

ANNUAL DELEGATE ASSEMBLY

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2016, 11:00am

Call to Order – Chairman Mark Smith welcomed delegates, noting their eligibility according to bylaws stipulating the number of delegates allocated per member institution.

MSC (voice vote) to approve minutes of the February 20, 2015 meeting.

Chair Mark Smith acknowledged designation of Rob Reimer, ABHE Board secretary, as recording secretary for the Assembly.

MSC (voice vote) to adopt the agenda as previously circulated.

1. President's Report – ABHE President, Ralph Enlow, briefly reviewed a slide deck corresponding to his written annual Presidents Report which, he explained, will be disseminated in electronic pdf form to all institutional presidents and via the ABHE website. Distribution of the report to institutional faculty and board members was encouraged. **MSC** to adopt the report.
2. Association/COA Nominating committee reports/balloting – Board and COA nominating committees presented candidates for election in accordance with the Association constitution and bylaws. Balloting was conducted by means of a new Annual Meeting mobile app. A help desk was established with staff available to assist with delegate certification and user difficulty. Results of balloting were certified and announced at the conclusion of the delegate assembly (see below).
3. Treasurer's Report – ABHE Treasurer, Walker Tzeng, offered a brief verbal report that noted the following:
 - a. ABHE received an unqualified FY2014-15 (ending 8/31/15) external auditor opinion. Copies of the FY14-15 audited financial statements and governance letter are available on the ABHE website.
 - b. The Treasurer commented on a few FY14-15 fiscal highlights. He offered commendation to the staff for their excellent oversight of the Association's finances.
 - c. **MSC** (voice vote) to adopt the proposed FY 2016-17 Association Dues (no increase over FY15-16).
4. Commission on Accreditation Report
 - a. February 2016 COA Action Summary – Lori Jo Stanfield, COA Chair, offered the following summary of actions taken at the February 6-10, 2016 meeting:
 - i. Total Institution-Related Decisions (including substantive changes): 152
 - a) Reaffirm Institutional Accreditation: 12
 - b) Reaffirm Programmatic Accreditation: 1
 - c) Grant Applicant status: 6
 - d) Grant Candidate status: 2
 - e) Grant Initial Institutional Accreditation: 4
 - f) Grant Initial Programmatic Accreditation: 3
 - g) Deny Initial Institutional Accreditation: 1
 - h) Deny Candidate Status: 1
 - i) Place on Probation: 1
 - j) Voluntary Withdrawal: 2
 - ii. Total Policy Decisions: 10

- b. Director's Report – Ron Kroll, COA Director
 - i. Kroll identified those institutions who have achieved recertification.
 - ii. The COA staff were acknowledged for their work and dedication.
 - iii. Standard 11 was reviewed through a call to comment. The commission received good feedback and are currently addressing 4 key questions. They will come back to the delegation at a later date.
 - iv. The COA is going through a USDE review, which is due Jan.1.
- 5. Greetings from Christian Higher Education Canada (CHEC) – Justin Cooper, Executive Director, brought greetings from the 34 CHEC member institutions, 20 of which are connected with ABHE. He made brief mention of CHEC activities, progress, and plans for 2016-17, expressing solidarity and appreciation for ABHE.
- 6. Best Christian Workplace Institute – BCW announced the following ABHE institutions as “2016 Certified Best Christian Workplaces” based upon the results of the 2015 BCW assessment:
 - i. Bethlehem College and Seminary
 - ii. Crossroads Bible College
 - iii. College of Biblical Studies
 - iv. Emmaus Bible College
 - v. ABHE
- 7. Jonathan N. Thigpen Enrollment Growth Awards – Evangelical Training Association President, Yvonne Thigpen, presented the ETA-sponsored enrollment growth awards to the following institutions:
 - a. 1st enrollment quartile: Horizon College and Seminary (SK)
 - b. 2nd enrollment quartile: Emmaus Bible College (IA)
 - c. 3rd enrollment quartile: World Mission University (CA)
 - d. 4th enrollment quartile: Grace Bible College (MI)
- 8. Election Results – Chairman Mark Smith announced that ballots had been tabulated and that the following individuals had been elected to serve:
 - a. Board of Directors: Terry Stine (Boise, Bible College, ID) [4-year term, 2020]
 - b. Commission on Accreditation: Rick Christman (Ohio Christian University, OH) [4-year term, 2020]; Stephen Roy (Emmanuel Bible College, ON) [4-year term, 2020]
- 9. MSC to adjourn. Chairman Mark Smith adjourned the meeting with brief closing remarks. Steve Lennox said a prayer of blessing.

Respectfully Submitted



Rob Reimer
Recording Secretary