

# NEWS

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### 2010 Nominees Requested

**ANTIOCH, TN**—The 2009-2010 Nominating Committee, which will serve through the national convention in Oklahoma City, OK, is prepared to receive nominees for the 2010 convention election, according to Mark McCraney, committee chairman.

The committee will meet December 7, 2009, at the annual Leadership Conference to consider nominations and compile a report listing one nomination for each position to be filled. The report will be presented to the General Board and delegates at the 2010 convention in Oklahoma City. This nominating process has changed, following a decision by delegates to the 2009 national convention in Cincinnati, Ohio. Executive Secretary Keith Burden explains the multi-year process:

“During the 2007 convention in Little Rock, Arkansas, the Executive Committee requested authorization to review the nominating process used during the annual convention and bring back recommendations the following year. Permission was granted.

“Recommendations to clarify the process were submitted in writing to the 2008 convention in Charleston, West Virginia. Since the proposed changes necessitated amending the By-Laws, the matter was tabled until the 2009 convention in Cincinnati, Ohio.

“Delegates in Cincinnati approved the proposed changes to the nominating process and those changes go into effect at the 2010 convention in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.” [Read more in One to One, page 54.]

The following board and commission positions will be filled in 2010: Free Will Baptist Bible College (3), International Missions (3), Randall House (3), Commission for Theological Integrity (1), Historical Commission (1), Media Commission (1), Music Commission (1), General Board (11), Executive Committee (3) and General Officers (4). Find the complete election schedule below. To make a recommendation to the committee, contact Chairman Mark McCraney:

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### 2010 Convention Election Schedule

**NOT ELECTING:** Home Missions  
Retirement  
Master’s Men  
FWB Foundation

#### **ELECTING:**

Free Will Baptist Bible College:

Steve Ashby (ineligible for re-election, has served two full terms)  
Billy Hanna (GA)  
Terry Pierce (MS)

International Missions:

Sherwood Lee (ineligible for re-election, has served two full terms)  
Tom McCullough (MI)  
Danny Williams (AL)

Randall House:

Tim Eaton (OK)  
Tim Owen (FL)  
Joe Wilson (TN)

Executive Committee:

Tim Campbell (AR)  
Rick Cash (AL)  
Fred Hanson (Atlantic-Canada)

Theological Commission: Craig Shaw (OK)

Historical Commission: Darrell Holley (TN)

Media Commission: Travis Penn (IN)

Music Commission: Chris Truett (NC)

General Officers:

Tim York (TN) – Moderator  
William Smith (GA) – Assistant Moderator  
Randy Bryant (FL) – Clerk  
Ernie Lewis (IL) – Assistant Clerk

# CONSTITUTION OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS, INC.

## BY-LAWS

### Election of Officers

**Section 10.** No person shall fill more than one office at the same time, or any office and a place on any standing board, except as he may become a member of the General Board by virtue of his office. No person shall serve on more than one standing board at the same time, except as he may become a member of the General Board by virtue of being chairman of the board of which he is an elected member. No member of the Executive Committee may be a member of any standing board except the General Board.

**Section 11.** The procedure for the election of officers of the National Association shall be as follows: The Nominating Committee shall be appointed by the moderator one year in advance. The committee shall consist of seven members, shall meet at least three months prior to the annual session and present at least one name for each vacant office, excepting the General Board and Executive Secretary. The funding of the committee shall come from the convention fund. A brief résumé shall be submitted with each nomination.

Nominations for the General Board shall be made on Tuesday afternoon of the annual session, and nominations for other offices on Tuesday or Wednesday.

After the committee's report, the floor shall be open for further nominations and the election shall proceed in regular manner.

1. No Nominating Committee member's name shall be submitted for a position being considered by the committee.
2. If a Nominating Committee member is placed in nomination by a third party, then they should immediately resign (not recuse) from the committee or refuse the nomination. Consequently, the national moderator shall appoint a replacement.
3. The Nominating Committee must at all times function as a body. Therefore, all discussions and considerations should be resolved exclusively during committee meetings.
4. Soon after the national convention, a nomination schedule for the upcoming national convention should be published in *ONE Magazine*. In the communiqué the Nominating Committee chairman's address shall be published, and it should be stated that submissions for possible nominees must be in the chairman's hands by a set date before the Leadership Conference.
  - a. These submissions must be made in writing with the résumés attached, or they will not be considered.
  - b. The source of these submissions should be withheld by the chair. In other words, the committee would not know the source of the nominations, but would consider them only on the merit of the person's credentials.
5. The Nominating Committee's recommended nominations will be published in an issue of *ONE Magazine* early in the year.
6. Any other nomination after the December meeting would have to be submitted on the floor of the national convention.
  - a. Anyone could submit a name from the floor, but it must be accompanied by a résumé to be read by the clerk.
  - b. If a nomination is made from the floor, the résumé of the committee's nominee will also be read by the clerk.
  - c. If a résumé is not available, only the nominee's name, occupation, address, and church membership may be stated.