



## North American Baptist Fellowship

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## Annual Meeting: Business & Reports Meeting

October 24, 2022 4:30-5:30pm EST

President: Rev. Dr. Samuel Tolbert

General Secretary: Jeremy Bell

In Attendance: Jeremy Bell, Samuel Tolbert, Trisha Miller Manarin, Brian Ford, Rob Ogilvie, Jennifer Lau, Cliff Vaughn, Pau Khan Lian, Patricia Hernandez, James Barbour, Rev. Sa Tin Lal Lau, Zolian Sang Zoong Lwe, Daynette Snead Perez, Jim Hardwick

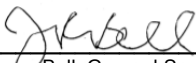
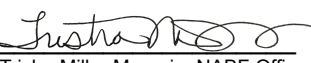

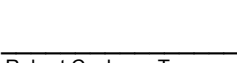
In Attendance (virtual): Zoe Ozirney, Craig Christina, TaNikka Sheppard, Cassandra Jones, Cheryl Ann Beals, Judy Battles, Jack Cobb

1. Call to Order: 4:35pm ET by Rev. Samuel Tolbert
2. Opening Prayer - Rob Ogilvie
3. Approval of Minutes from 2021 - Samuel Tolbert
  - a. Moved: Trisha Miller Manarin / Seconded: Brian Ford
  - b. Carried.
4. Reports:
  - a. Treasurer's Report (video from Robert Cochran )
    - i. Excellent year in donations
    - ii. Increase of \$38,000, up 51% from previous year (pandemic year)
    - iii. Currently owe CBM at least \$12,000 CAD for payments they have made on our behalf
    - iv. Grant from the Eula May & John Baugh Foundation for Disaster Relief work & general administration
    - v. Last year provided denominations 'invoices' for their accounting, this may have helped increase our donations
    - vi. Received our 501(3)(c) letter from the US Federal Gov't, which allows us to prove our charitable status
    - vii. Robert will be stepping down as Treasurer, but will continue to serve on the executive committee
  - b. Financial numbers (see financial documents)
    - i. We are close to \$23,000 behind, in debt to CBM for Jeremy Bell 's salary
    - ii. We received about \$67,500 in contributions this past fiscal year
    - iii. We should be commended even though we are behind, for increasing contributions
    - iv. Moneys from the Baugh Fdn grant have been paid to our DR Coordinator for salary and projects
    - v. Our DR work has brought in separate donations from other churches

- c. Adoption of Treasurer's report:
  - i. Moved: Brian Ford / Seconded: Trisha Miller Manarin
  - ii. Carried.
- d. Nomination Committee Report (video from Tim McCoy )
  - i. Committee members: Samuel Tolbert, Robert Cochran , Tim McCoy , Jeremy Bell, TaNikka Sheppard
  - ii. Four recommendations:
    - 1. Incorporate the position of Past President into the executive
    - 2. Add two positions of Vice President
    - 3. All members be known as Members at Large
    - 4. Add the non-stipendiary staff position of Assistant General Secretary
  - iii. Nominate:
    - 1. Emmett Dunn for President
    - 2. Samuel Tolbert for Past President
    - 3. TaNikka Sheppard for Treasurer
    - 4. TaNikka Sheppard for Assistant General Secretary
    - 5. Craig Christina for Vice President
    - 6. Trisha Miller Manarin for Vice President
    - 7. For Members At Large:
      - a. Tim McCoy
      - b. Willie Francois III
      - c. Pat Hernandez
      - d. Pau Khan Lian
      - e. Robert Cochran
      - f. Brian Ford
  - iv. Response from Rev. Emmett Dunn
    - 1. Expression of thanks for the privilege
    - 2. It is a unique time in the church of North America
    - 3. Brings a willingness to serve, listen and learn
- e. Adoption of Nomination report:
  - i. Moved: by Nomination Committee
  - ii. In agreement: all present
  - iii. Opposed: none
  - iv. Motion Carried.
- 5. Welcome to the Chin Baptist Churches USA
  - a. Julie Justus, BWA
  - b. Move to include the Chin Baptist Churches USA in the NABF
    - i. Moved: Rob Ogilvie, Second: by Craig Christina
    - ii. Carried
  - c. Rev. Sa Tin Lal Lau, Zolian Sang Zoong Lwe
- 6. Greetings from Canadian Baptists of Ontario and Quebec

- a. Video from TimMcCoy, sending greetings from CBOQ
- 7. Report from the General Secretary
  - a. James Barbour, shared his work as the Disaster Relief Coordinator
    - i. Kentucky floods and tornados, Louisiana tornado, Wildfires in California, Hurricane Fiona, Hurricane Ian
    - ii. Grown in being able to communicate what's happening
    - iii. Corporate prayers for each disaster
    - iv. Gathering & distributing funds to victims and other NABF DR organizations
    - v. Looking to expand and involve volunteers in the coming year, so we can tell the story more effectively
    - vi. Proposed budget, provided we can get funding/grants
    - vii. Shared about visiting Fort Meyers and the destruction there
  - b. Julie Justus
    - i. Shared about the BWA's work and ways to give
    - ii. Offered a survey of ways to connect with the BWA
    - iii. Next year's BWA gathering is in Stavanger, Norway
    - iv. 2025 Congress is happening in Brisbane, Australia
  - c. Jeremy Bell
    - i. We want to do a few things well
    - ii. We have received many good things today; but we hope you go away with some holy restlessness from all that we have heard today
    - iii. Do not turn away from feelings of discomfort
    - iv. Pray to ask God to make himself known to you in this
    - v. Ask you to consider becoming a member of the NABF
- 8. Report from the President
  - a. Grateful for the new president, Emmett Dunn
  - b. Let's work on gathering donations so that we can continue to pay Jeremy Bell – it's not fair to have him go without
  - c. Grateful to be transitioning at a different time than Jeremy Bell, to allow for continuity
- 9. Thank you to Robert Cochran, Samuel Tolbert - Jeremy Bell, with TaNikka Sheppard, Brian Ford
  - New website (screenshot): Jeremy Bell (brief)
  - Save the date: November 29th, Transitions in Leadership **Jeremy Bell**
  - Save the date: October 23-24, 2023 Annual Meeting (Jeremy Bell)
  - Q&A
  - Closing Prayer - Samuel Tolbert

Signed by:

Jeremy Bell, General Secretary    Trisha Miller Manarin, NABF Officer    TaNikka Sheppard, NABF Officer    Robert Cochran, Treasurer

Dated:

February 28, 2023    March 1, 2023    March 1, 2023    March 10, 2023