

## **SECTION IV REPORTS**

### **EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT**

In February 2018 the Executive Board secured legal counsel through Crisp and Associates LLC to be on retainer for the BRN. Mr. Davis Younts has joined many conversations, guiding the Executive Board through possible legal ramifications as they write policies and make decisions on behalf of the BRN. Renovations were completed on the BRN Training Center and we immediately began utilizing the space, which was used at least 29 times throughout 2018. The board approved the BRN team to begin scheduling mission teams to complete renovations on the BRN Volunteer House. Several updates were completed on the interior of the house as well as some exterior upkeep. The board updated job descriptions to reflect the new, key behaviors of the BRN: missional engagement, intentional discipleship, and leadership development. Strategic goals were reviewed and approved for the calendar year – included were church resourcing (through the Spiritual Health Assessment and grants), church servicing (through the key behaviors), and connection goals. The Executive Board activated the BRN Constitution & Bylaws Committee to make amends to current documents based on advice from our legal counsel, and the board's approval of a new purpose statement. We also approved and instituted a Conflict of Interest Policy for board members and the BRN team.

By May the board put into place a more thorough and revised Donated Real Estate Policy, revised the BRN Financial Policies & Procedures, and began crafting a Code of Conduct for BRN team members, which was later approved in November. Legal counsel assisted in finalizing a Volunteer Agreement so volunteers and the BRN are protected and not held liable. We also instituted a keyless entry system at the HUB so a code or key fob is the only way to enter. Visitors are seen on camera and can talk with the team before given access into the building. Letters were mailed to BRN churches who had not given to the Cooperative Program in at least two years, reminding them of a few important components to being Southern Baptist, including the importance of the Cooperative Program. The board also defined qualifications for the GuideStone pastor match program and for churches to receive grants from the BRN, which included giving a certain amount to the Cooperative Program in the course of a year. The board agreed to part with staff vehicles, other than a vehicle for the Executive Director, due to liability and cost.

By November 2018 three new partnerships had formed and were offered to BRN churches. They are Right Now Media, Financial Peace University, and Alliance Defending Freedom. A new Personnel Manual was written and approved for BRN team members. We also began to have conversation about updated Policies and Procedures to coincide with a possible updated Constitution & Bylaws document. The board officially approved and set funds aside to begin a BRN Church Planting Fund that would act similar to an endowment fund; the goal being that the BRN has strategic resources for church planting in PA/SJ.

Rev. Brian Harrison  
Executive Board President

## **BUDGET REPORT**

Please refer to pages 20-21 of the program to see the financial report and budget which was passed during the Annual Meeting.

## **2018 COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES REPORT**

The Committee on Committees report can be found on page 22 of the Annual Meeting program and was passed as presented.

**Submitted by: Committee on Committees** Jack Peters, Chairman; Ivan Stiffler, Alex Hanevich

## **2018 NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT**

The Nominating Committee Report can be found on page 22 of the Annual Meeting program and was passed as presented.

**Submitted by: Nominating Committee** Phil Ginyard, Chairperson; Alonzo Johnson; Carol Reynolds; Betsy Rubadue

## **2018 PROGRAM AND ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE REPORT**

The Program and Arrangements Committee moves that the program be approved as printed. The Program and Arrangements Committee moves that the annual meeting convene in the Central Region on November 7-8, 2019.

**Submitted by: Program and Arrangements Committee** Richard Krieg, Chairperson; Carrie Smith

## **2018 CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS COMMITTEE REPORT**

Upon review of the current BRN Constitution & Bylaws from BRN legal counsel, the 2018 Constitution & Bylaws Committee has been working most of the year to process much needed revisions. The goal of the committee was to have a Constitution & Bylaws document that can be a foundation for the BRN for many years to come. The committee has made revisions that are up-to-date with current laws concerning non-profits, revisions to streamline the BRN operations, and revisions to clearly articulate when the BRN Policies & Procedures Manual will be the guide for the BRN administrative and operational duties.

The committee has presented the proposed changes to the 2018 Executive Board, who have endorsed and are in support of the changes. Messengers will vote on the proposed Constitution & Bylaws at the 2019 Annual Meeting. Mark your calendar for November 7-8, 2019.

If you desire an electronic copy of the proposed Constitution & Bylaws document, refer to [brnonline.org](http://brnonline.org). Questions should be brought to the breakout on Friday, November 2 at 11:45 a.m. The breakout session is titled "Revisions to the BRN Constitution & Bylaws – Q&A Session." (Lunch will be provided for those who pre-registered at [brnonline.org](http://brnonline.org).)

If you have questions on the proposed document (printed in the Appendix) but are unable to attend the Friday breakout, please email Rev. Bob Conrad, Chairman of the Constitution & Bylaws Committee, at [pastorbob@covcommchurch.org](mailto:pastorbob@covcommchurch.org).

**Submitted by: Constitution & Bylaws Committee** Bob Conrad, Chairman; Roy Andrews; Phil Huggins; Jennifer Idler; Gerald Waters; Brian Harrison, Executive Board President, Ex Officio

## **DISASTER RELIEF REPORT** **Baptist Resource Network - 2018**

The following are PASJ Disaster Relief highlights for the calendar year 2018:

- 52 volunteers received basic DR training in Feeding, Chain Saw, and Flood Recovery, and Shower/Laundry
- 9 volunteers have received Chaplaincy Training
- 83 volunteers have been deployed to 3 in-state responses and 2 out-of-state responses. In addition, 14 volunteers served at the BRN Annual Meeting

The response year began for us in May when we were asked to send help to Western Connecticut where five tornadoes damaged 14 communities. SBDR was the only responder. New England Disaster Relief did an excellent job managing what turned out to be a major Level 3 response involving about 350 volunteers from a dozen states. We sent 19 volunteers and four units to their aid. We provided Incident Management, Shower/Laundry, and Chainsaw teams and equipment.

As soon as we returned home from CT, PA started flooding and did so the remainder of the summer. Although we recorded three in-state responses, we really operated from multiple sites throughout the summer. This, too, became a Level 3 response as about 150 volunteers came with equipment from PASJ, South Carolina, Florida, Texas, Louisiana, Missouri, Minnesota, Kentucky, New York, Maryland/Delaware, Michigan, and Tennessee to do flood recovery, incident management, chaplaincy and recovery feeding in Allegheny, Blair, Columbia, Montour, Lycoming, Bradford, Susquehanna, Delaware, Lancaster, York, and Schuylkill Counties. About 170 homes were served.

The PASJ fleet currently includes 1 Mobile Kitchen, 6 Recovery Units (Flood, Chainsaw, Temporary Roofing), 3 Shower/Laundry Units, 1 Command/Communication Unit, 1 Pressure Wash Trailer, 1 Fuel Trailer, 1 Water Purification Unit, and a passenger van/tow vehicle.

As a result of all of these disasters, the gospel has been presented in each situation to the people who were served. We rejoice that we were able to see God save 8 people through our witness and work. In nearly all cases, we were able to work alongside a local church or church planter to do follow-up and engage local government, residents, and other faith-based and community responders. We praise the Lord for such opportunities to further the Kingdom of God!

Other developments:

- Made multiple Ready Church presentations to pastors/churches to encourage preparedness to meet urgent needs in their communities;
- Applied for a grant to build a rapid response kitchen;
- Completed construction of a new fuel trailer;
- Deployed the BRN Southwest Recovery Unit for the first time;
- Prepared three meals and displayed four Units at the BRN Annual Meeting in York;

- Became a key participant in the pilot of Pennsylvania Volunteer Agencies Leading and Organizing Repairs (PA VALOR). This is a one-of-a-kind program that partners government funding with volunteer labor to quickly get disaster affected residents back in their homes.

Please keep Disaster Relief efforts in your prayers. It is a powerful ministry that brings light into darkness and Good News into very bad situations.

Respectfully submitted by:

Kenton Hunt

State Director of Disaster Relief

Baptist Resource Network of PA/South Jersey