

Agenda 91
July 1977 Special Projects Committee Meeting

(Larry Watkins appointed Secretary)

WELCOME -

APPROVAL OF AGENDA - *Barb has additions to be made to Agenda*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - *Question between which version of minutes to be accepted
- As circulated by Barb N. - concern about no formal motions.*

① REVIEW OF WEBSITE PROJECT AND ITS TRANSFER TO MANAGEMENT BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

③ REVIEW OF ORAL HISTORY PROJECT

When I became chair of the committee I reviewed the past projects. A number of projects had been on the books for many years. Prior to my assumption of the chairmanship, John Hay had suspended these projects in preparation for utilizing the committee for marketing and distribution tasks related to the Fellowship edition of The Urantia Book. When I came on the scene, I recommended that these projects be abandoned due to the fact that nothing of substance had been produced relative to them over many years. This suggestion was accepted by both the Council and the Executive Committee. When I reported this to our committee at the August IC96 meeting, there was strong sentiment in the committee that we not abandon the oral history project. A resolution was passed to the effect that we continue with this project. Barb volunteered to review the current list of possible interviewees, draw up a new list and come up with an estimate of the cost for completing these interviews. We will want a report from Barb on this and we will need to come up with a definite course of action so that these can be completed while the interviewees are still with us -- hopefully within the next year.

REVIEW OF PROJECTS TAKEN ON BY BARB NEWSOM

Barb had volunteered for a number of tasks related to committee projects. I would like to have a brief report on the status of these various projects. Among them are:

1. Report on conversations with First Society about participating in producing a written history.
2. Review of Bud Kagan's timeline with criticism of Mark's history
3. Establish procedures for scanning important documents at Fellowship office for publication on the website, particularly minutes of past Council and Executive Committee meetings. A prioritized list of documents to scan was to be provided by July 3, 1996 -- what is the status of this project?
4. Create a report on approaches to running special interest groups which have been undertaken by a variety of groups which Barb will identify.
5. Provide a copy of the video history script to the Chair for review, comment and suggestions for how to proceed with this project.

6. Coordinate with Michael Challis the proper storage of original slide-tape resources for long-term use.

7. Impromptu creation of videotapes for history project

8. Provision of transcript of the Clyde Bedell interview

9. Provision of history timeline and related documents

To conserve meeting time perhaps Barb could give us a written report of her activities which covers the above.

REVIEW OF ARCHIVING PROBLEMS

As a result of accumulating documents for publication on the website, the archiving question has become very pressing. The Fellowship needs a system for archiving important documents. I have contacted Scott Forsythe about leading this effort and we are in continuing conversation about it. It is my opinion that this needs to be done in a professional manner and that the creation of an appropriate subcommittee consisting of persons with experience and knowledge in this area is essential. I have a growing collection of materials coming in from a variety of sources for purposes of digitizing.

PRODUCTION OF A HISTORY CD -- presentation by Lee Smith

REVIEW AND SUGGESTIONS FOR USING EMAIL MORE EFFECTIVELY FOR COMMITTEE WORK

NEW BUSINESS -- ITEMS NOT ON THE FORMAL AGENDA

Cece Forrester -- Secondary Resources Guide

ADJOURNMENT