

Hi Geoff and friends,

In response to your “call,” a bit of history might help. The first TDA was held at 533, not in conjunction with any meetings. The purpose of the “Program Committee” was to provide something for the spouses of TDA members and local readers to do while the Delegates held their closed meetings on the nomination of councilors to fill vacancies, and on Resolutions. This went on until the TDA was shifted to the time of the Summer Study Sessions and Annual Meeting of the General Council, and there was no longer such need. As stated below, Pres and Sec call the meeting to order, etc. What follows **is to be adjusted to zoom** situation, but sequence remains the same.

“Section 6.3. Proceedings: The President and Secretary of THE URANTIA BOOK FELLOWSHIP shall preside at the Triennial Delegate Assembly. Subject only to the provisions of this Constitution, each Triennial Delegate Assembly shall determine its own membership. The Committee on Credentials shall consist of the Chair of the Judicial, Membership, and Interfaith Committees of THE URANTIA BOOK FELLOWSHIP. This Committee shall meet at a time specified by the Executive Committee before the opening of the Triennial Delegate Assembly to receive, examine, and recommend to the President the approval or disapproval of the credentials of each of the delegates and alternates. Immediately following the seating of the delegates the President shall appoint from the floor a Committee on Nominations and a Committee on Resolutions. The Triennial Delegate Assembly shall be conducted pursuant to Robert's Rules of Order except in respect to the order of procedure, which shall be as follows:

- (a) Assembly called to order and address of welcome. **[the president]**
- (b) Report of Credentials Committee and seating of delegates. **[as set out above]**
- (c) Appointment by the President from the floor of a Committee on Nominations and a Committee on Resolutions. **[Has always been committees of the whole. Appoints a temporary chair which the Delegates can change when in their closed session.]**
- (d) Reports of outgoing officers, Service Team Chairs, and chairs of Departmental Committees. **[at early TDAs all EC members read their reports, fell into disuse as reports were put on line and it became a time for questions on reports.]**

[AT THIS point the TDA is RECESSED for the Delegates to go into closed session. Since Alternates are not constitutionally provided to be in meeting unless replacing an absent Delegate, the Delegates must decide if they want them present. [The Delegates and/or Alternate Delegates continue deliberations.]

- (e) Report of Nominations Committee and election of members of General Council. **[When decided the Chair of this committee contacts the President who then calls the TDA back into formal session for the report to be presented, motion made to elect the new councilors. Then the TDA is RECESSED to allow Delegates/Alternates to work on any resolutions.]**
- (f) Report of Resolutions Committee. **[When completed, President is notified and calls TDA back into formal session for resolutions to be presented and passed.]**

(g)Consideration of old business. [Have to look at past TDA minutes so see if any topics.]

(h)Consideration of new business. [ditto]

(i)Reading and approval of minutes unless Assembly votes to waive such reading or designates some other manner of approving minutes. [This is the secretary of the Fellowship. It only contains what took place at the TDA meeting, NOT what transpired in the closed meetings of the Delegates/Alternates.]

(j)Adjournment.

[This process in the past has taken about a day and a half.]

Those of you who have attended TDAs please chime in if I inadvertently injected misinformation. Thanks.

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