

# Southern Baptist Computer Users Association Collection

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SBCUA Officers, 1977. Max Burns (Home Mission Board), President; Martha Grove (Tennessee Baptist Convention), Membership Vice President; Ted Williams (Baptist State Convention of North Carolina), Program Vice President; Don Hull (Radio and Television Commission), Newsletter Editor; and Van Simpson (Baptist Sunday School Board), Secretary-Treasurer.

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### Summary

Main Entry: Southern Baptist Computer Users Association Collection

**Date Span:** 1970 – 1996

**Abstract:** Collection contains correspondence; annual meeting programs, minutes, rosters, and treasurer's reports; membership rosters; newsletters; and subject files of the Southern Baptist Computer Users Association (SBCUA), years 1970-1996. Materials primarily document the annual meeting of the association and includes materials related to the discussions and presentations at the annual meeting. The Association consisted of individuals from Southern Baptist organizations and agencies who worked in the areas of data processing and computer programs.

**Size:** 1.5 linear ft. (3 document boxes)

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### Historical Sketch

In 1967, the coordinating committee of the Inter-Agency Council (IAC) commissioned a study entitled, "A Feasibility Study on the Use of Computers in SBC Programming." A report from the study was given to the IAC, and the Council adopted the recommendations presented. Recommendations included organizing a meeting of computer executives to investigate coordinating computer work among SBC agencies and the centralization of a church profile database and mailing list. Computer executives from the SBC Annuity Board, Foreign Mission Board, Home Mission Board, Executive Committee, Radio and Television Commission, and Woman's Missionary Union; the Baptist General Convention of Texas; Florida Baptist Convention; Mississippi Baptist Convention; and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary met October 30, 1970, in Nashville, Tennessee. It was suggested an association be formed, and in 1972, the ICA approved the establishment of a continuing organization of data processing executives within the SBC for the purpose of more closely coordinating the data processing activities of the various agencies, boards, and institutions.

The SBCUA held its organizational meeting March 15-17, 1972, and its first annual meeting March 7-8, 1973. From 1973 to 1993, the Association met in Dallas, or Fort Worth, Texas, at the SBC Annuity Board or First Baptist Church, Dallas, or Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, prior to the Southern Baptist Business Officers Association (SBBOA) annual meeting. The Association met at First Baptist Church, Houston, Texas, in 1993; at FBC Pine Castle in

Orlando, Florida, in 1994; at the SBC Home Mission Board in Alpharetta, Georgia, in 1995; and at the Leavell Center for Evangelism and Church Growth at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary in 1996.

### **Scope and Content Note**

The Southern Baptist Computer Users Association Collection consists of 80 folders in three document boxes, spanning the years 1970-1996. The collection contains correspondence; annual meeting programs, minutes, rosters, and treasurer's reports; membership rosters; newsletters; and subject files of the Southern Baptist Computer Users Association (SBCUA), years 1970-1996. The collection also includes several versions of the Association's constitution and bylaws, an equipment and application survey from 1984, and three-year plan, 1994-1996. Materials primarily document the annual meeting of the association and includes materials related to the programs and presentations at the annual meeting. The Association consisted of individuals from Southern Baptist organizations and agencies who worked in the areas of data processing and computer programs. The SBCUA included Southern Baptist employees who met to discuss common computer-related issues. Members focused on sharing information on current technology and collaboration on projects to eliminate duplication of effort.

### **Arrangement**

The collection is arranged in alphabetical order.

### **Provenance**

Donated by the North American Mission Board in 2014.

### **Preferred Citation**

Southern Baptist Computer Users Association Collection, Southern Baptist Historical Library and Archives, Nashville, Tennessee.

### **Access Restrictions**

None

### **Subject Terms**

Sellers, William H.

Stevens, Bettie Marie

Computers

Church management – Data processing

Southern Baptist Business Officers Association

Southern Baptist Computer Users Association

### **Container List**

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- 1.5 Constitution, 1979
- 1.6 Constitution and Bylaws, 1981
- 1.7 Constitution, 1984
- 1.8 Constitution, 1985
- 1.9 Constitution and Bylaws, 1994 (recommended changes for approval in 1996)
- 1.10 Correspondence, 1970
- 1.11 Correspondence – Computer Executives, 1970
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- 1.13 Correspondence, Meeting Information, Minutes, and Roster, 1972
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- 2.4 Course Syllabus – Using Computers and Demographics for Church Growth – Instructors Earl Nobles and Ken Sterling, July 31-Aug. 4, 1995
- 2.5 Crow, J.M., H.B. Foshee, L. Householder, and J.H. Williams – The Use of Computers in the Southern Baptist Convention, ca. 1970
- 2.6 Equipment and Application Survey, 1984
- 2.7 *Input/Output* Newsletters, 1976-1979
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- 2.17 Membership List, 1992
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- 2.21 Membership Request and Dues Information, 1977

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- 3.3 Minutes and Program, 1973
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- 3.5 Minutes, Program, Roster, and Treasurer's Report, 1975
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- 3.30 Proposed Layout for Email Directory
- 3.31 Recommendations by the Coordinating Committee to the Inter-Agency Council, 1970
- 3.32 Report to the Conference of Computer Executives from Study Group on Recommendations, 1972
- 3.33 SBCUA Conference Forum, June, 1994
- 3.34 SBCUA Highlights, 1967-1994
- 3.35 SBCUA Three Year Plan, 1994-1996
- 3.36 SBRF Survey Results, 1994