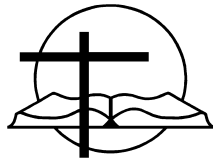


# **BAPTIST UNION OF NSW**



## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING CONVENTION 2010**

**17 September, 2010  
GyMEA Baptist Church, Kirrawee**

**NOMINATIONS FOR HONORARY OFFICERS AND  
COMMITTEES OF THE UNION**

**AND**

**PROFILES OF CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION**

# **BAPTIST UNION OF NEW SOUTH WALES CONVENTION 2010, 17 September 2010**

## **HONORARY OFFICERS OF THE UNION**

### **PRESIDENT-ELECT**

Brew, John - Bowral

## **COMMITTEES OF THE UNION**

Executive Committee	(up to 2 to be elected)
Committee for the Ministry	(up to 12 to be elected)
Finance Board	(up to 9 to be elected)
Ministry Support & Development Council	(1 to be elected for each position, 2 Executive members to be elected)
Council of the Department of Theological Training	(12 to be elected)
Global Interaction Council	(up to 12 to be elected)
Property Trust	(up to 2 to be elected)

**Refer next pages for nominees for Committees of the Union.**

## **COMMITTEES OF THE UNION**

### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Arkapaw, Matthew – Mortdale-Oatley

### **COMMITTEE FOR THE MINISTRY**

Antoniades, Jason – Mosman  
Bell, Ted – Berowra  
Dart, Philip – Frenchs Forest  
Goth, Rae – Merrylands  
Grice, Vivian – Menai  
Heinrich, June – New Hope  
Jones, Heather – Epping  
Li, Stephen – Ashfield Chinese  
McLeay, Danelle – Woolloomooloo  
Scott, Lynette – Ryde

### **MINISTRY SUPPORT & DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL**

#### **Council Chair**

Altman, Ian – Lithgow

#### **Council Secretary**

Robertson, Pam - Hughes

#### **Executive Members** (2 positions)

Heinrich, June – NewHope Kellyville  
Handel, Brendan – Berry

#### **Chair, Evangelism and Church Development Taskforce**

Bartlett, Steve – Bayside Community

#### **Chair, Youth and Young Adults**

Rickersey, Arthur - Dural

#### **Chair, Rural and Regional Ministry Taskforce**

Moore, Gary – Wellington

#### **Chair, Cross Cultural Taskforce**

Mosiejczuk, Paul – Liverpool

#### **Chair, HopeStreet Taskforce**

Hughes, Clifford – Northside

#### **Chair, Women to Women**

Cossgrove, Sue – Belmont

#### **Chair, Kiah Ridge**

Grice, Vivian - Menai

#### **Chair, Pastoral Development Taskforce**

(No current nomination)

#### **Chair, Children's Ministry Taskforce**

(No current nomination)

## **COUNCIL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF THEOLOGICAL TRAINING**

Blanch, Helen – Burwood  
Cairney, Trevor – Petersham  
Frag, Frank – Crest Community  
Gratsounas, Angelo – Narwee  
Low, Ross – Epping  
McWhirter, Grae – Blakehurst  
Rodda, Steve – Hornsby  
Sindel, Richard – Lighthouse Community  
Thomas, Joshua – Narraweena  
Tse, David – Central  
Wilkins, Margaret – Gordon  
Willis, Kel – Burwood

### **GLOBAL INTERACTION COUNCIL**

Alexander, Pam – Erina Community  
Andersen, Betty – Camden  
Barker, Peter – Hornsby  
Grebert, Phillip – Wentworthville  
Hopkin, Philip – Thornleigh Community  
Nix, Norm - Woolloomooloo

### **FINANCE BOARD**

Baker, William – Bayside Community  
Moore, Geoffrey – Dulwich Hill  
Slinn, David – Gordon  
Syme, Ron – Wentworthville  
Williams, Ken – Bel-Air

### **PROPERTY TRUST**

Church, John - Gordon

# PROFILES OF CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION

## HONORARY OFFICERS OF THE UNION

### PRESIDENT-ELECT (1 to be elected)

**John Brew** – Bowral Baptist Church. Secretary of Bowral church. Formerly a railway engineer and the Chief Executive of the State Rail Authority. John recently led the planning and construction of a new church building and associated facilities at Bowral, which was accompanied by a growth in unity and commitment within the church. He has established and served on church school boards and is involved on community committees and teaching in bible studies.

## COMMITTEES OF THE UNION

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (up to 2 to be elected)

*(Not more than 1 of whom shall be accredited ministers of the Union\* or unordained principal ministers of churches)*

**\*Arkapaw, Matthew** – Mortdale-Oatley Baptist Church. An accredited Minister. Currently Associate Pastor at Mortdale-Oatley and has pastored at Hornsby Heights. Previously a High School teacher. His degrees are in History, Teaching and Theology.

### COMMITTEE FOR THE MINISTRY (up to 12 to be elected)

**Antoniades, Jason** – Mosman Baptist Church. Is serving in his ninth year as pastor of the Mosman Baptist Church, has also ministered in a variety of pastoral roles at the Heathcote-Engadine, Blacktown and Haberfield Churches. Previously served as a member of the College Council 2001-2005.

**Bell, Ted** – Berowra Baptist Church. Professional career with BHP Engineering, for 25 years. Senior Manager Human Resources. Retired 1999. 7 years Associate Pastor, Berowra. Currently Board Member, Secretary, Leader Pastoral Care. Accredited BU Consultant.

**Dart, Philip** - Frenchs Forest Baptist Church. Past President of Baptist Churches of NSW & ACT, Relationship Counsellor, Member of Executive Committee, Current Chairman of the Committee for the Ministry, Member of Sexual Abuse Complaints Committee, Accredited Church Consultant and serves on local church Council.

**Goth, Rae** - Merrylands Baptist Church. A member and Deacon at Merrylands Church. Previously served on the Executive Committee and the Social Issues Committee. Current member of SACC and is currently an Aged Care Chaplain with BCS and Lecturer in NT and Greek & Hebrew at various Theological Colleges.

**Grice, Vivian** – Menai Baptist Church. In pastoral ministry since 1982, with full time pastorates at Guildford, Carlingford and Menai churches. Has also served on Morling College Council and NSW/ACT Baptist Ministers Association Executives. Currently Director of Pastoral Development.

### ***Committee for the Ministry nominees (continued)***

**Heinrich, June** - New Hope Baptist Church. CEO of Baptist Community Services for the past 16 years, retiring in September 2010. An educationalist by training and is vitally interested in training and the equipping of young pastors and is involved in the coaching and accreditation program being conducted by the Baptist Union and Morling College

**Jones, Heather** – Epping Baptist Church. Been a member since 1993, serving as a deacon and pastoral carer. Has been a Church Consultant with the Baptist Union of NSW (2000-07). With her husband worked with Global Interaction in PNG (1998-91).

**Li, Stephen** – Ashfield Chinese Baptist Church. Has pastored at Campsie (Associate), Bankstown Chinese and currently at Ashfield Chinese. Also currently serving with Ministry Support and Development as a part-time worker with our ethnic churches.

**McLeahy, Danelle** – Woolloomooloo Baptist Church. Serving as Interim Pastor at Woolloomooloo Baptist Church and previously in pastoral roles at Croydon Park-North Campsie and Ashfield Baptist Churches. State Director for Global Interaction 1998-2003

**Scott, Lynette** – Ryde Baptist Church. Director of Distance Education (since 1999) at Morling College, having trained there and previously been a visiting lecturer for 10 years (lectured mainly in New Testament and Church History). Long service in Girls Brigade and various roles in her own church.

### **MINISTRY SUPPORT AND DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL**

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**Chairpersons** (One to be elected for each position)

#### **Council Chair**

**Altman, Ian** – Lithgow Baptist Church. He has been in full-time pastoral ministry for 14 years since graduating from Morling College. He has ministered in both city and rural settings and is currently the pastor of Lithgow Baptist Church. In previous years, Ian served on the former Home Ministry Council (now MSD), and is currently on the Evangelism & Church Development Taskforce.

#### **Council Secretary**

**Robertson, Pam** – Hughes Baptist Church. Is member of Women to Women Taskforce as Past Director; Baptist Chaplain at the Canberra Hospital. Member of Hughes Church for 40 years, where she is a Pastoral Carer.

#### **Executive members** (Two to be elected)

**Heinrich, June** – Retiring September from CEO role, BCS. Counted it a real privilege to serve on MSD Executive in 2010 and would be pleased to continue to support MSD team in 2011.

**Handel, Brendan** – Berry Baptist Church. Brendan is the Senior Pastor, having been in paid ministry for 19 years; 5 years at Berry and previously at Tea Tree Gully, Menai and Carlingford Baptist churches.

#### **Chair, Evangelism and Church Development Taskforce**

**Bartlett Stephen** – Bayside Community Church. Senior Pastor, Bayside. He is on faculty part-time at the Tinsley Institute at Morling College. He is currently Chair, ECDT.

#### **Chair, Youth & Young Adults Taskforce**

**Rickersey, Arthur** - Dural Baptist Church. He is a teacher, member Baptist Youth Ministries, member Plunge Gap Year Committee and board member Black Stump Christian Fellowship. Currently serves as advocate for, and encourager of, good practice in (youth) ministry.

***Ministry Support and Development Council (continued)***

**Chair, Rural and Regional Ministry Taskforce**

**Moore, Gary** - Wellington Baptist Church. Pastored Churches since 1994. Has served as Regional Superintendent for the Hunter District and currently Regional Minister Western District and pastor of the Wellington Church and Gollan Fellowship.

**Chair, Cross Cultural Taskforce**

**Mosiejczuk, Paul** - Liverpool Baptist Church. Has served as pastor at Matraville and is currently pastor of the Liverpool Church.

**Chair, HopeStreet Taskforce**

**Hughes, Clifford** - Northside Baptist Church. Chairperson, HopeStreet Board since 2000. Member MSD Council. President of Baptist Churches of NSW & ACT 1997, Secretary of Northside Baptist Church. CEO, Clinical Excellence Commission

**Chair, Women to Women**

**Cossgrove, Sue** – Belmont Baptist Church. Involved in Women's Ministry for 38 years, including 15 years on Queensland and NSW leadership. Sue has a passion for women to find the heart of God and work to connect them with God, Each other and the community.

**Chair, Kiah Ridge**

**Grice, Vivian** - Menai Baptist Church. In pastoral ministry since 1982, with full time pastorates at Guildford, Carlingford and Menai churches. Has also served on Morling College Council and NSW/ACT Baptist Ministers Association Executives. Currently Director of Pastoral Development.

**COUNCIL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF THEOLOGICAL TRAINING (up to 12 to be elected)**

**Blanch, Helen** – Burwood Baptist Church. Assistant Principal (Secondary) at Toongabbie Christian School. Currently serves on the Southland College Council and the Plunge Committee.

**Cairney, Trevor** - Petersham Baptist Church. Member of Flo Harris Lodge Committee. Professor of Education and Master of New College at the University of NSW. He is national Chairman of AFES and has served on advisory committees of DET for SMBC, Moore College and the Council for Christian Higher Education.

**Frag, Frank** - Crest Community Baptist Church. Currently a pastor at Crest Community Baptist Church. In 1989 he immigrated to Australia and became the minister at the Arabic Baptist Church which conducted several campaigns amongst the Arabic community. In 1997 he began lecturing at the Haggai Institute in topics of Goal Setting, Integrity and Reaching Non Christians.

**Gratsounas, Angelo** - Narwee Baptist Church. Graduated from Morling College in 1993. Has served as assoc. pastor at Springwood Church 1993-97 and currently senior pastor at Narwee where he has been since 1997. Angelo is currently a member of the College Council.

**Heinrich, June** – Carlingford Baptist Church. Served as the President of the Baptist Churches of NSW & ACT in 2008. Currently, Chief Executive Officer of Baptist Community Services and is a qualified teacher and has lectured at university.

**Low, Ross** - Epping Baptist Church. Appointed to position of CEO, Baptist Community Services, effective from June Heinrich's retirement. He is the Chief Financial Officer for Baptist Community Services as the GM – Finance. He has served on College Council for the past 17 years. Excited by growth potential, the vision and the future of the College particularly at this point in time, and would count it a privilege to continue to serve in this context.

### ***Council of the Department of Theological Training (continued)***

**McWhirter, Grae** - Blakehurst Baptist Church. Currently senior pastor at Blakehurst Baptist Church and Vice Chairperson of the College Council. Was senior Student at Morling College 1998, CEGM Evangelism Intern 1998, Member of Executive Committee 1998-99 and Member of College Council since 2000. Associate Pastor at Narwee Baptist Church 1999 to 2002.

**Rodda, Steve** – Hornsby Baptist Church. School teacher for 5 years prior to joining the Pastoral Team full-time at Belconnen Baptist, Canberra in 1998. Has been Team Leader at Hornsby Church since 2005. His association with Morling College has been ongoing since 1997 when he became the College's first Distance Ed student. Continued as a full time student in 2003/04 where he won the Australian College of Theology's Barton Babbage Award, and is currently finishing post-graduate studies. Actively involved in mentoring theological students from a variety of backgrounds, Steve offers a keen Pastoral and Educational background to the Board. One of his passions is seeing theological students trained to serve in the contemporary mission field of the local church.

**Sindel, Richard** – Lighthouse Community Baptist Church (Rouse Hill/Kellyville). Ric has been a member of College Council previously for a number of years, including serving on College Council Executive. He is currently the pastor of Lighthouse Community Church.

**Thomas, Joshua** – Narraweena Baptist Church. Began pastoring Narraweena Baptist Church in May 2008 after 5 years at Macquarie Baptist Church. While studying at Morling College from 1999-2002, served as Student Associate Pastor at Camden Baptist Church. Prior to entering full-time ministry, he was an occupational therapist, primarily in the USA.

**Tse, David** – Central Baptist Church. David was a social worker in Hong Kong before entering full time Christian ministry in 1978 serving with Youth for Christ. After graduating from the China Graduate School of Theology with a Master of Divinity in 1985, he has pastored churches in Hong Kong, Sydney and Canberra. He has been at Central Baptist Church since 1996.

**Wilkins Margaret** – Gordon Baptist Church. Margaret has completed an MDiv at Morling College. In 2005 she was appointed to the role of Associate Pastor at Gordon with the responsibility for ministry areas involved in teaching and equipping. Her earlier professional life included working as a medical scientist in hospitals and as an editor in mainly academic environments.

**Willis, Kel** - Burwood Baptist Church. He conducts a ministry to pastors and church leaders and is involved in itinerant teaching and consultancy work. Currently chairperson of the College Council. Team leader at the Burwood Church.

### **GLOBAL INTERACTION NSW/ACT COUNCIL (Missions) (up to 12 to be elected)**

**Alexander, Pam** – Erina Community Baptist Church. Currently a member of Global Interaction Council. Vice President BWMU Central Coast, representative for Baptist Women on Central Coast. Volunteer Global Interaction Australia and active in own church. Time and skills - all praise to God's glory.

**Andersen, Betty** - Camden Baptist Church. Former ABMS missionary - Bangladesh. ABMS (GIA) Board Vice Chair 6 years. Former Lay Vice President BUNSW 2 terms (6 years) and member of various committees of the Union. Currently member Council of GIA and Council Executive.

**Barker, Peter** - Hornsby Baptist Church. Has worked with Baptist Churches in NSW and with the Team in West Java over the last 11 years as an advocate, and has been on the mission council for over 6 years.

***Global Interaction NSW/ACT Council (continued)***

**Grebert, Philip** – Erina Baptist Church. Involved with Global Interaction for 10 years, when as pastor of Wentworthville Baptist, the church adopted the Sunda People Group. They were among the first group of churches to adopt an Unreached People Group. Phil joined a prayer walk in Bandung in 2000. He also has a personal mission interest and has taught at Kenya Baptist Theological College in 2003 and 2009.

**Hopkin, Philip** - Thornleigh Community Baptist Church. Been involved with Global Interaction since 1999 when he became the Butonese People Group Advocate. He is also on the Board of Baptist World Aid Australia and also serves as a children's leader at Bible Study Fellowship (Epping EM).

**Nix, Norm** – Woolloomooloo Baptist Church. Has 22 years pastoral experience, served thirteen years as Director of Evangelism and Church Growth (NSW & ACT) and nine years as Director of National Ministries, Baptist Union of Australia (now Australian Baptist Ministries).

**PROPERTY TRUST** (up to 2 to be elected)

**Church, John** - Gordon Baptist Church. Board Member, Baptist Community Services NSW & ACT; Trustee of BCS Foundation, Consultant Solicitor, Notary Public, Company Director. FFin, FCIS, FAICD FTIA. Appointed to the Baptist Churches of New South Wales Property Trust in 2009.

**FINANCE BOARD** - (up to 9 to be elected)

**Baker, William** – Bayside Community Baptist Church. Has degrees in management and computer science and is employed in the Telecommunications industry. Has served as Chairman of Northcross Christian School Board, Member Finance Board since 2007.

**Moore, Geoffrey** – Dulwich Hill Baptist Church. Honorary Legal Adviser since 1987. Director of BIF from 1994 to 2005. Chair, Cross Cultural Taskforce of MSD since 1992. Church Secretary 1973-1985, 1992-1994, 2002-;

**Slinn, David** - Gordon Baptist Church. Chartered Accountant, CEO of an architectural design group. Previously Chair of the Finance Board. Current member of Finance Board, Director and Deputy Chair Baptist Insurance Management Ltd, and Director of BIF.

**Syme, Ron** – Wentworthville Baptist Church. Over 50 years experience in the Insurance Industry. Has served many years on the Finance Board and several years as a Director of Baptist Insurance Management Ltd. Many years as a Church Secretary and Deacon. Experienced Lay Preacher. President of the Baptist Union of NSW 2005/6.

**Williams, Ken** - Bel-Air Baptist Church. Former Banking Executive, current member of Finance Board.