
TRIENNIAL MEETING OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF URANTIA BROTHERHOOD

August 19, 1979

The Triennial Meeting of the General Council of URANTIA Brotherhood was held at 10:00 A.M., August 19, 1979, at 533 Diversey Parkway, Chicago, Illinois.

The following; members were present. constituting a quorum:

Charles R. Burton, Helen C. Carlson, E. L. Christensen, Lewis A. Clark, Edith E. Cook, Stephen Dreier, David N. Elders, Berkeley Elliott, Duane L. Faw, Julia K. Fenderson, Scott Forsythe, David R. Gray, John W. Hales, Mary Lou Hales, William M. Hales, Katharine J. Harries, James P. Jarnagin, Gene Joyce, Carolyn Kendall, Barbara N. Kulieke, Lynne B. Kulieke, Harry McMullan, III, James C. Mills, Martin W. Myers, Robert W. Myers, Anna Rawson, Harry E. Rowley, Marian T. Rowley, Herman A. Schell, K. David Schlundt, Frank Sgaraglino, Paul Snider, Helena Sprague, Meredith J. Sprunger.

W. Allen Brazell and Arthur C. Born were absent.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Meredith J. Sprunger, with Marian T. Rowley acting as Secretary.

The minutes of the regular meeting of August 12, 1978, were read and approved.

The Secretary read the census report for the ten societies as of December 31, 1978:

First URANTIA Society 108
First URANTIA Society of Los Angeles 113
URANTIA Society of Glenview 23
First URANTIA Society of Oklahoma 111
Orvonton URANTIA Society of Chicago 33
Fort Wayne URANTIA Society 24
First URANTIA Society of Wenatchee 15
First URANTIA Society of Houston 30
First URANTIA Society of Western Springs 8
San Francisco Bay Area URANTIA Society 25

Total Society Members 490

Members-at-Large 180

Total Brotherhood Members 670

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to recess for informal discussion.

The Chairman opened the discussion by commenting on the fact that some long-time Councilors were missing and welcomed the new Councilors. He then asked for comments on the reports of officers, departmental committee chairmen, and field representatives which had been mailed previously.

There was considerable discussion on the decision of the Judicial Committee to require physical presence to make up a quorum of a committee. It seemed to be the general feeling that we would have to permit using telecommunication or perhaps pay the air fare for members to attend meetings.

The Chairman reported on four matters which the General Council had referred to the Executive Committee for study, as follows:

A. The matter of changing Section 10.5 of the Brotherhood constitution to allow the Executive Committee to meet quarterly. The Executive Committee voted to table this recommendation indefinitely.

After discussion, formal action was deferred.

B. An Ad Hoc Committee had studied the methods to secure new, qualified leadership on the General Council and obtain qualified Departmental Chairmen. The Executive Committee had accepted the report of the Ad Hoc Committee and a list had been drawn up and sent to the General Council and the delegates for the Triennial Delegate Assembly.

After discussion, formal action was deferred.

C. On the matter of amending the Brotherhood constitution to permit the General Council to meet before the Triennial Delegate Assembly instead of following it, the Judicial Committee recommended that the Triennial Meeting of the General Council be held after the Assembly, as it is at present. The Executive Committee accepted its recommendation.

Several suggestions were made to change this procedure. After discussion, formal action was deferred.

D. Regarding the formation of a General Council Emeritus, an Ad Hoc Committee decided that we are not ready for this additional body and the Executive Committee accepted their recommendation.

Following a brief discussion, formal action was deferred.

The Chairman then asked for the report from the Ad Hoc Committee on Field Representatives appointed May 1978. Barbara Kulieke, Chairman of the committee, reported that a summary was being prepared from the answers to questionnaires which had been sent to the Field Representatives. It was the sense of the meeting that the Field Representatives should be involved in all procedures and decisions.

The Chairman gave a brief summary of the history of the Houston situation. He pointed out that another group headed by Allen Brazell is apparently trying to take over the society and sent delegates to the Triennial Delegate Assembly, who were not seated. Jim Jarnagin made a brief report on the situation. He indicated that the society is incorporating, which will take 60 to 90 days, and that the Licensing Agreement will be signed. They will try to work out their differences with the other group.

The Chairman presented a recommendation from Jim Mills that we discuss the possibility of calling a meeting of selected regional representatives who have 15 to 20 years of experience in the URANTIA movement to review and discuss the most effective ways to disseminate the teachings of The URANTIA Book. Mr. Mills pointed out that this should be a senior statesmen's advisory group and should not be connected with any committee, but should be available to all committees for advice.

The Chairman called for a 10-minute recess.

At 12:35 P.M. the Chairman called the meeting into formal session.

He asked for motions to approve or reject the action of the Executive Committee on the four matters which had been discussed previously.

A. A motion was made, seconded, and carried that the General Council request the Executive Committee to prepare an amendment to the constitution which would permit the Executive Committee to meet monthly, bimonthly, or quarterly and send such amendment to General Councilors 30 days before the next General Council meeting.

B. A motion was made, seconded, and carried that the Council approve the action taken by the Executive Committee on leadership.

C. A motion was made that the Council direct the Executive Committee to formulate the constitutional changes needed so that Councilors whose terms are expiring will continue as active members in the Triennial Meeting of the Council immediately following the Assembly and the new Councilors elected will sit in the same meeting as observers and not become active until the following year. A motion was made, seconded, and carried that the Council "ask the Executive Committee to study the constitutional changes..." The original motion was then seconded, and carried, as amended.

D. A motion was made, seconded, and carried that the Council approve the Executive Committee's decision to defer setting up a General Council Emeritus.

The Chairman appointed Harry Rowley, Frank Sgaraglino, and Martin Myers as tellers. John Hales read the two constitutional amendments recommended by the Executive Committee as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED, that, in accordance with the procedure for the amendment of the Constitution of URANTIA Brotherhood as set forth in ARTICLE XIV, Section 14.1., of said Constitution, the Executive Committee of URANTIA Brotherhood does hereby declare that it is advisable to amend the Constitution of URANTIA Brotherhood to change the name of The Committee on Education to make it consistent with the names of other Departmental Committees, and it does hereby recommend the adoption by the General

Council of URANTIA Brotherhood of an amendment to ARTICLE XI so that Section 11.1. (f) and Section 11.14. shall read as follows:

"Section 11.1

(f) The Education Committee..."

"Section 11.14. The Education Committee: The Education Committee..."

and

BE RESOLVED, that in accordance with the procedure for the amendment of the Constitution of URANTIA Brotherhood as set forth in ARTICLE XIV, Section 14.1., of said Constitution, the Executive Committee of URANTIA Brotherhood does hereby declare that it is advisable to amend the Constitution of URANTIA Brotherhood to make it possible for members-at-large to serve as members of a Departmental Committee of the Brotherhood, and it does hereby recommend the adoption by the General Council of URANTIA Brotherhood of an amendment to ARTICLE XI so that the last sentence of Section 11.2. shall read as follows:

"One (1) member of each Departmental Committee shall at all times be a Councilor; the remaining members of each Departmental Committee shall be selected from members of the Brotherhood in good standing."

The tellers distributed the ballots, voting took place, and the tellers collected the ballots and left the room to make the count.

At 1:15 the Chairman recessed the meeting for lunch. The Chairman called the meeting to order at 2:00 P.M.

The tellers reported that the vote on the amendment to change the name of the Committee on Education was carried by a vote of 34 for and none against. The amendment to permit members-at-large to serve as

committee members was carried by a vote of 32 for and 2 against.

The tellers then passed out ballots for officers and committee members. John Hales read the slate presented by the Executive Committee as follows:

President 3 years John W. Hales
Vice President 3 years E. L. Christensen
Secretary 3 years Katharine J. Harries
Treasurer 3 years Edith E. Cook
Secretary-General 3 years Marian T. Rowley

Judicial Committee:

Chairman 4 years Scott Forsythe
Member 6 years Duane Faw

Charter Committee:

Chairman 4 years David N. Elders
Member 6 years Mary Lou Hales

Fraternal Relations Committee:

Chairman 6 years Carolyn Kendall

Domestic Extension Committee:

Chairman 5 years Harry McMullan III
Member 6 years Geraldine Hahn
Member 1 year Mary Burton

International Fellowship:

Member 6 years Julia Fenderson

Committee on Education:

Member 6 years K. David Schlundt

Publications Committee:

Member 6 years Nancy Grimsley

Finance Committee:

Member 6 years Harold Schomas
Member 3 years Mo Siegel

Special Projects Committee:

Chairman 3 years Charles R. Burton
Member 6 years Marilyn Kulieke
Member 2 years Carol Forsythe

The Chairman asked for nominations from the floor for President. Lynne B. Kulieke was nominated. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to close the nominations. The Chairman asked for nominations from the floor for Vice President. There were none. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to close the nominations for Vice President.

The Chairman asked for nominations from the floor for Secretary. There were none. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to close the nominations for Secretary.

The Chairman asked for nominations from the floor for Treasurer. There were none. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to close the nominations for Treasurer.

The Chairman asked for nominations from the floor for Secretary-General. There were none. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to close the nominations for Secretary-General.

The Chairman asked for nominations from the floor for Chairman of Judicial Committee. Duane L. Faw was nominated for a term of six years. Scott Forsythe was nominated as a member of the Judicial Committee for a term of four years. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to close the nominations for the Judicial Committee.

The Chairman asked for nominations from the floor for Chairman of the Charter Committee and member of the Charter Committee. There were none. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to close the nominations for the Charter Committee.

The Chairman asked for nominations from the floor for Chairman of the Fraternal Relations Committee. There were none. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to close the nominations for the Fraternal Relations Committee.

The Chairman asked for nominations from the floor for three positions on the Domestic Extension Committee. David Gray was nominated for a term of six years. Bill Hazen was nominated for a term of one year. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to close the nominations for the Domestic Extension Committee.

The Chairman asked for nominations from the floor for International Fellowship Committee. There were none. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to close the nominations for the International Fellowship Committee.

The Chairman asked for nominations from the floor for the Committee on Education. Stephen Dreier was nominated for a term of six years. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to close the nominations for the Committee on Education.

The Chairman asked for nominations from the floor for Publications Committee. There were none. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to close the nominations for Publications Committee.

The Chairman asked for nominations from the floor for Finance Committee. Charles Montgomery was nominated for a term of three years. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to close the nominations for the Finance Committee.

The Chairman asked for nominations from the floor for the Special Projects Committee. There were none. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to close the nominations for the Special Projects Committee.

A number of speeches were made concerning the qualifications of various candidates. David Gray withdrew his name from nomination for the Domestic Extension Committee.

The Chairman called for the vote, the Secretary cast two votes by proxy, the tellers collected the ballots and left the room to make the count.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to recess for informal discussion.

It was the sense of the meeting that the Executive Committee slate of candidates should be available earlier so that there would be more time to consider the candidates and a suggestion was made that the slate should be distributed at the beginning of the meeting or earlier if possible.

There was brief discussion on the resolutions presented by the Triennial Delegate Assembly.

The Chairman reconvened the meeting into formal session at 3:20 P.M.

The first resolution presented by the Triennial Delegate Assembly was presented as follows:

Be it resolved: That a special fund be established and earmarked for the production of a Spanish translation of The URANTIA Book.

Discussion covered the need for a Spanish translation and the need for people to know that something was being done. It also pointed up the fact that while special funds may bring in more money, there is danger that they will draw away from the general funds and may be frozen for many years.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried that the Council ask the Executive Committee to implement this resolution.

The second resolution was presented as follows:

Be it resolved: That URANTIA Societies be allowed to purchase URANTIA Books in case lots of five or ten copies, at matching bookstore prices.

Points were made for and against this procedure.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried that this resolution be referred to the Executive Committee to be passed on to the URANTIA Foundation, with the added stipulation that books must be sold at full

price or given away.

The third resolution was presented as follows:

Be it resolved: That it is the sense of this Assembly that the Standing Committees of the Brotherhood more actively pursue their constitutional purposes, and that they present in their annual reports to the General Council a statement of the specific goals they have established, and demonstrate positive steps taken to achieve these goals.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried that this resolution be referred to the Executive Committee for action.

The fourth resolution was presented as follows: Be it resolved: That the Executive Committee study the possibility of financial sponsorship of attendees at Brotherhood Conferences.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried that this resolution be referred to the Executive Committee for action.

The fifth resolution was presented as follows:

Be it resolved: That it is the sense of this Assembly that the Executive Committee examine ways to facilitate family participation in Brotherhood sponsored events, such as conferences.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried that this resolution be referred to the Executive Committee for study.

The tellers reported that there was a tie vote between K. David Schlundt and Stephen Dreier for a term of six years on the Committee on Education. Another vote was taken on those two candidates and since two people had left the meeting, the vote cast was only 32 instead of 34. The tellers retired to count the votes.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried that the President be instructed to extend to the former General Councilors whose terms had expired and to the retiring President our appreciation for their work, our thanks for their long service, and our invitation for their close liaison with the present Council.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried that the matter of determining a quorum on departmental committees by means of telecommunication be returned to the Executive Committee for further study.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried that the Executive Committee study a constitutional amendment which would restrict any person from serving on two departmental committees simultaneously and send such amendment to the General Councilors 30 days before the next General Council meeting.

The tellers returned and reported that 34 votes were cast for all candidates except for the member of the Committee on Education for which only 32 votes were cast and the results were as follows:

President: 3 years John W. Hales 31, Lynne B. Kulieke 3
Vice President: 3 years E. L. Christensen 34
Secretary: 3 years Katharine J. Harries 34
Treasurer: 3 years Edith E. Cook 34
Secretary-General: 3 years Marian T. Rowley 34
Judicial Committee:
Chairman 6 years Duane L. Faw 19, Scott Forsythe 15
Member: 4 years Scott Forsythe 19 Duane L. Faw 15
Charter Committee:
Chairman 4 years David N. Elders 34
Member 6 years Mary Lou Hales 34
Fraternal Relations Committee:
Chairman 6 years Carolyn Kendall 34
Domestic Extension Committee:
Chairman 5 years Harry McMullan, III 34
Member 6 years Geraldine Hahn 34
Member 1 year Mary Burton 18, Bill Hazen 16
International Fellowship Committee:
Member 6 years Julia K. Fenderson 34
Committee on Education:
Member 6 years Stephen Dreier 18, K. David Schlundt 14
Publications Committee:
Member 6 years Nancy Grimsley 34
Finance Committee:
Member 6 years Harold F. Schomas 33 Charles Montgomery 1
Member 3 years Mo Siegel 28 Charles Montgomery 6
Special Projects Committee:
Chairman 3 years Charles R. Burton 34
Member 6 years Marilyn Kulieke 34
Member 2 years Carol Forsythe 34

The Chairman declared those receiving a majority elected for the terms named. He then made a final, short inspirational speech and turned the meeting over to the new President, John Hales.

Carolyn Kendall gave a brief speech of appreciation to the retiring President, Meredith Sprunger, who received a standing ovation.

Katharine Harries expressed thanks to Mary Lou Hales for her long service as Chairman of the Charter

Committee and Mrs. Hales received a standing ovation.

The President then declared the Triennial Meeting of the General Council adjourned at 4:30 P.M. sine die.

(Signed) Marian T. Rowley, Secretary APPROVED: (Signed) Meredith J. Sprunger, Chairman