

Minutes: 09-16-2026 Board Meeting (final)

Time: 14:00 – 16:00 pm (Eastern) / 11:00 - 13:00 (Pacific)

Zoom link: <https://tinyurl.com/nauaboard>

Visitors Note: Please read the [board meeting participation policy](#)

Attending: Roy Dickerson (chair), Mark Reimers, Bob Simoni, Jan Anderson, Lincoln Baxter, Joanne Krettek, John Wunderlin, ~~Kevin McCulloch~~

A quorum is 5

Visitors: Kathy Organ, Twinkle

Motion to Approve last meeting minutes:

See the following document attached to the email with this agenda:

2026-08-12-board-minutes-5-final.pdf

M: Roy **2nd:** Jan

Vote: approved

Committee Reports: (please submit updates)

Circles (Jan)

Wednesday Conversation Circle (drop-in) resumed 9/2/26 - SWOT analysis (14 participants)

One sentence summary from meeting: NAUA's strength is its people and ideas; its weakness is uncertainty about what it is; its opportunity is to turn its intellectual and educational strengths into a distinctive community; and its threat is losing momentum, members and resources before that identity is established.

Forum Circle to resume September 20th - announcement submitted for Sept Compass & will request separate individual announcement week prior to 9/20

Spirituality Circle #2 ending 8th session 9/28 - will determine if group wants to continue and will open for new participants (date to be determined)

Joys & Sorrows Circle (drop-in) continues to have low participation/will see how things go in Fall. Continue to request support from BOT & Worship Team. I submitted an essay to UUnderworld about Joys & Sorrows Circle as well as promoted both drop in Circles (Wednesday Conversation and Joys & Sorrows) - published in Sept UUnderworld.

New Circle being considered "Ted Talk Discussion Circle" (for Fall, or maybe Winter) Pat Nelson expressed interest in leading.

Academy (Mark) (extended through the Summer of 2026)

We had quite a successful August Academy, with about 30 attending, even though it was at an unusual time:

Saturday at 10 Pacific time. I think people liked the September Academy, but I don't have an attendance figure.

Summit (Joanne)

This is on the agenda.

Principles Task Force

This is on the agenda.

Worship: (Roy)

We had a great August Service led by J.D. Stillwater. We had a moderate attendance, but several people had trouble with the webpage. September will be Rev. Alex Holt leading "The Courage of Crazy Wisdom in a Dangerous Time". The worship team will also be handling the summit opening service led by Rev. Twinkle Marie Manning, "Spiritual Connections in a Virtual World". The October service will be led by Rev. Kenneth Marino. I was recently informed that Doug Rodgers, who handles our music videos, and his wife, Pat, who performs in them, had their membership in Quimper UU Fellowship, terminated. The reason for their removal was that we used music videos

they had made in both Quimper's and our NAUA services. Doug and Pat have been supporters of both the NAUA and Quimper and I think this is extremely unfair and petty on Quimper's part.

Nomination Committee:

The following members have agreed to stand for election at the annual summit

Deandra Beck
Ron Schaeffer
Allan Lindrup
Joanne Krettek

Academy:

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Tech Team

The Web site is running smoothly. Before he left for his trip, Lincoln developed a page structure which Terry has used to present the Summit schedule of sessions.

CiviDesk very rapidly created a new civiCRM short code to count down in days to a civiEvent by event ID or a specific date. We have implemented this on our home page and on the Summit 2026 to indicate the days left until the early bird registration ends, and the number of days to the summit. This was very impressive support. Initially Lincoln had implemented this (with the help of Gemini) in HTML, but the new short code is much cleaner. And it will undoubtedly be useful for other CiviCRM users. This really convinced me that CiviDesk is a serious civiCRM developer, and really knows their subject.

Treasurer's Report (Bob)

Current Checking Balance: \$1,929
Current Savings Balance: \$54,368

Income for August: \$3441.65 (includes \$2725.00 in Summit registrations)

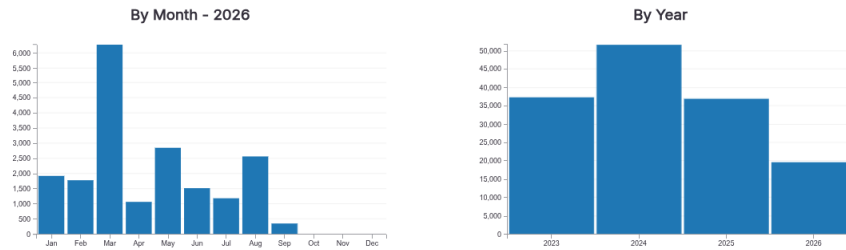
Leaves a donation total of: \$715.65

Expenses for August: \$2453

Monthly Spending Comparison YTD						
4/1/2026 through 8/31/2026						
9/9/2026	Category	4/1/2026- 4/30/2026	5/1/2026- 5/31/2026	6/1/2026- 6/30/2026	7/1/2026- 7/31/2026	8/1/2026- 8/31/2026
	OVERALL TOTAL					
INCOME						
	Donations	1,142.59	3,238.78	1,081.48	1,114.47	947.68
	Interest Income	0.43	0.44	0.45	0.46	0.46
	Summit Registration	0.00	0.00	243.75	146.25	1,493.50
	FROM Wells Fargo Savings	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
	TOTAL INCOME	1,143.02	3,239.22	1,325.68	1,261.18	3,441.64
	10,410.74					
EXPENSES						
	Academy	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	250.00
	Miscellaneous	275.00	125.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Professional Services	0.00	0.00	4,200.00	0.00	0.00
	Summit	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00
	Website	355.00	355.00	355.00	355.00	403.86
	Worship Committee	250.00	0.00	0.00	250.00	300.00
	TO Wells Fargo Checking	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
	TOTAL EXPENSES	880.00	480.00	4,555.00	605.00	2,453.86
	8,973.86					
	OVERALL TOTAL	263.02	2,759.22	-3,229.32	656.18	987.78
	1,436.88					

Liability for Communications Services to Joanne: \$4900
(\$2100 for the month of June, \$1400 for July & Aug).

From CiviCRM, Donations (as of 9/07/2026): (includes summit registrations)



Twinkles Ministerial Search Proposal (Roy to invite Twinkle) (15 min)

The environment has changed. There are now many ministers who have been denied Fellowship, even though they have graduated from a UU Seminary. Twinkle is working with John Giffin Miiler (UUnderworld) and Jay Kiskle to build a new portal (blossomlink.org) for ministers (and other professional) and churches to find each other. They will not attempt to hide either the ministers or churches. The site will be fully public facing. They are planning to clearly say that they will not vet ministers or congregations. The site will clearly state that it is the responsibility of the minister or professional and the church to vet each other. The site will not be associated with either NAUA or UUnderworld. Jay and John are building the site. We could link to it from our site. Twinkle said they will be looking for volunteers to help, and will eventually request donations to support the site. Concern was expressed that we are dividing into splinter groups rather than coming together to do it. The site will identify best practices.

The Second Principles Survey: (15 min)

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1iYVksSDPp_8sVpHkciIzGQPeyJiaVTomPhC2SRZwU2w/edit#responses

Terry, Joanne and Lincoln met to produced a final set of principles as a report-out from the task force. These have been mailed to the board Monday (9/14).

Motion:

That we submit the Principles in the final Task Force report to the membership at the Summit,
That the agenda motion should state that this is a provisional set that will be valid for the next year, and that over the next year, the board will hold feedback sessions with the membership, with a final set (possibly changed) to be adopted at the 2027 Summit. This motion requires at 2/3 (super) majority of Yea votes to pass.

Mvd: Lincoln 2nd: Bob

Discussion: There is support for the current phrasing. Hesitance about the sources. In particular about personal experience. Some believe personal export — move it down. Eliminate the numbering.

Vote: Unanimous.

Publish on web site.

Review open items for the Summit. (30 minutes)

Document for all sessions. Host and tech host are identified.

Schedule is published. John and Bob requested to (tech) host several sessions.

All on one zoom link. 39 signed up. Park Forest total unknown. At least 12...

Each presentation will be limited to 45-50 minutes. There will be a microphone in the room, and people will be asked use it. Are the in person speaker speak from the pulpit? That is the plan. Slides separately presented

on an the big screen. Presentations should be over zoom, and practiced before the summit. Someone dedicated to manage people would want to speak. Park Forest tech person should be available at all times. It was suggested that we should have a plan for what to do, if there are problems locally, or on zoom. Break out rooms are a problem if all can't participate.

Review and finalize the business meeting agenda. (15 min)

Announcement of Quorum Definition by Board (Roy)

Presidents Report (Roy)

Thanks to Board Members not continuing (Roy)

Board Nominee Spotlight

Ron Shaffer (zoom)

Deandra Beck (in person)

Allan Lindrup (in person)

Joanne Krettek (in person)

Election of New board nominees (Roy)

Without objection: request for election by acclamation

Budget / Treasurer's report (Bob)

Questions

Call for Volunteers (Roy)

Slide that lists committees

What's needed

What are we looking for

Thanks to people who have volunteered

Stewardship Launch Announcement (Joanne/Roy)

Workshop after business meeting.

Tease people to come? (Joanne)

Provisional Principles Vote (2/3 majority required to pass) (Lincoln)

Presentation (summarize what we are voting on)

Vote (Yes/No)

Bylaw Amendments? (Roy) — or just announce we have none

Questions/Comments/Feedback (Roy)

Note added by Lincoln: I will be creating an agenda document which includes the conditions of the Principles vote in boards motion to adopt. This will be publish in the Summit section of the website.

Cross Linking of Websites with Member Societies (carried over from Aug Agenda) (10 min)

Salish Sea Fellowship has links to the NAUA on their website and in their newsletter, and sometimes announces NAUA events. The us to announce at least significant speaks they are having. Lincoln thinks this is a management headache for the website, but on a members page we could link to their site.

Request that member societies provide links to their website.
Must be a member association.
Jan to reach out to Ron and explain.

We might have a page of links to websites we think people might be interested in.
Roy: Would like to see closer ties to UUnderworld and other organizations (including blossomlink.org — the new minister portal).
We agreed that would could build a member societies web page on our site. (post summit)

New Business

There was no new business introduced.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lincoln Baxter
Interim Board Secretary