



November 13, 2016
Committee on the Annual Meeting
November 15, 2016
Annual Meeting

Item of Consideration: Recommendation to amend the Bylaws of the Baptist General Convention to change the name of the Committee on Convention Business to the Committee on the Annual Meeting.

Highest Authority For this Item: Annual Meeting

Origination Source: Study Committee on the Annual Meeting

Background: Over the last two years the Convention has amended its Constitution to change the name of the Committee on Convention Business to The Committee on the Annual Meeting. This better describes the work of the Committee as proposed by the Study Committee on the Annual Meeting.

Background Attachments: Redline copy of Article V, Sections 1 and 2 of the BGCT Bylaws

Recommendation: We recommend the amendment of Sections 1 and 2 of the Baptist General Convention of Texas Bylaws to align the committee descriptions in the Bylaws with the descriptions of the committee in the Constitution.

Attachments:

Article V – Convention Committees

Those committees that use sector criteria for membership shall use the same sectors as used for the Executive Board membership in the Bylaws, Article VI, Section 1, A. Section 1. The Committee on ~~Convention Business~~ **the Annual Meeting** shall be responsible for recommending the time and place of future annual meetings of the Convention, for selecting the worship leaders, and for formulating the agenda for the annual meeting and submitting the agenda to the messengers for approval at the opening session.



The committee shall have eighteen (18) members appointed for three-year terms with six (6) appointed each year by the president and the vice presidents acting jointly.

The president and vice presidents may appoint replacements to fill vacancies.

- A. This committee shall provide periods of time during the early sessions of the Convention annual meeting for the introduction of all matters requiring a vote not scheduled on the agenda and when introduced shall fix times for consideration for the same, unless the Convention gives its unanimous consent for its immediate consideration.
- B. This committee shall be responsible for formulating and recommending the Standing Rules of the Convention to the Convention for adoption. The Standing Rules of the Convention may be amended without notice by majority vote.

It also shall be responsible for recommending the disposition of motions made during consideration of miscellaneous business but not finally disposed.

Section 2. The Committee on Credentials shall be responsible for verifying credentials of prospective messengers, enrolling messengers, for investigating any contention arising out of the enrollment of messengers, and for reporting its findings to the Convention. Any challenges to the seating of messengers of church that are based upon the assertion that a church is no longer in harmonious cooperation with Texas Baptists will be referred to the Executive Board and not reported on until the next Annual Meeting. At the time scheduled by the Committee on ~~Convention Business~~ **the Annual Meeting**, the chairperson of the Committee on Credentials shall report the number of messengers registered as of the opening of the annual meeting or special meeting and periodically thereafter.

The committee when established shall have ten (10) members appointed for two years with five (5) appointed each year by the president and the vice presidents acting jointly. The president and vice presidents may appoint replacements to fill vacancies.