

Minutes of 12-17-2025 Board Meeting (Closed Session)

The meeting was called to order by Roy at: 13:07 pm Eastern (10:07 Pacific)

Attending: Roy Dickerson, Bob Simoni, Jan Anderson, Lincoln Baxter, John Wunderlin, Joanne Krettek, Mark Reimers,

Absent: Bobbe Baggio

Approval prior minutes:

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Moved: Jan, Seconded: Roy, Vote: Passed Unanimously

Move that the Code of Conduct as presented be adopted.

Lincoln presented a new version (with changes highlighted) one change of wording suggested by Jan, and a correction of the spelling for "publicly."

NAUA BOT – Code of Conduct-final.1.docx (and pdf)

Moved: Jan, Seconded Joanne : Vote: Passed Unanimously

The document accompanying these minutes is the final document.

Move that each member of the Board of Trustees affirms their commitment to abide by the adopted Code of Board Conduct.

Moved: Jan Seconded: Lincoln

All Board members present Affirmed their commitment to following the Code.

Selection of a date for the Board Retreat

We selected Sunday January 18 1:00 pm — 6:00 pm (Eastern)
10:00 am — 3:00 pm (Pacific)

There will be a break of at least ½ hour for "Lunch"

We discussed topics to cover at the meeting, including our organizational structure, board goals through the September 2026 Summit, and restructuring our Minister Support Group and other ministerial programs. Jan and Joanne will work together to draft an agenda for the retreat.

Discussion of Ministerial Support Group... moving to retreat

After some discussion...

Move that we temporarily suspend the Ministerial Support Group as we review its purpose, structure and leadership.

Moved: Lincoln Seconded: Roy Vote: Passed Unanimously

Motion (Bob): make an announcement in the next Compass that we intend to form a task force to craft a version of the 7 principles that we can vote on adopting at the next Summit.

Amended Motion: To Create a ‘NAUA Principles’ working group tasked with gathering ideas and aspirations from members and distilling them into a set of principles to be voted on at the next Summit.

Moved: Bob, Seconded: Roy Vote: Passed Unanimously

Committees Discussion (programs)

The board unanimously agreed that we would like a new Membership Committee chaired by Sunil Wijeyesekera (who will Focus on organizational members) and Lorraine Day (Focus on individual members). The plan is that Sunil and Lorraine will make recommendations on how to move forward in January.

A **Motion of Thanks** to Sunil and Loraine was Unanimously passed.

We agreed that we need to recruit members to form a 2026 Summit Planning Committee. An invitation will be posted in the January Compass. Those who served on the 2025 Committee are especially encouraged to participate in or serve as an advisor to this year's committee.

Zoom Account Plan... (15 minutes)

We confirmed that the goal is to eventually have three separate Zoom accounts to host the many events we offer. We discussed the possibility of having a single individual manage the calendar for each Zoom account but did not reach a resolution. The question was asked, if this is really board work. Should this not be managed by the technology team? There was no definitive decision.

Continuing the Liberal Beacon? (15 minutes)

The latest issue of the Liberal Beacon was published in the fall of 2025. We discussed potentially building a new editorial team for the Beacon and requesting longer, more thought provoking articles from members. Letters to the editor are also welcome. Depending on interest (and contributions), we may resume publishing the Liberal Beacon quarterly. The Liberal Beacon could serve as an excellent forum in 2026 for discussing the formation of a set of NAUA principles.

Discussion of additional Board Members (15 minutes)

It was noted that our bylaw say the board should have between 9-11 members. Therefore we need at least one more member. Bob will reach to another possible prospect, to see if they have interest.

Discussion on acquiring a "visible database management system" that handles personal information, pledges and tax. (See: <http://www.breezechms.com/>) (Bobbe)

With Bobbe not present this was moved to the next meeting.

Joanne noted that the technology team is apposed to this.

The meeting was adjourned at ~2:40 Eastern (11:40 Pacific).

Respectfully Submitted,

Lincoln Baxter
Interim Board Secretary