MODERATOR’S AUXILIARY MIDWINTER BOARD SESSION MINUTES(abridged)
January 20 - 23, 2014

To the Presiding Officer and our illustrious President, Dr. Julius R. Scruggs and giving respect to his cabinet. To each of you my brothers and sisters in Christ, I stand today to give the report for the Moderator’s Auxiliary of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc, Dr. Kenneth O. Lyons of Texas, President.

The Moderator’s Auxiliary met in conjunction with the Parent Body of this great convention at the Birmingham-Jefferson Convention Center January 20-24, 2014 for the Mid-winter Board Meeting. This meeting as usual was a Spirit filled affair. Since we last met we are saddened by the passing of our Song Leader of many years, Dr. William H. Foster, Sr., President of the United Baptist State Convention of Illinois. Dr. Foster served since the inception of the Moderator’s Auxiliary. He served under the leadership of three (3) Auxiliary Presidents, Dr. Edward Small of Ohio, Dr. James Adams of Tennessee and Dr. Kenneth O. Lyons of Texas. He served for more than 20 years. He will be sorely missed. He did however show our present song leaders, Dr. Roosevelt Dixon of Texas and Dr. Lynn P. Hadnot of Texas how to do it. We say rest in peace Dr. Foster.

We are excited about where our Auxiliary continues to go. Dr. Lyons continues to keep his team of leaders together. He continues to remind us that we are servants of Christ and must follow the leadership of those above us. We continue working to move the Auxiliary to the next level.

Last time we reported that we were developing a list of as many moderators and their demographics as possible. We have completed our work and present to Dr. Scruggs and this convention a list of about 400 moderators, their phone numbers, email addresses, postal addresses, association names and other information. This information we believe will be vital to our communications. We present it to Dr. Scruggs with excitement. Our next step will be to receive this same information for each church listed in these over 400 associations. Which should help us locate the over 33,000 churches of our convention.

Dr. Lyons leadership team for this session, which he affectionately calls us. The staff includes:

MODERATOR’S AUXILIARY STAFF
Dr. Kenneth O. Lyons, President-Texas
Dr. Peter F. Williams, General Secretary-Illinois
Dr. D. C. Brown, Treasurer-Texas
Dr. Marion J. Johnson, Vice President at Large-Indiana
Dr. Henry P. Davis, 1st Vice President at Large-New Jersey
Dr. Matthew Canada, 2nd Vice President, South-West Region-Mississippi
Dr. W. Carver Brown, Regional Vice President, North-East Region-Delaware
The Moderator’s Auxiliary during this 2014 Midwinter Board Meeting was not as well attended as in the past, due to many considerations. The preaching, singing, devotional messages and lectures were all spiritually uplifting and enlightening.

The Moderator’s Auxiliary are still committed to helping fulfill the vision of our National President, Dr. Julius R. Scruggs in his passion to make our Convention a Christ Centered convention. During this meeting in Birmingham this week we met for four (4) sessions, Tuesday AM, Wednesday AM and PM, and this morning in the AM Session. As usual the meeting was Spirit filled with devotional message, lectures, preaching and singing. We were graced with Devotional messages from Dr. Stanley Moore of Iowa, Dr. Otis Davis of Mississippi, Dr. Edgar Lewis of Mississippi and Dr. Keith Thomas of Illinois. The Lecturers for the week were Dr. Carlton Phillips of Alabama, Dr. R. E. Ruffin of Texas, Dr. C. D. Stuart of Illinois, and Dr. Donald Parish of Texas. Sermons were delivered by Dr. Carsie Barnes of Illinois, Dr. David Henderson of Texas, Dr. Rogers Kirk of Iowa and Dr. Leotha Ingram of Alabama. Our Song Leaders for the week were Dr. Roosevelt Dixon of Indiana, the one man choir and Dr. Lynn P. Hadnot of Texas. The music was played by Deacon John Whitehead, Dr. W. C. Brown and Dr. Harris.

Dr. Lyons continues to share words of wisdom to us, many of his words are so powerful and help us to keep our eyes on our Christ. Praise God for our leader Dr. Kenneth O. Lyons who humbly serves this great convention and passionately follows the leadership of our chieftain, Dr. Julius R. Scruggs.

The Upcoming Events for 2014 are as follows:

1) Annual Moderator’s & Minister’s Conference, March 3-6 at the Crown Plaza, Jacksonville, Florida. Dr. Darien Bolden and the Moderators of Jacksonville, Florida are the hosts. The registration fee is $200 for District Associations and $100 for personal registration.
2) Congress of Christian Education in June.
3) Annual Session to be held September in New Orleans, LA.
We are planning to continue the Moderator’s breakfast at the Annual Session with a goal of 200 persons attending.

The Moderator’s Auxiliary are mindful of the financial needs of our convention and are committed to carrying our share of the load. For this session our Treasurer, Dr. D. C. Brown of Texas projected a budget with income of $15,000 for this board meeting. The actual income for this meeting was around $11,125. Our expenses for this meeting are around $8,500.00.

This is our report for the Mid-winter Board Meeting 2014. Thank you very much for this opportunity.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dr. Peter F. Williams, General Secretary
Dr. Kenneth O. Lyons, President
2014 MODERATORS/PASTOR’S MINISTER’S CONFERENCE COMING TO JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA
March 3-6, 2014

CROWN PLAZA ROOM RATES:
$ 92/Night - 904-741-4404 For Reservations
Group: NBC Moderator’s Auxiliary Conference

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION: $ 100 Personal + $ 25 for 3 days lunch
$ 200 District Association

DR. K. O. LYONS, PRESIDENT          DR. DURIAN BOLDEN, HOST
Dr. Peter F. Williams, General Secretary
Dr. Matthew Canada, Conference Chair