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REPORT FROM PITTSBURGH, FRIDAY MORNING

Earlier this week, Bruce Powers was elected President-elect of the Southern Baptist Religious Education Association.

In Convention action after a long debate Las Vegas was selected has the 1989 Convention site. New Orleans was selected, without opposition, for 1990.

On the matter of accepting messengers from cooperating churches in Canada, the matter was referred to a twenty-one member study committee.

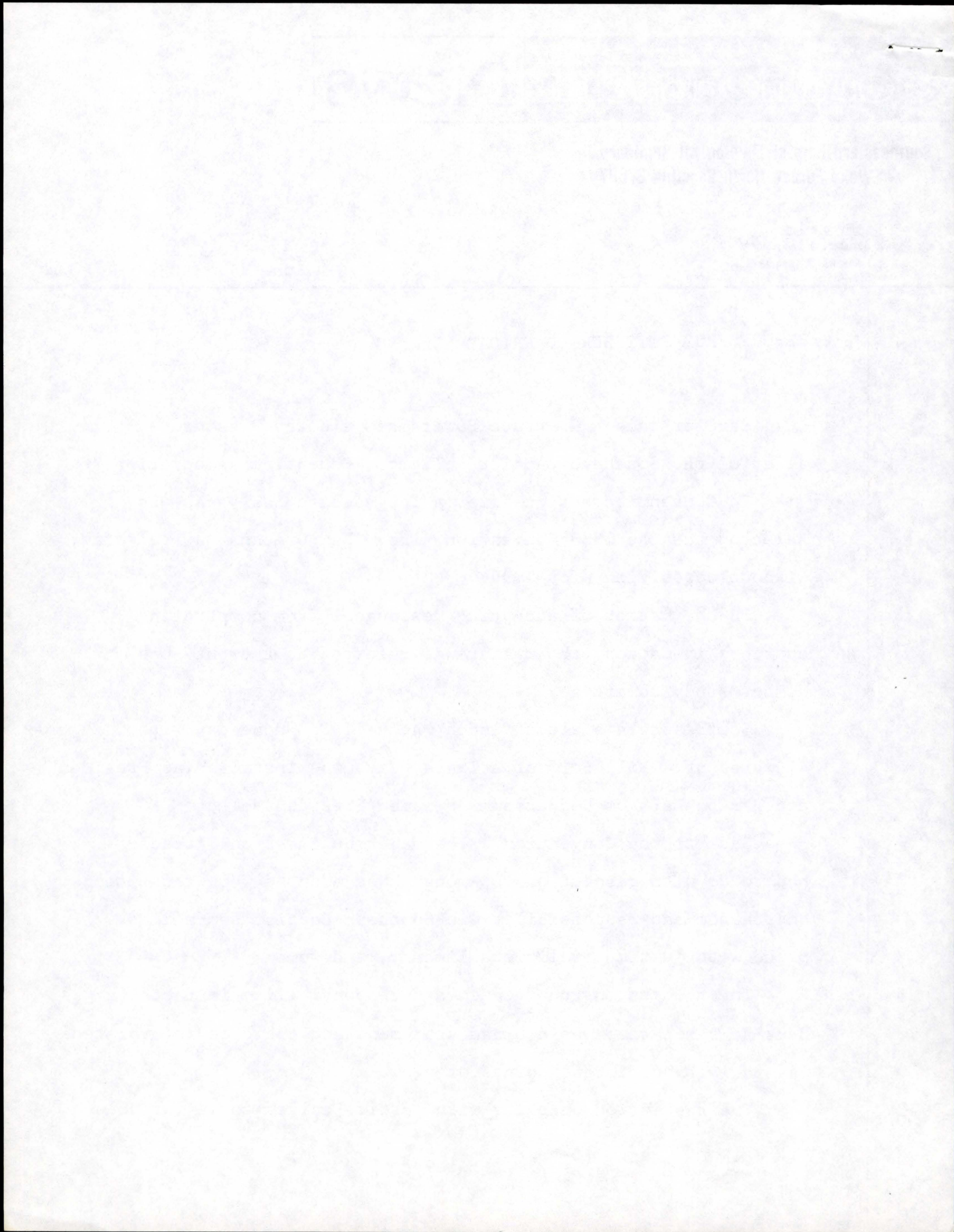
Southeastern's alumni lunch was held on Wednesday with 440 present. Bill Self of Atlanta, Ga., was installed as President and Marion Lark of Henderson was named President-elect.

Back to the Convention. The major business on Thursday had to do with resolutions. Among those adopted were resolutions on freedom and responsibility in Southern Baptist seminaries, peace with justice, religious liberty, and women.

The resolutions on freedom and responsibility in Southern Baptist seminaries was a broad statement and could be interpreted favorably by different points of view.

The resolution on peace with justice called for a variable

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nuclear disarmament only if it did not endanger the security of the United States. An effort to amend the resolution to call for a first step nuclear disarmament by the U. S. was rejected.

The resolution on religious liberty was a stronger statement than the Convention passed last year and expressed "confidence in the U. S. Constitution, and particularly in the first amendment, as adequate and sufficient guarantees to protect these freedoms." Attempts to change the resolutions were rejected. The resolution made no specific reference to prayers in the public schools.

The resolution on women was a general statement expressing support and gratitude for women as homemakers as well as those who work outside the home. It encourages Southern Baptists "to continue to explore further opportunities of service for Baptist women, to ensure maximum utilization of all God-called servants of our Lord Jesus Christ." After a rather loud and circus-like discussion an amendment to specify that the resolution did not imply the ordination of women was rejected by a vote of 1,841 to 1,784.

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NOTE: Copies of all the resolutions will be made available next week.

