

## **Minutes of the Triennial Delegate Assembly**

August 1 -3, 2012

Urantia Book Fellowship

Summer Study Session

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The TDA was called to order by the President of the Urantia Book Fellowship, Michelle Klimesh, at 6:00 P. M. on Wednesday, August 1, 2012.

There were brief verbal reports by John Hay, who said that the new edition of the Book was selling well; Michael Challis of the Judicial Committee; and Susan Cook of the Interfaith Committee.

Bob Arkens was elected Chair of the TDA Elections Committee and also of the TDA Resolutions Committee.

Daniel Love Glazer was elected secretary for the meeting.

Ground rules: each Society represented gets one vote. The discussion of candidates for the General Council is confidential; no discussion is to leave the room.

As the TDA Elections Committee, we deliberated on the election of the new General Councilors  
We recessed until Thursday morning.

Thursday, August 2:

Chair Bob Arkens called the meeting back to order at 9:09 A. M.

We completed the election of the new General Councilors. Here are the results:

### **For 9 year terms:**

Agustin Arellano  
Andrea Barnes  
Dana Bredemeyer  
Larry Bowman  
Michael Challis  
Paul Klaver  
David Kulieke  
Teuvo Orjala  
Cayce Snider  
Paula Thompson  
Angie Thurston  
Arlene Weimer

### **For a 6 Year Term:**

Thomas Orjala

### **For 3 Year Terms:**

Lila Dogim  
Charlene Morrow

We then constituted ourselves as the Committee on Resolutions and started deliberations, which resulted in our passing seven resolutions to be submitted to the General Council.

We recessed until Friday afternoon.

Here are the resolutions we passed:

Resolution # 1

MAL resolution from RMSF to TDA

Whereas, in the Urantia Book Fellowship there are, as of May 2012, 302 Members at Large (“MAL”) which represents approximately 28% of the total membership of 1064, and

Whereas, the following 18 societies are active on the roles of the Fellowship with the following members each as of May 2012:

RMSF – 144, OKC – 101, Golden Gate – 84, UBLA – 78, Grand Canyon – 61, North Tex – 52, Heart of Amer. – 47, 1<sup>st</sup> Soc – 40, UBSGNY – 33, Pilot Light – 31, Orvonton – 29, Ft. Wayne – 23, Wisconsin – 23, Northern Light – 20, Vancouver – 15, SSUN – 13, Glenview – 10, Urantia Book Service Corps of New England – 17,

Be it resolved that the TDA requests the General Council to study the changing patterns of how and why people join the Fellowship, and determine what changes need to be made in the Society model, membership types, representation, and elections to support a vision for a healthy Fellowship.

Resolution # 2

Financial Reporting and Tithing

We, the Urantia Book Los Angeles (UBLA) Governing Committee, on behalf of our members, hereby propose that the Urantia Book Fellowship change its individual society financial reporting and tithing process from quarterly to annually. We further propose that all financial reports and accompanying tithes from the societies be submitted to The Fellowship before January 31 of each year and reflect the finances of the full, just completed calendar year.

Resolution # 3

Finance resolution from RMSF to TDA

Whereas, in the Urantia Book Fellowship there are, as of July 2012, no visible financial reporting to the donors of the Urantia Book Fellowship,

Be it resolved that The Heart of America Society requests that the Fellowship issue financial reports annually to all donors. The Fellowship is a non-profit organization with an IRS tax exemption. Non-profits traditionally distribute a full accounting of their finances to all donors.

We request that:

a.) The UBF inform the donors about our practical priorities as reflected in financial transactions;

b.) The UBF foster trust between the organization and the donors by eliminating the murkiness of vague accountability and create a solid, simple and transparent financial communication at least once a year.

Resolution # 4  
Resolution to Modernize the Fellowship's Constitution

Whereas many changes have occurred within the Fellowship since its Constitution was drafted,  
and

Whereas global communication greatly enhances the Fellowship's social and fraternal potentials – redefining social networks; making access to information available at the click of a mouse, and

Whereas the Fellowship's governance model outlined in the Constitution does not reflect these new realities, and

Whereas there is concern that once useful provisions, if considered “outdated” may be neglected and erode the validity our Constitution,

Be it resolved that the General Council support a member-inclusive Constitutional Convention to redraft the Fellowship's Constitution and Bylaws, towards the goal of creating a governing model designed to aid us in achieving our social and fraternal mission, growth and organizational health.

Be it further resolved that the General Council delegate this process to a special joint ad-hoc committee, whose members are drawn from TDA and General Council members.

Resolution # 5  
Resolution Regarding Candidates for Executive Officer Positions

Be it resolved that the General Council will receive from each candidate for Executive Officer – prior to elections – a brief proposal outlining the candidate's basic strategic plan for the position sought.

Be it resolved that all proposals received or recorded by the General Council will be made available to Societies via TDA Delegates and/or Presidents.

Resolution # 6  
Study Groups

Because of the important role of study groups in the comprehension and dissemination of the revelation, the Membership Committee (or another committee designated by the Executive Committee) shall be charged with the responsibility of nurturing existing study groups, fostering new ones and facilitating communication between them.

Examples of “nurturing:”  
Creation of a study group blog  
Study Group Newsletter  
Study Group Workshops at Summer Study Sessions and International Conferences

Resolution # 7  
Budget Process

In order to foster increased collaboration between Fellowship societies and the Executive Committee of the Fellowship, the societies shall be included in the Fellowship's annual budget process by being invited to submit proposals for funding of society projects at least six months in advance of the Executive Committee budget meeting.

In addition, we passed an internal TDA motion to name three monitors of the fate of certain resolutions, who will report back to the TDA on their progress. These monitors are

- John Hay on Resolution #1 re Members at Large
- Gary Deinstadt on Resolution #6 re Study Groups and Resolution #7 re Budget Process
- Cayce Snider on Resolution #4 re Modernizing the Fellowship's Constitution and Resolution #5 re Candidates for Executive Officer Positions

Friday, August 3:

Chair Bob Arkens called the meeting to order at 1:37 P. M.

We formally reported to the General Council, represented by Michelle Klimesh, President of Urantia Brotherhood Fellowship, the results of the election of new members of the General Council, as well as seven resolutions to be forwarded to the General Council.

We reported the results of our elections and the resolutions to Michelle Klimesh.  
We voted to recess the TDA until the 2013 Summer Study Session.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel Love Glazer  
Secretary