

COA Minutes
September 23, 2015

Present on call: Peter, Nato, Xolani, Brian, Kathleen Henry

Budget Review and Prep for Nato's Meeting with Board

Kathleen will determine whether the \$956 amount incurred in June of 2015 should be listed as a debit to the FY 2016 budget.

Mileage for the North Carolinians' travel to two meetings in that state will be included in FY 2016 Budget Proposal.

Brief discussion of budgetary matters ensued. The number of meetings and locations were discussed. Commission agreed to accept the proposed budget as amended with mileage. (Budget will be sent under separate cover.)

Governance of COA

Brian explained the many changes in his life and how these might affect his availability, especially for travel.

Nato noted that his ministry is in a crucial growth period this year.

Peter announced that Ginger will be approved as soon as next week and will join the COA.

The traditional roles of COA governance were listed:

Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, Chaplain, Project Manager

Xolani will write up descriptions of those job responsibilities and distribute them to commission members as soon as possible.

A discussion of each person's talents and interests began. One clear role fulfillment emerged: Brian will be the Chaplain.

It was suggested and agreed that instead of chair and vice chair we go with co-chairs. It was noted that it is ideal to have diversity represented at the chair level.

The talents/preferences/willingness for the various positions as presented on the call are:

Co-chair positions: Peter, Nato, Xolani

Treasurer: Kathleen (liaison with Stephanie at UUA is included in this)

Secretary: Ginger was suggested (Ginger was not on this call)

Chaplain: Brian

Project Manager: Xolani, Kathleen Henry

Note: the above were suggestions and possibilities. All of the positions are open. Musical chairs will commence! We agreed to spend the next weeks reflecting on these positions and our willingness to serve given our personal time and life constraints and our talents. We will return to this on our next call with Ginger on board officially and make our decisions.

Discerning COA Direction

We commit to continuing the study of Class. We will expand the preliminary report. We need to decide about methods to be used, i.e., surveys, interviews, etc.

The archives of the COA Class study will be put on Google Doc. (Note: this has already been accomplished as of 9/23/2015)

More work needs to be done on class and ecclesiology/worship.

We agreed to read the questions at the end of the COA preliminary report by the next phone call, which should help guide our direction.

It was noted that while COAs have always produced their reports in book form, typically one every four years, how we deliver our report is up to us. We should reflect on using other tech platforms. We could consider producing shorter reports each year which over four years would represent a whole project. We need to review how we can most effectively deliver our report to have the greatest practical impact.

We agreed to start collecting our bibliography on Google Doc.

COA is being called to be a prophetic voice that charges the UUA and membership to effect change. This should guide our work.

Deadline for GA workshop proposal

We agreed to not offer a workshop. We will send a letter to outline our purpose to attend and participate at all GA workshops on Class and to do info gathering. Kathleen will do a draft of said letter (sent under separate cover) for review by COA and upon agreement to submit it to the proper GA programming committee.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathleen Henry

(Note: I will send the minutes out immediately without the attachments of Budget and Letter so that you can review the minutes right away. I'll have the Budget and Letter out to you later today.)