

MidAmerica Region, UUA

**Board Business Meeting Agenda:
Tuesday, March 1, 2016**

8:04 pm Eastern Call to Order-8:04

8:07 pm Opening Readings: ***MidAmerica Vision Statement***

Covenant of the Board of the MidAmerica Region of the UUA

8:15 pm Consent Agenda

- Appointment of Timekeeper-Janis Cheney
- Appointment of Process Observer-David Lauth
- Appointment of Advocate-Doug Cauble
- Minutes of the 2/2/16 MidAmerica Board Business Meeting – removed
- Motion to approve consent agenda Dave Martin, Tom Sommerfeld second- Vote taken, approved

8:25 pm Review and possible certification of proposed Business Submitted by Congregational Action – discussion of the resolution proposed by congregational action, it was noted that given the current climate regarding the muslim community in this country, and particularly in our region, the resolution is very timely. The proposed action meets the requirement needed to be added to the agenda for the Annual Business Meeting. Motion for approval of certification of business submitted by congregational action to be added to the agenda by Ellen Germann, second Dave Martin., vote taken, certification approved unanimously.

8:35 pm Janis Cheney made the motion for final approval of the Final Agenda for the 2016 Annual Business Meeting. Kyrie Bock seconded the motion. Eric Huffer and Lisa Presley clarified several items on the business meeting as well. Eric Huffer called for a vote. The vote was approved unanimously.

8:40 pm Discussion and feedback on Learning Network Direction & Principles draft document.

Eric Huffer opened the floor for feedback on this document. Janis Cheney, Ellen Germann, David Lauth, and Doug Cauble shared their concerns for not understanding some items with in this document and this draft would give more direction and/or concreteness on this matter. Many agreed this did state principles. More action items were requested. Eric listened to all concerns and additional positive feedback was shared.

8:55 pm Check-in on board RA workshops

Ellen Germann is heading to Boston and will be gathering info and research for her workshop. David Martin is also collecting research and working in his workshop. Further updates will be shared as each progresses.

9:00 pm Discussion regarding face-to-face meeting schedule

Eric Huffer shared that with budget approval, we need to start to brainstorm best strategy for holding the face to face meetings. The current schedule for August 2016 stays as is. Dawn Cooley shared that certain timing at Regional Assembly may conflict with where individual need to be as it may conflict with Regional Assembly. Several raised the issue of by reducing meetings, what is the realized savings, In addition, what is the analysis of having all face to face meetings in one location that geographically is in the most expensive. Another issue was raised that by going the route of fewer meetings or one location and not various cities, what about the relationship/outreach that is not occurring by the lack of presence of the MAR Board at the congregations in those surrounding destinations. Lisa Presley is going to do additional research and report back her findings.

9:10 pm Eric Huffer raised two additional agenda items.

The first is that the approved item of the budget. Record the email vote approving the adjustment of the budget. Tom made the motion, Ellen Germann seconded Eric Huffer called for a vote and it was unanimously approved.

Lisa Presley shared about a conference called Mosaic Makers. Congregations that attended are ones that are on their way in the Anti-Racism movement. There were several congregations that were good candidates for this. This will be held in St. Paul, MN.

In order to have approval of the Grant for the housing needs for this conference, Lisa is requesting a motion from the MAR Board to support the movement of this grant application. Ian Evison added that this is also done in partnership with UUA Multi Cultural Staff Team and Unity Unitarian Church in St. Paul, MN. Eric entertained a motion that endorse and support this movement. David Martin made the motion for supporting this movement. Tom Sommerfeld seconded the motion. Vote was taken and unanimously approved.

9:25 Process Observer Comments: David Lauth

Moved through agenda quickly, focus and energy good. Stayed on task. We did demonstrate to Anti-Racism, yes we did.

9:30 pm Closing Words Kyrie Bock

9:45 pm Adjournment – Tom Sommerfeld made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Ellen Germann seconded the motion. All approved.