

The FELLOWSHIP
for Readers of *The Urantia Book*

Minutes of Special Projects Committee Meeting

Washington, D.C.
07/10/98

The Special Projects Committee met at 8:30PM Friday, July 10th at Mount Vernon College, Washington, D.C. held during the "Art of Spiritual Living" conference.

In attendance were:

Tony Finstad, David Kantor, Larry Watkins

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the previous 7/11/96 meeting were read and approved after the following discussion.

WEBSITE PROJECT:

A committee for Web presence (Web Oversight Committee) having been established by the Fellowship now has responsibility for the Internet Web presence.

RESOURCE GUIDE PROJECT:

The Resource Guide will go on-line by the end of August of this year. David will provide mailing labels for Resource Guide authors and give them to Tony. Tony will produce and mail out a letter to authors to confirm whether or not their products are still available, the cost, and how they're to be ordered. From that time forward only the on-line Web version will be continue as a Special Projects responsibility.

ORAL HISTORY PROJECT:

A copy of the letter of introduction for the Oral History that was provided to Barb Newsom last July has been attached to this report.

The "Archives Subcommittee" mentioned in Barbara's notes has not been created – item #5 of the previous minutes will be disregarded.

ARCHIVES PROJECT:

Nothing has occurred regarding the Archives Subcommittee.

OTHER:

Item #6 of the 1997 minutes is to be amended to indicate 1998, not 1997.

A motion to suspend discussion on the Oral History Project pending receipt of report from Barbara passed.

The meeting ended at 9:30P.M.

Secretary (08/01/97)

Approved: _____
Chairman

Oral History Project
Special Projects Committee

July 20, 1997

Dear _____,

Greetings! The following two quotes from page 215 of the original publication of *The Urantia Book* provide background for discussing the purpose of the Fellowship's Oral History Project:

19:1.6 ... The true perspective of any reality problem--human or divine, terrestrial or cosmic--can be had only by the full and unprejudiced study and correlation of three phases of universe reality: origin, history, and destiny. The proper understanding of these three experiential realities affords the basis for a wise estimate of the current status.

19:1.11... The present can be truly interpreted only in the light of the correlated past and future.

More than 40 years have passed since *The Urantia Book* became publically available. Many things have changed since those early days when everything about this amazing revelation had to be kept in strictest confidence.

Since 1988 the Special Project Committee has had the assignment of gathering information wherever possible from those who participated in the Forum and/or the Seventy — with no intention of attempting to wrest secrets or to breach trust — through a personal interview process. Our charge is not to uncover secrets but rather to get a sense of the personal experiences from those earlier times. You are not being asked to betray a trust but to help to build on a very important dimension of the Urantia Movement — shared personal experience. We hope that you will be willing to share the benefits of your experience.

During the next several weeks, Barbara Kulicke, a member of the Special Projects Committee, will be calling you to discuss this project. She will very much want to speak with you in person and to set up a convenient time for an interview during which, with your permission, she can make a recording of your conversation. These are the types of topics she will hope to discuss with you during the interview:

1. Your background
2. Your introduction to the revelation
3. The kinds of meetings in which you participated
4. The people with whom you interacted

5. Your relationship with the book
6. What the 1940s and '50s were like for you and the revelation
7. What you foresee as the future for the revelation

If you have any questions, jot them down so you can discuss them with Barbara when she calls, or you can reach her at (414) 839-2548.

In Our Father's Service,

Special Projects Committee:

David Kantor, Chair
Lee Smith
Larry Watkins

Cece Forrester Barbara Kulieke
Lawrence Brown Tony Finstad