

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Jim Johnston, Chairman  
Publications Committee

CC: Special Projects Committee

FROM: Bob Bruyn, Chairman  
Special Projects Committee

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SUBJECT: BULLETIN Article - Special Projects Committee Annual Report

Within the Strategic Planning process, Special Projects Committee continues to function primarily in the area of Supporting Goals. Goal 1 of facilitating communication and information sharing among readers is addressed by the Resource Guide, Resource Library, and Pronunciation Guide projects. Goal 4 of maintaining an historical perspective is the focus of the Record of Decisions, Archival Library, and Oral History projects.

The Committee is planning an update to the *Resource Guide for Secondary Works of The Urantia Book*. The *Resource Guide* lists materials that are based on or are intended to supplement *The Urantia Book*, and it tells readers how to obtain the works. In order to add new listings and to update previous listing information, the Committee is currently evaluating two different approaches -- publish a supplement or publish a completely revised edition.

The Committee is just beginning to work on a comprehensive Pronunciation Guide of words found in *The Urantia Book*. The goal is to try to obtain original pronunciation usage from Forum participants and then to use standardized dictionary pronunciation keys for the phonetic spelling.

The idea of establishing an Archival Library of organizational information at the central office, was approved in 1991 and is now being expanded to include the idea of developing a Resource Library as well. The Resource Library would probably be aimed at gathering information on a wide variety of topics that has a special relevance or significance to *The Urantia Book* and its teachings. During the coming year, the Committee will be discussing issues of storage space, criteria for inclusion, categorization, and access.

The Record of Decisions project has emphasized access to and use of organizational information. Phase II got a big boost during the past year with donations earmarked for an optical scanner and computer equipment. This equipment will allow the staff to develop a computerized text file of all previous General Council and Executive Committee minutes. The organization can then have immediate access to records of previous decisions and actions. Some consider this to be just a first step in making a wide variety of information more available to members using electronic media.

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The Oral History project has been expanded and modified during 1991. The plan for videotaping personal interviews with early readers who participated in the "Forum" and the "Seventy" has been put on hold. Implementation awaits solving logistical problems of finding, training, and sending interviewers throughout the country to arrange and conduct the interviews. In its place there has been an increased awareness of a need for having an accurate written historical record. A History Task Group has been established which will actually undertake the project of gathering the necessary information, writing the manuscript, and publishing the work.

The Committee looks forward to another busy year of service to the community of readers of *The Urantia Book*.

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