

Acting Moderator: Revd Mark Clay (MC)

Voting delegates: 44 delegates representing 44 churches

Approximately 140 present in total

The meeting was held as part of the EMBA Gathering.

1 Appointment of EMBA Directors

One nomination had been received for the sole vacancy on the Board of Directors. This vacancy has been created specifically for a person to become the Moderator (a position that can only be held by an elected Director).

It was explained that for the past twelve months the EMBA Board of Directors has not been able to appoint a Moderator. The Directors thus agreed to create a vacancy specifically for a person to become the Moderator. The Board are therefore bringing a nomination supported by Belper Baptist Church, for Revd David Harvey to be re-elected as a Director and then subsequently be appointed as Moderator by the board.

The EMBA Directors are taking this unusual action in response to the financial challenges that are being faced by our Baptist Family (Home Mission) and its implications for the Association.

David Harvey, having previously served nine years on the Board as Moderator, would bring continuity, experience and known credibility within the Baptist Family to the highly complex legal and structural issues around the national financial model review currently in progress. Furthermore, having a Moderator in place would reduce any conflict of interest for Revd Mark Clay having to represent the interests of the Staff Team as Regional Team Leader as well as acting as temporary Moderator of the Board.

The Directors feel that this appointment would make pragmatic sense and understand that this is not seen as a long term appointment but help and support to the Association as it transitions through this period. The search for a longer term Moderator will continue.

Voting delegates were notified in advance of the meeting of Revd David Harvey's nomination and the reasons for taking this unusual approach.

Following a ballot vote, the one nominee (Revd David Harvey) received the votes of more than 50% of the voting delegates present and was therefore duly appointed to serve as an elected Director of the Association.

Revd Mark Clay led the meeting in prayer for David and for the board of Directors as a whole.

MC then formally closed the meeting.

Signed.....

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Mark Clay', written over a dotted line.

Date.....

8/7/26