

***Minutes of the 2014 Annual Business Meeting
of the MidAmerica Region of the Unitarian Universalist Association***

Saturday, April 12, 2014

This multi-site business meeting was held simultaneously at four physical locations:

- **First Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Ann Arbor, Michigan**
4001 Ann Arbor Saline Rd, Ann Arbor, MI 48103-8739
- **Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington, Indiana**
2120 N Fee Lane, Bloomington, IN 47408-1646
- **Topeka Ramada Hotel and Convention Center**
420 Southeast 6th Ave, Topeka, KS 66607
- **First Universalist Unitarian Church of Wausau, Wisconsin**
504 Grant St, Wausau, WI 54403-4738

Please note that the following reports are included in Annual Business Meeting Delegate Packet:

- Report of the MidAmerica Region President
- Report of the MidAmerica Regional Lead
- Report from MidAmerica Directors of the Midwest Unitarian Universalist Conference (MUUC)
- Report from the Prairie Star District
- Report from the Camp UniStar Foundation
- Report from the MidAmerica Region Nominating Committee
- FY2013 Year-end Financial Reports from CMwD, HLD, and PSD
- MidAmerica Region FY2014 Financial Reports (through 12/31/2013)
- MidAmerica Region FY2015 Budget
- MidAmerica Region Transition Budget Report

**Annual Business Meeting Minutes
MidAmerica Region, UUA**

The Purpose of the MidAmerica Region is "... to support, enrich, and extend Unitarian Universalism in the defined geographic area. The Region shall work in collaboration with the Unitarian Universalist Association." (Bylaws, Article II, Section 1)

Agenda

1. Call to Order and Opening Words

April 12, 2014 11:35 Am EST

2014 Annual Business Meeting called to order by Bill Sasso-

Introduction of Board members in each location.

Ann Arbor:

Tom Sommerfeld (Northwoods Cong'n in Woodruff, WI)

Cindy Landrum (Clarklake, MI)

Bloomington:

Amy Taylor (Bloomington, IN)

Eric Huffer (Lexington, KY)

Topeka:

Charlotte Preston (White Bear UUC in Mahtomedi, MN)

Dave Martin (Iowa City, IA)

Wausau:

Kathy Burek (Michael Servetus in Fridley, MN)

assisted with credentials work by volunteers Brian Covell,

Suzie DeBeers, and Arthur Thexton

Also in Bloomington was our Parliamentarian, Steve Dillon.

Opening Words were read by MidAmerica Treasurer, Tom Sommerfeld, and the Chalice was lit by Nancy Combs-Morgan.

2. Credentials Report and Certification of a Quorum

Credentials Report given by MidAmerica Secretary, Eric Huffer, recognizing that 183 delegates, representing 75

congregations, from all 13 states of the Region were present at the four sites of the annual business meeting.

As specified in Article IV, Section 4, of the MidAmerica Region Bylaws, we need delegates from at least 25 congregations located in at least 5 (different) states to form a quorum. Based on the Credentials report, a quorum was declared by Bill Sasso, MidAmerica President.

3. Approval of the Rules of Procedure

The delegates at the Ann Arbor site moved to approve the Rules of Procedure.

Seconded by the delegates at the Wausau site

All four sites reported no discussion of the motion.

The vote was taken at each site, with the following results:

Topeka (Dave) - Unanimous approval

Wausau (Kathy) - Unanimous approval

Ann Arbor (Tom) - Unanimous approval

Bloomington (Amy) - Unanimous approval

**** Results of the Visual Vote ****

Unanimous approval of the Rules of Procedure at all four sites

The chair declared the Rules of Procedure were adopted.

(See Attachment A)

4. Report of the Nominating Committee and Election of MidAmerica Trustees, MidAmerica Nominating Committee members, and MUUC Directors

The slate of nominees was presented by the Rev. Barbara Childs, on behalf of the Nominating Committee (See Attachment B)

The delegates at the Topeka site moved to elect the full slate of nominees.

Seconded by the delegates at the Bloomington site.

The vote was taken at each site with the following results:

Topeka (Charlotte)-unanimous approval

Wausau (Kathy)- approved with 2 abstaining

Ann Arbor (Tom)-unanimous approval

Bloomington (Amy)-unanimous approval

The slate was elected with two delegates abstaining, with the following results:

Kyrie Bock elected as a trustee serving 3 year term

Doug Cauble elected as a trustee serving 3 year term

Janis Cheney elected as a trustee serving 3 year term

Rev. Barbara Child, D'Ann Prior, Kees DeWitt, and Katherine Daniels were elected to the Nominating Committee for 2 year term

Rae Jane Araujo and Jeffrey Reed were elected as MUUC Directors for 3 year term

The President recognized and thanked those completing terms:

Members of the Midwest Unitarian Universalist Conference:

Rev. Hillary Krivchenia (Countryside in Palatine, IL) and Larry Miller (Indianapolis, IN).

Members of the MidAmerica Region Nominating Committee: Diana DeWeese (Springfield, IL), Carol Jean Larsen (Bismarck-Mandan, ND), and Marty Sozansky (Duluth, MN).

The President noted that the MidAmerica budget is presented on pages 38 and 39 of my delegate packet, and a spreadsheet error appears in the very last line of the budget. The last three lines are labeled "Total Expenses," "Total Income," and "Net." On the "Net" line, the 2015 figure is incorrect. It reads "\$799,208) but should read (\$26,140).

5. Nic Cable, of the UUA Stewardship and Development Office, addressed the meeting from the Bloomington site with An Expression of Appreciation from our Unitarian Universalist Association

(see Attachment C for powerpoint presentation)

6. "Where's the New Era?" A Look Towards the Future of our
MidAmerica Region

Prior to making his presentation, Bill Sasso requested that we observe a moment of silence for Rev. Georgette Wonders, minister of the Bradford Community Church UU, Kenosha, WI, who had just died from a tragic accident the week prior to this meeting. A moment of silence was observed.

An announcement was made that the 2015 MidAmerica Regional Assembly would be at one site, Naperville, IL.

Bill Sasso then made a presentation regarding a proposed process for the coming year. This was the introduction of a general topic that we hope will become a formal business item for next year.

7. Recognition of Board Members Completing Their Terms This Year

The President recognized the following outgoing members of the MidAmerica Board of Trustees for their service:

Kathy Burek

Erin McElroy

Amy Taylor

8. Closing Words

Our closing words were spoken by Charlotte Preston, MidAmerica Vice-President and a member of White Bear UU Congregation in Mahtomedi, Minnesota, and our chalice was extinguished by Nancy Combs Morgan of MidAmerica staff.

Additional words read by Bill Sasso since not all sites got Charlotte's reading

The following people were thanked by the President for their work in support of this regional assembly:

- First Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Ann Arbor, Michigan
- Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington, Indiana
- First Universalist Unitarian Church of Wausau, Wisconsin
- The Topeka Site Planning and Organizing Committee
- The Tech Support Team and
- Our MidAmerica Region Staff Team

9. Adjournment

*Motion for adjournment made by the delegates at Bloomington – second by the delegates at Bloomington
The vote was taken with the following results:*

Topeka (Charlotte)-unanimous approval

Wausau (Kathy)-unanimous approval

Ann Arbor (Tom)-unanimous approval

Bloomington (Amy)-unanimous approval

**The 2014 Annual Business Meeting of the MidAmerica
Region, UUA Adjourned at 12:48 EST**