

**UUPCC Executive Board Meeting
Friday, March 11, 2011
Meeting Notes**

Members Present: Roger Bertschausen, Kelly Crocker, Ann Gary, Bruce Johnson, Rodger Matlage, Beverly Moore, Cathy Perry, deforest Ralph, Richard Van Duizend, Executive Director Cathy Cordes

Members Absent: George Davenport, Scott Prinster, Vail Weller

Also Present: Margot Fleischman

A meeting of the UUPCC Board of Directors was held via conference call on **Friday, March 11, 2011** at 12:00 PM EDT.

Chair Van Duizend called the meeting to order at 12:05.

Bertschausen (M), Matlage (S)

Voted: To approve the minutes of the February 3-5, 2011 meeting.

Chair's Report

Van Duizend reported on recent correspondence: he has written to Judit Gellerd, but he has not had a response. He has also written to Steve Dick and Jill McAllister of ICUU concerning observing the November meeting with the larger judicatories; Steve Dick responded that they will consider this issue and reply shortly. Following the Virtual Conference call last week, Van Duizend contacted Peter Morales to follow up on several issues, and he has also been in touch with Jean Crichton about possible participation of her church in Summit, NJ with the New Life School partnership.

Van Duizend reported that the Cornish Award Committee has recommended Gretchen Thomas for this year's award. Cordes spoke briefly to Gretchen's participation in the Partner Church movement.

Perry (M), Ralph (S)

Voted: To confirm Gretchen Thomas as the recipient of the 2011 Cornish Award.

Treasurer's Report

Cordes reported that there is really nothing pressing. We are almost balanced for closing out the end of the year, and there are no major surprises. The money is coming in somewhat slowly this year, as our usual "spill over" of the Annual Appeal into January didn't materialize.

Executive Director's Report

Cathy reported that the call with UUA President Peter Morales was excellent. One of the issues that came up was the reintegration of the UU-UNO back into the UUA. There was also an acknowledgment of the importance of international partnerships as well as the value of strong relationships with the judicatories around the world.

Cordes reported that the Meadville-Lombard English program at the Seminary in Koloszar has hit a bit of a bump. It might be very helpful for Prinster to become a liaison to this program, since he knows many of the players.

Cordes spoke with Dávid Gyerö; they are no longer working on getting a building in Bucharest, but the integration of the Hungarian and Transylvanian church is going ahead. Gyerö also reported that the interest in reviewing our Travel Program seems to have waned.

Cordes spoke with John Dale concerning the trip to India, which went very well. He has made many good contacts there, and so we are beginning to institutionalize this travel program. The travel program overall looks good – although not as good as last year.

Dick Ford has recently traveled to Transylvania on his own behalf to follow up on communities that have done the CCB process. His report is very interesting and confirms that the CCB program is having long-lasting impacts on these communities. There is a CCB workshop happening this weekend in India – this is their first time doing it on their own after the facilitators training last year. Dick Ford is also going to the Philippines to do the same sort of training.

Cordes is going to Toronto in May to participate in the Canadian Unitarian Church General Assembly. She will have a booth and will also conduct a workshop.

For GA in Charlotte, our two program slots are Thursday, June 23 at 10:45 am and 1:00 pm. These will be our worship service and the “Crossing Boundaries and Borders” panel discussion about partnerships. Our Lunch and Awards Ceremony will take place on Saturday, June 25 from 12:30-2:00.

ICUUW will be holding a small gathering in February 2012 in the Philippines before the ICUU meeting. Women in Transylvania are planning convocation in October 2012; the ICUUW is assisting.

Cordes will be doing a workshop at Shelter Rock next weekend and will also visit the Germantown Church in Philadelphia.

Sustaining Stewards Awards

Crocker reported that there are 12 nominations and the Sustaining Stewards Awards Committee is leaning towards giving all of them an award. Cordes noted that the Board has previously acknowledged a backlog of individuals deserving recognition.

Mattlage (M), Bertschausen (S)

Voted: To award 12 Sustaining Stewards Awards in 2011.

Proposed Changes to the Bylaws

Chair Van Duizend reminded the Board of the priority of increasing flexibility in the election of Board members and reported that he has drafted a revised version of Article 4 that was circulated to the board along with the meeting agenda. This includes the ideas of eliminating the requirement for a meeting at GA, adds the possibility of electronic voting or proxy voting by mail, and changes the quorum requirements to allow for electronic participation. We could also consider having a completely web-based meeting.

Changes in ARTICLE 4 – Meeting of the Membership of the UUPCC [Additions below are underlined. Deletions are stricken.]

- 4.1 *Meetings.* The members of the UUPCC shall meet at least annually ~~during the UUA General Assembly (Annual Meeting) and at such other times as may be determined~~ Meetings of the members may be called by the Board of Directors or at the request of at least 25 UUPCC members.

- 4.2 *Meeting Site.* The Board of Directors shall determine the place and mode (in-person or electronic) of all UUPCC meetings.
- 4.3 *Notice.* Notice of the time, place, and purpose of all UUPCC meetings must be published and provided to the members by mail or electronically at least ten (10) days and not more than forty (40) days prior to the meeting.
- 4.4 *Voting.* Each individual member is entitled to one (1) vote. Each set of persons that has joined as a family member is entitled to a total of one, (1) undivided vote. Institutional members are entitled to designate three (3) voting members who shall have one (1) vote each. Honorary members are not entitled to vote. Only individual, family, or institutional members who have paid their membership fee may vote. ~~Only those members present at a meeting may vote.~~ A majority of those voting is required to approve any matter coming before a UUPCC meeting, except that support of two-thirds (2/3s) of those voting is required to amend the bylaws.
- 4.5 *Quorum.* ~~The presence~~ In-person presence or electronic participation of at a meeting of at least 25 UUPCC members entitled to vote at a meeting called in accordance with paragraphs 4.1 – 4.3 constitutes a quorum sufficient to transact business.

Mattlage (M), Bertschausen (S)

Voted: to recommend approval of Van Duizend’s proposed changes to Article 4 as amended and to send the proposed bylaw change to the membership in the Annual Meeting packet.

Committee Reports

CCB

Moore reported that this committee is struggling with its purpose. The suggestion was made that the committee be temporarily suspended until its purpose and potential activities became more apparent.

Religious Education

Crocker reported that committee needs reinvigoration and new members.

Communications

Mattlage reported that we are up and running with our Facebook page! We have gone from 400 to 3000 visits in the week we have been live. We are starting to network to get people to link to us on their own pages. Perry noted that we will need to get an exiting contact on our FB page and initiate discussions that would be interest to our community. For example, Cordes posted on the CCB workshops and it would be great to get people to comment on it.

Mattlage reported that there were two Virtual Conference calls this month: in addition to the call with Peter Morales, there was a small turn out for the summer camps call, but it will be a really good resource on our webpage.

Travel Committee

Gary reported that although the issue seems to have gone away with the TUC, the Travel Committee is not going to stop its efforts to clarify our policies and improve the service we provide. Gary will follow up with John Dale to discuss how to implement the recent changes that have been made to the program, including issuing invitations to have Transylvanians join the tours and increasing the length of visits to partnered towns/villages.

Financial Stewardship

Ralph has spoken with Terry Sweetser at the UUA. We can use the UUA as the investor group and set up one or two funds where the financial fund assurance would be through them. For example, we could have an endowment so that people could include UUPCC in their wills for specific or general purposes. We can also structure the Building Fund in this manner. We may also want to consider sending a specific letter targeted to people who have traveled to see if we can retain them as members. It was noted that we already send a welcome packet to returning travelers that includes information about their membership and a request for donations to the Travel Grant program.

Growth Marketing/Fund for Seminarians

Bertschausen noted that this subject came up during the conference call with Peter Morales and Eric Cherry, and there seems to be momentum at the UAA for this program. The committee will be meeting to discuss this and will report back at a future meeting.

New Life School Partnerships

Cordes reported that we have 6 churches lined up for the 9 partnerships with the New Life School. Of these, three are new to the UUPCC, so this represents an increase in our institutional membership. **Cordes will send the Board the letter and PowerPoint presentation that is going out to churches interested in this partnership opportunity.**

Other Business

Perry inquired about the status of the Santa Barbara partnership in India. Cordes noted that progress was made during the recent trip and that Santa Barbara may need some follow-up from us. **Bertschausen will contact the minister at Santa Barbara to let him know what the next steps are.**

Future Board Meeting Schedule: April 8, May 13, June 10. Please let Cordes know in advance if you cannot attend any of these meetings.

Meeting adjourned 1:06 PM.

Beverly Moore, Secretary

Approved by the Board April 8, 2011/bdm