carried.
 - 10) Philip Yung moved that the Board of Trustees will have the responsibility and authority to prepare annual budget to submit to the Canadian Convention of Southern Baptists through the Executive Board. Motion seconded and carried.
 - 11) Philip Yung moved that the Board of Trustees will have the responsibility and authority on other matters as needed, in keeping with the Convention Constitution and Bylaws. Motion seconded and carried.
 - 12) Philip Yung moved that the timetable for the beginning of the seminary be May, 1985 to determine area of location. Motion seconded and carried.
 - 13) Philip Yung moved that the timetable for the beginning of the seminary be May, 1985 to elect or determine the Board. Motion seconded and carried.
 - 14) Philip Yung moved that the timetable for the beginning of the siminary be May, 1985 to authorize development of a library. Motion seconded and carried.
 - 15) Philip Yung moved that the timetable for the beginning of the seminary be May, 1985 to appoint James Teel as Coordinator of Establishment and Development of the Seminary. Motion seconded.

Stuart McKelvie moved that this be amended to read: "That we

appoint James Teel as Coordinator of Establishment and Development of the Seminary and that the Board of Trustees have the power to appoint a successor in the event that James Teel is unable to fulfill this function." Motion seconded and carried.

Mickey Porter moved that this be further amended to read: "That we appoint James Teel as Coordinator for Establishment of the Seminary and that the Board of Trustees have the power to appoint a successor in the event that James Teel is unable to fulfill this function. Motion as amended seconded and carried.

- 16) Philip Yung moved that the timetable for the beginning of the seminary be May, 1986 to elect a president. Motion seconded and carried.
- 17) Philip Yung moved that the timetable for the beginning of the seminary be the Fall of 1987 to begin classes. Motion seconded and carried.
- 18) Philip Yung moved that the seminary be located in Calgary. Motion seconded and after some discussion carried.
- 19) Philip Yung moved that the seminary administration administer the Canadian Theological Education Fund. Motion seconded and carried.
- 20) Philip Yung moved that the Coordinator for the Establishment of the Seminary be responsible for the promotion of Church-Related Vocations Day. Motion seconded.

Lewis Markwood moved that this be amended to include Baptist College and Seminary Day and to read: "That the Coordinator for the Establishment of the Seminary be responsible for the promotion of Church-Related Vocations Day and Baptist College and Seminary Day." Motion seconded and carried as amended.

- 21) Philip Yung moved that the Theological Education Study Committee be dissolved. Motion seconded and carried.
- 37, Roy Parker led in a prayer of thanksgiving for these decisions and the impact they will have on our work in Canada.
38. Byron Lutz suggested that a bookstore be available next year at our annual meeting.
39. Mickey Porter moved that the meeting be adjourned.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, MAY 8, 1985

40. Bob Wilson led in a time of singing.
41. Jack Conner, Director of Missions for the Northern Lights Association, read passages from Matthew 9 and Acts 16 pointing out the need to respond to God's invitation and the opportunities God has given us to move across our land, whatever the distance, to start new churches. He then led in Prayer.
42. Robyn Wells presented a flute solo, "The King of Love My Shepherd Is".
43. Dr. James Sullivan continued with his message on Baptist Polity.
44. Allen Schmidt presented some information on the availability of "GOOD NEWS CANADA" New Testaments, New American Standard, to be used and distributed in conjunction with the Simultaneous Revivals in April,

1986. He shared that the cost would be approximately 65 cents Canadian provided we order a minimum quantity of 20,000 copies.

45. Mel Cruikshank moved that we order a minimum quantity of 20,000 Good News Canada New Testaments from Holman Publishers. Motion seconded and carried.
46. Jack Conner moved that the name be amended from the Canadian Southern Baptist Conference to the Canadian Convention of Southern Baptists. Motion seconded and carried.
47. Paul Johnson moved that we establish a Resolutions Committee that would report back to the business session Thursday morning, May 9th, 1985. Motion seconded and carried.
48. Bob Wilson presented a message in song, "Jesus Is The Cornerstone".
49. Eugene Laird, President, selected the following to act on the Resolutions Committee for this conference. (See No.47) Bill Fowler, Des Price, Bonna Conner and Mickey Porter.
50. Eugene Laird presented the President's Message based on the Scripture passage found in Philipians 3:12-14.
51. D.K. Hale asked that the following statement be in the minutes. "We as the Canadian Convention of Southern Baptists would express our deep appreciation to Allen and Catherine Schmidt for the manner in which they have so diligently and faithfully served in the Canadian Conference. Also we would affirm our looking to them for leadership under the Holy Spirit in these years to come."
52. The meeting was adjourned with prayer.

THURSDAY MORNING, MAY 9, 1985

53. Bob Wilson led in a time of singing.
54. Jack Conner, Director of Missions for the Wheatland Association, led in a devotion on Scripture passages from Rev 1:5,9-20 and I Peter 2:5, and then led in prayer.
55. Allen Schmidt shared on the Canadian work and the cooperation and involvement of the Home Mission Board, the Foreign Mission Board and the other Boards and Agencies as we work to extend God's Kingdom in Canada. He then shared some thoughts on the Scripture passage, Hebrews 3:1-4, "Holy brethren, partakers of a heavenly calling. . ."
56. James Teel shared that it is great to be a part of the Work in Canada. He then spoke on the Scripture passage, I Timothy 2:8, "pray everywhere".
57. Cecil Sims shared some personal thoughts on the relationship between the Northwest Baptist Convention and the Canadian work, past, present and future and asked that we would invite leadership from the Northwest to work with us here in Canada as we develop our work. He challenged us to make appropriate sacrifices so that the next generation can fit into what will be appropriate for them. He closed by pointing out that there is plenty of ripe fruit that needs to be picked and we must be ready for God to use us.

58. An offering was taken to help with the expenses of the convention. The amount collected was \$1105.00.
59. Bob Wilson led in the singing of a hymn.
60. Eugene Laird moved nominations open for the position of President of the Convention. Stuart McKelvie nominated Eugene Laird, at which time Brother Laird turned the chair to Bill Goebel. D.K. Hale moved that nominations cease and that Eugene Laird be declared President by acclamation. Motion seconded and carried.
61. Eugene Laird moved nominations open for the position of first Vice President. The following were nominated from the floor: Bo Brantley, Philip Yung and Jack McKay. Vote taken by secret ballot.
62. D.K. Hale presented the recommendations of the Nominating Committee and moved the election to the Executive Board of Bo Brantley, Bill Youell and Paul Johnson with term to expire 1986; Jim Yoder, Jim Wallace and Rita Arnold with term to expire 1987; Faye Owens, Dick Hale and Byron Lutz with term to expire 1988; and Neil Cook, Doug Boyd and Larry Spencer with term to expire 1989.

Mickey Porter moved that we amend this and vote only on the eleven members, excluding Bo Brantley, until the votes have been tallied on the position of first Vice President. The motion to read: "The election to the Executive Board of Bill Youell and Paul Johnson with term to expire 1986; Jim Yoder, Jim Wallace and Rita Arnold with term to expire 1987; Faye Owens, Dick Hale and Byron Lutz with term to expire 1988; and Neil Cook, Doug Boyd and Larry Spencer with term to expire 1989. Amendment seconded and carried. Motion as amended carried.

63. John Myers moved that in view of Bylaw 4, Sub Paragraph 3, that the body make an exception during this transition time in the case of Byron Lutz from Southern Ontario and let his name stand as a Board member. Motion seconded and carried.
64. Necessary to take a run-off on first Vice President (refer No.61) between Bo Brantley and Philip Yung.
65. D.K. Hale presented the recommendations of the Nominating Committee and moved that Terry Wuester, Philip Yung, Alan Niebergal, Bob Bye, Bill Fowler, Tom Smith and Robert Shelton be elected to serve on the Seminary Trustee Board. Seconded.

Eugene Laird opened nominations to the floor for position on the Seminary Trustee Board. John Myers and Barbara McKenzie were nominated. Vote was taken by secret ballot and the following were elected to serve on the Seminary Trustee Board; Terry Wuester, Philip Yung, Alan Niebergal, Bob Bye, Bill Fowler, Tom Smith and Robert Shelton.

66. Philip Yung was elected as first Vice President. (Refer No.64)
67. Doug Owens moved that Bo Brantley be elected to the Executive Board as the twelfth member. Motion seconded and carried.
68. Eugene Laird opened nominations for second Vice President. Jim Bullis and D.K. Hale were nominated from the floor. Vote taken by secret ballot.

69. Eugene Laird opened nominations for Chairman of the Executive Board. Bo Brantley, Rita Arnold, Larry Spencer and Jim Wallace were nominated from the floor. Vote taken by secret ballot.
70. D.K. Hale elected as second Vice President. (Refer No.68)
71. D.K. Hale moved that the Trustees for the Seminary be nominated for a three year term to be elected annually. Motion seconded and carried.
72. Bo Brantley elected as Chairman of the Executive Board. (Refer No.69)
73. Eugene Laird opened nominations for Chairman of Seminary Board of Trustees. Bill Fowler and Terry Wuester were nominated from the floor. Vote taken by secret ballot
74. Bill Fowler elected as Chairman of Seminary Board of Trustees. (Refer No.73)
75. The Resolutions Committee presented the following resolutions and moved their adoption.
 - 1) WHEREAS the Canadian Convention of Southern Baptists have met in the beautiful city of Kelowna, B.C., BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby express our deep appreciation to Faith Gospel Church for the use of their comfortable facilities.
 - 2) BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we thank Community Baptist Church and pastor, Al Niebergal, for their fine hospitality in hosting this meeting.
 - 3) WHEREAS Southern Baptists voted in their Kansas City Convention to help us in the evangelization of Canada, BE IT RESOLVED that the Canadian Convention of Southern Baptists wishes to express its deep and abiding gratitude to the Southern Baptist Convention for this action and establishment of the Canada Planning Group which has already enhanced our work.
 - 4) WHEREAS the Home Mission Board has been vital to the establishment and development of Southern Baptist work in Canada, and WHEREAS Dr. Bill Hunke has been not only our helpmate but our dearest friend, BE IT RESOLVED that the Canadian Convention of Southern Baptists express its heartfelt appreciation to the Home Mission Board and Dr. Hunke and look forward to the blessings of God as we seek to reach Canada for Christ together in the future.
 - 5) BECAUSE of its historical significance wherein the Foreign Mission Board has chosen to send a representative to Canada to assist in developing seminary education, BE IT RESOLVED that the Canadian Convention of Southern Baptists express deep and abiding gratitude to the Foreign Mission Board for its gracious and far reaching action.
 - 6) WHEREAS in the past our churches have benefited from the high quality of literature and service provided to us by the Sunday School Board, BE IT RESOLVED that the Canadian Convention of Southern Baptists express its gratitude to the Sunday School Board and anticipate even greater benefits as we labor together in Canada.
 - 7) WHEREAS the Northwest Baptist Convention has accepted us as

brother since our earliest beginnings and invested so much of themselves in our Canadian work, AND WHEREAS Cecil Sims has laboured long and hard on our behalf, BE IT RESOLVED that the Canadian Convention of Southern Baptists send its appreciation to the Northwest Baptist Convention and Cecil Sims and wish for them the abundance of God's grace and goodness as they continue to bear witness for Him in the great of God's grace and goodness as they continue to bear witness for Him in the great Northwest of the United States.

- 8) WHEREAS churches of the State Convention of Southern Baptists in Ohio have sponsored Southern Baptist work in Ontario and the Michigan Convention has assisted in the development of that work, BE IT RESOLVED that we express our gratitude to the Ohio and Michigan Conventions for their concern and commitment to God's work in Canada. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we encourage them to continue to respond to the leadership of God in the establishing of churches and reaching the lost in Canada.
- 9) WHEREAS the New York Convention of Southern Baptists has expressed an interest in our Canadian Southern Baptist work by their recent telegram, BE IT RESOLVED that we acknowledge their love, offer our thanks, and encourage them to extend their helping hands across the border into Canada and assist us in the reaching of the far corners of our nation for Christ.
- 10) WHEREAS this is a day which will be remembered as one of significance in the history of Southern Baptist work in Canada, AND WHEREAS we have been honored by the presence and teaching of Dr. James Sullivan, a past president of the Southern Baptist Convention and a past president of the Sunday School Board, to mention but two of a life long list of involvements in Southern Baptist work, BE IT RESOLVED that we express grateful appreciation to Dr. Sullivan for his presence and contribution to this first meeting of the Canadian Convention of Southern Baptists.
- 11) WHEREAS many of our brothers and sisters in Christ have laboured through the years in pioneering efforts to promote the beginning of Southern Baptist work in Canada, AND WHEREAS these pioneering brothers and sister cannot all be with us today as we rejoice together in establishing the Canadian Southern Baptist work as a Canadian Convention of Southern Baptists, BE IT RESOLVED that we express our heartfelt appreciation to all of those pioneer workers who have laboured so faithfully to lay the foundations for this day. BE IT RESOLVED that we the Canadian Convention of Southern Baptists express our deep heartfelt appreciation for our Canadian Coordinator and his wife, Allen and Catherine Schmidt, and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Canadian Convention of Southern Baptists affirm the continued leadership of Allen Schmidt as he serves in the capacity of Canadian Coordinator.

Motion to adopt these resolutions seconded and carried.

76. Bill Fowler presented a further resolution and moved its adoption. WHEREAS God has instructed us to remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy, WHEREAS worship is a basic need of all men and WHEREAS Sunday closing laws are being struck down in Canada which will greatly hinder the freedom of worship for Canadians, BE IT RESOLVED that the Canadian Convention of Southern Baptists go on record as supportive of Sunday closing, both as a matter of obeying the commandment of God and ministering to the needs of all men. Motion seconded and carried.
77. Bill Fowler presented a further resolution and moved its adoption. BECAUSE of more than 60,000 unnecessary abortions in Canada last year, and BECAUSE of our deep conviction that life is sacred at all stages, BE IT RESOLVED that we, the Canadian Convention of Southern Baptists, stand opposed to the slaughter of helpless babies through abortion on demand, and we call Canada to repentance for such unrestrained shedding of innocent blood. Motion seconded and carried.
78. Vivienne Yoder moved that we recognize and express our appreciation to W.H.Ross MacPherson for his courage, deep conviction and great vision, who as pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church in 1952, led in requesting Southern Baptists of Oregon-Washington to come into Canada and help us win Canada for Christ. In response the Oregon-Washington Convention granted affiliation to Emmanuel Baptist Church, later to become Kingcrest Southern Baptist Church, the first southern Baptist Church in Canada. Motion seconded and carried.
79. John Myers moved that the body do whatever necessary to recognize the Association made up of churches in Ontario. Motion seconded. D.K. Hale moved that this matter be referred to the Executive Board to deal with. Motion seconded and carried.
80. Eugene Laird expressed appreciation on behalf of the convention to Mrs. Horace Burns for the refreshments at the meeting.
81. Mark Baker presented a message in song, "Share His Love".
82. Dr. James Sullivan shared in a final message on Baptist Polity.
83. Keith Hale led in a closing prayer.
84. President Eugene Laird declared the meeting adjourned.

