

# Board of Trustees

**MEETING: December 13, 2021, 7:00 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:** Kathy Burek, Barbara de Leeuw, Charles Du Mond (Co-Moderator), Suzanne Fast, Sherman Logan, Elizabeth Mount, JeKaren Olaoya, Lucia Santini Field (Financial Advisor), Meg Riley (Co-Moderator), Tom Schade, Sam Trumbore, Bill Young (Secretary)

**ADDITIONAL PARTICIPANTS:** Carey McDonald (Recording Secretary & Executive Vice President), Andrew McGeorge (Treasurer), Stephanie Carey Maron, LaTonya Richardson, Danielle Di Bona and Chris Buice (chaplains), Tara Stephenson, Joel Martin, Jacqueline Russell, Joanne Giannino, Betty Churchman, George Squires, Rita Cherubini, Meg Richardson, David Jackoway, Dick Burkhart

## Meeting Minutes

Co-Moderator Meg Riley started the meeting at 7:05 pm and Sherman Logan shared an opening reading.

The consent agenda was postponed.

### Open House Planning

Board members committed to continue monthly open houses for the remainder of FY22. They said the January open house should focus on information on multiplatform GA2022, and February may focus on the Article II Study Commission. be A2SC. Board members were asked to recommend additional topics, such as bylaw revisions.

### Investment Committee and Socially Responsible Investment Committee Merger

Financial Advisor Lucia Santini-Field gave an update on the plan for a merger of the Investment and Socially Responsible Investment Committees, as requested by the Board. The IS and SRIC have created a joint subcommittee to write a proposal which will be reviewed by both committees at their February meeting. They expect to send a proposal to the Board in the Spring of 2022.

### Schedule for GA Business Preparation

Executive Vice President Carey McDonald reviewed a brief presentation on proposed changes to the General Assembly business process. These included hosting early discussion forums prior to the final agenda, holding mini-assemblies to consider amendments before GA, a shift to ballot-based voting, and greater definition for responsive resolutions.



In discussion, Board members appreciated the clarity in the new process, and agreed it will make it much more accessible for delegates to participate in a multiplatform GA.

Like focusing on discussing the issue itself, rather than procedural issues

- Will delegates really consult with their congregations?
- Would love to have discussion forums if they can be moderated
- Will need to encourage people to register as delegates earlier! Made it free to register as a delegate
- Can we record discussion during GA and make it available immediately to watch?
- For accessibility, need to build up the capacity in the moment to help people; will need a great helpdesk, a lot of the work is making sure people know how/where to find info and get help

Board comms – Carey will work with Tom to get a meeting scheduled in January with UUA comms staff, also JeKaren, Suzanne, Meg and Elizabeth (also LaTonya)

Bylaws group

- Barbara reports on process of engaging people, including stakeholders.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board oved to executive session at 8:20 pm for the purpose of considering appointments.

It was reported that Sam Wilson, AJ Van Tine, and Marybeth Spencer were appointed to General Assembly Planning Committee for an abbreviated term that would end at the close of General Assembly 2022.

Board members discussed sources of accountability with the Article II Study Commission.

The meeting ended at 9:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Carey McDonald

Recording Secretary

