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We all are very familiar with the name “National Association of Church Business Administration or NACBA”. This summer at the National Convention of the NACBA it was announced that our name was changing to The Church Network. I think at first most of us were in shock. I for one was not sure about this change. You have

to realize something, I'm getting older and the older I get the less I like CHANGE. Understand? I don't like CHANGE! I like things just the way they are. I like knowing ahead of time that everything will be just like I know it will be. The same as before, NO CHANGE!

Wow was I wrong!

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Nashville 2015

Big changes coming.

Only \$50 for the PCBAA portion of Nashville 2015!

You thought last year's big name change announcement had some wow factor? This year's conference is sure to get your attention, also. **The conference is one day shorter!!!!**

Yes that is right, the 2015 Nashville Conference is four days instead of five. The opening Launch event is scheduled for Monday, July 13th at 5:30PM. This year there will be six workshop opportunities instead of eight, an opening launch session, two general sessions and a final General Session with Richard Hammar.

Why only four days? Many have experienced the pain of rising costs in everything we do. Attending a national conference is no different. Our National TCN Board has heard our pain and has determined that shortening the conference by one day will help reduce our costs as attendees. We will have one less hotel night, one less day of expensive meals and one less day away from home.

What about the PCBAA portion of the conference? We will again have a special event night; that cost will only be \$50.00 to attend.

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Calling ALL Presbyterians



**CALLING
ALL
PRESBYTERIANS
JOIN US!**

Do you serve at a Presbyterian Church? Are you attending The Church Network conference in Nashville, Tennessee in July 2015? Yes? Then we want to invite you to join us. Who are we? We are the Presbyterian Church Business Administration Association of The Church Network. We are a Community of Practice, Presbyterians uniquely linked together by our structure, and serving our GOD in churches all across the country.

This summer we will have a special Dinner event at the Wild Horse Saloon. The event will cost close to \$75.00 per person but your cost will only be \$50.00. Please sign up for this event by registering with the combined TCN / PCBAA registration. Your ticket will be enclosed with your packet when you arrive at registration. You may also join us for lunch one day as we have a short business meeting and hear from a special guest or two. (Details to follow)

Please consider joining us in membership. What does membership do? It assists us with ongoing expenses to put on the PCBAA portion of the conference as well as publish newsletters and cover postage and printing throughout the year. It also provides you with outstanding fellowship and networking opportunities with other Presbyterians.

The Church Network (continued from page 1)

I carefully listened to the video presentation and watched it again and again once I returned home, and slowly realized that THIS CHANGE was not only good; but needed. It was a good name change. "The Church Network" powered by NACBA. Why Powered by NACBA you may ask? You see, our organization is charted in the state of Minnesota, (Go Vikings! Sorry I bleed PURPLE) so instead of going through an expensive corporate name change, our legal name is still the National Association of Church Business Administration. Our name for advertising purposes is now The Church Network. However, we are still really NACBA, so the Powered by NACBA tag after the name.

What does this mean for the Presbyterian Association of Church Business Administration? That has yet to be determined. The Methodist association is now the United Methodist Network of Practice, The Baptist association is now the Baptist Leader Network. We need to decide if we will change our name to reflect the Network trend. Whatever we do with our name, the goal is to be inclusive for all Presbyterians no matter what Presbyterian Denomination and no matter what role one fills within a Presbyterian church. We have a spot for you. The Church Network name is already fitting into my local chapter very well. We are seeing growth from it already

with new people attending that are outside the old Business Administrator job title. We have one church that now has four employees a part of our TCN chapter and they desire to attend the national conference. We have had members of churches attend as they find themselves retired from their "day jobs" and now volunteering in leadership positions within their church. After all, this is what the chapters have been asking our national board for – help in reaching out to others that could benefit from networking with us. The Church Network I like it! Jim Hujan, PCBAA President

Orlando 2014

Wow did you miss it! Here it is, Mary Ann on the back of an alligator! That's right you could have wrestled one also if you would have been in Orlando with us this past July. What a hoot. Our special event was a picnic dinner (alligator bits included, tasted like chicken) and a private alligator wrestling show performed by the team of professionals at



Gatorland. It was very entertaining and at the end several of us took off our shoes and socks and got in the sand pit and hopped on the back of a real live gator. That was a once in a lifetime opportunity.

We also had the pleasure of having four guests with us that night. Tammy Mirau and Rose Ella McCleary from The Church Network staff as well as our Board of Pensions Rep. Clark Simmons and from the Office of Special Offerings, Sam Locke. It was great to spend the evening with them in a relaxed social environment.

Sam Locke was a key sponsor for our evening,



supporting us with a nice cash gift to help us defray our cost for the event. He also spent some time educating us about the function and purpose of the Special Offerings that we take each year.

Don't miss this summer's special event. The team is hard at work setting up our dinner and line dancing at the Wild Horse Saloon in Downtown Nashville. You will not want to miss it.

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If you register for the combined PCBAA & TCN conference, that cost will be part of your registration. If you wish to purchase an extra ticket for that special event for a spouse, that cost will be \$50.00. We will also have lunch together on one of the days to conduct a little bit of business and listen to you, the membership, and your ideas.

Our conference costs \$75.00 less than last year. WOW! Why are we doing this? In order to convince more of you to participate and fellowship with us and to encourage you to see the value of attending this conference. We have also received wonderful sponsorships from Sam Locke in the Office of

Special Offerings and from Ken McFadden, Certification Director at Union Presbyterian Seminary. These sponsorships are allowing us to upgrade our opening reception (you will not want to miss it) and to provide our special event evening below actual cost.



The Rhythm of the Future

59th National Conference

Nashville, TN
July 13 - 16, 2015



Membership Matters

2015 DUES - \$50.00

Membership does matter. While we have seen our membership decline over the past ten years, many factors can be identified as contributing to the decline. The largest factor is the economy.

The economic impact of 2008 has had a large negative effect on not only the national association but on the Presbyterian association as well. While the larger churches continue to find funding for continuing education for their staff; many churches are struggling to justify \$2,000 of the church's budget for the business manager to attend our annual conference or even join in membership.

Another factor that has led to our decline is the pure cost of membership and conference. To that end your PCBAA board has taken measures to reduce the cost of attending conference and joining in membership. **Last year we lowered the Annual Dues from \$85.00 to \$50.00.** That \$50.00 is still the cost of membership for this year. Membership dues assist us with our general operating costs of postage, supplies, creating a new web site (coming soon to a computer near you), paying for conference rooms and supplies, and covering cost for special guests like Sam

Locke and Clark Simmons. In the past, membership dues helped cover cost of \$5,000 to Louisville for the use of secretarial assistance. This year we are attempting to do that work on our own, saving the organization that \$5,000.

Another factor in the decline of membership is the loss of churches with-in the PCUSA. To that end the PCBAA voted to make our association open to all Presbyterians. You will see that we are requesting that you mail your dues directly to our Treasurer and the membership renewals have been sent from First Presbyterian Church in Flint not from Mindy in Louisville.

Please consider joining the PCBAA this year.

You may currently be a member -

PLEASE RENEW.

You may have been a member in past years -

PLEASE CONSIDER REJOINING.

Your church may have left the PCUSA, which does not matter as we are a Network of Practice of The Church Network; not an extension of the PCUSA -

PLEASE CONSIDER JOINING US;

as we work together to in unique settings to move the Gospel of Christ forward with-in our congregations.

Current Officers and Board Members

President	Jim Hugan	Membership	Celeste Roberson
Co-Conference		Certification/ Co-Conference	Mary Ann Vaughan
Vice-President	Jackie Lilly	Nominating	Bobbi Griffis
Treasurer	Jan Buscher	Communications	Michael Aycock
Secretary	Johnnie Baker		

**Presbyterian
Church
Business
Administrators'
Association**

**Membership
Form**



Advantages of Joining!

PCBAA is a professional association for staff employed by local churches, boards, governing bodies and agencies of Presbyterian churches that provides:

Opportunities for continuing education and professional development.

Relationship with the Presbyterians throughout the United States.

Sharing of resources and fellowship.

Certification for administrators who have completed the PCBAA Certification requirements.

Annual conferences which facilitate spiritual growth, sharing of resources, fellowship, development of knowledge of polity, theology, church history and technical skills, as well as communication with denominational leaders.

Membership

Active membership is open to persons serving any Presbyterian Church as:

- Pastor
- Agency Administrator
- Institutional Administrator
- Finance Manager
- Facility Manager
- Presbytery/Synod/General Assembly Administrator

Certification Requirements

Go to www.NACBA.net,

'The Church Network' for details

Complete an approved research project in church administration

Two years work experience as a church business administrator or an equivalent position related to finance and administration in a church/board agency or governing body.

A Rich History of Membership

The Presbyterian Church Business Administrators Association established and committed its accreditation and standards plan at its annual conference in 1974. The plan began in 1975 with a course of study at the Presbyterian School of Christian Education in Richmond, VA. Since 1984, the PCBAA certification program has been available at Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, VA (Also a certification center for NACBA). Certification is bestowed during the Annual PCBAA Conference.

In July 2013, the PCBAA voted to open its membership to All Presbyterians in an effort to continue to learn, share and fellowship together.

To join PCBAA or to request additional information, complete this information and return it to the PCBAA Treasurer: Jan Buscher, First Presbyterian Church, 715 N. Carlton Street, Wheaton, IL 60187. Please include a check written to PCBAA for \$50.

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Organization _____

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