

NOMINATIONS TO THE VIRGINIA BAPTIST EXECUTIVE BOARD



The Virginia Baptist Executive Board nominates

THE FOLLOWING PERSONS TO SERVE ON THE VIRGINIA BAPTIST EXECUTIVE BOARD, TERMS TO EXPIRE NOVEMBER 2024:

Mike Bradley (Minister), to serve a first term

Mike has served BGAV churches in the Northern Virginia area since 1978. He has held positions as a Youth Pastor, Minister of Education, Associate Pastor and Senior Pastor. He currently serves as Senior Pastor at Warrenton Baptist Church in Warrenton Virginia. During his ministry he has served as a seminar leader with BGAV (VBGB) and has participated in BGAV partnerships in many mission endeavors in Virginia and abroad (disaster relief/leadership training, etc). He has served on the Board of Directors of the local Association (NorthStar) in Northern Virginia. He is committed to the Kingdom work and the cooperative efforts of the BGAV to fulfill the great commission in reaching people with the love of Jesus. He has been married for 38 years and has 4 children and 3 grandchildren.



Shirley Cobb (Layperson), to serve a third term

Shirley is an active member of Harrisonburg Baptist Church in Harrisonburg. She has taught Sunday school for 30-plus years and has served as a deacon and on various committees at the church. She is a graduate of Eastern Kentucky University, having earned two MAs—one in English and one in counseling. While at Eastern Kentucky University, she was active in the Baptist Student Union and served in the summer of 1973 as a summer missionary through the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. She has also earned 30 more graduate credit hours in counseling from the University of Virginia. In 1975, she began working at the James Madison University Counseling Center as a counselor and as a study skills coordinator. Through the years, her responsibilities at the counseling center have shifted, and for the past 20 years she has been the associate director/clinical director of the counseling center. Shirley has retired but continues to maintain a small clinical practice of counseling and supervision.



Lora Gravatt (Minister), to serve a third term

Lora is currently serving as Discipleship Pastor at Columbia Baptist Church, Falls Church. She has been a part of BGAV life since 1998 when she joined First Baptist Church of Woodbridge and served as the minister to children until 2008. Additionally, Lora has served on the planning teams for the 21-C Conference and has led workshops related to family ministry around the state. She also designed and now facilitates BGAV's Family Ministry Certification. Lora holds a Master of Divinity from The John Leland Center for Theological Studies and was ordained to the gospel ministry in 2008.



Tamara McBride (Layperson), to serve a third term

Tamara A. McBride is presently Operations Manager at the East End Baptist Church in Suffolk, where she serves as the Church Clerk and as a Deaconess. Currently, she serves on the Board for the Virginia Minister's Wives and Minister's Widows, Inc. (VAMWMW); and has served on the Memorial Committee for the BGAV. She is married to Rev. Michael McBride, and they have two sons.



Bryan Taliaferro (Layperson), to serve a third term

Bryan is part owner of two-family businesses: Montague Farms, Inc., and Agriland, producing grain and exporting soybeans. He currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. He also serves on the Board of "GO Virginia, Region 6," an economic development initiative of the Virginia General Assembly. As a member of Beale Memorial Baptist Church in Tappahannock, Bryan teaches a men's Bible class and is in the choir. He has traveled to Ghana several times, most recently through BGAV's More Than Nets (MTN). He holds BS and MS degrees in Mechanical Engineering from Virginia Tech.



ELECTION OF VIRGINIA BAPTIST EXECUTIVE BOARD CHAIR

Becky McKinney (Layperson), member of Chatham Heights Baptist Church, currently serving on the Executive Board, term to expire 2023.

