

MidAmerica Region, UUA Board Business Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, January 5th, 2016

This meeting will be held as a video conference call via zoom.

Here is the information: January 5th, 2016 7:00 PM CST / 8:00 PM EST Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android: <https://zoom.us/j/9884534669> Or join by phone: +1 408 638 0968 (US Toll) or +1 646 558 8656 (US Toll) Meeting ID: 988 453 4669. Times below are in Eastern Standard Time.

8:00 P.M. Call to Order and Opening readings and MAR Vision Statement, Eric and all.

8:10 p.m. Consent Agenda

- Appointment of Timekeeper
- Appointment of Process Observer
- Appointment of Advocate
- Minutes of the 11/14/15 MidAmerica Board Business Meeting - Changes were noted from November's Meeting Minutes: Changes are as follows in bold.

Dawn gave a brief report. The group has been meeting each month, they have been **taking apart their task**, defining their own job descriptions, **some people want something** more concrete, some want to learn and understand what the LNC is. Dawn stated that this is very healthy, but challenging because they are not **yet** sure what they are supposed to **be doing**. Everyone recognizes that congregations want to connect with each other, but HOW do we connect them with each other? **Dawn** has stated that she has concerns that **delegates** do not **know/understand** what they voted for. She also stated that covenant **stands great on its own**, so does need a task force to **implement** it? Perhaps the role of the region is to facilitate relationships.

8:20 p.m. – UUA, questions about HR policies and structure of Scott Aesangs position. Doug moved that we approve the arrangement. David Lauth seconded. Vote was taken for approval of extensions and Director position, unanimous approval.

8:25 p.m. – Report on limit of funds from account to bank account – Lisa spoke about this. If we paid all UUA bills, then we would find ourselves in cash flow bind, After consulting among staff, \$35K is being moved from endowment fund and moving this into bank account, therefore avoiding service fees and leaving cushion This should only be a one-time need. Eric opened this up to suggestions from the Board as to what would be proper.

8:35 p.m. Eric and Ian shared about that whatever is done be well thought out. Also, they shared that congregations should be able to have input on this about regionalization. Ian is exploring what role the MAR Board should take. A vision was implemented in the South with many. MAR has had a particular drop to in giving to the region. David Martin wanted clarification on “giving”. This is from the congregations, not as individuals of the congregations. Doug inquired about what it may mean that congregations are continuing to give to the UUA and not to the region. Eric shared what the proposed amount that will be shifting head count and fair share versus percent of budget for determining fair

share. This could better match our values and also allow for larger programs. Doug inquired about what role the MAR Board has in the decision making on this. Several also shared what other thoughts are.

8:45 p.m. Eric reviewed in varying degrees of what each region would have as far as representation at GA. Regions would then send more than one for representation. We will be sending both Eric and Doug to GA at the DPA meeting.

9 p.m. Eric raised the issue that the MAR Board not share all the details of the calls with the Task Force, that the raw data should not be shared, but more in line with the Summaries of the congregations. Dawn and David Martin felt that summary form is better, not raw data. Also, because not all of us may have asked the permission from the leaders of the congregation we spoke with. David Lauth also stated that we add to the script specific items, if needed to address. Eric will provide the Task Force with the information we feel comfortable with and that is the direction we will move in. Ian also stated that the summary will suffice.

9:04 p.m. Doug move that it be accepted as presented, Dawn seconded Eric called for a vote for process for congregational action. All approved.

9:06 p.m. Eric received an email from someone regarding the flooding would be brought up and if there was going to be any discussion around flooding relief. Eric and Ian asked if any of the Board had been effected, so far, there is no word that any of the congregations have been effected. Typically for congregations have not been effected, then UUA defaults to set up funding resources for the disaster relief so all can access and give as they feel moved.