



*The Association for*  
**Biblical Higher Education**  
*Commission on Accreditation*

## **COA DELEGATE ASSEMBLY**

### **Agenda**

**February 17, 2022, 4:00 pm**  
**Rosen Plaza Hotel, Grand Ballroom**

**Call to Order** (Kevin Hester, COA Chair)

**Seating of Delegates** (Kevin Hester)

Assembly is reminded that representatives from COA candidate and accredited institutions may vote in voice votes; only credentialed delegates of COA-accredited institutions may vote by ballot.

**Acknowledgment of Recording Secretary, Jon Jones** (Kevin Hester)

Dr. Hester acknowledged Commissioner Jon Jones as recording secretary for the Delegate Assembly

**Approval of Minutes from the February 19, 2021, Meeting** (Kevin Hester)

Dr. Hester pointed delegates to the February 19, 2021, minutes available on the Annual Meeting App and asked for a motion to approve.

Motion: Approve minutes as presented. M S Carried

**Greeting from ABHE President** (Philip Dearborn)

Dr. Dearborn made comments about the essential work of the Commission and the high value of the peer-review accreditation process.

**COA Executive Director's Report** (Lisa Beatty)

- ABHE Statistics: 115 accredited institutions, 5 institutions with programmatic accreditation, 14 candidate institutions, and 20 applicant institutions for a total of 154 in the ABHE accreditation track. Three association members hold accredited status from another accreditor for a grand total of 157 association members.
- Updates
  - Up to 7-year renewal with CHEA. Follow-up report in July 2022 and interim report due December 2025.
  - USDE – still in the recognition process. Will be considering a change of scope to add doctoral programs in the future.
  - Reminder about including outcomes data on institutional websites.
  - The Commission is embarking on a comprehensive review of standards which includes a listening session at the conference and a Spring 2022 survey.
  - Open position: Associate Director/Research Analyst
  - Exploring the adoption of an accreditation/annual report platform to streamline a variety of Commission and Association activities
- Dr. Beatty complimented the professional and support staff in the ABHE office. Appreciation of the Association executive and support staff at ABHE.

Motion: Receive the report of the director. M S Carried

**Summary of February 2022 COA Actions (Kevin Hester)**

- Election of Commission Officers for 2022-2023
  - Secretary, Charles Faber
  - Vice-Chair, Jena Dunn
  - Chair, Kevin Hester
- Policy Updates – approved changes to Policy on Institutional Accreditation (applicant and candidate submission of Standards Self-Assessment one week prior to annual CSR visits) and act and inform changes to Policy on Reviews and Appeals (revised options for review panel decisions) and Policy on Public Notification of Comprehensive Evaluation Visit (addition of electronic form for submitting third-party comment)
- COA adopted a purpose statement, guiding values, and organizational objectives
- Substantive Change Requests – 5 substantive changes approved by the COA; 3 substantive changes received from the Substantive Change Officer.
- Institutions Granted Applicant Status (6) – Dallas Baptist University (TX), Cornerstone College of Virginia (VA), Esther Theological Seminary (FL), Harvest University (CO), North Carolina College of Theology (NC), Northpoint University (WA)
- Candidate Status (1) – Heritage Bible College (GA)
- Initial Accreditation (2) – Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary (MO), Pacific Life Bible College (BC)
- Reaffirmation of Accreditation (10) – America Evangelical University (CA), Faith Baptist Bible College and Seminary (IA), Huntsville Bible College (AL), Lumbee River Christian College (NC), Master’s College and Seminary (ON), Penn View Bible Institute (PA), Prairie College (AB), Trinity College of Florida (FL), Welch College (TN), Williamson College (TN)
- Institutions Placed on Warning (1), Placed on Probation (1), Withdrawn from Applicant status (1), Withdrawn from Candidate status (1), Withdrawn from Accredited status (1)
- Changes in Standards – led by Associate Director, Dr. Shane Wood
  - Standard 3
  - Standard 6
  - Standard 9

Motion: Receive the report from the chair of the COA. M S Carried

**Proposed Revisions to Standards 3, 6, and 9 (voice vote) (Kevin Hester)**

Dr. Hester pointed delegates to the proposed changes to Standards 3, 6, and 9, available on the Annual Meeting App asked for a motion to approve.

Motion: Approve proposed changes to Standards 3, 6 and 9. M S Carried

**COA Nominating Committee Report (paper vote) (Kevin Hester)**

(Ballots available to voting delegates in the foyer immediately prior to the meeting)

Dr. Hester gave the report of the COA Nominating Committee and pointed delegates to the nominee bios on the Annual Meeting App.

Nominees

- Four-year term (2022-2026)

- Seonmook Shin, Vice President/Chief Academic Officer, World Mission College (CA)
  - Yiyoung Yuk, ESL Education Program Director, Emmaus Bible College (IA)
- Four-Year term (2022-2026)
  - Andrea Short, Vice President for Finance and Operations, Dallas Christian College (TX)
  - Sonja Vernon, Vice President for Student Affairs, God's Bible School & College (OH)
- Four-Year term (2022-2026)
  - Stanley Helton, President, Alberta Bible College (AB)
  - David Kiff, Director of Finance, Heritage College & Seminary (ON)
- Incumbent Commissioner eligible for re-election (2022-2026)
  - Jon Jones, Director of Library and Academic Services, Baptist Bible College & Theological Seminary (MO)

Ballots were collected. Newly elected Commissioners to be announced on Friday morning.

**Closing Remarks/Adjournment** (Kevin Hester)

Motion to Adjourn: M S Carried