Election Campaign Practices Committee (ECPC): Meeting by phone/online conference, Feb. 1, 3 PM Eastern

Participants: Manish Mishra-Marzetti (Chair), Beth McGregor, KC Slack

Review:

We briefly reviewed the results of ECPC meetings held in executive session Oct. 17 and 24 and confidential interviews conducted in response to a complaint. The report submitted by the committee was accepted and some changes were made by the staff and candidates; this seems to have resolved the matter, and no further action by the committee is being requested.

Candidate Forums:

We discussed the possibility of organizing and hosting an online candidates' forum, using Zoom, in early June. However, there are plans to record and in some cases livestream several of the regional forums, which will likely serve as a substitute. The candidates or their committees will contact the ECPC if they are interested in pursuing this additional forum.

We will hold a live candidates' forum at General Assembly, Friday evening June 23, 8:00-9:30 PM; the space and time have been reserved. We will advertise a deadline of Friday noon 6/23 for submission of questions for the candidates, either electronically to elections@uua.org or on paper at a designated collection point; we will meet that afternoon 3-5 PM to select and organize the questions. The committee will also be available throughout GA and meet at other times as needed.

Voting Procedures:

We reviewed the information on voting procedures for the upcoming election; it is now posted in the Elections section of the UUA website. This will be the first election to use electronic voting for both absentee delegates and delegates registered at GA. Absentee voting by credentialed delegates may be done beginning June 1, either online or by mailing in a request for a paper ballot. Onsite delegates will be asked to vote at GA between 9 AM and 5 PM CT Saturday June 24, after the Friday evening candidate forum. Voters may use their own devices or computer stations set up for that purpose at GA. All voting closes at 5 PM CT on June 24; however, paper absentee ballots must be received at the UUA by June 14. Manish will ask Harlan Limpert for some further clarifications.

Logistics: We should expect information on GA registration and housing shortly from Stephanie Carey Maron. Manish will call for another online/phone committee meeting in the spring, date to be announced.

Respectfully submitted, Elisabeth McGregor Secretary, ECPC