

# **ALUUC Board Policy on Web Site content**

## **Background**

On May 4, 1999, the Board approved the technology (E&C) Committee and the web site. The minutes read, "Craig [Bailey, then Board Pres] will appoint a technology committee... In a motion by Brian Otwell with a second by Brian Reynolds, the board authorized the linking of www.aluuc.org with the UUA [required by the UUA], the Central Midwest District, local church directories, and search engines. Those placing information on our site will be sensitive to privacy and confidentiality rights of our members. Motion carries."

Apparently, no specific language on board approval of content was passed.

My original recommendation to the board in April 1999, before our web site first went live reads, "The Board must have ultimate approval over web site content. Even if content comes from a committee, that committee is responsible to the board. Controversy over content can be handled by processes already in place. If the consensus of the board is that a piece of content is not appropriate, it should be removed immediately."

The responsibilities of the E&CC now reads, "Advise and make recommendations to the Board of Directors on communications issues." I have an old copy that used to say, "... on web site content" instead.

The information on our web page is available much more easily and to a much wider audience than our newsletter or even the State Journal Register. While I believe in putting as much information on the site as possible, I think we have to use good sense about how certain information is best made available.

We need a policy that allows for content to be reviewed – and removed if necessary. If the board approves a more restrictive policy, then I'll publish that in the Newsletter and on the Web site.

## **Policy on Web Site Content** (approved by Board of Directors 6/04/2002)

The ALUUC Web Master (person controlling update access to the Web Site) will review Web site content before it is posted to the Web site for public display. Content other than routine maintenance and updates (newsletter, committee reports, calendar, staff updates) will be reviewed by the Electronics and Communications Committee before posting.

Content may be referred to the Minister or the Board for review at the discretion of the committee. In addition, the Minister and Board may initiate a review of site content. Specific content will be modified or removed at the request of the Minister or a majority of the Board of Directors. Those wishing recourse for decisions by the Committee or the Minister may petition the Board.