

Proposed Business Resolution to Suspend Sections 5.8, 5.9, and 5.11 of the Bylaws

Consider the following:

1. Volunteer resources and skills are needed to implement the recommendations from the Commission on Institutional Change (COIC).
2. The COIC report, *Widening the Circle of Concern* recommends, "Reexamine the current governance structure and identify changes that will allow a more agile and flexible structure that can meet the challenges of a rapidly changing religious landscape."
3. Volunteer resources and skills are also needed to engage in the work of the Article II Study Commission.
4. The COVID-19 pandemic has changed the 2020 and 2021 General Assemblies into online events.
5. The volunteer skills needed for online or multi-platform General Assemblies continue to be identified.
6. Future General Assemblies will be transformed to be more accessible and equitable with the lessons learned from these online General Assemblies.
7. The Commission on Appraisal is publishing their latest report.
8. The members of the Board of Review are appointed to 8-year terms.
9. The Board of Review has not met in 25 years.

The UUA General Assembly resolves:

1. To suspend sections 5.8 (General Assembly Planning Committee), 5.9 (Commission on Appraisal), and 5.11 (Board of Review) of the bylaws for a period of three years, beginning with General Assembly 2021 and ending with General Assembly 2024.
2. The Nominating Committee will suspend nominations for election to the General Assembly Planning Committee, Commission on Appraisal, and Board of Review until General Assembly 2024.
3. The Board of Trustees will suspend appointments to the General Assembly Planning Committee until General Assembly 2024.
4. If the Board of Review is needed prior to General Assembly 2024, the Board of Trustees shall appoint members, as needed.

Rationale: Trim the activities of the organization to focus on COIC and Article II.