



## Policies for Contested Elections for Volunteer Positions on Boards, Committees, and Commissions

### Support for Candidates in Contested Elections

The UUA will provide the following support to all candidates in contested elections for volunteer positions on boards, committees, and commissions:

- a page on UUA.org featuring each candidate's photo, bio/statement, and links to their website and social media (this page will clearly indicate whether a candidate was nominated by the Nominating Committee or by petition);
- one candidacy announcement on UUWorld.org;
- one email to UU congregational leaders with information about candidates and their campaigns;
- one online candidate forum held before General Assembly; and
- promotion of UUWorld.org election coverage and the candidate forum on UUA social media.

Please note: Updates to UUA.org may take up to two business days to appear. Search engines and individual users may take longer to reflect these changes.

### Contact for Candidate Questions

Candidates should contact the following staff with any questions related to the election or UUA operations:

- Governance Manager, Stephanie Carey Maron ([scarey@uua.org](mailto:scarey@uua.org))
- Executive Vice President, Carey McDonald ([cmcdonald@uua.org](mailto:cmcdonald@uua.org))

They will refer issues to other staff as necessary. If approved by the Governance Manager or EVP, candidates may communicate directly with other staff for specific purposes. If candidates want to communicate with UUA staff for reasons not related to the election (e.g. participation in a UUA program), they should CC or inform the Governance Manager and EVP of their participation.

### Scope and Disclaimer

These policies cover communications and logistical support for campaigns and voting in contested elections for volunteer positions on boards, committees, and commissions. Policies for Moderator and Presidential elections are addressed separately.

This document focuses on the role of UUA staff and certain elected and appointed leaders. It does not cover:

- actions of the UUA Board of Trustees;
- rules set by the Election Campaign Practices Committee; and
- other candidate requirements.

This document may be updated at any time. It is not a binding agreement and is superseded by the UUA Bylaws, Board policies, and decisions by the Secretary or the Election Campaign Practices Committee.

### UUA Bylaws and Rules Pertaining to Elections

Candidates should review the sections related to elections in the [UUA Bylaws](#) (Article IX: Nominations and Elections & Rule IX: Nominations and Elections) to understand all expectations for conduct, finances, and reporting.

### Commitment to Fair Elections

The UUA is committed to providing timely, high-quality information to support informed participation in elections. UUA staff will remain neutral in all campaigns.

### Mailing Lists

Candidates may request a list of UUA congregations and their mailing addresses (which may differ from physical locations). The UUA does not share individual email addresses.