

Business Resolution on General Assembly Planning Committee (DRAFT)

At the 2022 General Assembly, the delegates approved the following business resolution:

The GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2022 hereby suspends the membership and activities required by the bylaws of the General Assembly Planning Committee, for a period of up to three years, while new GA planning structures are tested, revised, and adopted. This action empowers the current leadership and collaborative efforts of the UUA volunteers and staff who are responsible for GA activities, events, and programs to fulfill these functions. It creates the opportunity to explore and develop more inclusive and innovative GA planning structures for the future.

The rationale for this suspension included allowing time for a multi-year process to rewrite the Association's bylaws, time to better understand the needs of virtual and multi-platform modalities, and time to identify the kinds of skills and volunteers needed to support future General Assemblies.

Also at the 2022 General Assembly, the delegates approved a business resolution which included the following:

Therefore the 2022 General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association calls on the UUA Board of Trustees to appoint a task group composed of UUA board members, UUA staff, and UUs who are nonboard or staff members to conduct a thorough review and rewrite of the UUA Bylaws. This review should involve stakeholders in collaborative discernment and conversation about considered changes. A progress report of the UUA Bylaw review detailing which changes are being considered will be issued by the Board of Trustees at least annually beginning in 2023 prior to the annual General Assembly. This report should include the rationale for each change. These new bylaws should create a governance system that supports the UUA in accountably achieving its mission and aspirations consistent with our core values.

The Bylaws Renewal Team has been reporting on their progress at each General Assembly since 2022. Progress has been made, and more time is needed to involve stakeholders in collaborative discernment and conversation, including those that involve the bylaws of the General Assembly Planning Committee.

BASED ON THE FOREGOING, NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: The GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2025 hereby suspends the membership and activities required by the bylaws of the General Assembly Planning Committee, for another period of up to three years.