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# ASSEMBLY BOARD

## General Information

This information is provided as an overview to the makeup of the Assembly Board and its responsibilities.

For more information, please contact the Baptist Office on 8357 1755 or

[info@bcsant.org.au](mailto:info@bcsant.org.au)

### *The big picture ...*

The Assembly Board is responsible for ensuring that the association meets all legal requirements and remains accountable to its member churches and other stakeholders, including, where appropriate, the Government.

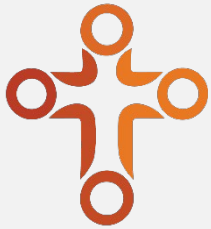
The Board needs to make sure that the association acts according to its stated mission and for the purpose for which it exists. It operates as the governing body between the bi-annual Assembly meetings.

### *The makeup ...*

- The Assembly Board is made up of the Officers of the Association and 9 elected members.
- The Officers of the Association are the Director of Ministries, the President, the Vice-President and the Immediate Past-President.
- Members sit on committee/s according to passion, capability and need. This is not a requirement, but generally members are on at least one committee to share the workload.
- There are currently 5 Board committees that meet at various times and days, either monthly or quarterly.
  - Audit, Risk & Compliance Committee
  - Assets Management Committee
  - Nomination and Remuneration Committee
  - Accreditation and Ordination Committee
  - Moderating Committee

### *The smaller details ...*

- Assembly Board meets on the fourth Monday night of the month at the Baptist Support Office in Unley.
- Meetings begin at 5:30pm by sharing dinner together and usually finish around 8:30pm.
- Papers are emailed to members the week prior to the meeting and take roughly 60-90 minutes to read. Members are expected to have read these papers and come prepared for meaningful contribution.
- The Board operates under a Covenant of Leadership and exists to serve the Churches, support our pastors and ministry team, provide good governance and leadership, and above all glorify God in all we do.



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As part of the Baptist movement, we seek to live out of our distinctive Baptist values, history and story. We practice community discernment, believing that we hear the Spirit best when we listen together, shaped by the Scriptures and made known in our local context. We also value the freedom we have been given in Jesus. Each individual is free to discern, share opinions and ideas, and disagree with one another, but we always seek to remain in unity of relationship and together seek consensus.

Above all, we believe the good news of Jesus needs to be made known in both word and deed to all people. This mission is our priority and our reason for being, rather than mere maintenance of our own organisation or structures.

As followers of Jesus, Board members seek to pray and follow a biblical framework of governance, that also ensures our legal and fiduciary responsibilities are fulfilled with integrity and diligence. Good leadership and governance across our movement are vital to stewarding the mission and resources entrusted to us and we all benefit when this is done well.

*Member churches are encouraged to nominate people for Assembly Board. Suitable candidates are then recommended to Assembly.*

The Assembly Board role offers a wonderful opportunity to bring skills, passion and experience together to serve our Baptist family. It is vital that a range of skills are represented by members. A skills matrix has been developed by the board and is a useful tool to assist the board and its Nominations committee in thinking through what is needed on the board.

As expressed in our constitution

- The Board is made up of the Officers of the Association and 9 elected members.
- Members are elected for a three-year term.
- No more than 7 and no less than 4 members shall hold accreditation and
- of the 3 persons elected each cycle, not less than one shall be a female and not less than one shall be a male.

To nominate a person please fill out the following form and return with a high-resolution photograph of the candidate to Tam Battersby [tbattersby@bcsant.org.au](mailto:tbattersby@bcsant.org.au) or PO Box 432, Unley SA 5061.

(The bio and photo will be included with the ballot papers sent to the churches, should the nomination be successful, and then included on our website if elected)

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### Nomination Information

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This information is provided to assist potential nominators and nominees to the BCSANT Assembly Board.

Thank you for taking time to prayerfully consider nominating someone or accepting nomination.