

Messenger guide

to key issues for consideration at BGCT 2000 annual session

Issue/Item

Background/Recommendation

Time of vote

◆ **Proposed constitutional change on institutional board members.** This constitutional change received its first reading and first approval at last year's session. It must be approved a second year, however, to be enacted.

◆ **Background:** At last year's annual session in El Paso, a motion was made to amend a small piece of wording in Article 8, Section 1 of the BGCT Constitution. That article, which explains how the governing boards of BGCT agencies and institutions are elected, currently requires trustees to be "active members of cooperating Baptist churches in the state of Texas." The amendment would change the requirement for trustees to be "active members of cooperating Baptist General Convention of Texas churches." Nothing in the BGCT Constitution currently prohibits out-of-state churches from participating in the convention. This one section of the Constitution places the only restriction on out-of-state churches, requiring that agency trustees be members of Texas churches. The amendment would open board service to members of churches aligned with the BGCT but geographically located outside Texas.

The second reading and vote of the proposed constitutional amendment is scheduled for 4:50 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 30.

◆ **Election of officers.**

◆ **Background:** Three names have been publicly announced as potential nominees for BGCT office this year, although others could be nominated as well. Clyde Glazener, pastor of Gambrell Street Baptist Church in Fort Worth, is expected to be nominated for a second term as BGCT president. Mark Newton, pastor of Baptist Temple in San Antonio, is expected to be nominated as first vice president. Joy Phillips Fenner, retiring executive director-treasurer of Texas Woman's Missionary Union, is expected to be nominated as second vice president.

The election of officers is scheduled for 4:35 p.m. and 8:45 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 30, as well as 9:50 a.m. and 11:40 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 31.

◆ **Miscellaneous business.** Specified times are allotted in the convention schedule for the introduction of miscellaneous business through resolutions and motions.

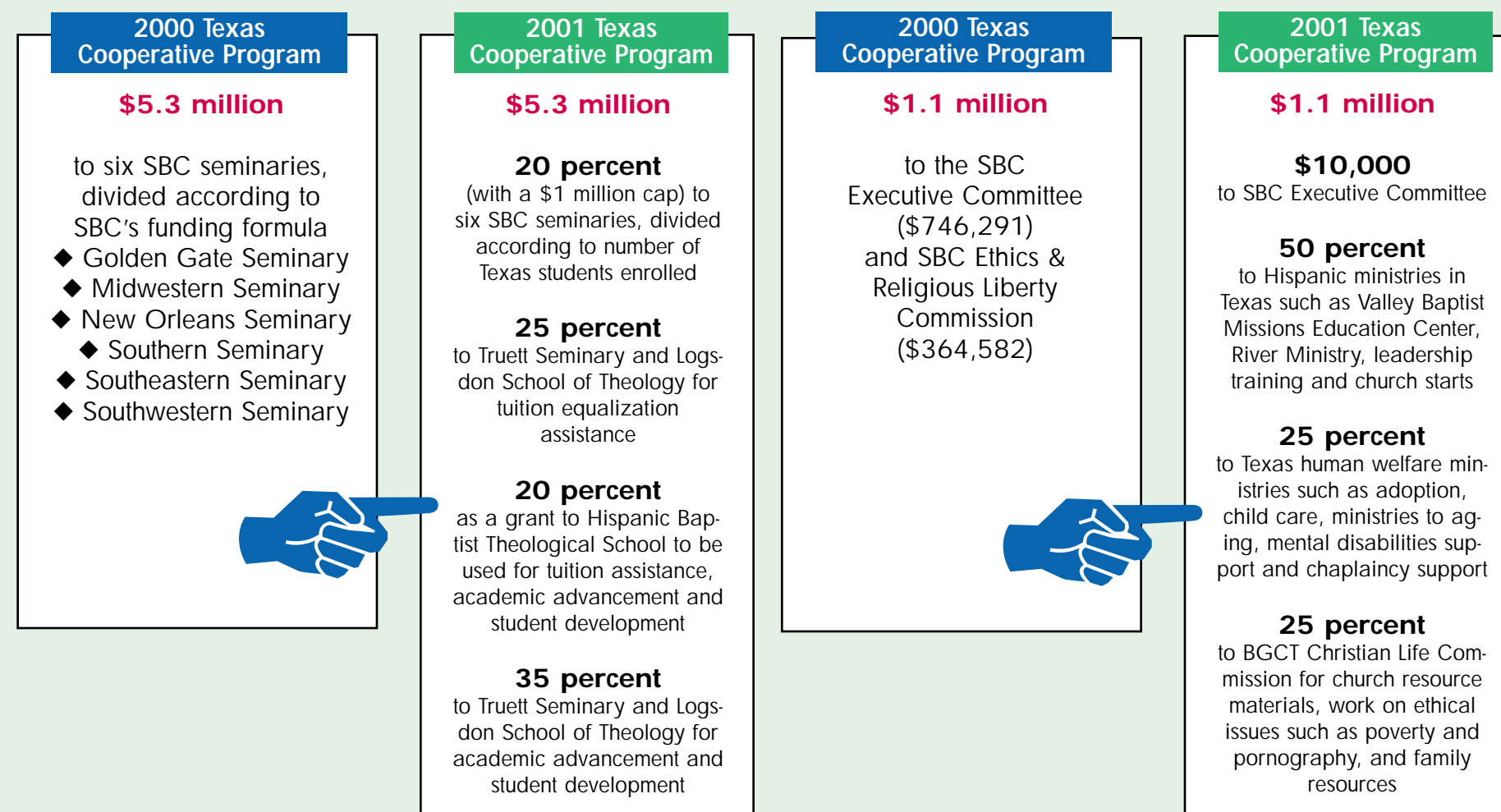
Proposed resolutions will be referred to the convention's resolutions committee, which will make its report at 11:45 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 31. Proposed motions will be assigned a time for discussion by the committee on order of business. Motions that are intended to amend committee recommendations under discussion must be presented at the time of that discussion.

Miscellaneous business may be introduced at 4:50 p.m. and 9 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 30, as well as 10:25 a.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 31. No business is conducted in the closing session Tuesday night.

Times listed above are scheduled times and are subject to change, based on the will of the body. For background information on any of the issues listed, visit the Standard's website at www.baptiststandard.com. Many relevant articles have been collected into a special section called Baptist Decision 2000. Others may be accessed by using the site's search function.

Where the Texas money now goes and where it is proposed to go

This chart, reprinted from the Standard's Sept. 18 issue, illustrates the proposed changes in funding to the worldwide ministries portion of the BGCT Cooperative Program. Messengers to the BGCT annual session in Corpus Christi will be asked to approve these changes in two separate recommendations.



The worldwide missions portion of the BGCT Cooperative Program would continue to send about \$12 million to the SBC International Mission Board, \$5.6 million to the SBC North American Mission Board, \$186,000 to the SBC Annuity Board and \$59,000 to the SBC Historical Library and Archives.