

DPA Virtual Meeting
January 13, 2013

District Presidents in Attendance:

Kathy Burek (PSD), Amy Taylor, (HD); Bill Sasso, (CMD); Kirk Bogue (MSD); Dave Munro (SLD); John Laurenson (MBD); Kevin Bolton (SWUUC); Marcia Bowman (MDD); Ted Fetter (MNYD); Sue Buckholz (NNED); Elton Hall (PNWD); Justine Sullivan (CBD); Sue Polgar (PCD); Kent Doss (PSWD); Lillian Christman (JPD)

Absent:

Janet Richardi (BCD); Ila Klion (FD); Denise Rimes (SED); Dave Petras (OMD)

Kathy Burek, DPA President, called the meeting to order at 8:07 PM ET

Discussion/Feedback on

- . How We Govern
- . How We Gather

By way of background Kathy reports that UUA board meeting in Philadelphia with special focus on 5th Principle Task Force. Awareness that General Assembly serves as place not just for governance but also for gathering, so changes should be approached with care and input from stakeholders. UUA board is seeing input from district presidents, DRUUM, and others.

Kathy seeking to gather thoughts from DPA.

Lively discussion included support for idea of working to make General Assembly more representative and to have tighter process around education, communication, and accountability with and from delegates. Concern raised that something might be lost if regional gatherings are meant to replace General Assembly, which allows a much wider cross section of our association to gather. Also some concern that every other year meetings for governance may be insufficient. Overall feeling is that we need to make changes and we should support the effort and continue to focus on increasing representativeness and accountability

Approve Draft DPA Mission Statement

Draft Mission Statement

Proposed revised Mission Statement: _

The District Presidents Association serves as the primary _advocate_ [delete-representative] for districts and emerging regions within our Unitarian Universalist Association. We listen and lead, imagine and model, to _realize_ [delete- influence] the goals and aspirations of our Unitarian Universalist faith.

Kathy is asking of sense of this group about current draft. Will call for vote via email.

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Discussion

Sue P -- strongly endorse this statement.

Ted - I like the revised statement a lot, and I think it would be appropriate to adopt it in this meeting.

So Moved: Dave Munro

Seconded.

The mission statement is adopted.

Other Business

Update on Board Linkage group -- Ted Fetter

Kevin, Lillian, and Ted have been working with Pat Manley and Linda Laskowski on joint linkage group. Request for feedback on proposed revised ENDS. Working group has met several times by phone, will soon come out with a proposal that will ask district boards and presidents to talk with congregational leaders about revised UUA ENDS, summarize the feedback and send back to UUA board. District Presidents will receive additional follow up information from linkage working group over next 10 days.

Request from GA Planning Committee

Kathy received request from GAPC to DPA - to serve as safety monitors to direct attendees to and from witness event. Immediate consensus emerged, DPA would be happy to do this.

Role of Districts Task Force report -

Thank you to reviewers for helping with proof reading.

Request for governance line items for budget.

Suggest that DPs send current draft to board members. Send any comments to Kathy by early March. Will add comments as an addendum. Will then share with UUA board.

Update from DPA Grant Group

Working on process for distributing funds. Stay tuned for more info.

Closing Words

Kathy expresses gratitude for the work of all the district presidents with enthusiasm and optimism for our continued work together in the coming year.

Adjourn

The conference call adjourned at 9:59 PM ET.

Respectfully submitted by Justine Sullivan, Secretary
January 13, 2013