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## **A BRIEF HISTORY**

In March of 1985, after many months of preliminary discussions, a letter raising the possibility of starting a school in the Los Angeles area "... that would serve as a center for URANTIA Book studies, comparative and integrative philosophic and scientific study, and as a beginning of URANTIA Book teacher training" was sent to individuals who had expressed an interest in establishing such a center.



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On July 13, 1985, the first meeting of the Board of Directors for the School of Meanings and Values was held. In attendance were: Dianne Bishop, Dorothy Elder, Polly Friedman, Michael Hill, Gary Reedy, Toni Richy, Corlin Sherwood, Will Sherwood, and Susan Stevens. Work began on developing a statement of purpose, an organizational structure, and identifying areas of study.

On July 13, 1986, the Articles of Incorporation for the School were signed; the bylaws were completed on October 25, 1986, and on March 2, 1987, the School became a California Non-profit Corporation. In May of 1988, the School received notice from the Internal Revenue Service of tax exempt status under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

The School made its first public presentation at the Second Annual Oregon URANTIA Book Family Reunion in Silver Falls, Oregon, July 23-25, 1988. A workshop on *The Role of Meanings and Values in Spiritual Teamwork* was presented by the School's president and vice president.

The School is still in its infancy and is currently very active establishing criteria for teachers, developing curriculum, and organizing networks between other Urantia groups and individuals.

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