

Board of Trustees

MEETING: May 17, 2021, 7:45 pm, Eastern Time

Pursuant to notice duly given, this meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Unitarian Universalist Association was held via Zoom conferencing.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Genevieve Baldwin (youth trustee), Greg Boyd, Kathy Burek, Barbara de Leeuw, Charles Du Mond (Co-Moderator), Suzanne Fast, Susan Frederick-Gray (President), Sherman Logan, Leslie MacFadyen, John Newhall, Lucia Santini Field (Financial Advisor), Meg Riley (Co-Moderator), Tom Schade, Rebecca Throop (youth trustee), Bill Young

ADDITIONAL PARTICIPANTS: Carey McDonald (Recording Secretary & Executive Vice President), Andrew McGeorge (Treasurer), Stephanie Carey Maron, Marcus Fogliano, Sarah Gettie McNeill, Tim Atkins, Randy Burnham, Meg Richardson, Peter Kandis, Xolani Kacela, Darbi Lockridge, Melissa Carvill Ziemer, Mia Morse, Carrie Stewart

Meeting Minutes

Meeting opened at 7:50 pm with a brief reading.

Co-Moderator Du Mond shared that the Board would not be moving forward with a previously considered business resolution to suspend the Bylaws requirements for certain committees, noting the Board will get back in touch with these committees to discuss a collaborative and flexible path forward.

GA Business Rules of Procedure

Members noted that the previously approved Rules of Procedure for General Assembly had been rewritten as plain language version for improved accessibility. Currently under review by legal counsel and the parliamentarian, members shared the rules would be ready to finalize at next Board meeting. In the meantime, they would be described in the GA prep webinars.

Bylaw Amendments

The Board reviewed the following bylaw amendments to place on the final business agenda for General Assembly 2021:

Religious Education Credentialing Levels

The Board unanimously approved the bylaws change requested by the Religious Education Credentialing Committee to remove descriptions of religious education credentialing levels to avoid term “master” and create more flexibility for the credentialing system.

Start Date of Presidential Term



The Board unanimously approved this bylaw amendment to allow the UUA Present up to 45 days to take office. This would offer a flexible start date to create a chance for a more reasonable transition, rest from the campaign, take time to move, or say goodbye to a previous employer or congregation.

GA Registration Fees Rule

The Board unanimously approved removing the requirement to pay in order to participate as a delegate in GA business sessions. They noted this could create greater flexibility to separate business voting from GA registration. They recognized the role that GA Youth and Young Adults @GA leaders playing in raising this the need for accessibility.

Statement Supporting the Nominating Committee Slate

The Board unanimously approved the proposed statement to endorse the slate of nominees put forward by the Nominating Committee for GA 2021, with some small language clarifications.

Closing

The meeting ended at 8:30 pm



Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Carey McDonald

Recording Secretary