



Resolutions approved by
the General Council
of the Urantia Book Fellowship
September 1989 to 2005

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September 16, 1989, O'Hare Plaza Hotel, Chicago, Illinois

A motion was made, seconded, and carried (for 31, against 0, abstain 2):

RESOLVED that the General Council supports and affirms the action taken on behalf of URANTIA Brotherhood by the Executive Committee at its meeting of July 17, 1989.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried (For 32, against 0, Abstain 0) that:

WHEREAS the recent culmination of events affecting the relationship between URANTIA Brotherhood and URANTIA Foundation has led the General Council to embark on a course of action which redefines that relationship;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we evaluate our organizational goals and plans, and to institute such measures as to affirm our existence as an independent, autonomous organization, operating on the basis of group wisdom, and in keeping with our highest understanding of the teachings of The URANTIA Book.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried (For 28, against 3, Abstain 0) that:

BE IT RESOLVED that the fundraising function of URANTIA Brotherhood pertain only to the raising of funds for URANTIA Brotherhood.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried (For 30, against 3, Abstain 0) that:

The General Council directs the Executive Committee to proceed and take any and all actions necessary to effect a smooth working transition of headquarters office operations in all pertinent areas and to work harmoniously with URANTIA Foundation whenever possible and that the General Council wants a written report at its next meeting as to any actions and decisions taken on this matter.

A motion was made, seconded, and, after discussion, carried (for 30, against 0, abstain 0) that:

BE IT RESOLVED that URANTIA Brotherhood will use its mailing list in any manner it deems appropriate.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried (For 23, against 1, Abstain 3) that:

BE IT RESOLVED that the General Council of URANTIA Brotherhood affirms the principles for which URANTIA Foundation was founded and the purposes which we share in common.

January 27, 1990 Franciscan Renewal Center, Scottsdale, Arizona

A motion was made, seconded, and carried unanimously that:

The General Council ratifies resolution #1 of the Executive Committee's November 5, 1989 minutes as amended, in resolution #1: "Be it resolved that URANTIA Brotherhood Corporation be renamed..."

Note: (The resolution is not in the General Council minutes. Look in Executive Council minutes for 1989.)

A motion was made, seconded, and carried unanimously that:

The General Council ratifies resolution #3 of the Executive Committee's November 5, 1989 minutes as amended. In resolution #3: "...of the building at 529 Wrightwood Ave...."

July 5, 1990 Snowmass Convention Center, Snowmass, Colorado

A motion was made, seconded, and carried that:

The General Council commends the work of the Programs and Services Subcommittee, agrees with the philosophic approach, and charges the Executive Committee to move this effort to the next stage which is to involve a broader range of Fellowship members.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried to:

Authorize the calling of a constitutional convention and that the Executive Committee completes the details including a timetable, to be reported to the Council's February 1991 meeting.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried by a 2/3 vote that

The motion relating to the calling of a constitutional convention is rescinded.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried that:

A subcommittee be established to arrange a meeting of society delegates and members-at-large to be called at a time convenient to them for the purpose of commencing the process of discussing our organizational future including an examination of the Fellowship's constitution. The said subcommittee would be comprised of the chairs of the Judicial, Charter, Domestic Extension, and International Fellowship Committees.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried that:

The Executive Committee may waive the membership requirement for an Area Coordinator if in its judgment circumstances warrant it.

February 16, 1991, Days Inn, Rocky Point, Tampa, Florida

A motion was made, seconded, and carried (29 for, 0 against, 0 abstain) that:

The Judicial Committee draft constitutional language to effect a change in the organization's name to "The Fellowship" with the corporate name to be "Fifth Epochal Fellowship Corporation" and that the membership is polled to obtain the response of members to this proposal.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried (27, 0, 2) that:

the development of the strategic plan proceed with the incorporation of ideas resulting from the Tampa mid-year meeting as well as results from the letter developed by the plan's purpose group leaders with a report to the General Council at its regular meeting in June.

June 27, 1991, Lake Forest College, Lake Forest, Illinois

A motion was made, seconded, and carried that:

WHEREAS The Urantia Book extols service as the goal of time and the destination of space;

BE IT RESOLVED that the General Council recognize the following individuals who are retiring from their current positions in the Fellowship for contributions to our organization: Marta Elders, Tony Finstad, Jim McNelly, and Steve Law, for their dedication and service to the revelation; Peter Laurence for his service on the Executive Committee and General Council; . John Hay for his service on the Executive Committee and General Council; Tom Kendall for his service on the Executive Committee and as a long-time General Councilor; Berkeley Elliott for her outstanding contributions to our organization as chair of the International Fellowship Committee and long-time General Councilor: Paul Snider for his outstanding contributions as President of our organization and long time-General Councilor; Lynne Kulieke for her outstanding contributions on the Executive Committee as Chair of the Education Committee and Secretary General; and David Elders for his outstanding contributions as President of our organization over the past six years.

A motion was made and seconded that (for 32, against 0, abstain 0:

BE IT RESOLVED, that in accordance with the procedure for the amendment of the Constitution as set forth in ARTICLE XIV, Section 14.1., Article I of the Constitution be amended to read as follows:

"ARTICLE I "NAME

"The name of this association shall be "THE FELLOWSHIP."

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the name "THE FELLOWSHIP" shall replace both "URANTIA BROTHERHOOD", and "the URANTIA BROTHERHOOD", in each occurrence throughout the Constitution and By-Laws of this association.

BE IT RESOLVED, that in accordance with the procedure for the amendment of the Constitution as set forth in ARTICLE XIV, Section 14.1., Article II of the Constitution be amended to read as follows:

"ARTICLE II
"PURPOSE

"The purposes of THE FELLOWSHIP are the study and dissemination of the teachings of The Urantia Book; the promotion, improvement, and expansion among the peoples of the world of the comprehension and understanding of Cosmology and the relation of the planet on which we live to the Universe, of the genesis and destiny of Man and his relation to God, and of the life and teachings of Jesus; and the inculcation and encouragement of the realization and appreciation of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man -- in order to increase and enhance the comfort, happiness, and wellbeing of Man, as an individual and as a member of society, by fostering a religion, a philosophy, and a cosmology which are commensurate with Man's intellectual and cultural development, through the medium of fraternal association, ever obedient and subservient to the laws of this country and of all countries wherein THE FELLOWSHIP may extend."

After discussion the motion carried (30, 1, 1).

A motion was made and seconded that:

BE IT RESOLVED, that in accordance with the procedure for the amendment of the Constitution as set forth in ARTICLE XIV, Section 14.1., Article III of the Constitution be amended to read as follows:

"ARTICLE III "COMPOSITION

"THE FELLOWSHIP shall be composed of members associated together for the purposes expressed in this Constitution into local societies hereinafter referred to as "Local Societies," autonomous in conduct of their local affairs, but subservient to this Constitution, chartered by, and inseparably associated with, the integrant organization in this Constitution created and defined, and divided into such geographical groups and correlated by such integrated intermediary organizations as shall be provided to best serve an orderly organization."

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that "Local Societies" replace "URANTIA Societies" and that "Local Society" replace "URANTIA Society" in each occurrence throughout the Constitution and By- Laws of this association. A Motion was made and seconded to amend the resolution as follows: To capitalize the "S" in "societies" and eliminate the clause, "... hereinafter referred to as 'Societies,'..."
Motion carried (31, 1, 0).

A motion was made and seconded that:

BE IT RESOLVED, that in accordance with the procedure for the amendment of the Constitution as set forth in ARTICLE XIV, Section 14.1., Section 5.3 of the Constitution be amended to read as follows:

"Section 5.3. Name of Local Society: The Charter Committee, subject to ratification by the Executive Committee, shall approve the name of each new Local Society."

After discussion the motion carried (31, 0, 1).

A motion was made and seconded that:

BE IT RESOLVED, that in accordance with the procedure for the amendment of the Constitution as set forth in ARTICLE XIV, Section 14.1., Section 12.10 of the Constitution be amended to read as follows: "Section 12.10. Distribution of Assets upon Dissolution: In the event of the dissolution of THE FELLOWSHIP, all its assets shall be distributed to the successor organization to THE FELLOWSHIP, if any, if the same shall qualify for exemption from federal income tax, and if there be no such successor to THE FELLOWSHIP, then all its assets shall be distributed to such qualified tax exempt organization(s) as shall be designated by the Executive Committee, acting directly, or in its capacity as the Board of Directors of any corporation(s) created under this constitution." After discussion the motion carried unanimously (33, 0, 0).

A motion was made and seconded that:

BE IT RESOLVED, that in accordance with the procedure for the amendment of the Constitution as set forth in ARTICLE XIV, Section 14.1., Section 14.1 of the Constitution be amended to read as follows: "AMENDMENTS "Section 14.1. Procedure for Amendment: Amendments to this Constitution may be made in the manner following: the Executive Committee shall adopt a resolution, by the affirmative vote in favor thereof of three-fourths (3/4ths) of the entire membership of the Executive Committee, setting forth the amendment proposed, declaring its advisability, recommending its adoption by the General Council, and instructing the Secretary-General to forward copies of said resolution to each of the members of the General Council. At the next meeting of the General Council, if the same shall be not less than thirty (30) days from the date of the adoption of such resolution, and if so, then at the next succeeding meeting of the General Council, the resolution adopted by the Executive Committee setting forth the amendment proposed, declaring its advisability, and recommending its adoption, shall be presented to the

General Council. Upon the presentation thereof, the General Council shall vote thereon by secret ballot for or against the adoption of the amendment proposed, and in the event that three-fourths (3/4ths) of the votes of the entire membership of the General Council are cast in favor thereof, the amendment shall then become effective and a part of this Constitution. Each amendment to the Constitution shall be proposed, declared advisable, and its adoption recommended by separate resolution, and each proposed amendment shall be submitted separately to the vote of the General Council." After discussion the motion carried (30, 2, 0)

A motion was made and seconded that:

BE IT RESOLVED, that in accordance with the procedure for amendment of the Constitution as set forth in ARTICLE XIV, Section 14.1, the Constitution and By-laws be amended as follows: In all instances where reference is made to "The URANTIA BOOK" the form will be changed to "The Urantia Book." After discussion regarding type styles the motion carried unanimously (33, 0, 0).

A motion was made and seconded that:

BE IT RESOLVED, that Section 5.1 of the By-laws be amended to read as follows:

"Paragraph 5.1. Formation of FIFTH EPOCHAL FELLOWSHIP CORPORATION:

"The Executive Committee shall cause to be organized a not-for-profit corporation under the laws of the State of Illinois or some other state in the name of "THE FELLOWSHIP" or "FIFTH EPOCHAL FELLOWSHIP CORPORATION.AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the name "Fifth Epochal Fellowship Corporation" shall replace "URANTIA Brotherhood Corporation" throughout the By-Laws of this association. After discussion regarding type styles the motion carried unanimously (33, 0.0)

A friendly amendment to the motion to:

Correct a typo in the handed-out document by moving the closing bracket from after "Corporation" to after "Fellowship" just before "Corporation" and changing the word "in" before "the name of" to "by"

was made, seconded, and carried by a voice vote. Then, the amended motion was carried (33, 0, 0).

Resolution #13:

That the members of the 1991 TDA send greetings to the Northern Light Society of Alaska, and wish them to know that their presence at and participation in the 1991 TDA meeting was sincerely missed. And further that the Secretary of the General Council be requested to send this resolution, on Fellowship letterhead, to the Northern Light Society of Alaska.

A vote was taken and the resolution approved (32.0.1).

Resolution #14:

That the General Council, in consultation with societies and Members-at-Large, undertake a review of its committee structure and that the existence of such committees be limited to a specific time span thereby ensuring a regular relevancy review.

By a vote of approval (31, 0, 2) this resolution was referred to the Executive Committee to be considered as part of the on going review of organizational structure.

Resolution #16:

That the societies call for an annual conclave meeting during non-TDA years.

After discussion a vote was taken and the resolution approved (30.2.1).

A motion was made and seconded that:

The Fraternal Relations Committee of the Fellowship apply for membership in the newly-formed North American Interfaith Network (NAIN), and that membership be reviewed annually by the General Council to determine whether to continue, with our representative clearly instructed to abstain on votes on political and social issues. After discussion, the question was called. The motion was carried (24.9.0).

A motion was made and seconded that:

WHEREAS strategic planning is intended to be an ongoing evolutionary process with broad-based participation, and

WHEREAS the General Council and Executive Committee are aided by the strategic planning process in the development of policy and the execution of services, and WHEREAS the Executive Committee is accountable for the execution of goals and strategies adopted by the General Council,

BE IT RESOLVED that the General Council and Executive Committee continue to seek broad-based participation in an ongoing strategic planning process, including at the mid-year meeting, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Executive Committee be instructed to implement an annual reporting mechanism to review past accomplishments and to identify and prioritize anticipated programs and services in relation to the strategic planning process.

After discussion the motion carried (26.1.1).

A motion was made, seconded, and carried (30, 0, 1) that:

WHEREAS Urantia Foundation, the publisher of The Urantia Book, has repeatedly made public denial of the religious and revelatory character of the book,

WHEREAS the General Council of THE FELLOWSHIP desires to resolve the uncertainty about these matters which may have been created in the public mind, and

WHEREAS the General Council is a duly elected body serving an organized community of over 1200 dedicated readers of The Urantia Book, and is charged with the development and promulgation of policy for the organization;

NOW therefore the General Council of THE FELLOWSHIP affirms that:

The members of THE FELLOWSHIP hold in common the belief that The Urantia Book is a religious revelation authored by divine beings.

THE FELLOWSHIP was organized in 1955 as an unincorporated legal entity by individuals who believed The Urantia Book to be a religious revelation of divine origin.

THE FELLOWSHIP was organized as an independent and autonomous organization.

1. The word "Urantia" is the name by which our planet has been known throughout the universe for more than one billion years, a fact revealed by divine beings in The Urantia Book.
2. The word "Urantian" is used in The Urantia Book to designate an inhabitant of this planet and has been commonly used by readers of The Urantia Book variously to designate a reader of the book or an inhabitant of the planet.

3. The three concentric circles symbol designates the Trinity Government of all Creation and is the material emblem of Michael of Nebadon, otherwise known as Jesus of Nazareth, a fact revealed by divine beings in The Urantia Book.
4. This symbol has been in use with this designation on Urantia for more than one-half million years, a fact revealed by divine beings in The Urantia Book.
5. The three concentric circles are emblematic of the infinity, eternity, and universality of the Paradise Trinity of divine maintenance and direction, a fact revealed by divine beings in The Urantia Book.
6. Throughout human history, and at least for thousands of years, the three concentric circles symbol has been considered by our ancestors to be emblematic of the Most High God, a fact revealed by divine beings in The Urantia Book.

January 31, 1992 Holiday Inn, Los Angeles, California

No resolutions or motions made.

August 5, 1993, l'Auberge des Seigneurs, Saint Hyacinthe, Quebec, Canada

A motion was made, seconded, and carried that:

the Executive Committee of The Fellowship at its Fall budget meeting examine the possibility of funding travel of readers of other countries to the USA for 1994.

What exactly is the Dali Moyzes project? He may have The Urantia Book on Internet, and he may be sending out paragraphs of inspiring quotes around the world. He wanted funds to buy disks to send quotes to other parts of the world. The application submitted stated that he was working with others in the Los Angeles Society, and mentioned Duane Faw and Lyn Lear as references. Duane Faw stated that he was not consulted about use of his name and had advised Dali not to place the entire Urantia Book on Internet. Duane did not know that funds had been requested or furnished by The Fellowship. He had been told that Dali had private funding. The Executive Committee was not aware of the extent of the quotes he intended to use, and will write a letter to Dali stating that we have heard that his project goes beyond that stated in his application. Our FLOWERS program specifically states that applicant agrees to abide by all laws and copyrights of the United States. A motion was made, seconded, and carried (26, 0, 0) that the Executive Committee takes appropriate action to correct any misunderstandings in the Dali Moyzes matter.

A motion was made and seconded that:

The Fellowship becomes a cosponsor of the Parliament of the World's Religion.

Vote on the motion: Yes= 19; No=5; Abstain= 1. Motion carried.

A motion was made and seconded that:

An ad hoc committee be formed to explore how our long term concerns for the support of family life can best be facilitated within our organization. The committee of Lee Smith, Claudia Ayers and Sara Blackstock, Chair will report to the next mid-year council meeting.

A Call of the Question was made. Vote 26-0-0. The vote on the motion was 23 yes-2 no- 1abstention. Motion carried.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried unanimously that:

The General Council expresses its gratitude to all volunteers who worked on the International Conference and all of the hotel staff who worked on the conference.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried (26, 0, 0) that:

any General Councilor who has more than two unexplained absences be asked to resign, and that the General Council authorize the President to call such individuals to discuss the matter with them. This applies to people who have already missed that many meetings.

Motion, made, seconded, and carried unanimously to:

Send a birthday card to Marian Rowley, retired long-time volunteer worker of The Fellowship on her 94th birthday.

February 4, 1994, LaGuardia Marriott Hotel, Elmhurst, New York

Organizational restructuring report of the Judicial Committee concerning an amendment to the Fellowship Constitution to allow societies to elect a member to the General Council.

(27, 3, 1)

Approve recommendations as to the physical facts of the book printing (which are) plans are to print 15,000 books; 4000 hard back, and 11,000 as soft back. 2,000 of the hard back are on contract to an individual. The hard cover can be retailed at about @24.95 and the soft cover at about \$17.95. The soft back will cost about \$8 and the hardback around \$10 to \$12. Size would be 7 X 10 inches for both versions. Two different designs were proposed for the soft covers and a simple conservative design for the hard cover. (29, 1, 1)

Straw vote was taken on the color of the hard cover-- blue-15, burgundy - 10.

The Executive Committee recommends using Good Cheer Press for distribution and order fulfillment on a contract basis. A show of hands showed a clear majority approved.

Straw vote: issue of offering some level of discount to members. Vote in favor.

Straw vote: issue of providing quantity discounts. The group favored that as well, assuming that the minimum of 10 books was required consistent with the way in which the books will be packaged when shipped to us.

Straw vote: Agreed that "we" would offer a discount to everyone (not just members) based on a minimum purchase of 10 books.

The following pricing policy was approved in principle with final price structure determined by a subcommittee appointed by the President in conjunction with the Executive Committee.

	Channel	Hard Cover	Soft Cover
	Low	High	
Retail Price	\$29.95	\$17.95	\$19.95
Mail Order (55%)	\$13.48	\$8.08	\$8.98
Distributors (55%)	\$13.48	\$8.08	\$8.98
Stores (40%)	\$17.97	\$10.77	\$11.97
Quantity Discounts@ 10 (20%)	\$23.95	\$14.36	\$15.96

The size of the book was discussed briefly and it was agreed to go ahead with the current size and consider other options at a later date. It was agreed that the graphic cover design (title only) be used as the basis for the hard cover book.

Steve Dreier announced that The Fellowship will establish a subsidiary corporation to be named Uversa Press, which will handle the business details of book publishing.

July 7, 1994, Oklahoma City University, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

BE IT RESOLVED that the Fellowship give its support to areas through that group function called a society and that societies be encouraged to actively develop within their areas outreach and extension methods which include designated annually elected individuals functioning as an Area Coordinator who would function as a part of the activities of that society; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Domestic Extension Committee informs the societies that the Area Coordinators representing an area supported by an existing society can be elected by that society, as the terms of the current Area Coordinators expire. (10, 6, 1)

WHEREAS it is our purpose to support the General Council of the Fellowship in its decision-making process, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the meetings of the Executive Committee be open to General Council members as observers. (13, 2, 3)

WHEREAS many Urantia Book students desire harmonious relationships between the organizations devoted to the spread of the Fifth Epochal Revelation,

BE IT RESOLVED that The Fellowship extend and reaffirm an invitation to the Foundation Trustees and affiliates to attend Fellowship functions, and request that Foundation and Fellowship sponsored events be scheduled non-currently whenever possible, and that each leader--at Fellowship or Society level--recognize his or her responsibility to the revelators and planetary overseers, to foster and promote unity and cooperation among all sincere believers in the teaching of The Urantia Book. (14, 2, 1)

January 20, 1995, Lexington Hotel, Phoenix, Arizona

WHEREAS the major purpose of The Fellowship is the social and spiritual uplift of the peoples of the world through the ministry of The Urantia Book and; WHEREAS, present litigation of Urantia Foundation versus Maaherra may have lasting effects on the manner in which this purpose unfolds; THEREFORE the General Council, having determines that as a organization, The Fellowship should not take sides in this dispute, and urges all readers concerned with the future of the revelation to familiarize themselves with the importance of the issues in this case and participate according to their individual wisdom and understanding. Motion carried (20, 8, 1).

RESOLVED that if The Urantia Book is judged to be in the public domain, The Fellowship, in order to fulfill its mission, will promptly publish and distribute The Urantia Book.

(28, 0, 0) Straw vote, end of session motion passed. (Prior straw votes on publication specifics shall be considered as binding formal votes.). Unanimous.

July 27, 1995, Fairleigh Dickinson University, Teaneck, New Jersey

Set up a subcommittee to revisit this issue of including maps and pictures in the Fellowship's book.

(25, 8, 1) Straw vote, end of session motion passed. (Prior straw votes on publication specifics shall be considered as binding formal votes.) Unanimous.

Marilynn Kulieke reported that some constitutional language has been drafted and indicated she would like to proceed as follows with the purpose of bringing these proposals and constitutional amendments to the Council for final vote: 1. Make the minor changes to committee names and responsibilities which have been suggested over the recent years. 2) Developed constitutional languages for the annual delegate assembly, 3. Develop constitutional language for changing the General council to provide for direct representation. She indicated that she wanted to mature the issue sufficiently to require a vote at mid-year meeting of the General Council either for or against to bring the issue to some level of finality which (sic) result in turn, would be reported back to the TDA either as a report or for action.] She asked for the Council's approval to proceed as she proposed. It was so moved and seconded. Discussion ensued, including a brief review of the history giving origin to this project and its progress. It was suggested that the language, once developed, be sent to the societies for review and comment.

The motion was approved by a vote of 34 for, 0 against, and 0 abstentions.

February 2, 1996, Crown Sterling Suites, South San Francisco, California

That the General Council direct the Executive Committee to initiate procedures to amend the Fellowship Constitution to allow each society to elect one General Councilor for a 3-year term. The Triennial Delegate Assembly would continue to elect 36 Councilors as currently provided for in the Fellowship Constitution.

(23, 6, 0)

August 09, 1996, Flagstaff, Arizona

A motion was made, seconded, and carried (for 26, against 0, abstain 0) that:

in order to afford proper recognition and a sense of unity to groups of Urantia Book readers who are interested in furthering the work of The Fellowship, but for any reason are not ready to become a local society, The Fellowship create a new group affiliation category, additional to and different from Local Societies.

A motion was made, seconded and carried (26 for, 2 against, 0 abstain) that:

We assign to the Executive Committee the issue of developing a policy of letting others use our text architecture if their purpose is within the purpose and goals of our constitution. It was also the consensus that we should develop an electronic version of The Urantia Book using our text architecture, with the potential of putting it on the Internet. Further development was assigned to the President.

February 7, 1997, Westin Crown Center, Kansas City, Missouri

No resolutions passed.

July 13, 1997, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada

The motion to hire an attorney to act as our general counsel carried (27 for, 1 against, 0 abstain).

Resolution 2: Study Group Consultants

WHEREAS at the time of publication it was advised by the revelators that “the book is being given to those who are ready for it long before the day of its world-wide mission. Thousands of study groups must be brought into existence...”

WHEREAS it is the view of many long-time students of The Urantia Book that study groups are not thriving. The Study Group Directory, while an excellent tool, is merely a list of study groups, and a more personal touch is necessary to revitalize the study of the book;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the function of the Area Coordinators be more fully focused on the support and nurture of study groups. After discussion a motion was made, seconded, and carried to receive Resolution 2 and send to the Domestic Extension Committee for further development.

Resolution 4: Request that Societies be Informed and Consulted

WHEREAS Societies are intended by the Constitution of The Fellowship to be the component parts of The Fellowship, and

WHEREAS Societies are channels through which Fellowship members hold their membership, and

WHEREAS Societies are the most effective agents for development of local study and fellowship in the movement.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the General Council and Executive Committee formally and promptly apprise the Societies of their actions and decisions, and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the General Council and Executive Committee consider the impact on Societies of all actions which they are contemplating.

After discussion a motion was made, seconded, and carried to accept Resolution 4 and send it to the Executive Committee for further action.

Resolution 5: Public Information Program

WHEREAS public awareness of The Urantia Book is rapidly increasing, especially on the Internet,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the General Council develop and implement a comprehensive public information program to support Fellowship purposes and activities, and to assist Fellowship members in dealing with mass media situations as they may arise. The purpose of the program would not be to encourage sudden increased attention in mass media, but simply to deal effectively with evolutionary developments that are taking place. Such a program would seek input and involvement from individual members, societies, interested readers, the Central Office, and Department Committees.

The program could include:

"Review existing public information policies, procedures, and tools.

"Evaluate needs for expanding and upgrading public information services, developing new services as necessary and feasible.

"Publish and distribute public information guidelines for members and interested readers, including a list of available tools and resources.

"Provide training."

"Monitor public communication about The Urantia Book, societies, members, associates, and readers on the Internet and in the print and broadcast media worldwide.

"Develop a plan for dealing with mass media situations that could develop.

After discussion a motion was made, seconded, and carried (18 for, 6 against, 0 abstain) to receive Resolution 5 and send it to the vice-president to address the issues raised and for further work.

Resolution 9: Support of Urantian Religious Belief and Practice

WHEREAS The Fellowship includes within it constitutionally stated purposes "...fostering a religion...";

WHEREAS many current members of The Fellowship hold religious beliefs that are born from teachings that are revealed in The Urantia Book, and are engaging in group worship and group religious identification based on these beliefs,

WHEREAS many current members of The Fellowship are realizing the crucial importance of establishing a Urantia religious identity that is recognized by the world at large, WHEREAS the emerging revelatory religion born from the teachings presented in The Urantia Book needs appropriate, unencumbered name identification and symbolism,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that The Fellowship for Readers of The Urantia Book hereby intends to support the emergence of clearly defined Urantia religious groups. Through this resolution we wish to give our blessings to all members of The Fellowship who so desire to openly distinguish themselves as religionists and Urantia Book believers, with a mission to live, teach, and honor the high spiritual teachings and concepts within The Urantia Book.. After discussion a motion was made, seconded, and carried unanimously to receive Resolution 9 for submission to an ad hoc committee for further study.

Resolution 13: The Spiritual Fellowship Journal

We recognize that members of The Fellowship have a wide range of attitudes toward religion and we rejoice in this diversity. We therefore:

Petition the General Council to assume the publication of The Spiritual Fellowship Journal which will initiate a platform for discussion of the theological, philosophical, and polity positions of religious groups germane to the Fifth Epochal Revelation.

After discussion a motion was made, seconded, and carried unanimously to receive resolution 13 and send it to the Publications Committee for study and recommendations. The Publications Committee chair will report back to the Executive Committee at their October meeting.

February 6, 1998, Westin Oklahoma City Hotel, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

A motion was made, seconded, and carried (31 for, 1 against, 1 abstain) to terminate the Area Coordinator program and replace it with direct services to study group leaders, or those hosting study

February 5, 1999, Olympic Spa & Resort, Carlsbad, California

The General Council authorizes the President to work with the chair of the Judicial Committee to respond to the letter from the Foundation.

Seconded. 32 in favor, 2 opposed. Motion passes.

Have the chair of the Judicial Committee bring the letter to the General Council for approval.

32 in favor, 2 opposed. Motion carried.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried unanimously that:

The General Council ratifies the decision of the Executive Committee to change the name of URANTIA Brotherhood Corporation to Fifth Epochal Fellowship Corporation on a provisional basis.

A motion was made, seconded, and carried unanimously that:

The General Council ratifies resolution #5 of the Executive Committee November 5, 1989 minutes.

Resolution B was moved, seconded and discussed.

Resolution B states:

The General Council resolves that the Fellowship encourages all believers in The Urantia Book to:

1. Participate in existing religious institutions that meet their personal needs for religious socialization, and
2. Experiment with new and varied forms of religious socialization to meet the needs of Urantia Believers, and
3. Publicly identify such new forms with the Urantia movement at the sole discretion of their members.

A motion to call the question, passed and resolution B passed (18, 11, 4).

July 12, 1999, Mount Vernon College, Washington DC

Whereas the General Council has desired to create a system of public information concerning The Fellowship; and whereas the General Council has appointed an ad hoc committee on Public Relations to organize work toward this end; and whereas the General Council has received a report from that committee recommending that the Fellowship conduct its business under a name clearly designative of its association with and commitment to *The Urantia Book*;

NOW THEREFORE THE GENERAL COUNCIL RESOLVES that The Fellowship shall consistently conduct its general public activities using " *The Urantia Book Fellowship*" as its business name. Constitutional and corporate designations of the organization shall remain unchanged for the present.

Seconded. Vote on name change: 29 in favor, 2 opposed

February 5, 2000, Harvey Hotel, Irving, Texas

Closed Session. Sealed minutes contain:

DISCUSSION on certain policy issues to get a sense of where the General Council stands.

1. Do we voluntarily remove the English and foreign-language texts from the website if threatened by litigation?

A motion was made and passed.

February 3, 2001 Hollywood, Florida

An amendment was presented t:

Change the name of the Domestic Extension Committee to the Outreach Committee.

The proposed amendment passed unanimously.

An amendment was presented to:

Transfer the responsibility of local societies from the Outreach Committee (formerly Domestic Extension) to the Charter Committee. The proposed amendment passed unanimously.

An amendment was presented to:

Change the name of the Fraternal Relations Committee to the Interfaith Committee.

Vote on the proposed amendment: 34 yes, 1 no. The amendment is passed.

A motion was made and seconded to:

Accept email as sufficient notification for constitutional amendments. The motion passed unanimously.

Harry McMullan III described a method for raising money for UBF from a bingo parlor. A discussion followed on whether this was acceptable to council. A motion was made and seconded to:

Recommend the fund raising method and send the matter back to the EC for further consideration and exploration.

Vote: 25 yes, 5 no, 4 abstain. Motion carries. The matter goes to the EC for further discussion.

August 12, 2001, Santa Cruz, California

A motion was made and seconded that:

The Urantia Book Fellowship prints The Urantia Book.

Discussion followed.

A motion was made and seconded to:

Limit discussion on the question of printing The Urantia Book to conclude at 7 P.M.

Vote on the motion to limit discussion: 29 yes, 4 no, 1 abstention. Motion passes. Discussion will end at 7:00 P.M. Discussion continued on the motion that the Fellowship prints The Urantia Book.

An amendment to the motion was proposed and seconded:

That the word “promptly” be included, the motion to read “That The Urantia Book Fellowship promptly print The Urantia Book.”

Discussion on the proposed amendment followed. A motion was made to call the question of the amendment to the motion. Vote on the motion to call the question of the amendment: 26 yes, 6 no, 1 abstention. Motion to call passes. Vote on the amendment to the motion: 24 yes, 10 no, 1 abstention.

Amendment to the motion passes. The motion under discussion is now:

“That The Urantia Book Fellowship promptly publishes The Urantia Book.”

Discussion on the motion continued. At 7:00 P.M. the question was called.

Vote on the motion that:

The Urantia Book Fellowship promptly publishes The Urantia Book.

26 yes, 8 no, 1 abstention. Motion passes.

Discussion returned to consideration of publishing Behz Sarmast’s book. A motion was made and seconded;

to release Sarmast from obligations to the Fellowship concerning publishing of his book and inform him that due to our publishing the UB we cannot publish his book.

Vote on the motion: 34 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions. Motion passes.

A motion was made and seconded that:

The General Council approve the general parameters of the Executive Committee on office reorganization. Discussion on the motion followed. A motion was made to call the question.

Vote on the motion to call: 29 yes, 0 no, 1 abstention. The question is called. Vote on the motion: 26 in favor, 1 opposed, 4 abstentions; motion passes.

February 1, 2002, San Diego Bay Club, San Diego, California

No motions carried

July 5, 2002, Estes Park, Colorado

An amendment was introduced changing the name of the Charter Committee to the Membership Committee. (See Attachment 1 for details) The amendment was passed unanimously.

ATTACHMENT 1
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO CHANGE NAME OF CHARTER COMMITTEE TO
MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE.

Deletions show double strikethrough. Insertions in bold italic.

Section 5.1. **Organization:** Whenever ten (10) or more persons shall have associated themselves together to establish a society for the accomplishment of the purposes expressed in this Constitution, and shall make application to the ~~Charter~~ **Membership** Committee, in the form prescribed by the ~~Charter~~ **Membership** Committee, to be chartered as a Fellowship Society of THE FELLOWSHIP, and shall have paid to the ~~Charter~~ **Membership** Committee the application fee required by the By-laws of THE FELLOWSHIP, the ~~Charter~~ **Membership** Committee, when it is satisfied that the applicants comply with the Standards of Admission of URANTIA Societies, shall recommend to the Executive Committee that a charter be issued to such applicants; and upon the ratification and approval of the ~~Charter~~ **Membership** Committee's recommendation by the Executive Committee, a charter shall be granted and issued by the ~~Charter~~ **Membership** Committee and signed by the Chairman and Secretary of the ~~Charter~~ **Membership** Committee and by the President and Secretary of THE FELLOWSHIP, and THE FELLOWSHIP Seal affixed thereto.

Section 5.2. **Installation:** When a charter shall have been granted and issued, the ~~Charter~~ **Membership** Committee shall cause the persons applying therefore to be installed as a Fellowship Society.

Section 5.3. **Name of Local Society:** The words "Fellowship Society" shall form a part of the name of all Fellowship Societies, but the name may also include such other words as may be approved by the ~~Charter~~ **Membership** Committee.

Section 5.6. **Revocation of Charter:** Whenever the conduct of a Fellowship Society shall contravene the spirit and purpose of THE FELLOWSHIP, the charter of such Fellowship Society may be revoked. The charter of any Fellowship Society shall not be revoked except upon (a) the filing by the ~~Charter~~ **Membership** Committee of a petition with the Judicial Committee for the revocation of the charter of such a Fellowship Society,

- * the summoning of the officers of such Fellowship Society by the Judicial Committee to show cause why its charter should not be revoked,
- * an adjudication by the Judicial Committee, after a hearing on such petition to show cause, that the charter of such Fellowship Society should be revoked, and
- * the affirmation by the Executive Committee of such adjudication.

Such Fellowship Society shall be notified of the revocation of the charter by letter transmitted by United States Registered Mail from the Chairman of the Judicial Committee attested by the Secretary-General. From adjudication by the Judicial Committee, affirmed by the Executive Committee, revoking the charter of a Fellowship Society, an appeal may be taken, in the manner prescribed in the By-laws of THE FELLOWSHIP, to the General Council. Such appeal shall be taken at the next meeting of the General Council if such meeting shall be not less than thirty (30) days from the

date of the affirmation by the Executive Committee of the adjudication of the Judicial Committee, and if said next meeting of the General Council shall be less than thirty (30) days from the date of such affirmation, then at the next succeeding meeting of the General Council. The Executive Committee may suspend action on an adjudication of the Judicial Committee for a probationary period, but the failure of the Executive Committee to take any action within sixty (60) days after such adjudication by the Judicial Committee shall constitute a disaffirmance. A disaffirmance by the Executive Committee shall constitute a final determination dismissing the petition to show cause. Any Fellowship Society against which a petition for the revocation of its charter shall have been filed by the ~~Charter~~ **Membership** Committee shall be entitled to representation by counsel in all proceedings relevant thereto. Upon the revocation of the charter of any Fellowship Society, the persons comprising such Fellowship Society shall automatically cease to be members of THE FELLOWSHIP, and such persons shall be disqualified for membership in any other Fellowship Society except as hereinafter and hereinbefore provided.

Section 6.3. **Proceedings:** The President and Secretary of THE FELLOWSHIP shall preside at the Triennial Delegate Assembly. Subject only to the provisions of this Constitution, each Triennial Delegate Assembly shall determine its own membership. The Committee on Credentials shall consist of the Chairman of the Judicial, **Charter Membership**, and Interfaith Committees of THE FELLOWSHIP. This Committee shall meet at a time specified by the Executive Committee before the opening of the Triennial Delegate Assembly to receive, examine, and recommend to the President the approval or disapproval of the credentials of each of the delegates and alternates. Immediately following the seating of the delegates the President shall appoint from the floor a Committee on Nominations and a Committee on Resolutions. The Triennial Delegate Assembly shall be conducted pursuant to Robert's Rules of Order except in respect to the order of procedure, which shall be as follows:

- (a) Assembly called to order and address of welcome.
- (b) Report of Credentials Committee and seating of delegates.
- (c) Appointment by the President from the floor of a Committee on Nominations and a Committee on Resolutions.
- (d) Reports of outgoing officers and chairmen of Departmental Committees.
- (e) Report of Nominations Committee and election of members of General Council.
- (f) Report of Resolutions Committee.
- (g) Consideration of old business.
- (h) Consideration of new business.
- (i) Reading and approval of minutes unless Assembly votes to waive such reading or designates some other manner of approving minutes.
- (j) Adjournment.

Section 11.10. **The Charter Membership Committee:** The ~~Charter~~ **Membership** Committee shall have direct supervision over all matters pertaining to the application for charters as Fellowship Societies and the installation of Fellowship Societies. By and with the consent and approval of the Executive Committee, the ~~Charter~~ **Membership** Committee shall make and establish and alter and amend: (1) Standards of Admission of Fellowship Societies for the qualification of individuals making application to be chartered as a Fellowship Society; (2) Standard of Admission of Members for the qualification of persons making application for membership in Fellowship Societies; (3) the form of charter for Fellowship Societies; and (4) a ritual for the installation of Fellowship Societies and for the initiation of individual members into Fellowship Societies. The ~~Charter~~ **Membership** Committee shall also perform all other duties directly or indirectly imposed upon it by this Constitution and by the By-laws of THE FELLOWSHIP.

Section 11.1. **Names of Committees:** There shall be the following Departmental Committees:

- (a) The Judicial Committee.

- (b) The ~~Charter~~ *Membership* Committee.
- (c) The Interfaith Committee.
- (d) The Outreach Committee.
- (e) The International Fellowship Committee.
- (f) The Education Committee.
- (g) The Publications Committee.
- (h) The Finance Committee.
- (i) The Special Projects Committee.
- (j) The Family Life Committee.

An amendment was introduced to create affiliate organizations. (See Attachment 2 for details)
 Vote: 33 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain. The amendment is passed.

ATTACHMENT 2

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO CREATE AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS.

This article is an addition to the Constitution. The old Article XV self-deleted in 1964.

ARTICLE XV

AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS

Section 15.1. **Organization:** Whenever five (5) or more persons shall have associated themselves together to establish an organization for the accomplishment of a purpose related to the purposes expressed in this Constitution, and shall make application to the Executive Committee, in the form prescribed by the Executive Committee, to be recognized as an Affiliated Organization of THE FELLOWSHIP, the Executive Committee, when it is satisfied that the organization complies with the Standards of Affiliation, shall issue a Certificate of Affiliation, signed by the President, Chair of the Membership Committee, and Chair of the International Fellowship Committee, when the organization is located outside the United States, and THE FELLOWSHIP. Seal affixed thereto.

Section 15.2. **Government:** Each Fellowship Affiliated Organization shall be named, organized, and governed in a manner determined by its organizing members, as may be modified from time to time by its own governing process. Its officers shall include a President and a designated Fellowship Liaison, whose joint communications to the Executive Committee shall be recognized by the Executive Committee as authoritative for determination of affiliation status.

Section 15.3. **Revocation of Certificate of Affiliation:** Whenever the Executive Committee shall determine that affiliation with an organization does not support the spirit and purpose of THE FELLOWSHIP, the Certificate of Affiliation of such Affiliated Organization may be revoked. Such revocation shall not affect the membership status of an individual who may also be recognized as a Member-at-large or a member of a Fellowship Society

A motion was introduced to amend Article XV of the By-laws. (See Attachment 3 for details) The amendment passed unanimously.

MOTION TO AMEND ERRONEOUS REFERENCE IN BY-LAWS

Whereas Paragraph 8.2 of the By-Laws of the Fellowship contains references to and pertains exclusively to the original Article XV of the Fellowship Constitution of 1955, which Article provided for its own automatic deletion from the Constitution in 1964, and Whereas a new Article XV, pertaining to Affiliated Organizations has been enacted by the General Council at its 2002 Annual Meeting, and Whereas, it is desirable to maintain consistency of reference between the Constitution and the By- Laws, Now, therefore, it is resolved that:

Paragraph 8.2 is hereby removed from the By-Laws.

TDA - Urantia Society of Greater New York - Resolution on Communications (See Attachment 6 for detail). The motion asks the General Council to amend bylaws to require communications within 30 days of General Council meetings, publish agenda 30 days early, publish a summary within 60 days. It was noted that this is currently taking place, but the sponsor felt it should be formalized. Discussion followed. The question was called. Vote on the motion: 17 yes, 10 no, 2 abstain.

ATTACHMENT 6

TDA Resolution from *The Urantia Book* Society of Greater New York

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that the membership of the Fellowship will grow after the publishing, marketing, and distribution of the second Uversa Edition of *The Urantia Book* and since an improvement in communication requirements with the bylaws to ensure a greater flow of information from the governing bodies out to the society members will be a benefit to the Fellowship as a whole,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following items are proposed as amendments to the Fellowship bylaws:

1. The Executive Committee shall publish the Executive Committee Letter after each General Council meeting at a minimum, and these newsletters will include reports on any activity by the standing and ad hoc committees within 30 days; and
2. The President shall share the proposed agenda of General Council meetings with the societies no less than 30 days prior to the meeting; and
3. After the meeting of the General Council the summary of the actions taken to the societies within 60 days of the meeting.

January 31, 2003, Tuscany Suites Hotel Las Vegas, Nevada

No resolutions passed.

February 7, 2004, Hyatt Newporter Hotel, Newport Beach, California

No resolutions passed.

September 19, 2004Unity Village, Kansas City, Missouri

No resolutions passed.

January 28, 2005, Crown Plaza Airport Hotel, Atlanta, Georgia

No resolutions passed.