

#1 – When Trustees are Disqualified to Serve, the SBC EC must act on behalf of the SBC (in between meetings of the SBC)

SBC Constitution speaks to requirements for anyone to serve as a Trustee

- **SBC rule / requirement for Trustees**
 - SBC Constitution Bylaw 15(F) – “No person and no person’s spouse shall be eligible to serve on the board of any one of the above entities (1) from which the person receives, directly or indirectly, any form of payment or financial benefit except for reimbursements for reasonable and authorized expenses incurred in the performance of the duties of a trustee, or, (2) which provides funds for which he/she has a duty of administration. **When such conditions become applicable, that person or that person’s spouse shall be considered as having resigned and such vacancy shall be filled in accordance with established Convention procedure.”**
 - SBC Constitution Bylaw 15(E) – “The committee shall recognize the principle that the persons it recommends shall represent the constituency of the Convention, rather than the staff of the entity.”
 - SBC Constitution Bylaw (16) – “**Vacancies on Boards**: All entities shall report all vacancies on the entities to the Committee on Nominations immediately on the occurrence of such vacancies. Any entity’s board may make interim appointments only when authorized by its charter. Any such appointment shall only be of a person who is eligible and qualified both to be elected by the Convention and to serve according to the Constitution and Bylaws of the Southern Baptist Convention.”
 - SBC Constitution Article V. Officers 3. “The president shall be a member of the several boards and of the Executive Committee.”
 - President is a Trustee on the SBC Boards
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Several current Trustees in violation of the above Constitution Article and Bylaws. therefore must be replaced as Trustees and for JD Greear, replaced as SBC President as a Trustee of the SBC entities.

- **Jimmy Scroggins – LifeWay**
 - Scroggins had books published by LifeWay in at least 2016 (ISBN – 1462747841), 2020 (ISBN – 1535998822 & ISBN 1535998830), 2021 (ISBN – 1087713447). We do not yet know the terms of the contracts, but one can assume there was compensation to Scroggins by LifeWay (Rainer), which is a direct benefit as well as publicity which is indirect benefit.
 - Combining the facts of his payment to Thom Rainer and the SBC Constitution & Bylaws, Scroggins was actually not a legitimate Trustee of LifeWay when he made the gift of \$1 million to Rainer. Rainer knew or is responsible to know that Scroggins was not a LifeWay Trustee when he took the payment which could bring a criminal investigation. The Constitution appears to be seeking to prevent exactly what happened, but likely never imagined it would involve such large money nor that other (legitimate) Trustees would not be involved in the decision making.
- **NAMB Trustee Officers** – the three officers claimed in writing that their churches were benefiting from NAMB in undescribed ways. The ways could include money for plants

connected to those churches (re: published letter by the 3 officers) and/or money for speaking engagements or representing NAMB or some other contract.

- **Danny deArmas Chairman** – NAMB – possible money for FBC Orlando plant/planter Ben Mandrell and Storyline Fellowship in Arvada, CO (personal knowledge) and any other benefits by deArmas or FBC Orlando by NAMB/Ezell. If benefits received, that would be a violation of 15(F).
- **Eric Thomas First Vice Chairman** – NAMB – FBC Norfolk is involved in church plants and partnerships (website). Did any of these church plants or FBC Norfolk receiving any money from NAMB? If so, that would be a violation of 15(F). We want Trustees involved in planting, but the govern documents prohibit their receiving benefits directly or indirectly. (If NAMB/Ezell were partnering through State Conventions as they have historically, this would not have occurred).
- **Willy Rice Second Vice Chairman** – NAMB
 - Speaking engagements for NAMB training events which is an indirect benefit and possible payment for those events which would be a direct benefit (published info)
 - Calvary Baptist in Clearwater has been engaged with church plants such as plant in partnership in Denver. If SBC/NAMB money was given to the plant, another church plant or Calvary, that would be a violation of 15(F).
 - Calvary is NAMB Residency Program – (website) – if there is money going to Calvary for the program or people, that is a violation of 15(F)
- **JD Greear – SBC President**
 - Book giveaways by NAMB of Greear’s book.
 - NAMB owned houses under Summit/Greear control supposedly for planters. Regardless of whether the house is occupied by planters or Summit staff, this is a benefit for ministry that falls under Greear’s administration.
 - Possible payment to Greear directly or indirectly by NAMB/Ezell for “Who’s Your One?” which is being used by and promoted by NAMB.
 - Possible speaking fees to Greear paid by NAMB, like Ezell paid Platt and now has with agreements others.
 - Possible payment or gifts by NAMB for work done for NAMB as an Ambassador or representative for NAMB Send Network and/or Send Relief. Greear and/or his staff.
 - NAMB website lists Summit Church as a NAMB Residency Program for planters. (website) Is there any NAMB money going to that Residency Program or those involved?
 - *Vertical Church Planting Network* with James MacDonald, Ed Stetzer and JD Greear. After MacDonald public troubles, now the network is called Summit Collaborative. Is NAMB money going to the Summit Collaborative or planters from that Network? ?? Summit Network <https://summitcollaborative.org/meet/> - 5 planters listed
 - Major Cities – 4
 - College Towns for Planting – 4

The SBC Executive Committee cannot allow agencies to operate as rogue SBC entities.