

NAUA Board Meeting Minutes 11-13-24

(Revised 12/12/24 for STCU)

The first meeting of the newly elected NAUA Board met on November 13, 2024 over Zoom.

The full Board was present, and included: Todd Eklof, Ron Strange, Bob Simoni, Lynn Jinishian, Judi Durham, John Wunderlin, Terry Anderson, Jan Anderson, Stephen Polmar, Marga Hanna, and Mike Long. Members introduced themselves and discussed their impressions of the recent Summit held in October in Spokane, Washington.

A Board Retreat to be held in January of 2025 was discussed, and a Board Retreat Planning Committee was formed and will include Judi Durham, Mike Long, and Bob Simoni. Goals for the Retreat were discussed, with suggested topics of importance including visioning, developing a strategic plan, and improving communications within NAUA.

The following Board members were unanimously elected for the positions indicated:

President: Todd Eklof

Vice President: John Wunderlin

Treasurer: Bob Simoni

Secretary (3 month term): Stephen Polmar

The Board agreed the position of Vice President will not involve an automatic promotion to the position of President after the current President's term has concluded. As Treasurer Bob Simoni does not reside in Spokane where donation checks are mailed to the Unitarian Universalist Church of Spokane, it was agreed that the outgoing Provisional Board Treasurer, Lynn Jinishian, would continue to deposit incoming checks in NAUA's local financial institution account. Changes to be made to the STCU account include 1) Remove Todd Eklof 2) Add Bob Simoni to have administrative access including check writing privileges 3) Maintain Lynn Jinishian as co-administrator. The Board agreed the position of Secretary would be rotated among Board members, with each term lasting three months.

The Board agreed to create staggered terms among the current Board positions to allow for the election of new Board members at future Summits.

One year term (2024 to 2025): Mike Long, Lynn Jinishian, Ron Strange, Terry Anderson

Two year term (2024 to 2026): Todd Eklof, Stephen Polmar, Jan Anderson, Marga Hanna

Three year term (2024 to 2027): Judi Durham, Bob Simoni, John Wunderlin

Todd Eklof announced his intention to step off the Board at the conclusion of his first two-year term. It was suggested that the Board consider creating a "Past President" position

which could possibly be included in a future revision of the Bylaws. Discussion will be continued at the upcoming Board Retreat.

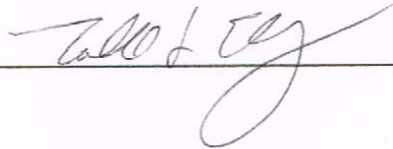
Lynn Jinishian, as the outgoing Provisional Board Treasurer, reported that NAUA assets, as of 11/08/24, were \$40,117.11. The Board discussed the costs incurred over the past two years in creating NAUA's website. Lynn reported in 2023 the costs equalled \$18,000, and in 2024 the costs equalled \$11,948.75. The Technology Team, consisting of Terry Anderson, Bob Simoni, and John Wunderlin, expressed the view that while the costs appear to be high, they had taken care over the past several years to keep the costs as low as possible while still striving to create a quality website. They added while they will continue make improvements to the website in the future, the costs will continue to decrease every year.

The Board discussed the need for the development of a Nominating Committee to put forward candidates to fill open Board member positions at future yearly Summits, to be voted upon by the membership. It was suggested that a process also be created by which individuals could nominate themselves for open Board positions. Discussion will continue on this topic.

Todd made a motion stating the NAUA official year begin on January 1st of every year and conclude at the end of December of the same year. The Board voted unanimously to approve this motion.

The next Board meeting is scheduled to take place on Zoom on December 11th, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. PST.

Submitted by Candice Schmidt, Recording Secretary

Todd Eklof, President  Date Signed 12-12-24