

UUA Board Policy on Board Participation

Contested UUA Elections

For contested UUA elections:

1. The UUA Board encourages participation in the electoral process by Unitarian Universalist congregations.
 - a. We encourage congregational leaders, lay and professional, to ensure that members of their congregations are aware that an election is taking place, and to keep them informed of election activities such as candidate forums
 - b. We encourage congregational leaders to conduct membership discussions, so that congregations will make decisions about voting based on membership preferences
 - c. We especially encourage the participation of historically marginalized groups of UUs in this process
2. The Board, as an entity, may make statements to clarify which candidates support the direction and priorities of the board, and which candidates do not
3. The Board may make statements in support of the work of the Presidential Search Committee or the Nominating Committee
4. The Secretary of the Association shall remain neutral in any election
5. The Co-Moderators of the UUA Board shall remain neutral with respect to individual candidates for UUA President, but may participate as individuals in contested trustee elections (see items five and six, below)
6. Individual Board members may choose to
 - a. Remain neutral or
 - b. Support candidate(s) by
 - i. Donating to one or more campaigns
 - ii. Sharing their support for a candidate in conversations with friends and colleagues, and with members of their own congregations
 - iii. “Liking” candidate statements on social media
7. Board members shall refrain from
 - a. Allowing their image or statements of support to be used on a candidate’s website, social media, or in any other campaign materials
 - b. Wearing t-shirts, buttons, or other campaign paraphernalia
 - c. Staffing a candidate’s GA booth or handing out campaign literature at GA or other UU gatherings