



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

MINUTES

Attending:

1. Pio Park, UAUS President
2. Rick Lyon, UAUS Vice President
3. Share Beasley, UAUS Treasurer and VP, UA Florida
4. Joanne Strobel, UAUS Secretary
5. Katrina Glavan-Heise, President, Lone Star
6. Will Sherwood, President, VCR
7. Marian Fieldson, VP, HULA
8. Marian Hughes, with proxy from Marc Boucher, President, HULA
9. James Woodward
10. David Linthicum, Spirit of Oklahoma
11. Bruce Johnson, President, NY-Penn
12. Stephen Caruso, Ohio Students
13. Janiece Hoggatt, President, WASU (after roll call)

Absent: GLMUA and UA New England

The meeting was called to order by Pio Park.

Roll call was taken by Joanne and a quorum was declared.

Rick Lyon offered the opening prayer.

Adoption of Q3 Minutes

Joanne reminded the group that the minutes from the September 28 CLP meeting had been sent with the meeting reminder and agenda. Will Sherwood moved to adopt the minutes, with a second by Rick Lyon. The minutes were accepted by unanimous assent and will be posted on the UAUS website.

Treasurer's Report

Share reported that the current UAUS balance is **\$69,469.56**. Year to date income totaled **\$33,379.53**. This includes a \$32,414.53 windfall from the defunct Southern Kindred Spirits Local Association. Thanks to Mark Kurtz and cooperation from the daughter/executor of Eddie and Joanne King's estate, the monies in this account were transferred in accordance with the UAUS Charter.

Membership dues have been received from HULA, WSUA, GLMUA, LSUA, UAF, and VCR.

Donation to UAI 2019 Matching Fund Drive

Pio offered a motion to donate 10% of our 2019 income to UAI; Will Sherwood offered a second. There was some discussion about whether we should donate 10% of the total income or simply 10% of the SKS windfall. Since the difference was less than \$200, the group agreed to donate 10% of the total, or \$3400.

David Linthicum reminded the CLP that a resolution had been passed several years ago which stipulates that UAUS donate 10% of their annual income to UAI every year.

Nominees for UAUS Vice President and Secretary

The current Secretary Joanne Strobel has agreed to run for her second full term.

Michael Zehr of NY-Penn Urantia Association has agreed to be nominated for VP, succeeding Rick Lyon. Michael's bio will be sent to the CLP after January 1.

Acceptance of HULA Proposal for 2024 International Conference

A motion to accept the HULA proposal for an international conference called "**The Nature and Nurture of the Soul**" to take place at the Maritime Conference Center in Baltimore, MD was put forth by Pio Park. It was seconded by Will Sherwood. The conference would take place during cherry blossom season and coincide with Easter weekend. The proposed dates are **March 28 – 31, 2024**.

As previously reported, HULA will 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 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.

A unanimous vote of the CLP accepted the proposal. Marian and Marc plan to develop a video presentation to submit to the UAI selection committee, along with the requisite paperwork.

Joanne will contact the UAI Conference Chair to determine exactly how much information has to be provided before we know that our proposal is accepted and approved. We also want to know the deadline for their decision.

Katrina mentioned that there will be a solar eclipse on April 8, 2024. Lone Star is planning an event at a location in Texas which is included in the map of totality.

UAUS Conference Chair Appointment

Pio made a motion, and Share seconded, to accept the appointments of Joanne Strobel as UAUS Conference Chair, and Marian Hughes and Marc Boucher as 2024 Conference Planning Committee Co-Chairs.

By once again having a UAUS Conference Chair, combined with the new policy of \$500 grant money for local/regional events, this should help encourage more local affiliate events.

A grant application form is now available and will be sent to the CLP.

Share made a motion to limit the amount of grant money in 2020 to \$3000. Will offered a second. Discussion ensued and it was confirmed that this money is indeed a grant of seed money, not a loan to be paid back.

Katrina questioned whether this proposed maximum should more appropriately be an annual budget line item, to be annually approved by the CLP. It was agreed that this would be a better way to handle the yearly maximum.

A motion was offered by Marian Hughes to table the original motion. This motion was seconded by Pio and accepted by unanimous assent.

Request for Scholarship to Vancouver 2020 Urantia Experience

Pio was approached by an individual who resides in Europe. Since UAUS is not sponsoring or even affiliated with this co-hosted conference, it was determined that scholarships should be requested from UA Canada or the Urantia Book Fellowship

A motion to adjourn was offered by Will Sherwood and seconded by Marian Hughes. The motion was passed by unanimous assent, and the meeting was adjourned.

FUTURE UAUS CLP MEETING DATES - Please mark your calendar!

- 2020 Q1– Saturday, March 28 (Note: votes due)
- 2020 Q2 – Saturday, June 27
- 2020 Q3 – Saturday, September 26
- 2020 Q4 - Saturday, December 26

Submitted by: Joanne Strobel on December 28, 2019