

**UAUS GOVERNING BOARD  
MINUTES MEETING  
MARCH 15, 2013**

**ROLL CALL:** David Linthicum, Linda Elum, Istvan Hargitai, Bruce Brown, Michael Wood, Will Sherwood, and Chris Wood present. Meeting convened at 7:02 p.m. Central.

**MEETING MINUTES:** The minutes of the last meeting, dated July 12, 2012, was sent to the individuals listed above in the roll call. A reading of the minutes was waived and the minutes were approved.

**UAUS OFFICER REPORTS**

**David Linthicum - President's Report**

Since our CLP meeting at the GLMUA Fall Study Session in Chesterton, Indiana much has transpired. On October 13, 2012 the Urantia Association of Los Angeles was chartered at the home of Will and Margo Sherwood. This is the first new local association we have seen in many years. I was on hand to sign the chartering document along with Gaetan Charland who signed on behalf of UAI. Will and Margo also hosted a mini-conference in conjunction with the chartering ceremony. Congratulations to Will, Margo and all those involved in this effort.

I'd also like to recognize Nick Scalzo for his willingness to lead the effort in reorganizing the New England Urantia Association (UA-ONE). Nick is a past president of that local and is anxious to see it become active once again. Nick was appointed UA-ONE President pro tem by the governing board and given the authority to take the necessary actions to enlist ten full members in the New England area. We wish Nick much success in his endeavor.

Perhaps the most exciting news for us here in the U.S. was the announcement that the UAUS Governing Board had nominated Chris Wood, UAUS Vice President (at the time), for the office of UAI President. Upon the announcement of Chris' nomination to the Representative Council Chris elected to resign as UAUS Vice President in order to focus on preparing for his next leadership post. Our bylaws prohibit one from holding a national office and a seat on the ISB concurrently so he would have had to resign upon his election. We graciously accept Chris' resignation and wish him much success at the international level. I firmly believe Chris will serve with distinction in his new role. As there were no other candidates for UAI President Chris will be the next president of UAI. I'd also like to acknowledge our outgoing UAI President, Gaetan Charland, for the outstanding job he has done in leading UAI these past several years.

Concurrent with Chris' decision the UAUS Governing Board appointed Mike Wood to serve as Vice President pro tem to fill the remainder of Chris' term. Mike can be elected to the vice presidency at the next meeting of the CLP which will be held in conjunction with the UAUS National Conference (KC Conference) in July.

Speaking of the national conference, it is being hosted by our newly regenerated Kansas City Local Association. I do hope that you will take the opportunity to register for the conference – the earlier the better! Please refer to: <http://www.regonline.com/urantiakansascity2013> for conference registration; you can also get additional conference information by sending an email to the following: [urantiakc@gmail.com](mailto:urantiakc@gmail.com) or [cwesquire@hotmail.com](mailto:cwesquire@hotmail.com). Be sure to mark your calendars for July 25 – 28, 2013. I look forward to seeing you all there this summer!

I'd also like to remind everyone that the 2015 UAI International Conference will be held in Montreal. This will be the ninth (9<sup>th</sup>) international conference for UAI. The conference is being hosted by Urantia Association of Quebec, under Urantia Canada National Association from July 30 – August 2, 2015. What a wonderful opportunity to visit Canada!

Below I have listed the items that were addressed by the Representative Council during 2012 and 2013 to date. As you may recall each National Association President and Vice President serves on this council. If you have any questions about any of these items please let me know and I will provide additional information.

In closing, I just want to say thanks to Daryl Berry (Graduated), Pio Park, Marian Hughes, Patti Snyder, Istvan Hargitai, Chris Wood and Linda Elum whom I have had the pleasure to serve with on the board. I welcome our incoming officers, Will Sherwood as our new president, and Bruce Brown as our new treasurer, and wish them much success during their terms on the governing board. It is a privilege to serve and I thank each member of UAUS for the opportunity!

**ISB ITEMS:**

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| 2013-155 | Announcement of 2015 UAI International Conference                            |
| 2013-154 | ISB Elections  |
| 2013-153 | Urantia Survey Results   |
| 2012-151 | Amend UAI Charter Section 2.1.4 and UAI Bylaws Section 6.3.2 (Motion Tabled) |
| 2012-150 | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter UAI Financial Report                                 |
| 2012-148 | ISB Meeting Minutes – February 11, March 10 and April 14, 2012               |
| 2012-147 | UAI 2013 Annual Fund Budget (Passed)   |
| 2012-146 | UAI Website Ad-Hoc Committee – Recommendations (Motion Passed)               |
| 2012-145 | Call for Nominations – 2013 ISB Elections                                    |

- 2012-144 ISB Study Group Chair Election Results (Bill Beasley Elected)
- 2012-143 IX UAI International Conference – Call for Proposals
- 2012-142 Information re: Proposed ‘Declaration of Cooperation’ (From Michelle Klimesh, President, The Urantia Book Fellowship) Note: Nothing definitive has come of this Fellowship proposal as of this date.
- 2012-141 Invitation to ISB Face-to-Face Meeting in Chicago
- 2012-140 UAI Website – Additional Budget Required (Motion Tabled)
- 2012-139 UAI Guidelines for International Conferences (Motion Passed)
- 2012-138 UAI Book Fair Policy (Motion Passed)
- 2012-137 Call for Nomination – ISB Study Group Chair
- 2012-136 2011 Year-End Financials – Statement of Position and P&L
- 2012-135 ISB Meeting Minutes October 11, November 12, December 10, 2011 and January 14, 2012
- 2012-132 UAI ISB and The Urantia Book Fellowship in Chicago, IL at Urantia Foundation, October 22, 2011
- 2012-130 Announcement, Declaration of Cooperation
- 2012-129 Announcement, ISB Study Group Chair (Caio Gabriel Resignation)
- 2012-128 Joint Calendar (Motion Passed) (Establish a Joint Calendar of Events for Urantia Foundation, Fellowship and UAI)
- 2011-127 Study Group Portal Support Team (Motion Passed)

**Vice-President’s Report**

A joint venture between outgoing VP Chris Wood and incoming VP Mike Wood.

Since the last VP report, the outgoing VP has spent considerable time on two projects: helping identify new leadership for our National and International Association, and planning the National Conference in Kansas City. New leaders were needed to fill the National President's and Treasurer's office, as well as the President's office for our International Association. Long and exhaustive searches conducted to find qualified and willing candidates, eventually yielding wonderful candidates for our National positions.

It is the outgoing VP’s recommendation that identifying and training new candidates should be a constant process, not one merely to be handled at the end of the term.

Once it was determined that the outgoing VP would accept the nomination for International President, it was necessary for Chris Wood to resign the VP position since one cannot hold a position on the Representative Council and International Service Board at the same time. So now a search for an Interim VP needed to be conducted. Seeing the results of the long and exhaustive search for International President, we decided to try a different plan and chose the first name in the Recently Called List. Thus it was recommended that Mike Wood become the Interim VP, a nomination that was accepted by the governing board in accordance to our Bylaws.

As for the KC Conference, plans continue apace. Joel, Mike, and Chris Wood are joined by Ellen Macias, David Fabe, and Andrew Story on the planning committee. The Council of Presidents and Vice Presidents (CLP) will have a room reserved for Thursday afternoon. The theme is Relationships: Human and Divine. It should be a very good conference and it is recommended that any person who has read this far into the minutes has passed the test and should definitely attend.

It is the opinion of the outgoing VP that our national association is left in good hands. I wish I could say that David and Istvan will be allowed a few weeks of rest and respite before being swept up in further Urantia plans. That would have been nice. But extraordinary leaders cannot be kept on the sidelines for long.

### Istvan Hargitai - Treasurer Report

<b>DATE</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>CHECK #</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>COMMENT</b>
01/01/11	BEGINNING BALANCE		37,691.91	
01/04/11	UAI	1059	(250.00)	SYMPOSIUM DONATION (READER SERVICE TOUR)
01/14/11	VIRGINIA		50.00	DUES
02/08/11	EARTHLINK		(53.80)	WEB HOSTING FEE
03/03/11	EARTHLINK		(24.90)	WEB HOSTING FEE
03/15/11	LONE STAR URANTIA ASSOC		65.00	DUES
03/15/11	SPIRIT OF OKLAHOMA		50.00	DUES
04/01/11	EARTHLINK		(24.90)	WEB HOSTING FEE
04/04/11	UAI	1062	(450.00)	PIRT FUND 2009 & 2010
04/04/11	UAI	1063	(2,000.00)	UAI SYMPOSIUM DONATION 2011

04/04/11	GLMUA		110.00	DUES
04/04/11	ANONYMOUS		600.00	DONATION - PIRT FUND
04/18/11	FIFTH THIRD BANK		(30.00)	BANK FEE -RETURNED ITEMS
04/23/11	UAI	1064	(561.00)	UAI WEBSITE DONATION (STUDY GROUP PORTAL)
05/03/11	EARTHLINK		(24.90)	WEB HOSTING FEE
05/03/11	FIFTH THIRD BANK		(15.00)	BANK FEE - RETURNED CHECK
05/16/11	UAI	1065	(50.00)	ROOM RENTAL (SYMPOSIUM - CLP MEETING)
05/16/11	UAI	1066	(150.00)	PIRT FUND (1ST & 2BD QT. 2011)
06/03/11	EARTHLINK		(24.90)	WEB HOSTING FEE
06/17/11	FLORIDA		65.00	DUES
06/27/11	SURF		72.50	DUES
06/28/11	UAI	1067	(288.25)	UAI DUES
07/05/11	EARTHLINK		(24.90)	WEB HOSTING FEE
07/05/11	WSUA		100.00	DUES
07/05/11	WSUA		865.00	SCHOLARSHIP FUND DONATION
07/18/11	OHIO STUDENTS OF UB		100.00	DUES

07/18/11	ARIZONA		50.00	DUES
08/03/11	EARTHLINK		(44.90)	WEB HOSTING FEE
09/06/11	EARTHLINK		(24.90)	WEB HOSTING FEE
09/10/11	DAVID LINTHICUM	1068	(721.00)	REIMBURSE MIAMI BOOK FAIR EXPENSE (FL)
09/12/11	BETTY LOU WALLACE	1069	(300.00)	LOCAL ASSOC DONATION (TO REPLENISH FUNDS)
10/03/11	EARTHLINK		(44.90)	WEB HOSTING FEE
11/03/11	EARTHLINK		(24.90)	WEB HOSTING FEE
11/18/11	KATHY WANENMACHE R	1070	(869.72)	STUDY GROUP COMMITTEE REIMBURSEMENT
11/21/11	VIRGINIA		50.00	DUES (2011)
11/21/11	VIRGINIA		100.00	SCHOLARSHIP FUND DONATION
11/21/11	VIRGINIA		100.00	URANTIA FOUNDATION
12/03/11	UAI	1071	(100.00)	DONATION - (TO UAI FROM VCR)
12/03/11	URANTIA FOUNDATION	1072	(100.00)	DONATION (VIRGINIA) - (TO UF FROM VCR)
12/05/11	EARTHLINK		(24.90)	WEB HOSTING FEE
			<b>33,841.64</b>	
01/02/12	MICROSOLUTIONS	1073	(850.00)	UAUS WEBSITE DEVELOPER FOR REDISGNING WEBSITE

01/03/				
12	EARTHLINK		(24.90)	WEB HOSTING FEE
01/06/			(150.0	
12	UAI	1074	0)	PIRT FUND
	KATHY			
01/21/	WANENMACHE		1,000.	REIMBURSE STUDY GROUP
12	R		00	PROJECT/DONATION
02/03/				
12	EARTHLINK		(24.90)	WEB HOSTING FEE
03/05/				
12	EARTHLINK		(24.90)	WEB HOSTING FEE
03/14/				
12	FLORIDA		70.00	DUES
03/20/				
12	HULA		60.00	DUES
03/21/			(750.0	DONATION - COLUMBIA
12	UAI	1075	0)	SCHOLRASHIP DONATION
04/02/				
12	SURF		70.00	DUES
04/03/				
12	EARTHLINK		(24.90)	WEB HOSTING FEE
04/05/				
12	GLMUA		120.00	DUES
04/09/				
12	UAI	1076	(75.00)	PIRT FUND
05/03/				
12	EARTHLINK		(24.90)	WEB HOSTING FEE
05/14/	BETTY ZEHR			
12	(NY/PENN)		110.00	DUES 2012 & 213
05/25/			1,500.	DONATION FOR ACCOUNTING FEES
12	PAULA BETTY		00	TAX EXEPMT STATUS
05/29/	DARYLL		(1,500.	ACCOUNTANT FEES FOR TAX
11	REYNOLDS	1077	00)	EXEMPT STATUS

06/04/				
12	EARTHLINK		(24.90)	WEB HOSTING FEE
07/05/				
12	EARTHLINK		(44.90)	WEB HOSTING FEE
07/10/	MICROSOLUTI			
12	ONS	1078	(50.00)	UAUS WEBSITE ENHANCEMENT
07/10/				
12	UAI	1080	(75.00)	PIRT FUND
08/03/				
12	EARTHLINK		(24.90)	WEB HOSTING FEE
08/09/	OHIO			
12	STUDENTSOF			
	UB		50.00	DUES
08/10/				
12	WSUA		100.00	DUES (2012)
08/10/				
12	WSUA		<u>100.00</u>	DUES (2013)
08/30/	LONE STAR			
12	URANTIA			
	ASSOC		<u>65.00</u>	DUES 2011
09/04/				
12	EARTHLINK	DEB	<u>(24.90)</u>	WEB HOSTING FEE
09/05/	C. JONES,			
12	ARIZONA	1081	<u>(300.00)</u>	CLP CONFERENCE TRAVEL--PATTI PAMEROY
09/10/				
12	UAI	1082	<u>(227.75)</u>	DUES TO UAI BASED ON 2011 REVENUES
09/10/				
12	GLMUA	1083	<u>(50.00)</u>	CLP CONFERENCE ROOM CHARGE
09/25/				
12	OUA		<u>50.00</u>	DUES FROM OREGON 2012
10/02/				
12	NY/PENN		<u>110.00</u>	DUES 2012
10/03/				
12	EARTHLINK	DEB	<u>(44.90)</u>	WEB HOSTING FEE



10/15/ 12	UBAA		<u>50.00</u>	DUES 2012
10/18/ 12	UAI	1084	<u>(315.00)</u>	CLP LUNCHESES
11/03/ 12	UAKC		<u>120.00</u>	DUES 2010 & 2011
11/05/ 12	EARTHLINK	DEB	<u>(24.90)</u>	WEB HOSTING FEE
12/03/ 12	EARTHLINK	DEB	<u>(24.90)</u>	WEB HOSTING FEE
01/03/ 13	EARTHLINK	DEB	<u>(24.90)</u>	WEB HOSTING FEE
01/12/ 13	INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	1085	<u>(300.00)</u>	EXEMPT STATUS APPLICATION FEE
02/04/ 13	EARTHLINK	DEB	<u>(24.90)</u>	WEB HOSTING FEE
02/28/ 13	DONATION		<u>100.00</u>	DONATION FROM I. HARGITAI
03/06/ 13	UAI	1086	<u>(150.00)</u>	PIRT, 3d & 4th Qt. 2012
03/06/ 13	EARTHLINK	DEB	<u>(24.90)</u>	WEB HOSTING FEE
03/11/ 13	DARRYL REYNOLDS		<u>150.00</u>	REFUND ON EXEMPT STATUS APPLICATION PREPARATION
03/14/ 13	INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	1087	<u>(100.00)</u>	ADDITIONAL EXEMPT STATUS APPLICATION FEE
			<b>32,360</b>	
			<b>.39</b>	
<b>RESTRICTED FUNDS:</b>				

CONFERENCE FUND	30,00 0.00
OFFICER TRAVEL	800.0 0
SCHOLARSHIP	<u>125.0</u> <u>0</u>
	30,92 5.00
<b>AVAILABLE FUNDS</b>	<b>1,435. 39</b>

### **Linda Elum - Secretary's Report**

During the month of December Linda updated the UAUS database on addresses and email addresses. She also sent out notices about the election of Will Sherwood as incoming President and Bruce Brown as incoming Treasurer and received the election results. Once it was established who was elected, she sent those notices to the presidents of the locals as to the final results.

### **UAUS COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **Al Turnbo - Publication Committee**

Al was unable to make it to the meeting but it was stated by Will Sherwood that he, Al and Kathy Hughes will be meeting to discuss the publication of the newsletter.

#### **Michael Berry - Membership Committee**

Please see the attached PowerPoint presentation for Michael's full report. Michael discussed setting up a process to use to increase local membership. There was a discussion regarding social media (Facebook, Twitter, etc.). Chris mentioned that his wife Alice has done some work with setting up a UAUS Facebook account and that the new board should contact her for more information.

#### **Kathy Wanenmacher - Study Groups Committee**

The Study Groups Committee has been working on the semi-annual update of the study group web page. The response from study group contacts has been quicker since they know we are going to continue to do this work. At this time we have three Regional Contacts with the rest of the updating left to the chairman. The work is quick and fun and is a wonderful way to get to know other readers. We continue to have monthly conference calls to touch base with each other and discuss any matters of concern.

There is a shortage of volunteers for the position of Regional Contact. The position is to update regional information twice a year and keep track of members and new readers in the region. Eventually I hope each association will have someone who works with study groups and our committee. That person will keep information current, assist people who want to host a study group and especially someone who would keep in contact with readers in the Region.

It would be most helpful if each member of the UAUS had a guide to starting a study group and I would suggest that when someone becomes a member they be given a guide.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

2013 CLP Meeting / KC Conference - David encouraged the governing board to continue communications with the membership and encourage registration for the upcoming CLP meeting and KC conference. Arrangements have been completed and it is time to get the word out concerning the conference. Chris stated that he had checks from those who have registered and was waiting to turn the checks over to Bruce once he takes office as treasurer. The conference is expected to have around 100 attendees.

UAUS Bank Account Transfer - Discussions took place regarding the transfer of the UAUS bank account from Istvan Hargitai to Bruce Brown. Bruce will speak to his banker and open a new bank account. Istvan will close out the current account and send Bruce his files. It was agreed that Quicken Books will be used for tracking and reporting UAUS financials. Bruce will need GB meeting minutes, articles of incorporation and our Federal Tax ID#. Once the account is established Bruce will send Will a signature card which he will need to sign and return to the bank. A brief discussion ensued regarding the local and regional associations as to their standings with dues. Letters will be sent out to local and regional associations after April 1<sup>st</sup> once Bruce has assumed the position of UAUS Treasurer. The issue of our website donation/dues page was discussed in relation to the PayPal account. David and Istvan will check with Scott Brooks, UAUS Webmaster, about the status of the account.

File Transfer to Will Sherwood - David Linthicum will send all the information he has as president to Will Sherwood.

Comments From Chris Wood, UAI President Elect - Chris discussed the international meeting for English-speaking study group hosts to be held in Chicago (2014) and noted that the UAUS national conference is also slated for the same year so both groups will get together to discuss a solution. Chris talked about the possibility of having super regional conferences focusing on 50 people. He stated as an example Kansas, Texas and Oklahoma possibly meeting in Texas or something for the west coast and/or Florida.

A request was made to add a link on the UAUS website for the Study Group Directory.

There is a concern about Members-at-Large and the status according to our bylaws. This issue needs to be addressed at the national/international levels with the goal of finding a more inclusive alternative for those members. Currently, Members-at-Large are not allowed to vote nor can they serve as a committee chair.

There was also a brief discussion about the status of our local and national associations. It was noted that sometimes when a dynamic leader terms out of office that things tend to go inactive. Succession planning is critical to the future of UAI at all levels.

The UAI database is outdated and the ISB is currently taking bids. There are thoughts as to changing the name and how it can be linked to USUA website. At this point in time, groups must sign up with UAI in order to be placed on their web-site.

There was a meeting of UAI, Urantia Foundation and The Fellowship in Chicago. All parties will continue to work on common projects (i.e. education). UAI will seek out and work with certain Fellowship members when opportunities arise.

There have been ongoing discussions regarding media relations. Two or three UAI members are being trained in this area but the general consensus is that now is not the time for involvement with the media. It was noted that the media is typically looking for “sensational” stories and are not really interested in the content of the UB. UAI will form a media relations committee to handle any media inquiries.

Fundraising! UAI is in dire need of funds to accomplish the many tasks they have before them. This is a major area of concern and one that Chris will need to address once he takes office. We need the support of our members and national associations.

**ADJOURN** – The meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m. Central