

Reach Conference  
National Black Fellowship  
Business Meeting Minutes  
Desoto, TX

Meeting Chaired by Rev. Michael Nelson, NBF President  
Minutes prepared by Rev. Darrell Geddes,  
Acting NBFAG Secretary

This Meeting was held on July 21, 2016  
Oaks Fellowship, Mangrum Hall (SB) 8:00 AM CST

Call to order Michael Nelson 8:00 AM  
Opening prayer Walter Harvey

1. **Registration Report**—Joe Smotherman—183
2. **Devotional**—Bishop Darnell Williams, Jeremiah 29:1-11, Writing to the exiles. Survive!    Thrive!    Revive!

Immediately after the devotional President Nelson requested that the Secretary of the NBF AG read Article 9, sec. 1 from the NBFAG Constitution and Bylaws concerning our biennial business meeting.

3. **Roster Report**—President Nelson called for the Roster Report. Joe Smotherman, the head teller, reported the following from the registration information provided.

Registered members	28
Registered delegates	<u>4</u>
Total voting constituency	32

**Motion**—was presented to accept the Roster Report. **MSC**

**Motion**—to approve agenda provided by NBF AG officers. **MSC**

4. **Minutes**, The minutes of the previous meeting (Milwaukee, 2014) had been provided 30 days in advance on line on the NBF AG web site and Ministers and delegates were encouraged to read them in advance of the meeting to expedite the meeting time.

**Motion** to approve the minutes of the 2014 Biennial report. **MSC**

## 5. Executive Reports

Presidents report—President Michael Nelson

President Nelson gave thanks for his Executive Committee and the Regional Directors of the NBFAG.

We don't care who gets the credit as long as God gets the glory.

Yields the chair to Vice President Walter Harvey who calls for a motion.

**Motion**—a motion was made by the Vice President to accept the President's report—**MSC**

**Motion** to hold elections in between reports—**MSC**

### President's Election

President Nelson asked that—Dr. Carol Taylor, President of Evangel University offer a word of prayer concerning the election of the president.

President Nelson yields the floor to Vice President Harvey to preside over the election of the President.

**Motion** Pastor Godfrey Johnson moved that we suspend the secret ballot and make nominations from the floor—**MSC**

Michael Nelson nominated from the floor

Nomination of Michael Nelson by Pastor Godfrey Johnson

—unanimous vote

President Nelson thanked those assembled for their vote of confidence. Reflected on those who had served prior to him, Spencer Jones, Zollie Smith, Edward Peecher and Malcom Burliegh, thanking them for their leadership.

### Secretaries Election

The secretary read Article 10, sec.1c

**Motion** to nominate from the floor—**MSC**

**Motion** to close the nomination process—**MSC**

Vote from floor-unanimous vote

Secretary Darrell Geddes thank those present for their vote of confidence.

Vice Presidents report—Bishop Walter Harvey

**Motion** to accept the Vice-Presidents report—**MSC**

Greetings from Scott Temple—Ethnic Relations Director

Greetings from Dr. Carol Taylor—President of Evangel University  
Courageous action & courageous change are necessary

Greetings from Dr. Mark Hausfeld—President of AGTS

President Nelson asked Zollie Smith the US Home Missions Director to come and pray over Dr. Carol Taylor and Dr. Mark Hausfeld.

President Nelson recognized US Home Missionaries and Foreign Missionaries. They shared with us their names and the ministries that they were involved with. We were encouraged to support these missionaries.

Treasurers Report—Bishop Darnell Williams

**Motion** to accept the treasures report—

**Questions** Challenges were made for all to support the NBFAG. Chris DeLaurentis asked what we had not accomplished because we had not raised an adequate budget.

Our Treasurer responded that there are areas such as Coaching, Church Planting, Executive's present and District Councils that were not sufficiently addressed by the NBF.

President Nelson challenged us to fill our NBFAG support cards that were located at the registration table.

Question as to whether or not we were going to cover conference expenses. We are trending toward covering all of our expenses. The offering tonight should help us meet the Conference Budget.

Hank Mariner shared tangible ways of being able to give to the NBFAG.

**MSC**

6. **Committee Reports**—no committee reports
7. **Unfinished Business**—no unfinished business

## 8. New Business

Resolution One: read by Chris Beard

### **RESOLUTION ONE** **Due Notice of Biennial NBFAG Business Meeting**

The National Black Fellowship of the Assemblies of God Biennial Business meeting Thursday, July 21, 2016

WHEREAS, communication is rapidly evolving from print to electronic means, and

WHEREAS, electronic communication is faster, more efficient and more economical, and

WHEREAS, the notification for the Biennial Business meeting from the National Black Fellowship of the Assemblies of God meeting has been distributed traditionally through mail in print form but can now be provided more efficiently through electronic means

BE IT RESOLVED that the word “mail” in ARTICLE IX MEETINGS Section 1. Biennial Business meeting which now reads, “There shall be a Biennial Business meeting of the Fellowship at which time the election of Officers shall take place as necessary and the reports of all officers shall be read. This meeting shall be held at a Biennial Conference or a special meeting called for that purpose. The time and place shall be announced by the Officers. Due notice shall be given by mail 30 days prior to the date of said meeting.”

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**Motion** to accept the Resolution--**MSC**

Ratification of Regional Representatives

President Nelson asked the secretary of the NBFAG to read Article 14, section 3b from the Constitution and Bylaws concerning ratification of Regional Directors. The regional directors were then ratified by the body assembled.

Southern—Hank Mariner—MSC (**ratified**)

Eastern—Gerard Ruff—MSC (**ratified**)

Central—Kathy A. E. Jones—MSC (**ratified**)

**Motion**—Zollie Smith--to put together a sub-committee to develop a national strategy set forth by the NBFAG to address black on black Crime and reaching the cities for Jesus—**MSC**

Spencer Jones challenged us to move the office of Presidency NBFAG to a full time position—President Nelson

9. **Motion to adjourn**—10:00 AM