



**Council of Local Presidents and Vice Presidents Q1 Meeting via Zoom
Saturday, March 27, 2021 at 1:00 PM CDT**

MINUTES

Attending:

1. Katrina Glavan-Heise, Lone Star Urantia Association (LSUA) and UAUS President,
2. Michael Zehr, UAUS Vice President
3. Share Beasley, Urantia Association of Florida (UAF) and UAUS Treasurer
4. Joanne Strobel, UAUS Secretary and Conference Committee Chair
5. Marian Hughes, UAUS Study Group chair
6. Bruce Johnson, New York - Pennsylvania URANTIA Association (NY-PENN)
7. Betty Zehr, New York - Pennsylvania URANTIA Association (NY-PENN)
8. Ralph Zehr, New York - Pennsylvania URANTIA Association (NY-PENN)
9. Sia Ahmadzadeh, Lone Star Urantia Association (LSUA)
10. James Perry, Virginia Caroline Readers (VCR)
11. Will Sherwood, Virginia Caroline Readers (VCR)
12. Marc Boucher, Hawaii Urantia Local Association (HULA)
13. Marian Fieldson, Hawaii Urantia Local Association (HULA)
14. Alice Wood, Greater Lake Michigan Urantia Association (GLMUA)
15. Marie Vasile, URANTIA Association of Los Angeles (UALA)
16. Tom Vasile, URANTIA Association of Los Angeles (UALA)
17. Pio Park, member (HULA)

Without representation:

1. Urantia Book Service Committee of New England (UBSCONE)
2. Washington State URANTIA Association (WSUA)

The meeting was called to order by Katrina Glavan-Heise.

A heartfelt prayer was offered by Share Beasley

Secretary Joanne Strobel took attendance and declared a quorum.

President's Report by Katrina Glavan-Heise

It is an honor to accept the role of President of UAUS replacing the esteemed Pio Park. Thank you, CLP, for selecting me to be your president. I am very fortunate to follow such an outstanding leader as Pio Park!

Pio, you have done a wonderful job leading this organization. During the last 4 years we have seen a variety of challenges and each time you guided us through them. There have been cancellations, travel restrictions, quarantines, masks, website changes, association changes, the passing of friends, and the introductions to new friends. Your sincerity and graciousness promoted the success of the Association through these changes. We all want to say “Thank You!” as you step away from this role. Thank you, Pio! Even so, we expect you to continue to participate with us as we move forward into the next phase.

As I thought about “my vision” for my term as UAUS president, a couple of themes came to mind. 1. Stay focused on our spiritual mission. 2. Advocate and support our parent association—Urantia Association International and its purposes. And 3, Promote, unite, expand Urantia Book readership. First let’s stay focused on our spiritual mission. We have faced many challenges up to now and we will continue to face new challenges in the future. Let’s join together in spiritual unity as we address future challenges together. To understand spiritual unity, let’s look to the Urantia Book for inspiration.

One of the most eventful of all the evening conferences at Amathus was the session having to do with the discussion of spiritual unity. James Zebedee had asked, “Master, how shall we learn to see alike and thereby enjoy more harmony among ourselves?” When Jesus heard this question, he was stirred within his spirit, so much so that he replied: “James, James, when did I teach you that you should all see alike? I have come into the world to proclaim spiritual liberty to the end that mortals may be empowered to live individual lives of originality and freedom before God. I do not desire that social harmony and fraternal peace shall be purchased by the sacrifice of free personality and spiritual originality. What I require of you, my apostles, is spirit unity — and that you can experience in the joy of your united dedication to the wholehearted doing of the will of my Father in heaven. You do not have to see alike or feel alike or even think alike in order spiritually to be alike. Spiritual unity is derived from the consciousness that each of you is indwelt, and increasingly dominated, by the spirit gift of the heavenly Father. Your apostolic harmony must grow out of the fact that the spirit hope of each of you is identical in origin, nature, and destiny. (1591.6) 141:5.1

There are many different interests, points of view and ways of thinking among the Urantia Community, however, we all have identical Thought Adjusters and they have a common mission. Let’s keep trying to help these magnificent Thought Adjusters. And remember, if anyone has a question about what should be our spiritual philosophy or goal, we should look to the source--*The Urantia Book*.

Second, what is UAUS’ purpose? Looking to the Bylaws Article 2, UAUS Purpose, it says:

Article 2: Purpose. The purpose of UAUS shall be 1) to represent the Local Associations within the states and territories of the United States on an international level; and 2) to serve the integration

and coordination needs of the Local Associations within those states and territories in accordance with the Charter and Bylaws of the Urantia Association International.

Sponsoring the UAI 2024 International conference fulfills this purpose. We will have plenty of discussion on this topic over the next couple of years. We will likely create additional goals as we go.

Looking to UAI's Charter, it identifies a very clear goal:

Article 1 Statement of Purpose – Mission: To foster study of *The Urantia Book* and to disseminate its teachings.

My last theme is clearly in alignment with UAI's mission to promote, unite, and expand Urantia Book readership. To that end, I would like to see the CLPs report on their efforts to promote, unite, and expand Urantia Book readership at each CLP meeting. I would like to see these reports expand beyond "here is what my study group is doing" to "this is what my association is doing to expand and promote Urantia Book readership." We want to know what you are doing to nurture your readership. I look forward to hearing about your activities.

One last thing, I want to remind you of what you have heard before. Our Association is not a forum for partisan politics so no political talk, comments, or innuendos. We need to ensure our conversations and comments are around our goals, purposes and missions. I expect that we will work within all political frameworks and in our discussions we will not promote or badmouth any political group or person. In closing, let's remember.

"Your spirit unity implies two things, which always will be found to harmonize in the lives of individual believers: First, you are possessed with a common motive for life service; you all desire above everything to do the will of the Father in heaven. Second, you all have a common goal of existence; you all purpose to find the Father in heaven, thereby proving to the universe that you have become like him." (1592.1) 141:5.3

I am honored to serve as your President. May we do the Father's will in all our doings.

Treasurer's Report

A summary of UAUS Q1 2021 Expenses, Donations and Dues was presented by Share Beasley.

Income

Local Association UAUS Membership Dues: **\$740.00**

1. GLMUA: \$120. HULA: \$60.00
2. LSUA \$50.00
3. NY-PENN: \$50.00
4. UAF: \$50.00
5. UALA: \$50.00
6. UBSCONE: \$105.00
7. VCR: \$55.00 (Paid in Dec 2020)
8. WSUA: \$200.00

Donations

- December 2020: \$55.00
- Jan – Mar 2021: \$86.06 less PayPal cc

Expenses: \$159.23 (PayPal \$9.33 and Zoom \$149.90)

Balance as of March 27, 2021: **\$67,592.47.**

Thank you to all UA local associations for being timely with their dues!

Urantia Association 2024 International Conference

Conference Committee Chair Joanne Strobel reported that the following Conference Coordinator positions had been filled:

1. Conference Center Coordinators: Marian Hughes and Marc Boucher (with HULA)
Includes primary point of contact for Maritime Conference Center, Housing, Hospitality, Logistics, and Entertainment
2. Registration Coordinator: Alice Wood (with GLMUA)
3. Program Coordinator: Michael Zehr (with NY-PA)
4. Sponsorship Coordinator: Enrique Traver (UAI President)
5. Children and Youth Program Coordinator: Marie Vasile (with Family Life Committee)
6. Worship Service Coordinators: Share and Bill Beasley (with UAF)

These two positions will likely be assumed by members of the International Service Board

7. Audio and Video Coordinator: Open (possibly Antonio Shefer?)
8. Translation Coordinator: Open (possibly Gabriel Rymberg?)

These two positions are open:

9. Promotions (Marketing) Coordinator
10. Finance Coordinator

The topic is the Nature and Nurture of the Soul. Ralph Zehr will be the keynote speaker.

Marian Hughes shared a brief summary about the venue selection, followed by the official announcement video which will be broadcast at the 2021 International Conference in Peru.

Katrina will give a pre-recorded message at the time of the “passing of the torch” from UA Peru to the United States. (UAUS) on Sunday, April 25.

Submitted by Joanne Strobel
UAUS Secretary