

Resolutions Still to Be Decided On

First Society Resolution D

D) "Process" Resolution

First Society for Readers of The Urantia Book

7/28/2024

Whereas, on 8/1/2021 the General Council received and amended the TDA 2021 Resolution #1 and adopted it as an amended Resolution that stated, in part:

"RESOLVED, The EC will appoint eight Fellowship members to a select committee that is diverse and balanced to cull Constitutional and bylaw ideas throughout our membership. The President will serve as an ex-officio member. The Executive director will be adjunct to the committee. The committee will give progress reports to the General Council at the Winter and Spring meetings to allow for discussion of problems and solutions with the Constitution and bylaws. The committee will rise and present models for recommendation, resolution, or emendation on or before the last meeting of the General Council preceding the Triennial Delegate Assembly in 2024, and "

Whereas, the thus-established Special Committee to Investigate Constitutional Revision (SCICR) chose to limit information in their "progress reports" to the General Council, sharing little or none of the substantive content along the way, thereby thwarting any meaningful, collective involvement by the General Council as a whole to effectively "allow for discussion of problems and solutions," much less for the Council to be informed of what concept was being "worked on," and

Whereas, the SCICR committee has chosen to intensively develop and propose a single model rather than to generically develop the outlines of plural "models" as were stipulated, that would have facilitated evaluation and comparison early on in the SCICR deliberations, and

Whereas, the proposed document is a radical and complete replacement of the Urantia Book Fellowship's current Constitution, rather than "models for recommendation, resolution, or emendation," as stipulated for the initial steps, and

Whereas, the SCICR committee delivered the proposed document on July 13, 2024, rather than "on or before the last General Council meeting prior to the TDA 2024" which

took place on April 27, 2024; the TDA being scheduled for July 27-29, 2024, and

Whereas, the SCICR committee has done a vast amount of work to bring together this first model and this first model should be retained for evaluation and comparison to other organizational models that come forth subsequently, in order to ultimately have choices for making amendments to the current Constitution, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the General Council reject the SCICR-proposed document distributed electronically on July 13, 2024, and any subsequent versions of said document as modified or proposed on or before September 14, 2024; to thereby retain control of the Urantia Book Fellowship under the current Constitution, and therefore

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the General Council shall call for a Constitutional Convention

that is diverse and balanced to cull Constitutional and bylaw ideas throughout our Societies and our membership. The Convention will give progress reports to the General Council at quarterly meetings, for as long as necessary to allow for discussion of problems and solutions with the Constitution and bylaws. The Convention will rise and present optional, skeletal models and/or organizational structures for recommendation, resolution, or emendation within one year from adoption of this Resolution. Subsequent to the presentation of said models, the Convention will be stipulated to focus on one or two of the most promising options; and with understanding and development, to bring the process and results to the General Council, the Societies, the membership; and ultimately to bring the Constitutional Convention to fruition.

First Society Resolution E

E) “Autonomy” Resolution

First Society for Readers of The Urantia Book

7/28/2024

Whereas, the model of representative governance is rife throughout The Urantia Book and though not upheld as “perfect” or “ideal” it is still noted as a predominant standard throughout the universes.

Whereas, the current Constitution includes the following statement in Section 15:2 regarding local autonomy:

“Section 15.2. Amendments Affecting Local Autonomy: Whenever it is proposed to adopt an amendment to this Constitution limiting in any way the local autonomy of the Local Societies, such amendment shall not become effective until it shall have been ratified by the affirmative vote in favor thereof, by a secret ballot, of at least three-fourths (3/4ths) of the members of the Triennial Delegate Assembly...”

Whereas, while the “letter of the law” definitions of “autonomy” speak primarily to the “right or condition of self-governance” and “independence,” the “spirit of the law” in the current Constitution does certainly identify “Amendments Affecting Local Autonomy,” amendments that require involvement of the TDA, to include the complete loss of participation as Societies in the governance of The Urantia Book Fellowship.

Whereas, the sequence of necessary Amendment-process steps stipulated in Section 15.2 of the current Constitution must be adhered to at this time, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the General Council reject the SCICR-proposed document distributed electronically on July 13, 2024, and any subsequent versions of said document as modified or proposed on or before September 14, 2024; to thereby retain control of the Urantia Book Fellowship under the current Constitution, and until such time as properly-timed TDA and Society involvement has been attained for making “Amendments Affecting Local Autonomy.”

Triennial Delegate Assembly Resolutions July 29, 2024

Grand Canyon Society Resolution

Triennial Delegate Assembly Resolution July 29, 2024
On behalf of the Triennial Delegate Assembly of 2024

Whereas, the original 2021 charter for SCICR passed by the GC in 2021 resolved that SCICR “will rise and present models for recommendation, resolution, or emendation on or before the last meeting of the General Council preceding the Triennial Delegate Assembly in 2024,” and

Whereas, despite the intense and commendable work of SCICR, as of 7/29/24 SCICR is still working on a final recommended draft constitution to be presented for consideration at the GC meeting on September 14th of this year, and

Whereas, the bulk of SCICR’s measurable output has occurred largely within the last 8 months, including an entirely new draft recommended constitution published to society officers just 4 weeks ago, on 6/30/24 and advertised to UBF membership on 7/16/24, and

Whereas, societies, UBF members, and this 2024 TDA have therefore had very limited time to consider and evaluate SCICR’s measurable output, and

Whereas, this 2024 TDA is therefore unable as of 7/29/24 to know and respond to a final, fixed draft of a new recommended constitution, and

Whereas, societies have raised concerns about the potential loss of over 60 years of precedence of the society “voice” in the current 7/13/24 working draft new constitution, as well as the potential loss of culture and group wisdom of the TDA process, and

Whereas, the 7/18/21 USGNY TDA resolution that eventuated in the formation of SCICR included a spirit of increasing and evolving society membership and a request to respond to the fact that geography need not limit society membership, and

Whereas, the 7/13/24 draft constitution makes society membership less relevant to UBF governance by the elimination of the TDA, and

Whereas, this 2024 TDA reserves the right to recess and reconvene without a full adjournment, therefore let it be

Resolved, that the GC postpone to a date certain all business related to constitutional revision, replacement, or amendment until close to the 1st week in December, and be it further,

Resolved, that this TDA recess no later than 11:30am today, July 29th, 2024 (but not fully adjourn), and reconvene at a date certain after September 14th, 2024, once it has had the opportunity to review the final constitution draft produced by SCICR before it's disbandment.

Pacific Inland Northwest Society Resolution 1

Nominations Committee Process

Addition to Article 12, Transition, of the new constitution

Whereas the Societies have the most experience in electing General Council members who will be Governing Board members in the new constitution, and

Whereas the selection of the Governing Board members is the most important aspect of ensuring that the revelation is spread, and

Whereas regardless who votes in the election of new Governing Board members, the most important part for the election process is choosing who is offered up for nomination,

Be it resolved that, in the new constitution, an addition is made to Article 12, Transition, of the proposed constitution with the following general language:

Section 12.x Nominations Committee Process Development:

The Governing Board chair shall appoint a delegate from the Societies as the first Nominations Commission Chair to develop a proposal for the Nominations Committee Process with a team of their selection. The process developed can include:

1. Composition of the Nominations Committee members
2. Requirements of Nominees
3. Any additional process components as deemed necessary by the Nominations Commission

Pacific Inland Northwest Society Resolution 2

Addition to the Societies Section of the new constitution

Whereas the Societies have consistently provided suggestions for improvement to the General Council, and

Whereas the proposed constitution has the requirement in a revision of the constitution in Section 3.3 that the Governing Board shall call an annual Society Advisory Council meeting,

Be it resolved that the Societies shall create a Society Advisory Council that will meet twice a year to consider resolutions for the Governing Board.

Be it also resolved that, in the new constitution, a requirement is added to Section 3.3 that states language similar to the current constitution with the intent to enfranchise Societies (affiliated partners) to continue to help improve the Fellowship including but not limited to:

A description of the required response by the Governing Board to any resolutions brought from the Society Advisory Council.

[Section 6.5 of current constitution](#)