

URANTIA BROTHERHOOD

Intra-Organizational Memorandum

TO: Society Presidents, Secretaries
TDA Delegates and Alternates

DATE: 11 July 1988

FROM: David Elders

SUBJ: Disposition of TDA Resolutions

The purpose of this memo is to forward to you a copy of the Resolutions passed by the 1988 Triennial Delegate Assembly as they were presented to the Triennial Meeting of the General Council on July 2-3, 1988. As you will see, I have also included a statement detailing the manner in which each Resolution was handled by the General Council and, if approved, the person or committee to whom it was assigned by the Executive Committee. It is hoped that this report lives up to the TDA participants' desire for better and more complete communication between and among all organizational elements of URANTIA Brotherhood.

Incidentally, in keeping with the stated desire on all TDA Delegates and Alternates parts to maximize participation in the activities of the organization, the Executive Committee asked me to chair a committee consisting of all Delegates and Alternates to explore ways to improve the application process for General Council consideration (see Resolution 4). Please consider this memo as my request to you that you forward your ideas and suggestions in this area to me by September 1, 1988. I will then circulate them to each of you for further evaluation and comment prior to finalizing a more effective system. I hope you will each agree to participate in this.

Personally, I would like to thank each Delegate and Alternate for the manner in which all phases of this Assembly seemed to be conducted. From all accounts, there seemed to be a unified commitment to a non-political process which achieved high levels of wise, fair-minded, honest, and forthright interaction among the participants. You have set a new benchmark for future Delegate Assemblies.

With deepest thanks and best wishes for a wonderful summer.

Dave

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TO: GENERAL COUNCIL OF URANTIA BROTHERHOOD DATE: July 2, 1988
FROM: 1988 TRIENNIAL DELEGATE ASSEMBLY SUBJ: TDA RESOLUTIONS

We respectfully submit the attached resolutions for consideration and appropriate action by the General Council of URANTIA Brotherhood. These resolutions were drafted by the 1988 Triennial Delegate Assembly consistent with our constitutional charge to consider ways in which to improve our organization to the end that it can better serve the purposes for which it was created.

Respectfully submitted by the following 1988 TDA Delegates and Alternates:

<u>Society</u>	<u>Delegate</u>	<u>Alternate</u>
First URANTIA Society	Tom Kendall	Cece Forrester
First URANTIA Society of Los Angeles	Charles Montgomery	Stella Religa
URANTIA Society of Glenview	Mary Snider	Lisa Carr Renn
First URANTIA Society of Oklahoma	Harry McMullan	Michael Challis
Orvonton URANTIA Society	Michael Painter	Scott Forsythe
Fort Wayne URANTIA Society	Vivian Albert	Marjorie Runkle
Evergreen URANTIA Society of Wash'ton	Janice Clark-Heinberg	Elaine Monesmith
First URANTIA Society of Houston	Glenn Bell, Jr.	Adrienne Jarnagin
First URANTIA Society of West. Springs	Jane Fritz	Patricia Lauro
San Francisco Bay Area URANTIA Society	Stephen Zendt	Norman Hetland
URANTIA Society of Central Connecticut	Marta Elders	George Park
URANTIA Society of Dallas	John Hyde	Sarah Nachtweh
Rocky Mountain URANTIA Society Dnvr.	John Hay	Peggy Anne Douglass
URANTIA Society of San Fernando Valley	Gary Reedy	Dorothy Elder
Northern Light URANTIA Society Alaska	Michael Rockwell	not present
Pilot Light URANTIA Society of Seattle	Tom Choquette	Mark French
Heart of America URANTIA Society-K.C.	Robert Bruyn	Ila Hall
URANTIA Society of Greater New York	Barton Ice	Robin Jorgensen

Harry McMullan, Chairman of Resolutions Committee. June 26, 1988.

URANTIA BROTHERHOOD

Resolutions passed by the
Triennial Delegate Assembly

For Consideration/action by the
General Council of URANTIA Brotherhood

June, 1988

RESOLUTION 1:

BE IT RESOLVED that the 1988 Triennial Delegate Assembly commends the General Council of URANTIA Brotherhood for its impressive and consistent efforts over the last three years to increase, restructure, and otherwise improve communications between the Executive Committee/General Council and the entire Brotherhood membership.

The Assembly hopes that these efforts will be carried forward even further by the incoming General Council.

ACTION BY GENERAL COUNCIL: Accepted with thanks and commitment to continue the process of improvement. (Vote: 33-0-0.)

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RESOLUTION 2:

In an effort to insure that General Council service is not limited to people of means, BE IT RESOLVED that the General Council undertake an evaluation of the desirability and feasibility of either fully funding or partially subsidizing travel expenses for required meetings of General Councilors.

ACTION BY GENERAL COUNCIL: Accepted as TDA support for and encouragement of Ad Hoc committee of Gard Jameson(chair), Lynne Kulieke, and Dan Massey now developing recommendations in this area. Vote: 24-9-0.

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RESOLUTION 3:

As the URANTIA movement grows and internationalizes, and as the number of societies grows, there will be increasing pressure to broaden participation on the General Council.

BE IT RESOLVED that the General Council should consider ways to allow greater and more frequent participation on the General Council,** perhaps by reducing the length of terms of office and/or limiting consecutive terms. **Amended to strike where indicated and add: and other Brotherhood committees.

ACTION BY GENERAL COUNCIL: Amended resolution carried and subsequently assigned by Executive Committee action to Marilyn Kulieke, V.P., to propose a process whereby appropriate evaluation, development, and action can be undertaken. Vote: amendment--29-3-1; Resolution: 29-3-1.

RESOLUTION 4:

WHEREAS the selection of General Council members is of utmost importance to the direction and ideals of URANTIA Brotherhood, and because the addition of new societies will mean less personal familiarity with each prospective member, BE IT RESOLVED that a more ~~**systematic~~ and informative application process be adopted. ~~**Amended to effective.~~

ACTION BY GENERAL COUNCIL: Resolution passed as amended. Assigned by Executive Committee action to a committee of all TDA Delegates and Alternates, chaired by David Elders, to develop an improved application process. Vote: As amended 33-0-0.

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RESOLUTION 5:

In an effort to avoid possible conflicts of interest or even the appearance of conflicts of interest, and in the best interest of fairness to all nominees to the General Council, BE IT RESOLVED that no candidate for the General Council serve concurrently as a Triennial Delegate or Alternate.

ACTION BY GENERAL COUNCIL: After much discussion pro and con, and after attempting various amendments, this resolution was defeated by action of the General Council with the sense that any decision to limit the Delegates and Alternates in this way should rightfully be the prerogative of the Societies in their selection process. Vote: 0-31-2.

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RESOLUTION 6:

*failed
amended*

Whereas a General Councilor is expected to serve actively, BE IT RESOLVED that ~~** a General Councilor must attend at least one (1) General Council meeting each year during his/her term, unless medically excused, or that position will become vacant.~~ ~~**Amended by action of the General Council to strike language where indicated and to add: the General Council shall explore a constitutional amendment that would provide that removal procedures be instituted due to non-participation.~~

ACTION BY GENERAL COUNCIL: After the indicated amendment was passed, the resolution itself failed on the basis that the Council agreed that there was ample provision in the Constitution as is to enable removal action for non-participation if the Council desired so to proceed. Vote: amendment 17-15-1; Amended resolution (15-17-1)

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RESOLUTION 7:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the General Council evaluate the legal feasibility of amending ~~** Article II of the Constitution and~~ paragraph 5 of the Standards of Admissions of URANTIA Societies,** to read as follows: "...ever

(resolution 7 continued)

mindful of the laws of this country and of all other countries wherein URANTIA Brotherhood may extend." Amended to strike the language as indicated and to add: *and Membership-at-Large requirements to reflect the concept that members should be...*

ACTION BY GENERAL COUNCIL: The amendment and resolution were both defeated by action of the General Council on the basis that these statements reflect an organizational commitment to high standards of behavior while not abridging an individual's right to decide for him/herself about laws s/he may believe are on a moral or ethical level. Vote: amendment 6-24-3; resolution as amended 6-24-3.

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RESOLUTION 8:

In the interest of establishing improved interaction and communications ~~**between~~ URANTIA Societies, BE IT RESOLVED that the General Council research methods for facilitating and encouraging communication ~~**between~~ URANTIA Societies. Amended to change between to *among*.

ACTION BY GENERAL COUNCIL: Resolution accepted by General Council and by action of the Executive Committee is assigned to Marilyn Kulieke, VP, for development of programs to help accomplish the purpose set forth. Vote: As amended 31-0-2.

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RESOLUTION 9:

WHEREAS it is important that TDA delegates and alternates have adequate time to consider and reflect upon each proposed resolution placed before them, including time to consult with members of the Society they represent; and,

WHEREAS it is desirable to establish a procedure to encourage the submission of proposed resolutions far enough in advance to permit both reflection and consultation, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the 1988 TDA strongly encourage all subsequent TDAs to place on the agenda as new business only those resolutions received by the Brotherhood for distribution 30 days prior to the TDA. All proposed resolutions received after that date should be considered "additional new business" subject to being tabled without discussion by the Resolutions Committee.
2. That a copy of this resolution be included with materials sent each Society setting the date for the TDA and calling for the election of delegates and alternates, and to each delegate and alternate upon notice to the Brotherhood of their election.

ACTION BY GENERAL COUNCIL: Resolution passes with instructions to execute as set forth for next TDA. Vote: 27-4-2.

RESOLUTION 10:

WHEREAS URANTIA Brotherhood and URANTIA Foundation share a commonality of purpose; and, WHEREAS it is desirable to foster a continuing process of open communication between the two organizations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that ****the General Council extend**** an invitation to all Trustees of URANTIA Foundation to attend forthcoming meetings of the General Council and to participate fully in the dialogue and the discussions of such meetings. ****Amended by General Council action to read: *the Executive Committee study the desirability of extending.***

ACTION BY GENERAL COUNCIL: The General Council passed both the amendment and the amended resolution with agreement that this should be studied but not acted upon until after study. Assigned by action of the Executive Committee to Marilynn Kulicke and Dan Massey to discuss with Trustees of URANTIA Foundation. Vote: Amendment 19-14-0; resolution 23-10-0.

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RESOLUTION 11:

BE IT RESOLVED that URANTIA Brotherhood bring to timely fruition its current official efforts to produce a history of the early years of the readership and organizations of The URANTIA Book.

These efforts include those of the Publications Committee on the slide-tape history, as well as those of the Special Projects Committee on the index of Brotherhood events and decisions.

We further hope that these efforts will include compilation of an oral history from early readers, to the end that a sense of the problems and excitement of those days can be preserved.

Since, in the absence of reliable information, rumors multiply, we submit that this history project will well serve the best interests of URANTIA Brotherhood and the revelation.

ACTION OF GENERAL COUNCIL: The resolution was accepted and by action of the Executive Committee was given to the Special Projects Committee as support for their continued work on the "History" Project already well underway. Vote: 25-8-0.

Barbara Kulicke worked on this with Chester

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RESOLUTION 12:

WHEREAS long time service deserves notice and faithful service merits praise, BE IT RESOLVED that the 1988 Triennial Delegate Assembly bids Marian Rowley a fond farewell from the General Council and thanks her for her years of exemplary work for the good of URANTIA Brotherhood.

ACTION BY GENERAL COUNCIL: Unanimous agreement and approval.

RESOLUTIONS SUMMARY/TDA VOTE COUNTS

<u>Resolution Number</u>	<u>Resolution Title/Description</u>	<u>TDA Vote Count</u>
1	Council Commendation	11-1-5
2	Councilor Travel Funding	11-2-3
3	Broaden Council Participation	12-3-1
4	Councilor Application Process	18-0-0
5	Non-candidates for TDA Service	9-8-0
6	Councilor non-attendance vacates	17-0-0
7	Amend Caesar Legal Language	13-3-1
8	Society Communication Facilitation	17-0-1
9	Advance Notice of Resolutions	16-2-0
10	Trustee Attendance at G.C. Meetings	16-1-1
11	History Resolution	11-3-4
12	Thanks to Marian Rowley	18-0-0

Note: Vote counts less than 18 indicate resolutions passed prior to decision to designate alternate delegate Michael Challis to vote for the Oklahoma Society since the delegate, Harry McMullan, did not vote while chairing the Resolutions Committee, and, in two cases, one additional delegate must not have voted.