

BGM Joint Board Reflections

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From 7 table groups (A—F):

1. Where did you find common ground or similarities?
 - A. Missions
 - Fellowship—smaller group size
 - Spiritual formation
 - Feeling of movement—synergy
 - Balance—board vs. family
 - Prayer—Power of praying together
 - B. We care about ABCUSA and want it to be successful. We want to be involved as a board and not rubber stamp group.
 - C. Question arose: What was it that only one woman, Ruth Clark, was on the podium?
 - Noted that board presidents all conveyed demonstrated sustained passion about their involvement and that of their boards.
 - D. Passion
 - Historical connections between boards
 - E. Commitment of everyone in ministry
 - How all reports came together and underpinned by BGM report
 - Every board had a deep desire to make a difference
 - F. Hopeful
 - Reconnected and meet new staff
2. Who did you get to know or become reacquainted with?
 - A. Rev. Lauren Ng—Don's daughter
 - Staff members—various boards
 - Various individuals at each table
 - Similar passions—meeting people who love God with a lot of passion and able to encourage and connect with others
 - B. Met more people during Don's experiment
 - Unclear what groups people were from—better identify board members specialties—MMBB
 - Assigned seating at dinner to initially make divers tables for fellowship and connection
 - C. The opening ice breaker/mixer was quite effective in making connections for later conversations.

- D. BGM members get reacquainted before those former members of ABHMS/IM
 - E. Opportunity to meet new people and rekindle other relationships
 - F. Interaction around the table
3. How might we strengthen the “ties that bind?”
- A. Facebook
 - Use of various social media
 - Need ways to connect with individuals, internal connection via list of email addresses, etc.
 - B. Would appreciate diversity with worship and music
 - Celebrate communion as the bigger family
 - Reports were too long—let’s emphasize on connections between board members
 - The elevated platform of speakers not appreciated—distance self from family—only podium should be elevated
 - More time given to talents; “Over the rainbow”
 - It didn’t need to be 7 hours and broken up by the meal—lost people
 - Get out of the building and do things as a family (ie. Downtown Disney)
 - C. The ties that binds may be more effective with shorter presentations
 - D. Introduce staff
 - E. Maybe an opportunity to share “how you can help us?” Each board share how BGM could help.
 - F. Less talking heads
 - More directed interaction around tables with specific questions
 - Lose the elevated table

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