

Journey Toward Wholeness Transformation Committee
Conference Call Meeting Notes
September 5, 2008

Present Members: Tracy Ahlquist, *Staff Support*; José Ballester, *Board Liaison*; Taquiena Boston, *President's Representative*; Catie Chi Olson; Kelly Flood; Devorah Greenstein, *Staff Liaison*; Bob Gross; Janice Marie Johnson; CJ McGregor; Michael Sallwasser, *Co-chair*

Not Present: Carolyn Cartland, *Co-chair*; Julio Noboa; Arthur Tackman

Start Time: 12:00 PM Eastern Time

End Time: 1:30 PM Eastern Time

Topic	Discussion	Decisions/Actions
Michael read the opening words, "Time" from <i>The Rainbow Box</i> by Joseph Pintaro		
Michael invited committee members to check in and introduced Kelly Flood	Committee members checked in and introduced themselves.	
<p>Update on November 19-22 Meeting in Boston (Michael/all)</p> <p>a. Attendees (current members only)</p> <p>b. Room arrangements - confirm</p> <p>c. Ideas for November agenda</p> <p>d. Invitation to Bill Sinkford</p> <p>e. Flight/travel arrangements</p>	<p>a. Due to budgetary constraints, decided to have new member attend in March (rather than before term starts)</p> <p>b. all set</p> <p>c. Should send documentation to Kelly Flood (pre-meeting) so she'll be up and running asap</p> <p>Review & compile committee's history & members/bring that into the conversation—staff project, or committee member project? Timeline of committee members, actions taken & reports given</p> <p>Farewell to Carolyn</p> <p>Meet with Nominating Committee? Should we apply for additional resources for: consulting with experts in creating & assessing surveys (in terms of reports); making publications more attractive.</p>	<p>Tracy will email travel information to committee members.</p>

	<p>Consult with Taquiena re: budgetary planning?</p> <p>d. Bill Sinkford will probably be in Africa during the fall meeting—Discussed invite Kay Montgomery to meeting and ask Bill to join in the spring. He'll be winding down his term in the spring, and his thoughts/energies may be different then.</p> <p>e. Travel info. needed</p>	
Budget for FY 09 (Michael/all)	<p>Went over by \$3,800 last year; with Carolyn leaving, costs will go down midway through the FY. Bulk of consultant fees would probably happen next year, not this year.</p> <p>Leadership Council will be beginning to discuss FY 2010 budgets in October</p>	
Status of covenant	<p>Catie, Carolyn and Janice had a good meeting wherein they examined & worked on the covenant. More next week—pleased with their work thus far, and the shift in tone from “thou shalt not” to “let us”</p>	<p>Janice, Carolyn and Catie will send out the new covenant to members next week, and everyone will ruminate on it.</p>
<p>Next Steps on Next Study (Michael/everyone)</p> <p>a. Discussion re Nominating Committee v. Committee on Committees</p> <p>b. Develop proposal - for additional resources</p> <p>c. “Request for Quotes” process: internal (UUA resources?) v. external</p>	<p>a. Should the JTWTC focus on one committee, or both? If focus involves NomCom, JTWTC could meet with them in November. NomCom is an impressive group of folks; what would we be asking them? Looking at “best practices.” Everyone agrees that looking at both committees makes the most sense.</p> <p>If the committees meet, there needs to be intentionality about what questions we'll ask them, and a heads-up ahead of time about what we'll be asking.</p> <p>Everyone agrees that it's politically wise to invite both committees to the November meeting—not sure if anyone from CoC will be in the area.</p>	<p>a. Michael and Carolyn will extend invitations to the Nominating Committee and Committee on Committees.</p> <p>All committee members will consider possible questions that they might pose to NomCom & ComCom and email them to Michael before the October conference call.</p> <p>b. Bob will work to craft a proposal for additional funds. All members are invited to send thoughts or suggestions to Bob. Bob will send it to</p>

	<p>b. Should this conversation happen with Kay Montgomery, or with Bill Sinkford? Fall meeting may be too late to request additional funding, and the budget might be able to accommodate hiring a consultant. Is there someone at the UUA who could help us create a professional-looking survey? Catie received a nice-looking one recently from MPL.</p> <p>Bob knows someone who might be a possible consultant.</p> <p>Two proposals: 1) professional help in improving appearance of reports</p> <p>2) professional help in improving data collection & analysis</p>	<p>Taquiena on Monday.</p> <p>Tracy and Kelly will look at layout of example report provided by Devorah</p>
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Respectfully submitted,
Tracy Ahlquist
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