

NAUA Board of Trustees December 11, 2024 Minutes

The December NAUA Board of Trustees meeting was called to order at 10:03 p.m. PST. The full Board was present on Zoom, and included Todd Eklof, John Wunderlin, Bob Simoni, Stephen Polmar, Lynn Jinishian, Jan Anderson, Ron Strange, Marga Hanna, Judy Durham, Terry Anderson, and Mike Long. The presence of a Quorum was confirmed. The November 13, 2024, Minutes were approved unanimously.

Board President Todd Eklof spoke about the responsibilities of the Board and its central role in formulating a strategic plan for the future of NAUA. Also stressed was the framing of Board members as leaders, not reactors to, of the NAUA membership.

Bob Simoni gave the Treasurer Report. Current NAUA assets were reported to be \$45,313.54. He announced that he and Lynn Jinishian are on the Financial Committee and are seeking additional qualified members to join the Committee. Lynn confirmed she would remain on the bank account and continue as a check signer. The financials from the NAUA Summit showed a net income of \$28.00. Discussion included whether there was a need for a more advanced accounting system, such as QuickBooks Online or Quicken, or to research what would be required to use TechSoup services. It was suggested that it might be helpful for the Treasurer to send out any pertinent financial data prior to each monthly Board meeting.

The Board unanimously approved the \$840.00 cost to transfer the NAUA Trademark from Todd Eklof's name to the North American Unitarian Association.

The Board Retreat Subcommittee, consisting of Judy Durham, Bob Simoni, and Mike Long, gave a planning update for the January 8, 2025 retreat. Start time for the retreat, on Zoom, will be 8 a.m. PST with an ending time set for 1:30 p.m. PST. Possible topics for discussion at the retreat were suggested.

Stephen Polmar made a motion that NAUA file a membership application to the International Association of Religious Freedom (IARF). Advantages to membership include: giving NAUA recognition to 46 liberal religious organizations worldwide; opportunities for representation at the United Nations; and potential for sharing resources and interactions with these groups. The motion was approved, with 10 votes in favor and one vote an abstention.

The Board discussed the need for a communications policy regarding Board business, with a focus on email usage. Lynn requested that emails related to Board business be clear, with subject lines and no threads, to make it easier to find information. The Board agreed to discuss this further in future meetings.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:42 a.m. PST. The next meeting will be the Board Retreat on January 8, 2025, on Zoom.

Submitted by Candace Schmidt, Recording Secretary

Todd F. Eklof, NAUA Board President