



**UAUS Council of Local Presidents 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Zoom Meeting  
Saturday, June 30, 2018**

**MINUTES**

Attending

1. Pio Park, UAUS President
2. Rick Lyon, UAUS Vice-President
3. Joanne Strobel, UAUS Secretary
4. Chris Wood, UAI President
5. James Woodward (Inactive NCUR)

CLP members:

1. Danny Casco, President, GLMUA
2. Bob Solone, VP, GLMUA
3. Joyce Patterson, President, UAF
4. Will Sherwood, VP, Local Carolina Readers
5. Marian Hughes, President, HULA
6. Meredith Van Woert, President Pro Tem, SURF
7. Ed Owen, VP, SURF
8. Tom Vasile, President, UALA
9. David Linthicum, President, Spirit of Oklahoma
10. Jeff Wattles, VP, Ohio Students of the Urantia Book
11. Katrina Glavan-Heise, President, Lone Star Urantia Association
12. Janiece Hoggatt, President, WSUA

Absent with regrets: Janie Whinery, UAUS Treasurer, and Joyce Anderson of NY-PA

Pio welcomed everyone and led the group in The Lord's Prayer. He called the meeting to order and invited Joanne to take roll call.

A quorum was declared with 12 of the possible 24 officers in attendance.

**Amended Q1 2018 Meeting Minutes**

David Linthicum moved to accept the amended minutes; seconded by Will Sherwood. Hearing no objections or discussion, the minutes were adopted. Joanne will post them on the UAUS website.

**Treasurer's Report**

Pio gave the report in Janie's absence.

March 30, 2018 Balance: \$ 38, 563.82

+ \$ 50.00 Dues  
+ \$ 316.48 Donations  
- \$ 81.48 Earthlink  
- \$ 9.25 Shipping  
- \$ 2916.70 Scholarship funds for Amsterdam participants from Peru

June 30, 2018 Balance: \$35,923.67

In response to inquiries about the Restricted and Unrestricted Funds, Pio stated that this information would be presented at the annual meeting in September.

**Status of 501(c) 3 nonprofit reinstatement and amendment to Bylaws**

Rick discussed the laborious process he has endured in attempting to reinstate the lost UAUS tax exempt/nonprofit status.

For the third time the IRS is requesting additional information. The first two items are errors on their part but the third one is a requirement that we must meet before we can get reinstated. This is a request that the Article 13 Dissolution Clause in the UAUS Bylaws be modified to include some additional clarifying language.

In a nutshell, the IRS wants the bylaws to state that, upon dissolution of UAUS, any assets of UAUS shall only go to other nonprofit organizations or uses. Our bylaws stipulate that UAUS assets will go to UAI. However, they do not contain the exact wording that the IRS wants which stipulates that assets go to another nonprofit.

Rick asked the CLP to approve these changes immediately so we can get our response to the IRS mailed before the July 12 deadline.

Proposed: The following IRS-specified wording will be added to Article 13 of the Bylaws:

“Urantia Association of the United States is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, and scientific purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations described under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

“Upon the dissolution of the organization, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not disposed of shall be disposed of by a court of competent jurisdiction in the county in which the principle office of the organization is then located, exclusively for

such purposes or to such organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.”

Janiece made a motion to approve the above proposal to amend the UAUS Bylaws in order to comply with the IRS request. Will Sherwood seconded the motion.

Discussion ensued about the stipulation in Article 12 that bylaw changes must be submitted 90 days in advance and that Article 13 cannot be modified by UAUS. Pio stated that the Federal government (IRS) is dictating the change, not UAUS.

Janiece withdrew her previous motion and Will seconded the withdrawal.

Observing that this is a unique situation, David made a motion that UAUS and the CLP agree to temporarily waive Article 12 in order to comply with the IRS request to modify Article 13 in the UAUS Bylaws by inserting the additional specified language.

Meredith seconded the motion. Will Sherwood called the question and a vote was taken. The CLP vote was 11 (unanimous) in favor of temporarily waiving Article 12.

With Article 12 temporarily waived, David then moved to accept Rick’s initial motion to modify the Article 13 Dissolution Clause as presented above, which includes updating the name of IUA to UAI. The motion was seconded by Meredith. A vote was taken and the motion passed with 11 CLP members in favor.

### **Website**

Rick reported that Scott Brooks initiated the migration of the current UAUS website to a subsite on the UAI website. Susan Lyon volunteered to act as web editor and manager for the new subsite. She also offered to update the UAUS Study Group List and will be trained by Scott. Marian and Matt Hughes plan to continue as Study Group Committee co-chairs and will keep the list current.

### **Study Group Directory and UAUS SG list**

Rick Lyon gave a brief report on the online Study Group Directory.

Meredith moved that UAUS migrate the website onto the UAI sub-site. David seconded the motion.

We will continue to have subpages for Local Associations.

A vote was taken and the motion passed with 10 members of the CLP voting in favor of the website migration.

Meredith moved that UAUS continue to maintain a Study Group list on the UAUS website. Joyce seconded the motion. After some discussion about the benefits of

maintaining a separate list, David called the question. The motion was approved with 9 CLP members voting in favor.

This list will not be shared with other groups, i.e. the online Study Group Directory.

### **Status of inactive Local Associations**

Meredith proposed having a discussion about what to do in the face of aging or retiring local associations which are in danger of becoming inactive. Specifically, do all local affiliates have bylaws with dissolution clauses that stipulate their treasury funds be transitioned to UAUS?

Pio asked to table this discussion until the next meeting.

### **2020 UAUS Pacific Rim Regional Conference in Hawaii**

This topic was tabled due to Marion having to excuse herself from the meeting early.

### **2020 Urantia Association of Canada joint conference with UBF**

Pio reported on his phone conversation with Chris Wood and Nathan Jansen. This event will be co-sponsored by the Urantia Book Fellowship and UAI Canada.

### **2018 UAUS Annual CLP Meeting**

As previously announced at the March quarterly meeting, the annual meeting will be held via Zoom in place of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter meeting already scheduled for Saturday, September 29.

### **Other Business**

Rick mentioned that the positions of ISB Secretary and Vice President will be open due to the incumbents having completed their maximum terms.

Joanne has agreed to serve on the UAI Bylaw Review Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:11 CDT.

Future Meeting Dates:

- 2018 Annual Meeting - Saturday, September 29 via Zoom
- 2018 4th Quarter - Saturday, December 29
- 2019 1st Quarter – Saturday, March 30

Submitted by Joanne Strobel, UAUS Secretary, on July 14, 2018

Signed: *Joanne Strobel*