

Draft: Minutes, NAUA Board meeting

February 8 2024

Attendees: Host, Stephen Palmer, Terry Anderson, Mike Long, Alan Lindrup, Lynn Jinishian, Robert Jinishian, Dick Gammon, Ron Strange, Terry Cummings, Candace Schmidt, Frank Casper

Decisions:

Mike made a motion to adopt the wording of the draft resolution on the Seven Principles, pending a slight tweak for the web page.

Seconded.

Discussion.

Voted unanimously to adopt the draft resolution.

Decision to remove the controversial but anonymous post from FB page.

Financial

28000 in bank.

Problem with 501c3 status. 1099 EZ is filed to maintain our non-profit status. We have all the initial paperwork.

We initially and incorrectly filed a 1023ez and it was rejected because we are a religious organization, and a religious organization has to file the long form 1023. The 1023 is in progress but needs a lot of narrative clarification around how the organization will handle different areas of non-profitness, but you need first year financials via a form 990ez in this case. We are working on getting that form filled out and submitted which will trigger our re-submission of the 1023 for 501C3. We have three organization years to get all that done but should have that submitted sometime after this tax season. Neither of us are tax people but we are working through it and are confident that we will have that form in this year. I hope that clears up any confusion and thank you for your work on the minutes.

Local NAUA chapters

How do we support folks who want to start a local chapter?

Lots of discussion about growing the NAUA. We felt very strongly that we need to support the efforts to create local chapters. Waiting until after the GA is done is not of interest to any of them.

There is some difference of opinion regarding what we can do and when.

What do they want us to do? They need guidance on forming a fellowship. They would prefer also interaction with a minister to help them along with this effort. They need spiritual guidance. There is a real need for counseling and advice.

Perhaps we should engage those that have already formed a chapter to help those who are trying.

Agenda Items

Position on 7 Principles. See above.

There is a good deal of support for creating our own set of principles. This will bear a good deal more discussion.

Social Media

Should a single individual make decisions about what is posted on FB when representing the NAUA?

Long discussion on formulating policies on what can and cannot be posted on social media.

Discussion of Pay for Eklof

Should NAUA pay Todd? Lynn thinks his recent salary cut is an issue for UUCS, not for NAUA. We need to discuss this further.

Mike Long on Bylaws

Discussion of the role of NAUA re its officers, to appoint them or elect them. Now they are voted for by the membership. Need a nominating committee.

Some discussion on length of service and moving from position to position.

March 14 scheduled for next meeting.