

MINUTES OF  
 TRIENNIAL DELEGATE ASSEMBLY  
 OF  
URANTIA BROTHERHOOD

June 23 and 24, 1985

The Triennial Delegate Assembly of URANTIA Brotherhood was held Sunday, June 23, and Monday, June 24, 1985, at 10:00 A.M. at 533 Diversey Parkway, Chicago, IL, pursuant to call dated December 22, 1985. †

The President of URANTIA Brotherhood, John W. Hales, presided and in the absence of Katharine Harries, Secretary, Marian Rowley recorded the minutes of the meeting.

After a brief opening prayer, the President then gave a brief welcoming speech.

The keynote speech was given by Peter Laurence and emphasized decision-making and the formation of a philosophy for the future of the Brotherhood. The address is on file.

The Chairman called for the report of the Committee on Credentials. Daniel Massey reported that the credentials of the Delegates and Alternate Delegates had been examined and found satisfactory. Since the Delegate from the Houston society was unable to be present, the Committee accepted the Alternate as Acting Delegate and the second Alternate as the first Alternate. 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	David Kulieke	Marian Rowley
First URANTIA Society of Los Angeles	Lee Armstrong	Roxy Allesandro-Ventola
URANTIA Society of Glenview	Scott Forsythe	Mary Snider
First URANTIA Society of Oklahoma	Berkeley Elliott	Harry McMullan III
Orvonton URANTIA Society of Chicago	Frank Sgaraglino	Michael Painter
Fort Wayne URANTIA Society	Meredith Sprunger	Irene Sprunger
First URANTIA Society of Wenatchee	Elaine Monesmith	Janice Clark-Heinburg
First URANTIA Society of Houston	Harry Weatherford	Priscilla Lenahan
First URANTIA Society of Western Springs	Marion A. Oestmann	Jane Fritz
San Francisco Bay Area URANTIA Society	Dana Bredemeyer	Michael Hagan
URANTIA Society of Central Connecticut	Dan Massey	Helena Sprague
URANTIA Society of Dallas	Bill Hazen	Jonathan Johnson
Rocky Mountain URANTIA Society of Denver	Mo Siegel	Jane Roper
URANTIA Society of San Fernando Valley	Dorothy J. Elder	Gary L. Reedy

A motion was made, seconded, and carried by the Delegates to accept the report of the Committee on Credentials.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried by the Delegates that the Alternate Delegates be permitted to be present and to speak but not vote at their deliberations.

The Chairman appointed a Committee on Nominations, consisting of all fourteen Delegates, with Meredith Sprunger as Chairman.

The Chairman next appointed a Committee on Resolutions, consisting of all fourteen Delegates, with Frank Sgaraglino as Chairman.

Mr. Hales presented the President's report and there was a brief discussion of that report and those of the other Officers, Departmental Chairman, and Field Representatives.

The Chairman then recessed the meeting at 10:30 to reconvene at 9:00 Monday morning, so that the Delegates might hold their committee meetings.

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On Monday, June 24, 1985, at 9 A.M. the Chairman, John Hales, called the meeting to order.

David Kulieke, Delegate from First URANTIA Society, was unavoidably absent so Marian Rowley, Alternate, acted in his place. Jonathan Johnson, Alternate from Dallas society, was also absent.

The Chairman called on Meredith Sprunger, Chairman of the Committee on Nominations, for the report on nominations for members of the General Council. Dr. Sprunger read the report and turned over the list to the Secretary.

The Chairman appointed Bill Hazen as head teller and Elaine Monesmith as teller, and the ballots were distributed to the Delegates. He asked for nominations from the floor. There were none. The nominations were closed and the Delegates proceeded to vote by ballot for the election of 14 members of the General Council.

The tellers collected the ballots, counted them, and reported that the nominated Councilors were elected unanimously by the 14 Delegates. The Chairman declared the following candidates duly elected as members of the General Council for the specified terms:

9-Year Term

6-year Term

3-year Term

Thomas Allen  
John Andrews  
Douglas Fraser  
Polly Friedman  
Bill Hazen  
Lynne Kulieke  
Marilynn Kulieke  
Daniel Massey  
Larry Mullins  
Michael Painter  
Philip Rolnick  
Mo Siegel

Roland S. Law

Marian Rowley

The Chairman then called upon Frank Sgaraglino, Chairman of the Committee on Resolutions, for a report from the committee. He presented the following resolution:

Whereas numerous papers are written each year which cite quotes from The URANTIA Book, and

Whereas there are presently several systems in use for the identification of the location on the page for a particular quote, and

Whereas it would reduce confusion to have a standardized method of identifying quotes:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Committee develop a uniform method of citation for the identification of quotes from The URANTIA Book, and submit the same for consideration at the next General Council.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to adopt the resolution.

Mr. Sgaraglino then presented the following resolution:

WHEREAS it is a defined purpose of the URANTIA Brotherhood to disseminate the teachings of The URANTIA Book;

WHEREAS the book's complexity and use of previously undefined terms enhances the need for study aids relating to it;

BE IT RESOLVED by the Triennial Delegate Assembly of the URANTIA Brotherhood that the General Council through whatever means it feels most desirable start the process of creating and accumulating study aids which can assist readers in their individual study of The URANTIA Book.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to adopt the resolution.

Mr. Sgaraglino then presented the following resolution:

WHEREAS THE TDA believes that a significant lowering of the price of The URANTIA Book will result in increased readership and furtherance of the dissemination of the book;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the President of URANTIA Brotherhood request URANTIA Foundation to lower the price of The URANTIA Book to hopefully less than \$20.00 retail, and that the Brotherhood develop a plan in cooperation with URANTIA Foundation to accomplish this by the next General Council.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to adopt the resolution.

Mr. Sgaraglino then presented the following resolution:

b) WHEREAS the URANTIA Brotherhood is the exclusive sales agent for The URANTIA Book;

WHEREAS this agency relationship requires continual contact with present and potential accounts;

WHEREAS societies might also better utilize their manpower in this task if there was an individual who could educate them and co-ordinate their efforts;

WHEREAS occasionally in the past some major accounts have had misunderstandings of our bookselling policies through no fault of our existing staff;

WHEREAS successful sales organizations have set up sales systems to help prevent potential problems from occurring;

BE IT RESOLVED that actions be taken to increase the percentage of retail book stores that stock The URANTIA Book.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to adopt the resolution.

Mr. Sgaraglino then presented the following resolution:

WHEREAS information and effective communication are cornerstones of the effectiveness of the URANTIA Brotherhood and of the sense of satisfaction of the individuals involved with it, and

WHEREAS only a limited number of individuals can serve as Brotherhood committee members, in which capacity they are depended upon to make informed, intelligent decisions concerning the effective functioning of the Brotherhood, and

WHEREAS URANTIA societies and presidents should be better informed of events, issues, and decisions made or to be made in the Brotherhood; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED: THAT a letter from the President of the URANTIA Brotherhood be sent to General Councilors, Society Presidents, Field Representatives, and trustees of the URANTIA Foundation within two weeks of each meeting of the Executive Committee. This letter shall cover the progress and decisions made at the Executive Committee meeting,

AND THAT each Brotherhood committee chairman also strive to keep his committee well informed;

AND THAT the mailing list of URANTIA Brotherhood be better informed in any effective way available, but especially by a quarterly URANTIA Brotherhood Bulletin.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to adopt the resolution.

Mr. Sgaraglino then presented the following resolution:

WHEREAS, URANTIA Brotherhood is an evolving organization, growing both in size and in experience; and

WHEREAS, by dint of this growth, the URANTIA Brotherhood of today is different from the URANTIA Brotherhood of thirty years ago, and will be different still thirty years from now, and thereafter; and

WHEREAS, diligent men and women preserve the history of their experience for the benefit of their posterity - just as prudent men and women look to the experiences of the past in order more wisely to manage the present and more effectively to plan for the future,

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the men and women of URANTIA Brotherhood desire to preserve for the edification of future generations of its members and functionaries a factual history of its evolution from its inception in 1955 to the present day; to be compiled as a narrative chronology of events, people, and places, without prejudice by a procedure established by the General Council.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to adopt the resolution.

Mr. Sgaraglino then presented the following resolution:

WHEREAS each person volunteering to serve as a General Councilor of URANTIA Brotherhood is requested to submit a biography for circulation to delegates and alternates to the Triennial Delegate Assembly;

WHEREAS in the interest of fairness, a standard that will reduce the need for any editorial decisions on the part of URANTIA Brotherhood is necessary;

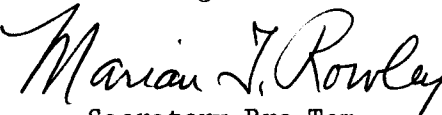
BE IT RESOLVED that a standard for these biographies be developed limiting length and content of said biographies. Should these guidelines be exceeded, the biographies would be automatically shortened from the bottom up.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to adopt the resolution.

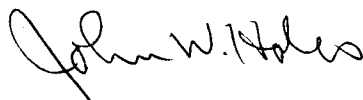
There was no old business. The Chairman asked if there was any new business and there was none.

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

After a brief speech, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 9:30 A.M. sine die.

  
Secretary Pro Tem

APPROVED:

  
Chairman