



## **2023 NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT**

**COA Nominating Committee:** Kevin Hester (chair), Jena Dunn, Charles Faber

### ***NOMINEES FOR THE COMMISSION ON ACCREDITATION***

#### **Four Year Term (2023-2027), vote for one: Luciano Lombardi OR Virnna Sabine**

**Rev. Luciano Lombardi, Director of Leadership Development and Distance Education, Master's College and Seminary, Peterborough, ON (Canada)**

- Master of Divinity, Tyndale Seminary, Toronto, Ontario, Canada; Bachelor of Theology [Honours] Master's College and Seminary [Eastern Pentecostal Bible College] Peterborough, Ontario, Canada
- Certifications: Master Leadership Coach and Coach Trainer, Lifeforming Leadership Coaching [VA], Advanced Certified Birkman Professional, Birkman International [TX]
- In Higher Education since 2002, serving as Director of Distance Education, Associate Dean, Director of Operations and Faculty in Theology and New Testament.
- Passion is collaborating with leaders in development and strategy. Has worked with over five hundred leaders in self-awareness, team dynamics and organizational strategy.



**Virnna M. Sabine, Director of Library Services, Kingswood University, Sussex, NB (Canada)**

- MLIS, Kent State University; BSc (Biology), Houghton University.
- Ministry in higher education since 1999. Served as Campus Bookstore Manager, and since 2012 has served as Library Director.
- Provides leadership in the Campus Student Success Center.
- Service to ABHE includes service on five ABHE Accreditation Teams as Library/Faculty Evaluator
- Enjoys teaching courses on Study Methods and Writing and Research.
- Passionate about partnering with students to help them become the people of God.
- Married to her husband Kirk for 34 years. We have one daughter, two sons, and four grandchildren.
- Also loves reading, watercolor painting, hiking, and travel



## **Four Year Term (2023-2027), vote for one: Matthew Bracey OR John Whitaker**

### **Matthew Steven Bracey, Vice Provost for Academic Administration, Welch College (TN)**

- BA (History), Welch College; MTS, Beeson Divinity School; JD, Cumberland School of Law; PhD (ABD), The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.
- Full-time ministry in higher education since 2013 has included serving as Registrar (2013–2017) and Vice Provost (2017–present) with some prior work in admissions and student services.
- Work with ABHE accreditation includes serving on eight ABHE Accreditation Teams for Standards 7 and 8 (Enrollment Management and Student Services), chairing three of them, as well as service on an ABHE Standards 4–6 Review Taskforce, in addition to an upcoming ninth accreditation team visit this spring. I have also attended close to ten ABHE Annual Meetings.
- Passionate about the quality education of college students and church laymen alike through teaching, preaching (ordained in denominational tradition), and writing.
- Enjoys serving as Assistant Professor of Theology and Culture, teaching six-nine hours per semester in courses relating to ethics, law, and philosophy.
- Has also edited and contributed chapters to several books (including *Sexuality, Gender, and the Church*; *The Promise of Arminian Theology*; *Secularism and the American Republic*; and the upcoming *Christians in Culture*), as well as contributed to ABHE's *Biblical Higher Education Journal* on three occasions.
- Enjoys traveling with his wife, Sarah, of nearly eleven years. Also loves running, reading, and working on their small farm.



### **John A. Whitaker, Vice President of Academic Affairs, Union Bible College (IN)**

- Ph.D. (Organizational Leadership), Columbia International University; M.A. (Ministerial Leadership), Wesley Seminary: Indiana Wesleyan University; B.A. (Religious Education: Pastoral Ministry), Union Bible College
- Ministry in Education: Twelve years in Elementary Education and eight years in Administration. Sixteen years in Higher Education included serving in the following roles: Public Relations Director, Ministerial Department Chairperson, Academic Dean, and Vice-President of Academic Affairs.
- Has attended the ABHE Convention since 2010 and participated in an Accreditation Team Visit. Completed training for Team Visits.
- Enjoys working with students and especially the ministerial department students. Enjoys teaching courses on Pastoral Ministry, Pastoral Ministry Internship, Leadership, Conflict Management, Organizational Leadership, and Business Administration.
- Passionate about studying and proclaiming the Bible and participating in ministry (35 years in ministry, including pastorate and evangelism). He is passionate about his family (wife, Lori, two sons, two daughters, and seven grandchildren). Enjoys fishing, hunting, woodworking, wood carving, and reading.



**Four Year Term (2023-2027), vote for one: Aaron Hamilton OR David Sayers**

**Aaron Hamilton, Director of Finance, Hobe Sound Bible College (FL)**

- PhD (Organizational Leadership), Columbia International University (SC); MA (Ministry)/MBA, Ohio Christian University (OH); BA (Ministerial Studies), God's Bible School and College (OH)
- Ministry in higher education since 2017 has included Director of Finance and Ministerial Department Chairman
- Pastoral ministry for 16 years (2001 - 2017)
- Service to ABHE on two ABHE Accreditation Teams as Resource Evaluator
- Enjoy teaching business courses (financial accounting, managerial accounting, Introduction to business, business communication, and business economics) and ministerial courses (Introduction to homiletics, pastoral ministries, principles of administration)
- Enjoy mission trips (13 trips to Belize) and spending time with family which includes wife of 24 years, two daughters, two sons, and one son-in-law.



**David Sayers, Chief Financial Officer, South Florida Bible College and Theological Seminary (FL)**

- PhD – ABD in Organizational Leadership, Columbia International University. Anticipated completion, May 2023, Master of Accountancy, Gardner-Webb University, M.B.A, East Tennessee State University, Bachelor of Business Administration, Radford University
- Chief Financial Officer Full-time or part-time / interim (through private practice) for 15 years, including serving 5 ABHE schools. Numerous other CFO related service to other colleges, as well organizations such as camps, churches, and small businesses.
- Early career as a banker including construction, commercial, and non-profit lending leadership.
- Additional Christian higher education experience as Chief Operation Officer, Chief Development Officer, Department Chair, Professor, and University Foundation President
- ABHE experience beyond service as CFO includes as of Spring 2023: 15 teams resources evaluator, 3 team chairs, presentation at the annual meeting, and service on standards review taskforce
- Commissioned Minister of Stewardship; hiking (over 4,000 miles on the Appalachian Trail, including a 2015 “Thru-hike”), cycling (including coast-to-coast trip in 2002), kayaking, camping, martial arts, fitness, and outdoors enthusiast; married for 27 years, father of 4.



**Four Year Term (2023-2027), vote for one: Alicia Carrasco OR Heather Shalley**

**Alicia R. Carrasco, Vice President of Academics, Christ Mission College (TX)**

- MA (Curriculum and Instruction), Colorado Christian University; BA (Liberal Arts), Colorado Christian University; Diploma (Biblical Studies), Latin American Bible Institute
- Licensed minister with the Assemblies of God since 2006
- Ministry in higher education since 2015 serving in the role of Vice President of Academics
- Service to ABHE includes serving on the ABHE COA Director Search Committee and assisting with Website Outcomes Reviews
- Fluent in Spanish; serves as translator for Assemblies of God district events
- Enjoys teaching, collaborating with faculty, connecting with students, and working on institutional effectiveness
- Passionate about making disciples and disciple-makers, her family which includes her husband of 21 years, Arturo, and 3 sons, Brandon, Benjamin, and Blake. Also enjoys cooking, sewing, and mystery shows



**Heather Shalley, Vice President and Dean of Student Enrollment Services, Moody Bible Institute (IL)**

- EdD (Education Leadership) & MS (Higher Education Leadership), Capella University; BA (Elementary Education), Olivet Nazarene University (IL).
- Serving at Moody Bible Institute the last 9.5 years (Associate Director of Financial Aid & now VP & Dean of Student Enrollment Services).
- Serving in higher education since 2005, roles have included various roles Financial Aid administration, as well as serving as Director of Admissions and Financial Aid, and the Vice President of Enrollment Services.
- Served a several team visits and presented training for evaluators and has presented at the ABHE Enrollment conference.
- Grew up a “missionary kid” in Namibia, Africa.
- Married to her husband for almost 23 years and enjoys volunteering in her local church.

