

2015 DESCRIPTION AND PROFILE FOR THE OARBC STATE REPRESENTATIVE

STATE REPRESENTATIVE DEFINITION:

The State Representative is the servant and public face of the OARBC. He is the designated friend of the pastors and churches of the fellowship. He provides support and encouragement to the churches, although he has no direct authority or control over them. He provides leadership and direction to the fellowship as a whole in conjunction with the Council of 12. He is accountable to the churches through the Council of 12.

JOB DESCRIPTION

Constitutional responsibilities (Article VII, Section 2)

1. Work with Association churches as invited to do so.
2. Endeavor to solidify the Association and implement programs that will be beneficial to Association churches and pastors.
3. As requested, to work with churches seeking pastors, assistants, etc.
4. Upon invitation, to counsel with churches and pastors.
5. Maintain an office for the Association. Office expenses to come from Association funds.
6. Editor of *The Link*.
7. Work with independent, non-affiliated Baptist churches as requested and seek, if possible, to encourage them to become a part of the Association.

Operational responsibilities (expanded list of activities of the State Rep based on experience)

1. Representing the churches of the OARBC on local, state and national levels
2. Preaching at the annual conference, in the churches, in local fellowships and at other venues as invited
3. Providing compassionate care for the pastors and people of the OARBC
4. Making personal visits with pastors and churches
5. Encouraging new church plants
6. Maintaining working relationships with camps, mission agencies and schools within Ohio
7. Serving primarily the churches of the OARBC fellowship with additional outside service approved by the Council of 12
8. Reporting regularly to the Council of 12 and preparing a written report to the messengers at the Annual Conference

PROFILE: Ideally the OARBC State Representative will be . . .

1. A man of godly character, Spirit-filled and a man of prayer, reflected in his life and in the life of his family and who meets the scriptural qualifications for the office of pastor
2. A man who champions the doctrinal distinctives of the OARBC and holds to our position on biblical separation
3. A man who has a heart for pastors with the ability to counsel and to encourage; a pastor's pastor
4. A man with administrative skills; organized and an organizer
5. A man who is a visionary, goal oriented and committed to strategic planning and associational growth
6. A man who is a model of faithfulness in preaching and strong in the pulpit
7. A man who can skillfully articulate the values of the OARBC both verbally and in writing
8. A man with diplomacy in dealing with church and associational challenges
9. A man who stays current with cultural changes and theological issues as they relate to the OARBC
10. A man who is willing to travel and to relocate if necessary
11. A man who is (or who will become) a member in good standing in an OARBC church
12. A man with pastoral experience and sufficient biblical and theological training to command respect of our OARBC pastors
13. A man who values the diversity within our fellowship
14. A man who accepts his limited role as a friend within a fellowship of autonomous churches
15. A man who demonstrates financial integrity both personally and professionally
16. A man whose wife supports his ministry and is willing to be involved to the extent that she is able