

MINUTES OF
TRIENNIAL DELEGATE ASSEMBLY
OF
URANTIA BROTHERHOOD

June 25 and 26, 1988

The Triennial Delegate Assembly of URANTIA Brotherhood was held Saturday, June 25, and Sunday, June 26, 1988. It was convened on Saturday, June 25, at 9:07 at 533 Diversey Parkway, Chicago, Illinois, pursuant to call dated December 16, 1987.

The President of URANTIA Brotherhood, David N. Elders, presided and the Secretary, Marian Rowley, recorded the minutes of the meeting.

After a moment of silent prayer, the President gave a brief welcoming speech.

An inspiring keynote speech was given by Paul Snider and is on file.

The Chairman called for the report of the Committee on Credentials. The Chairman of the committee, Duane Faw, reported that the credentials of the Delegates and Alternate Delegates had been examined and found satisfactory. The committee recommended the seating of the following Delegates and Alternate Delegates:

<u>SOCIETY</u>	<u>DELEGATES</u>	<u>ALTERNATE DELEGATES</u>
First URANTIA Society	Thomas Kendall	Cece Forrester
First URANTIA Society of Los Angeles	Charles Montgomery	Stella Religa
URANTIA Society of Glenview	Mary Snider	Lisa Carr
First URANTIA Society of Oklahoma	Harry McMullan, III	Michael Challis
Orvonton URANTIA Society of Chicago	Michael Painter	Scott Forsythe
Fort Wayne URANTIA Society	Vivian Albert	Marjorie Runkle
Evergreen URANTIA Society of Washington	Janice C. Heinberg	Elaine T. Monesmith
First URANTIA Society of Houston	Glenn Bell, Jr.	Adrienne Jarnagin
First URANTIA Society of Western Springs	Jane Fritz	Patricia Lauro
San Francisco Bay Area URANTIA Society	Stephen Zendt	Norman Hetland
URANTIA Society of Central Connecticut	Marta Elders	George Park
URANTIA Society of Dallas	John Hyde	Sarah Nachtweh
Rocky Mountain URANTIA Society of Denver	John Hay	Peggy Anne Douglass
URANTIA Society of San Fernando Valley	Gary Reedy	Dorothy Elder
Northern Light URANTIA Society of Alaska	Michael Rockwell	Bonnie Nichols
Pilot Light URANTIA Society of Seattle	Tom Choquette	Mark French
Heart of America URANTIA Society of Kansas City	Robert Bruyn	Ila Hall
URANTIA Society of Greater New York	Barton Ice	Robin P. Jorgensen

A motion was made, seconded, and carried by the Delegates to accept the report of the Committee on Credentials and the President declared those named seated. Bonnie Nichols was absent.

The President initiated the discussion on whether to appoint all Delegates to both the Nominations and the Resolutions Committees, or to break them up into two groups. Since the matter had been discussed in detail at the orientation meeting on Friday night, the decision was made to appoint the entire group to both committees. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to that effect.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to permit Alternates to be present at the committee proceedings and to speak, but not to vote.

The President discussed the matter of confidentiality concerning the committee proceedings. It was moved, seconded, and carried that, in lieu of a strict bond of confidentiality regarding commentary on candidates for the General Council made during the selection process, all Delegates and Alternates agreed to be bound by:

The highest standards of integrity, good judgment, and concern for the feelings of General Council candidates, to the degree that any discussion with non-delegates and alternates at any time of commentary made during the TDA election process, be limited to that which the participating Delegate and Alternate would be willing to say personally to the person about whom discussion is taking place, and without any intent to harm or belittle that person.

The President then appointed Thomas Kendall as Chairman of the Nominations Committee and Harry McMullan as Chairman of the Resolutions Committee, each committee to consist of all 18 Delegates.

The Chairman then asked for questions or comments on the annual reports of the officers, departmental committee chairmen, and field representatives. Several points were brought up which were answered by the committee chairmen who were present.

The Chairman then recessed the meeting at 10:07 A.M. indefinitely so that the Nominations Committee could proceed with its business of nominating 15 Councilors for various terms.

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The meeting was reconvened at 5:05 P.M. Saturday, June 25.

The Chairman called on Tom Kendall, Chairman of the Nominations Committee, for the report on nominations for members of the General Council. He read the report and turned it over to the Secretary.

The Chairman appointed Gary Reedy and Janice Heinberg as tellers and ballots were distributed to the Delegates. He asked for nominations from the floor, but there were none and the nominations were closed. The votes were cast and the tellers retired to count the votes. Mr. Reedy reported that the nominated Councilors were elected unanimously by the 18 Delegates. The Chairman declared the following candidates duly elected as members of the General Council for the specified terms:

- | <u>9-year Term</u> | <u>6-Year Term</u> | <u>3-Year Term</u> |
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| Robert Bruyn | W. David Robertson | Anthony R. Finstad |
| Janice Clark Heinberg | | John L. Lange |
| Avinoam Dogim | | |
| Stephen Dreier | | |
| David N. Elders | | |
| Lucile Faw | | |
| Gard Jameson | | |
| James G. Johnston | | |
| Eileen Laurence | | |
| Harry McMullan III | | |
| Brent St. Denis | | |
| Melissa Wells | | |

The meeting was recessed at 5:20 P.M. to reconvene on Sunday so that the Resolutions Committee could consider resolutions for referral to the General Council.

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The meeting reconvened on Sunday, June 26, 1988, at 12:10 P.M.

Tom Kendall was absent and Cece Forrester was officially appointed as Acting Delegate for First URANTIA Society.

The Chairman officially confirmed that while Harry McMullan acted as Chairman of the Resolutions Committee, Michael Challis became the Acting Delegate for First URANTIA Society of Oklahoma which will account for some difference in vote totals.

The Chairman asked Harry McMullan, Chairman of the Resolutions Committee, to present the report from that committee. The following resolutions were approved for referral to the General Council for consideration and action.

He presented Resolution #1 as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED that the 1988 Triennial Delegate Assembly commends the General Council of URANTIA Brotherhood for its impressive and consistent efforts over the last three years to increase, restructure, and otherwise improve communications between the Executive Committee/General Council and the entire Brotherhood membership.

The Assembly hopes that these efforts will be carried forward even further by the incoming General Council.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to adopt the resolution and ratify the vote of the Resolutions Committee: Yes 11 - No 1 - Abstentions 5

Resolution #2 was presented as follows:

In an effort to insure that General Council service is not limited to people of means, BE IT RESOLVED that the General Council undertake an evaluation of the desirability and feasibility of either fully funding or partially subsidizing travel expenses for required meetings of General Councilors.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to adopt the resolution and ratify the vote of the Resolutions Committee: Yes 11 - No 2 - Abstentions 3

Resolution #3 was presented as follows:

As the URANTIA movement grows and internationalizes, and as the number of societies grows, there will be increasing pressure to broaden participation on the General Council.

BE IT RESOLVED that the General Council should consider ways to allow greater and more frequent participation on the General Council, perhaps by reducing the length of terms of office and/or limiting consecutive terms.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to adopt the resolution and ratify the vote of the Resolutions Committee: Yes 12 - No 3 - Abstention 1

Resolution #4 was presented as follows:

WHEREAS the selection of General Council members is of utmost importance to the direction and ideals of URANTIA Brotherhood, and because the addition of new societies will mean less personal familiarity with each prospective member, BE IT RESOLVED that a more systematic and informative application process be adopted.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to adopt the resolution and ratify the vote of the Resolutions Committee: Yes 18 - No 0 - Abstention 0

Resolution #5 was presented as follows:

In an effort to avoid possible conflicts of interest or even the appearance of conflicts of interest, and in the best interest of fairness to all nominees to the General Council, BE IT RESOLVED that no candidate for the General Council serve concurrently as a Triennial Delegate or Alternate.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to adopt the resolution and ratify the vote of the Resolutions Committee: Yes 9 - No 8 - Abstention 0

Resolution #6 was presented as follows:

Whereas a General Councilor is expected to serve actively, BE IT RESOLVED that a General Councilor must attend at least one (1) General Council meeting each year during his/her term, unless medically excused, or that position will become vacant.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to adopt the resolution and ratify the vote of the Resolutions Committee: Yes 17 - No - Abstention 0

Resolution #7 was presented as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED that the General Council evaluate the legal feasibility of amending Article II of the Constitution and paragraph 3 of the Standards of Admissions of URANTIA Societies, to read as follows: "...ever mindful of the laws of this country and of all other countries wherein URANTIA Brotherhood may extend."

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to adopt the resolution and ratify the vote of the Resolutions Committee: Yes 13 - No 3 - Abstention 1

Resolution #8 was presented as follows:

In the interest of establishing improved interaction and communications between URANTIA Societies, BE IT RESOLVED that the General Council research methods for facilitating and encouraging communication between URANTIA Societies.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to adopt the resolution and ratify the vote of the Resolutions Committee: Yes 17 - No 0 - Abstention 1

Resolution #9 was presented as follows:

WHEREAS it is important that TDA delegates and alternates have adequate time to consider and reflect upon each proposed resolution placed before them, including time to consult with members of the Society they represent; and

WHEREAS it is desirable to establish a procedure to encourage the submission of proposed resolutions far enough in advance to permit both reflection and consultation;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the 1988 TDA strongly encourages all subsequent TDAs to place on the agenda as new business only those resolutions received by the Brotherhood for distribution 30 days prior to the TDA. All proposed resolutions received after that date should be considered "additional new business" subject to being tabled without discussion by the Resolutions Committee.
2. That a copy of this resolution be included with materials sent to each Society setting the date for the TDA and calling for the election of delegates and alternates, and to each delegate and alternate upon notice to the Brotherhood.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to adopt the resolution and ratify the vote of the Resolutions Committee: Yes 16 - No 2 - Abstention - 0

Resolution #10 was presented as follows:

WHEREAS URANTIA Brotherhood and URANTIA Foundation share a commonality of purpose; and

WHEREAS it is desirable to foster a continuing process of open communication between the two organizations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the General Council extend an invitation to all Trustees of URANTIA Foundation to attend forthcoming meetings of the General Council and to participate fully in the dialogue and the discussions of such meetings.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to adopt the resolution and ratify the vote of the Resolutions Committee: Yes 16 - No 1 - Abstention 1

Resolution #11 was presented as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED that URANTIA Brotherhood bring to timely fruition its current official efforts to produce a history of the early years of the readership and organizations of The URANTIA Book.

These efforts include those of the Publications Committee on the slide-tape history, as well as those of the Special Projects Committee on the index of Brotherhood events and decisions.

We further hope that these efforts will include compilation of an oral history from early readers, to the end that a sense of the problems and excitement of those days can be preserved.

Since, in the absence of reliable information, rumors multiply, we submit that this history project will well serve the best interests of URANTIA Brotherhood and the revelation.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to adopt the resolution and ratify the vote of the Resolutions Committee: Yes 11 - No 3 - Abstentions 4

Resolution #12 was presented as follows:

WHEREAS long time service deserves notice and faithful service merits praise,
BE IT RESOLVED that the 1988 Triennial Delegate Assembly bids Marian Rowley
a fond farewell from the General Council and thanks her for her years of
exemplary work for the good of URANTIA Brotherhood.


A motion was made, seconded, and carried to adopt the resolution and ratify the
vote of the Resolutions Committee: Yes 18 - No 0 - Abstention 0

The Chairman asked if there was any old business. There was none.

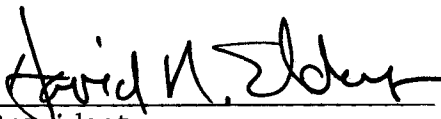
At the request for new business, it was suggested that it would be a valuable
service to the next Triennial Delegate Assembly if suggestions were made on how to
handle the business of the meeting. Mr. McMullan was asked to write out the pro-
cedure on how he handled the discussion on the resolutions.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to waive the reading of the minutes of the
meeting with the understanding that a copy of the minutes will be sent to the
Delegates and Alternate Delegates.

There being no further business, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 12:35 P.M.
sine die.


Secretary

APPROVED


President