

MidAmerica Region, UUA
Board Business Meeting Agenda:
Saturday, September 12, 2015

3:00 pm Call to Order (3:08 p.m. Eric Huffer, President, called to order)

Present: Eric Huffer, Doug Cauble, Kyrie Bock, Tom Sommerfeld, Dave Martin, Janis Cheney, David Lauth, Ellen Germann-Melosh, Ian Evison, Nancy Heege

3:01 pm Opening Reading: MidAmerica Vision Statement

"The MidAmerica Region [is] building a new era in Unitarian Universalism, where UUs visibly live our faith, create connections, grow our membership, [and] welcome all persons who share our UU values."

Covenant of the Board of the MidAmerica Region of the UUA

(Doug)As we work together to govern boldly, empowering the MidAmerica Region of the Unitarian Universalist Association, we, the Board of the MidAmerica Region promise ourselves and each other . . .

- **(Ellen)** To keep **spirituality** present within us as individuals and as a community, to remember always that we are doing religious work, and to remember that our Unitarian Universalist message can be transformative.
- **(Tom)** To show up for meetings prepared, actively participate, and learn together and from each other.
- To communicate within agreed-upon response times using agreed-upon communication methods.
- **(Dave M.)**To hold a safe space when we gather and work together: holding good intentions, being respectful, listening deeply, including all voices and honoring them. To that end, we encourage use of wisdom from our youth:

(Janis) o recognize that our intentions may be different from our impact;

o speak up at the beginning of discomfort, and not wait until anger or frustration overwhelms us.

o speak one at a time.

- **(Janis, in Dawn's absence)** To hear every voice at the table, voice disagreements, seek to understand and then to be understood. Our shared intention is not always to reach unanimity, but rather to leave the meeting with a commitment that each participant can affirm decisions reached, so the Board will speak with one voice to the public.
- **(David L)** To locate authority in the Board, not in the individual board member.
- To honor and respect our commitments to Anti-Racism, Anti-Oppression, and Multi-Culturalism. To honor and respect our commitments to congregations, Youth and other constituencies as we work together.
- **(Kyrie)** To have fun and laughter in our shared experience, and to celebrate.
- To embody the spirit of generosity and the experience of abundance in our work together.
- **(Ian)** To be in active and intentional relationship with other groups, part of a larger web of interdependence.

(Eric) We will keep this covenant present before us, and when we are having trouble keeping this promise, we will lovingly remind one another of our covenant.

3:02 pm Consent Agenda

- Minutes of the August 4th Board Meeting (Replace name that is "Unistar...", add full names in minutes, make sure person who made motion, 2nd motion, and passed motion, at end 8:20 p.m. David commented as advocate)
 - Staff Report – Eric Huffer requested this be removed from Consent Agenda
 - Highest Priority Objectives for the MidAmerica Board
 - Timelines for 2016 MidAmerica Region Annual Business Meeting – Eric requested this be removed also

- Appointment of Process Observer, Advocate and Timekeeper – Eric requested we keep same PO, Advocate and time keeper as was appointed for the prior part of the day.

Dave Martin moved the motion

Tom Summerfield seconded this motion.

3:05 pm Review and possible adaptation of MidAmerica Board Covenant
Doug Cable moved for adoption of the adaptation of MAR Board Covenant
Janis Cheney 2nd-ed this motion.

Voting took place. Motion passed.

3:15 pm Discussion and action on Committee & Workgroup Assignments
Eric Huffer – These have been created as follows
New Communications working group is Janis Cheney, Tom Summerfield, and
Governance Working Group is **Eric Huffer, Dave Martin, Janis Cheney**
Strategic Planning Working Group– Doug, Kyrie Bock and David Laugh
Finance Working Group – Tom, Kyrie and Lisa Presley

Janis Cheney moved to ratify the appointment of Rev. Lisa Friedman to the
Learning Network Covenant Task Force.

David Laugh seconded this motion.

It was voted on and this passed.

3:45 pm Discussion and action regarding financial review – Eric Huffer stated we
vote to have this removed by consensus.

4:00 pm Review, and approval of process for submission of business by
congregations for next Annual Business Meeting

Eric Huffer –

Tom moved for the approval of submission of business by congregations...

Tom Summerfield **seconded** this motion.

This was voted on and this passed.

4:15 pm Review and possible action regarding Guidance Document for the
MidAmerica Nominating Committee and Board job descriptions

Eric Huffer – Read the revised Guidance for the Nominating Committee. Eric Huffer called for a motion for the revised. Tom Summerfield made the motion for this Ellen seconded this motion. This was voted on and this passed. The document has been approved and Eric Huffer will communicate this to the nominating committee right away. Also, Eric will follow up with a conversation.

4:30 pm Discussion and possible action regarding scheduling of future face-to-face board gatherings

Eric Huffer – Add dates and locations here from what Eric sends out.

Eric Huffer called for a motion for future face to face board meetings. Janice Cheney moved motion. Tom Summerfield **seconded** this. We voted on this and this motion passed.

Eric Huffer called for any additional Business Meeting topics.

4:50 pm Process Observer Comments – Ellen Germann stated. See attached.
Advocate – David Laugh stated. See attached.

4:58 pm Closing Words – Dave Martin delivered.

5:00 pm Adjournment – Eric Huffer called for a motion for adjournment. Tom **Sommerfeld seconded**. Voted and we adjourned at 3:45 p.m.