

**Minutes of the 2015 Annual Business Meeting
of the MidAmerica Region of the Unitarian Universalist Association**

Saturday, April 18, 2015

This meeting was held as part of the 2015 MidAmerica Regional Assembly at the Marriott Hotel in Naperville, Illinois.

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 Camp UniStar Foundation
- Report from the MidAmerica Region Nominating Committee
- MidAmerica Region FY2014 Financial Reports
- MidAmerica Region FY2015 Financial Reports (through 12/31/2014)
- MidAmerica Region FY2016 Budget (as approved by the MidAmerica Board)
- MidAmerica Region Transition Budget Report

Annual Business Meeting Final Agenda 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. Meeting Called to Order by Bill Sasso, President at 10:52AM

Opening Words read by Doug Cauble, Vice President

Bill Sasso proposed change to the agenda to include report from Nic Cable of the UUA as Item 6.5, the addition was accepted without objection.

Bill Sasso ran through the meeting agenda.

2. Introduction to MidAmerica Region presented by Bill Sasso at 10:56 AM

3. Welcome to New MidAmerica Congregations-11:00 AM

Five new congregations were introduced and welcomed into the UUA and Mid America Region

The Iowa Lakes UU Fellowship, of Okoboji, Iowa

Beacon UU Congregation, Troy, Michigan

The UU Bay de Noc Fellowship, of Escanaba, Michigan

The St. Croix UU Fellowship, of St. Croix Falls, Wisconsin

The Open Door UU Fellowship, of Owensboro, Kentucky

Harlan Limpert, COO of the UUA introduced by Bill Sasso

Harlan Limpert welcomed the new congregations and spoke about the significance of new congregations to the UUA and our movement.

Bill Sasso spoke briefly about the effort that new congregation formation requires.

4. Credentials Report and Certification of a Quorum 11:10 AM

Eric Huffer gave report that 92 congregations from 13 states were represented by 235 delegates.

Bill Sasso declared a quorum exists, and has existed since the beginning of the business meeting.

5. Approval of the Rules of Order 11:13

Doug Cauble moved for adoption of rules of procedure, seconded, vote taken, unanimous vote, rules of procedure were approved.

6. Report of the Nominating Committee and Election of MidAmerica Trustees, MidAmerica Nominating Committee members, and MUUC Directors 11:15 AM

Tammy Lemmer, chair of the Mid America Nominating Committee introduced and thanked the members of the nominating committee.

Proposal of slate including for unexpired terms-Doug Cauble VP, David Lauth unexpired trustee term, and introduction of full slate for MidAmerica Officers and Board members, Nominating Committee and MUUC slate was presented by Tammy Lemmer, as a whole.

Motion for approval of full slate of candidates by Kathy Burek of Michael Servetus Unitarian Society, Fridley, MN, second by Jan Northrip of 1st Unitarian, Milwaukee, WI. Vote was taken, full slate was approved unanimously.

6.5 Presentation by Nic Cable UUA Stewardship & Development on generosity 11:20 AM

7. Discussion and Action on the MidAmerica Region Learning Network Covenant 11:25 AM

Bill Sasso turned the business meeting over to Doug Cauble.

Bill Sasso recognized to speak on the Learning Network Covenant proposal. Bill Sasso explained the proposal and moved for adoption, second by Kathy Burek

Bill Sasso spoke as to why the delegates should approve the proposal.

No discussion, vote was taken, 4 abstentions were noted, with the remaining votes cast in favor, motion carried, the proposal was approved.

Doug Cauble turned the business meeting back over to Bill Sasso

8. Report on the Changes Proposed by the UUA Board to the UUA By-Laws Regarding Districts and Regions 11:35 AM-report given by Rev. Cindy Landrum

9. Recognition of St. Louis Area Congregations 11:42 AM