

NABSE Delegate Assembly II Minutes

53rd International Conference
Chicago, Illinois
December 13, 2023

Call to Order & Opening Prayer

The Delegate Assembly II was called to order by NABSE President Dr. LaTanya Goffney at 8:50 AM. The meeting was opened with a prayer led by Secretary Dr. William Blake, focusing on purpose, gratitude, and guidance for the important work ahead.

Roll Call

Delegates were instructed to scan the QR code to confirm attendance. Counters were present to ensure an accurate count throughout the meeting.

Parliamentary Overview

National Parliamentarian Mr. Rob Robinson provided an overview of procedures. Key reminders included: assigned floor recognition before speaking, directing all comments through the chair, a 5-minute time limit per bylaw amendment, and 1-minute speaking limits for individual comments. Only delegates present at this session are eligible to participate in the continued January session.

Nominations and Elections Committee Report

Presented by Dr. Epps. New Regional Representatives elected:

- Southwest Region: Dr. Christopher Muhammad
- International Region: Ms. Deborah Wisdom
- Midwest Region: Mr. Troy (full name not recorded)
- Additional Southwest Regional Senator: Marco Fritch

National Officer Candidates (Uncontested):

- Corresponding Secretary: Mr. Eric Jeffcoat
- Financial Secretary: Ms. Charlette Butler Strickland

Both candidates delivered compelling speeches focusing on communication, transparency, and collaborative leadership.

Bylaw Amendments

25 Bylaw Amendments were scheduled for review and voting. A two-thirds majority (113 of 169 delegates present) was required for passage. Amendments were adopted by unanimous consent where possible. Highlights include:

- Increase in affiliate dues from \$100 to \$150 (Adopted)
- Nominations committee structure revised (Adopted)
- Clarification on elections, commission officer roles, and reporting (Adopted)
- Proposal to remove requirement for president to hold education degree (Defeated)
- Additional language on board composition and non-voting appointees clarified (Amended and Adopted)
- Executive Committee expanded to include two additional board-elected members (Adopted)

Adjournment & Continuation

Due to time constraints and room reservations, not all 25 bylaw proposals were addressed. A motion to extend the session by 37 minutes failed. A second motion to fix the time to adjourn was passed.

The meeting will reconvene virtually on January 4, 2024, at 7:00 PM EST to complete unfinished business. Only delegates who were present at the December 13 session will be eligible to participate.

Closing Remarks

President Dr. Goffney expressed gratitude for the professionalism, engagement, and commitment of all delegates. She also recognized National Parliamentarian Rob Robinson for his exemplary service.