

THURSDAY, AUGUST 28

Discussion of Suggested Requirements for Officers (moderated by Matt B.)

(results reported separately in the list of passed motions)

Finance Committee Report (presented by Mike M. and Karen B.)

The committee prepared a balance sheet (listing of assets and liabilities), an income and loss statement, both quarterly for ? and year-to-date, and a spending plan.

Most of the cashflows were World Service Conference payments, which were not distinguished from regular contributions.

Contributions are trailing off. Application for tax deductibility of UA contributions is in process.

(see Mike and Karen's spreadsheets; Mike's PowerPoint presentation)

Discussion of GSB structure (moderated by Ed W.)

(This discussion resulted in motions that are reported separately)

Robert Dultsman, Registered Parliamentarian on Roberts' Rules of Order

- There is no legal requirement to use Roberts' Rules, as opposed to any of a number of alternative rules of conducting business, unless so specified in our by-laws.
- The full statement of Roberts's Rules is a 600+ page document.
- Some clarifications of current UA practice:
 - Proper procedure for making a motion
 - Chair recognizes a member who then states "I move that ..." or "I make a motion that ..."
 - Another member, who need not be recognized by the Chair, seconds the motion, unless the motion is brought by a committee. These latter motions have an "implied second," as more than one person is recommending them.
 - Chair states the motion.
 - Robert's Rules requires that all amendments are voted upon by the membership (*i.e.* There is no such thing as a "friendly amendment", as a motion belongs to the assembly after it has been seconded.). However, the Chair can fulfill the requirement to vote on amendments by simply asking "Are there any objections to amending the motion on the floor to read ...?"
 - Processing a motion after it has been seconded:
 - Such processing can be interrupted by motions to adjourn or call a recess
 - Processing can include subsidiary motions such as

- ♦ Motions to table
- ♦ Motions to limit or extend debate
- ♦ Motions to postpone for a definite or indefinite amount of time
- ♦ Motions to amend
- ♦ Motions to refer to committee
- ♦ Motions to call the previous question (vote immediately)

These subsidiary motions must be voted upon before the motion to which they pertain can be voted upon.

- Robert's Rules states that, in general, motions are approved by a simple majority
 - If we want something different, such as “substantial unanimity”, we have to define them in our by-laws (*N.B.* We currently require that motions are adopted by a 2/3 majority of those voting.).
 - Our by-laws must state whether the majorities required to approve motions are majorities of members *voting* or members *present*. An example makes the difference clear: If there are 30 members present, but only 21 members vote, a motion could get passed if 2/3 of 21 (or 14) members vote for it, given the “2/3 of those voting” rule. In contrast, under a “2/3 of those present” rule, the motion would be defeated. In the latter case, an abstention is effectively a “no” vote.
- Meeting minutes
 - These are the official record of the meeting, but only after they are approved by the assembly.
 - They should record who made each motion, but need not record who seconded each motion. They should also record the number of votes in favor and against.
 - Meeting minutes need only record motions that were voted upon.
- Care needs to be taken that passed motions actually get implemented!

(see also Mr. Dultsman's handout).

NB: Mr. Dultsman is also an attorney, who has some knowledge of non-profit corporation law. He reminded us that, in many states, an annual meeting of the entire membership of the organization is required to maintain the organization's legal existence as a non-profit corporation.

Literature Committee (presentation by Danny; discussion moderated by Matt B.)

(See committee report <http://9thtradition.org/2014/07/literature-committee-agenda-world-service-conference-2014/>)

Committee started with 9 people, but it has dwindled to 5. The committee has decided to focus on literature that members want to write. The status of their work is as follows:

- Pamphlet on U.A. and the arts (completed).
- Pamphlet entitled “Are you an underearner?” (in draft)
- Pamphlet on starting a business (in process)

Additional people are needed to create additional literature.

Consideration was given to the committee’s proposal to create new literature, posted on the web as <http://9thtradition.org/new-literature/>. However, the membership decided not to adopt the committee’s proposal because it did not give the opportunity for WSC delegates to review the new literature with the UA membership at large before adoption.

Motions to “conference approve” the symptoms, tools, and the “About UA” pamphlet were passed 24 to 0.

Hallie C., who was serving on the GSB when many of the other documents on our website were prepared, was in attendance. She stated that many of these other documents, while not WSC approved, were, in fact, approved by the GSB soon after their preparation. She therefore suggests that these other documents be designated “GSB approved” and notated as such on the website, pending further review, possible revision, and eventual conference approval.

Election of New Officers

Chair:

Mary Joan was the only person nominated. She was elected by a vote of 24 to 0.

Vice-Chair:

Susan C. and Karen B. were nominated. Karen B. won the election with 14 votes to Susan’s 5.

Secretary:

Susan C. and Franne M. were nominated. Susan C. won the election with 19 votes to Franne’s 0.

Treasurer:

Julie B. was the only person nominated. She was elected by a vote of 21 to 0.

A motion was made to establish the office of Vice-Treasurer. The motion was defeated with 7 “yea” votes and 13 “nay” votes.

A motion was made to create a new officer level position of “Archivist”. This motion was passed with 14 “yea” votes and 4 “nay” votes.

Ed W. accepted the nomination to be co-Archivist on the condition that a second co-Archivist be chosen. Hallie C. agreed to be this co-Archivist.

Committee Caucuses to Elect New Committee Officers

(See list of officers, which includes committee officers)

Respectfully submitted,

Ed W., WSC Secretary