

Profile of the Next SIBI President

Profile of Doctrinal Values

He must be a “man of the Book,” one committed to believing, teaching and preaching the inspired scriptures. While allowing for individual study and applications, his faith and understanding of fundamentals must be compatible with the commitments of the Board of Directors, Administration and Faculty of SIBI. A doctrinal questionnaire may be completed to determine compatibility on Biblical doctrines which are deemed as fundamental to the core values of SIBI.

Profile of Character Qualities

He must be a man of impeccable honesty, morality and integrity. He must be confident and “comfortable in his own skin” but humble in how he presents himself to others. He must have control of his passions, including anger, jealousy, and temptation. He should be self-motivated and disciplined in his life and responses to problems. He should exhibit maturity, stability and a steady hand in dealing with decisions and with people.

Profile of Educational Qualifications

In addition to Bible training at SIBI it would be expected that a minimum of a Liberal Arts Bachelor degree would be required. While not as essential, in today’s educational environment, it would be helpful to have graduate studies and advanced degrees.

Profile of Leadership Gifts and Skills

He should be a compelling public speaker who can motivate others from the word of God regarding the needs and ministries of SIBI. He must be visionary in regard to the future, positioning SIBI for the next generation by “understanding the times” and seeing the “bumps in the road” and the next big needs before we get there. He must be a team player who knows how to function collaboratively with others, while leading his team through trust and confidence. He must be a good listener who is willing to consider other’s needs, ideas and perspectives. He must be a good fund raiser who can convince others both publically and personally of the value of investing in the ministries of SIBI, while inspiring trust in his leadership and direction. He must have a “get it done” application to wisely and decisively addressing and solving problems before they fester and escalate. Competence and leadership giftedness must be combined with good people skills which build trust from both donors and colleagues.

Profile of Ministry Experience

Experience as a gospel preacher in a local congregation is vital for one who will lead a school to train other preachers. Mission field experience is important for one who will head up a school that is international in name and nature. Evangelism and disciple building is important for a school whose purpose is to equip others to save the lost and fulfill the great commission. Ministry experience in counseling and dealing with people problems will be helpful to dealing with problem solving for students, faculty, supporters and partner congregations.

Profile of Family Values

Being happily and scripturally married for years, perhaps decades, to a wife who is supportive and encouraging of a ministry devoted to training preachers and missionaries is essential. It is important that the wife support the necessity for her husband to be gone on many weekends and occasionally for longer periods to mission fields and local congregations for seminars, gospel meetings and fund raising. It would be good if she could accompany him on some of those assignments, as time and schedules allow. The wife will serve as an example of a godly wife, mother who partners with and supports her husband's ministry. Having raised children in the Lord will demonstrate some important leadership qualities needed in leading others. Recently married individuals and one with children still at home may not be ideal for the level of travel required for this leadership role.

Profile of SIBI Involvement – While helpful, this may not be essential.

Being an alumnus of SIBI would be important to understanding and modeling who we are and what we stand for. Serving in multiple roles in our organization may help to give the big picture view and scope of this ministry. Having served in a leadership role in some area of the organization might also demonstrate the gifts and people skills essential to the role. Selecting the next President from within the SIBI Family certainly lessens the learning curve if one is truly qualified in the other areas. While recommended, it is not necessarily essential that we select from within, if others are more qualified and embody the presidential profile more completely.