



**UAUS Council of Local Presidents Quarterly Zoom Meeting  
Saturday, September 28, 2019 at 1:00 PM Central Time**

**MINUTES**

Attending:

1. Pio Park, UAUS President
2. Share Beasley, UAUS Treasurer
3. Joanne Strobel, UAUS Secretary
4. Katrina Glavan-Heise, President Lone Star
5. Will Sherwood, VP, VCR
6. Marian Fieldson, VP, HULA
7. Marc Boucher, President, HULA
8. Danny Casco, President, GLMUA
9. Tom Vasile, President, UALA
10. James Woodward
11. Marian Hughes
12. Janiece Hoggatt, President, WASU

The meeting was called to order by Pio Park.

Roll call was taken by the Secretary and a quorum was declared.

Pio's invocation was a "Urantia version" of a familiar Catholic prayer from his childhood.

Joanne told the group that the minutes from the August 16 UAUS Annual CLP Meeting were quite long. So rather than read them now, they will be emailed to the CLP for review after this meeting. Marian Hughes moved to adopt the minutes, with a second from Marc Boucher. The minutes were accepted by unanimous decree.

Share did not submit a formal Treasurer's report but stated that our accounts are current. GLMUA was paid \$1000 for the Midwest conference. Membership dues for 2020 have not yet have been received. (\$5 per Full Member per Active Local Association)

**2019 Annual Meeting and the Midwest Conference**

Pio gave an enthusiastic report about his attendance at the Midwest Conference in Normal, IL and commended the grassroots effort between the local Fellowship Society and GLMUA. Danny Casco said they had a great turnout.

## **Nominees for UAUS VP**

UAUS is actively seeking nominations for the position of UAUS Vice President. Rick Lyon's second term comes to an end in March. Pio is asking Local Affiliates to scour their membership in search of someone to assume this important governing position. The 2-year term will commence on April 1, 2020.

Nominations should be submitted before the next CLP meeting, scheduled for December 28. Pio will send an email reminder to the CLP mailing list.

## **Proposal for 2014 International Conference sponsored by UAUS**

Marian Hughes declared herself a "reluctant participant" in this venture but said she was eventually inspired to step up to the proverbial service plate. The result was an online presentation proposing an international conference called "**The Nature and Nurture of the Soul.**" The venue is the Maritime Conference Center in Baltimore, MD. The conference would take place during cherry blossom season and coincide with Easter weekend.

The proposed dates are **March 28 – 31, 2024.**

Maritime CC is one of the premier conference centers in the US and enjoys an excellent reputation for both its food and its four-star accommodations. Not only does the location present an affordable jump across the pond for Europeans, it is within driving distance for much of the US and the Eastern provinces of Canada.

HULA would be willing to take the lead in organizing the conference, recruiting participation from other nearby Local Associations such as NY-Penn, UA New England, and Virginia-Carolina Readers.

Marian and her proposed conference co-chair, HULA president Marc Boucher (who maintains a residence in the DC area) are both capable professionals and have managed a company together. They envision using male-female co-chairs for the various committees. They also propose a fresh new paradigm, meaning less emphasis on traditional workshops, more focused on worship, and centered on The Soul, which would seem appropriate an appropriate topic for Easter weekend.

There are countless opportunities for sight-seeing and for children's programs.

If the CLP agrees to support their proposal, Marian and Marc plan to develop a video presentation to submit to the UAI selection committee.

You may view the maritime Conference Center venue and surrounding attractions at <https://www.mccbwi.orgOther>

All Local Associations are encouraged to think about and submit proposals!

### **A Resolution from Urantia Family Life Committee**

Tom Vasile, President of UALA, had presented a proposal to the CLP at the August 16 annual meeting. Today he returned with a resolution to make the Urantia Family Life Committee (UFLC) an ad hoc committee of UAUS.

*Whereas* raising children is a difficult task, especially for parents who are enlightened with the fifth epochal revelation,

*Whereas* the Urantia Book revelation needs families and children to continue to spiritually transform our world,

*Whereas* the Urantia Family Life Committee is dedicated to ministering to the needs of families and has been functioning for over three years with members of the UAUS working with other students of *The Urantia Book* to provide children and teen programs at conferences and other Urantia gatherings, be it therefore

*Resolved*, that UAUS recognizes the Urantia Family Life Committee as an ad hoc committee, whose purpose will be to provide programs for children and teens at the Vancouver 2020 Conference; and be it further

*Resolved*, that UAUS will receive regular reports of the committee's work.

Tom made a motion to accept this resolution and Danny Casco made a second. Discussion opened and questions were asked of Tom and his wife Marie.

- It is appropriate to ask registrants to pay an extra fee for their children. This is typically around \$20 per child.
- The UFLC has its own website, which contains ideas, programs, and tips for parents.
- The committee has several active members, many of whom are from the Fellowship or are unaffiliated.
- Their motto is "Safety First!" and both agreed to explore background checks for volunteers who provide child care at the conference.
- Tom and Marie Vasile will act as co-chairs of this committee and will report to the CLP on a regular basis.
- Tom and Marie have already cultivated a working relationship with Katharina Becker, who is co-chair of the Vancouver 2020 conference.

A vote was taken and the CLP agreed unanimously to make UFLC an ad-hoc committee of UAUS.

Joanne and Pio will facilitate an introduction to Nathan Jansen, President of UA Canada and a co-sponsor of the 2020 Vancouver Conference. .

The second part of the proposed resolution stated:

*Whereas* the Urantia Family Life Committee has developed a survey to find out the current number of Urantia Book students with families and how we can best serve them, be it therefore

*Resolved*, that UAUS will send to its mailing list the Urantia Family Life Committees survey.

The CLP members were not comfortable with soliciting personal information about children and grandchildren. Instead, members suggested that Tom and Marie embed the survey into their website and provide UAUS (and other organizations) with a link to disseminate.

This resolution was tabled.

### **Request for Assistance from UAI Dissemination Chair Regarding Reader Services Contacts**

A request for assistance was sent to the Representative Council from Willem Jeths, UAI Dissemination Chair

“A list of all new Reader Contacts received so far this year has been compiled by Urantia Association’s Central Office. Some were received by Urantia Foundation and others via the Association website or central office. These persons have already received the initial welcoming letter (in their own language) from the Dissemination Committee. They now need to be contacted by a Reader Services Volunteer from the nearest association. I would like to send each of you a list of those who live in your region but before I can do that, I will need the name and email address of your designated Reader Services Volunteer(s) who will be responsible for contacting them. If you don’t have a designated Reader Services Volunteer, would you please consider appointing a Governing Board member to take on this duty?

Please send the name and email address of your Reader Services Volunteer(s) to: [dissemination@urantia-association.org](mailto:dissemination@urantia-association.org) and I will forward your list of contacts. “

James Woodward told the CLP that he and Rick Lyon are currently serving as Reader Services Contacts in the US.

If you are interested in volunteering to help, you may email James at [tbandg@friendlyuniverse.org](mailto:tbandg@friendlyuniverse.org)

The meeting was adjourned at 2:38 pm CT.

Submitted by: Joanne Strobel on September 28, 2019

**FUTURE UAUS CLP MEETING DATES - Please mark your calendar!**

- 2019 Q4 – Saturday, December 28
- 2020 Q1– Saturday, March 28
- 2020 Q2 – Saturday, June 27
- 2020 Q3 – Saturday, September 26
- 2020 Q4 - Saturday, December 26