

**MINUTES, MAY 21, 2014**  
**COMMISSION ON APPRAISAL PHONE MEETING**

Present: Nana Kratochvil, John Hawkins, Erica Baron, John Cullinan, Megan Dowdell, Lynne Garner, Nato Hollister, Myriam Renaud  
The Commission checked in briefly.

**Plans for General Assembly**

Commissioners discussed the plans for our workshop at General Assembly. The Commission plans to introduce our new study topic, with some depth and nuance. We discussed exercises we might use, and plan to ask for feedback about the sorts of questions the final product should address.

Commissioners also discussed the Commission's presentation to Plenary, which will be 3 minutes at most. We will use that time to announce the topic of this study, and if the Plenary presentation occurs before our workshop, we will also include an invitation to the workshop.

**Study Work**

Commissioners discussed next steps in our study. This summer will be a time to do some foundational reading. A small group of Commissioners will put together a list of core reading which we will all do, and also some more focused resources which will be read by only a few of us.

Commissioners will also draft a list of 8 subtopics or chapters to consider in more detail. This is not a final list, just a place to start. We will present some of this at the workshop as examples of the sort of questions we might pursue.

In late summer, the Commission will spend some time creating an in-depth picture of the audience(s) for this study.

**Future meetings**

The Commission agreed to meet in Chicago from October 9 - 12, 2014. We are having difficulty scheduling the January 2014 meeting. We will keep trying! The Commission is also looking for 3 or so Commissioners who could attend the October or January meetings of the UUA Board and senior staff.

**Closing and Observations**

The Commission reviewed the list of tasks. Megan Dowdell led a process observation. Erica Baron led ARAO observation. ARAO observation included lifting up intersectionality as a focus, and an acknowledgement that attempts to connect to the Appointments Committee to suggest candidates for the empty seat suggested by DRUUMM leadership has not been as diligent or timely as it should have been.