



***American Baptist Churches USA***  
***Rev. Dr. A. Roy Medley***  
***General Secretary Emeritus***

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**Memorandum**

**Re: Structure of BAG**

**From: A. Roy Medley**

Now that BAG has completed a year of work together as a coalition, several members are asking for BAG to continue its efforts and to structure for the long-term. Here is a suggested structure based on discussions with key BAG participants.

The membership of BAG would remain a broad coalition of church bodies and organizations committed to securing a federal democratic government, addressing human rights/religious liberty issues, and securing needed humanitarian aid and development for the people of Burma.

**Officers**

Officers would serve for 4 years. Initially appointed by the General Secretary of the ABCUSA, they would be elected in consultation with the ABCUSA GS thereafter.

- Chair: Rev. Dr. A. Roy Medley
- Vice-chair: Mr. Van Kio
- Secretary:
- Committee Chairs

ABCUSA would serve as treasurer of BAG as long as BAG remains a committee of the ABCUSA Burma Refugee Commission

**Steering Committee**

The Steering Committee is the policy/strategy setting group for BAG. Membership is

- Chair
- Vice-Chair
- Secretary
- One Representative to serve 2 years appointed by each of the following

- Burmese Christian Assoc
- Chin Baptist Association of North America
- Chin Baptist Churches USA
- Kachin American Baptist Association
- Kachin Baptist Churches USA
- Karen Baptist Churches USA
- Karenni Baptist Convention of America
- Zo Chin Ministers Union
- Zomi
- ABC General Secretary or appointed staff
- ABC Burma Refugee Commission member named by ABC GS
- BWA Representative to the United Nations, ex officio
- Others?

Initially, ½ of the bodies would appoint a representative for a 1 year term and ½ for a 2 year term so terms are staggered. Those appointing initially for 1 year term would thereafter appoint for 2 year terms.

Committees of BAG consisting of folks from BAG member groups. The BAG chair names committee chairs.

- Advocacy – Henry Lyan, Chair
- Humanitarian Aid/Development – Van Kio, Chair
- Documentation – Zo Tum Hmung, Chair
- Youth – Florence Li, Chair
- Grants & Fundraising – Leslie Turley, Chair

Officers meet monthly. Steering Committee meets three times a year. BAG members meet quarterly including officers and committee chairs.

Committees would meet as needed as set by committees and report to officers

BAG would meet quarterly for progress reports, consultation, and planning input