

## **TCN Business Session – July 19 & 21, 2018 – New Orleans, LA**

President Ross Burton called the annual business session to order on July 19, 2018 at 8:55 am (CDT).

Board Secretary Harold Carlson provided proof of notice by acknowledging that the notice of the annual business session had been emailed on June 21, 2018, to reach voting members of the Association in compliance with Section 3.3 of the Association's Bylaws.

Harold provided proof of quorum by asking all Active, Associate, and Emeritus members to raise their hands.

President Ross Burton reminded the members that the minutes of the 2017 Annual Business Session, held on July 4 & 6, 2017 have been available to all active members on The Church Network website. The minutes were submitted for approval. A motion was made and a second came from the floor, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

President Ross Burton called on Tom Danklefsen to make a Governance Committee report. Tom explained that one of the duties of the Governance Committee is to submit a slate of candidates for the board of director positions no less than fourteen (14) days prior to the first regular business session of the annual conference. The Governance Committee sent the slate of nominees to the membership in the June 21, 2018 edition of The Link. The list is also printed in the conference notebook on pages 68 and 69. Tom asked each nominee to stand.

Ross recessed the meeting at 9:03 am (CDT) until Saturday, July 21, 2018.

President Ross Burton called the meeting back to order July 21, 2018 at 11:40 am (CDT).

Ross opened the business session with prayer.

Ross asked if there were any questions regarding any of the reports in the conference notebook. There were none. There were no additional board nominations received in accordance with the Bylaws, therefore, the 2018-2019 slate of officer and director nominees from the Governance Committee stands:

- Denise Craig, President
- Harold Carlson, Vice President
- Melvin Jones, Secretary
- Keith Brown, Director
- Weslia Echols, Director
- Greg Gordon, Director
- Dr. Mark King, Director
- Laurel Swanson, Director
- Roxi Vanstory, Director

President Ross Burton called for a vote since the recommendation came from the Governance Committee and did not require a second. The slate of officers and directors were elected unanimously.

CEO Simeon May installed the new officers and directors, reading from I Peter 4:7-11. Simeon led the audience in prayer for the board.

President Ross Burton thanked Jennifer Childers and the entire New Orleans Planning Team for their effort in providing an excellent conference. Ross read Isaiah 6: 8-9a Then I heard the Lord asking, "Whom should I send as a messenger to this people? Who will go for us?" I said, "Here I am send me." And he said, "Yes, go.." Ross then encouraged everyone to write "yes" on your heart when you are asked to serve in the leadership positions within the local chapter, write yes on your heart when called upon to serve the TCN Association in positions of leadership such as the TCN Board, Conference Planning Committee, the Governance Committee or any of the other standing committees of the association.

CEO Simeon May presented out-going President Ross Burton with a plaque recognizing him for his years of service to the organization and leadership as President for the past two years.

In-coming President Denise Craig addressed the conference attendees by saying TCN is in a "liminal season" (a season of uncertain change) which will require new and fresh ideas and perhaps letting go of some of the old things we do. Denise encouraged everyone to share their thoughts and ideas with the Board and the National office staff. Denise told the attendees that our first priority is to be in prayer and closed with scripture from Jeremiah 29:11 "For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope."

CEO Simeon May said that TCN has always respected female leadership and encouraged any female member of the organization who feels they have been impacted by the "#MeToo" or "#ChurchToo" movement that TCN is a safe haven for them.

CEO Simeon May encouraged everyone to not only utilize MinistryPay.com but to share their data to ensure that the MinistryPay.com data is current. Simeon again thanked his TCN staff, out-going President Ross Burton, and the New Orleans planning team.

On behalf of President Denise Craig, CEO Simeon May closed the 62<sup>nd</sup> annual business session at 12:13 pm (CDT).

Respectfully submitted,

Harold Carlson, Secretary

TCN Board of Directors