



**Council of Local Presidents and Vice Presidents Quarterly Meeting via Zoom
Saturday, March 26, 2022, at 1:00 PM CDT**

MINUTES

In attendance:

1. Katrina Glavan-Heise, Lone Star Urantia Association (LSUA) and UAUS President
2. Michael Zehr, UAUS Vice President
3. Joanne Strobel, UAUS Secretary
4. Alice Wood, Greater Lake Michigan Urantia Association (GLMUA)
5. Bob Solone, Greater Lake Michigan Urantia Association (GLMUA)
6. Marian Fieldson, Hawaii Urantia Local Association (HULA)
7. Marc Boucher, Hawaii Urantia Local Association (HULA)
8. Marian Hughes, UAUS Study Group Committee chair
9. Bruce Johnson, New York - Pennsylvania URANTIA Association (NY-PENN)
10. David Neufer, New York - Pennsylvania URANTIA Association (NY-PENN)
11. Sia Ahmadzadeh, Lone Star Urantia Association (LSUA)
12. Joyce Anderson, UAUS Secretary-elect

President Katrina Glavan-Heise called the meeting to order at 1:05 and offered the opening prayer.

Secretary Joanne Strobel took attendance and declared a quorum. *

The adoption of the 2021 Annual Meeting Minutes (emailed on October 29, 2021) was postponed.

President's Report

Katrina welcomed everyone. There was no December meeting.

She and Michael continue to represent the Local Associations on the international Representative Council (RC) of National Association presidents and vice presidents.

The 2024 International Conference will be held as planned.

Treasurer's Report

The report was waived due to Treasurer Share Beasley's absence.

Election results and Welcome for UAUS Secretary

Joanne announced the election results. Katrina officially welcomed Joyce Anderson as the incoming secretary and read her bio:

"I am a long-time reader of the UB and have been active in my local association, UA of NY-PENN, having served multiple terms as president, vice-president and secretary over the last 24 years. I

participated in the UAI charter revision project and look forward to continuing that work. I am a member of the Judicial Committee.

As Recording Secretary on the Consistory of Niskayuna Reformed Church in 2017 and 2018, I prepared monthly Consistory minutes as well as the minutes of the 268th and 269th annual church meetings. For 18 years (prior to COVID) I directed the NRC youth choir. We sang in a variety of languages, from Latin and Hebrew to Spanish and Swahili and performed the works of a broad range of composers, from Mozart to traditional African American hymns, Gershwin and ABBA.

As Privacy and Compliance Leader of GE's People Operations, I work with employees around the world. I also serve on our Outreach team which coordinates community volunteer and fundraising projects.

I have been an active volunteer with the GE Women's Network for many years, serving as a founding member of our community garden project which has donated hundreds of pounds of produce to a local food bank as well as leading cooking classes for the residents of the Schenectady YWCA.

My husband, David, and I participate in two UB study groups. We live near Albany, NY and have a son and daughter. Thank you for this opportunity to serve."

2024 International Conference Update

Joanne has resigned as chair of this committee. She recapped the status of Conference Committee plans.

2024 Conference Committee Coordinators

1. **UAUS Conference Committee chair:** Vacant
2. **UAI Conference Committee chair:** Antonio Schefer
3. **Conference Center Coordinators:** Marian Hughes and Marc Boucher (with HULA) Includes primary point of contact for Maritime Conference Center, Housing, Hospitality, Logistics, and Entertainment
4. **Registration Coordinator:** Alice Wood (with GLMUA)
5. **Program Coordinator:** Michael Zehr (with NY-PA)
6. **Sponsorship Coordinator:** Enrique Traver, UAI President

These positions still open:

1. **Finance Coordinator:** Open
2. **Promotions (Marketing) Coordinator:** Open
3. **Audio and Video Coordinator:** Open
4. **Translation Coordinator:** Open (Likely Gabriel Rymberg, ISB Translations Coordinator)

Additional roles (reporting through Program Coordinator)

- **Worship Service Coordinators:** Share and Bill Beasley (with UAF)
- **Children and Youth Program Coordinators:** Marie and Tom Vasile of UALA (with the Family Life Committee)

The Maritime Conference Center contract is in process and will be signed.

Katrina appointed Marian Hughes as UAUS Conference Committee pro tem and requested a meeting in April.

Membership Committee chair appointment

Marian Hughes volunteered to serv as committee chair.

Local Association Announcements / Updates

Alice Wood of GLMUA shared a link to some documents. GLMUA represents four states, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, and Wisconsin.

They recently completed a year of Growing Together. They stated with 20 people and ended with a solid 8 who made progress on their goals. They tried to keep the group regionalized so they could get together and know one another. They plan to continue next year with a new host.

Alice is happy to share materials if any Local Association wishes to start their own program.

They also hosted a Zoom meeting for individuals interested in joining GLMUA. The turnout was good, and they gained several new members.

Alice noted that if people are going to become involved, the organization must be perceived as being active! Membership is important because leadership positions must be filled by full members. However, this is challenging because of resistance to “joining.”

Sia of LSUA reported that their board has been meeting frequently to prepare for their upcoming conference, A Texas Jubilee, on May 27 – 29, 2022. Thirty people are registered so far.

Here is a link to the conference information:

<http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07ehr1s98k932ac964&llr=aenolgsab>

Marian of HULA reported that their members have been meeting weekly on Zoom to study the book and have recently completed part IV. Thanks to Zoom they have expanded internationally.

In addition to the growth as a group, they have taken on the support of Grevet Moyo, who is currently pursuing his Ph.D. at Maynooth University in Ireland. He has finally found proper housing. They are now trying to help his wife, Linda, and their two girls who Grevet had to leave back in Malawi.

He has been instrumental in getting *The Urantia Book* distributed in Malawi and headed up the establishment of the National Urantia Association of Malawi. He grew that organization to over 100 individuals. One day Grevet will be a great asset to the spiritual evolution of his country. Please ask Marian questions about how to help.

Members of HULA continue to work on the 2024 International Conference. Maria Fieldson has joined the committee and is working on Easter baskets.

David of NY-PA commented that the 2024 conference will be great for their Local Association. Several of them are active in Urantia Foundation’s Urantia Book Internet School (UBIS) and the

upcoming Science Symposium on June 17-18. Their study group meets every two weeks and enjoys in depth studies

An idea about offering small presentations via Zoom was discussed as a way to share expertise, projects, service opportunities, etc. Sia compared it to a circuit that could connect people to multiple groups. The sessions could be recorded.

Marian recalled that back in the 1980's there were quite a few Members at Large. She suggested an At Large Group.

Michael Zehr reminded the group of the online Study Group Directory (SGD). He offered to compile a list of study groups and cross-reference it with the SDG database. Send him your updated information.

Michael also reported that the RC will soon be approving revised Association Charter and Bylaws, which contain a clarification of geographical boundaries. He observed that there are opportunities to include members that aren't in a Local Association.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.
Marian Hughes led a closing meditation on The Parable of the Sower.

The next quarterly meeting will be held at 1 pm CDT on Saturday, June 25, 2022.

Submitted by
Joanne Strobel, UAUS Secretary

Note: A quorum is designated as 1/3 of the *voting members*, which are the presidents and vice presidents of the following 8 active associations:

1. Greater Lake Michigan Urantia Association (GLMUA) Alice Wood, Bob Solone
2. Hawaii Urantia Local Association (HULA) Marc Boucher, Marian Fieldson
3. Lone Star Urantia Association (LSUA) Katrina Glavan-Heise, Sia Ahmadzadeh
4. New York - Penn URANTIA Association (NY-PENN) Bruce Johnson, David Neuffer
5. Urantia Association of Florida UAF (Joycee Patterson, Share Beasley)
6. Urantia Book Service Committee of New England (UBSCONE) Linda Huff, Paul Anderson
7. Virginia Caroline Readers (VCR) Will Sherwood, James Perry
8. Washington State Urantia Association (Janiece Hoggatt, Jim Nelson)