

MINUTES

BOARD OF TRUSTEES UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST ASSOCIATION

June 19 and 25, 2007

Pursuant to notice duly given, a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Unitarian Universalist Association was held on June 19 and 25, 2007 at the Doubletree Hotel, Portland, Oregon.

MEMBERS

PRESENT: Adair, Allen-Thompson, Ballester, McNatt, Blevins, Brody, Burke, Carley, Comstock, Conley, Courter, Friedman, Gallager, Greene, King, Laskowski, Lund, Loughrey, Marx, Olsen, Oslon Peebles, Ortman, Payne-Alex, Rickter, Saunders, Shanti, Sharp, Solomon, Stukey, Urbikas, Wilde, Wooldridge, and Sinkford

MEMBERS

ABSENT: None

ALSO

PRESENT: K. Montgomery, T. Brennan, N. Lawrence, A. Manning and observers

Gini Courter, Moderator, called the meeting to order at 10:30am on Tuesday, June 19, 2007. Trustees and visitors were introduced and the agenda was approved.

APPROVAL OF APRIL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The minutes of the April 2007 meeting of the Board of Trustees were approved as written.

MINISTERS HOUSING ALLOWANCES

The Board received a memo from the Treasurer dated May 22, 2007 reporting housing allowances for ministers employed by the Association that had been approved by him by authority of Board action in January 1997, said allowance having been approved by him prior to the effective date.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Paul Rickter, Secretary, gave a preliminary credentials report for the 2007 General Assembly.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

M (Conley), S, and

VOTED: To change the Board policy regarding the accrual of General Assembly income so that in years when General Assembly and the UUA's operating budget, exclusive of General Assembly, both have an excess of income over expense, 33% of the General Assembly excess will be held for use in enriching congregational participation in future General Assemblies. The decision about the use of such accrued funds will be made by the Board of Trustees in consultation with the General Assembly Planning Committee. The balance of the excess shall be used to offset the expenses of the staff and volunteer leadership in supporting General Assembly.

REPORT ON OPEN SPACE TECHNOLOGY

Helen Bishop, coordinator for the Open Space Technology process to be used at General Assembly, reported on the process to be used and instructed trustees on their role in that process.

REPORT OF THE PANEL ON THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION

Doug Gallagher, member of the Panel on Theological Education, described the history of the Panel's current deliberations and decisions.

M (Gallagher), S, and

VOTED: To approve the following distributions from the Theological Education Trust for fiscal year 2007-2008:

Starr King	\$225,000
Meadville Lombard Theological School	\$225,000
Harvard Divinity School	\$30,000
Andover Newton Theological School	\$15,000
Internship Clearinghouse	\$25,000
Panel Expenses	\$8,000
UU Scholars	\$52,472
Renaissance program	\$10,000

Excellence in Ministry Study	
▪ Survey preparation	\$5,000
▪ Survey release and analysis	\$10,000
▪ Funding of RFP's	\$35,000
▪ Conference preparation costs	\$10,000
Total	<u>\$60,000</u>
	\$650,472

Trustees asked that it be noted that there were four votes in opposition to this motion.

REVIEW OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Trustees reviewed events at General Assembly and the Open Space Technology process.

INDEPENDENT AFFILIATE AND ASSOCIATE MEMBER REPORT

M (Conley), S, and

VOTED: That any organization enrolled in the UUA benefit program (including the UUA Health Plan, the UUA Retirement Plan, the dental insurance plan and/or the life insurance plan) as of June 1, 2007 and which is not recognized as an Affiliate under the new board policy, shall continue to be eligible to participate in any of these programs until December 31, 2008.

M (Payne-Alex), S, and

VOTED: To grant Independent Affiliate Status to the following organizations for fiscal year 2007-2008:

DRUUMM
Universalist Convocations

It was agreed that the decision to admit the UU Partner Church Council and the UU Ministry for Earth would be deferred until the time of the October meeting of the Board of Trustees.

Organizations that were not accepted as Independent Affiliates include:

Bethany Union For Young Women

Channing-Murray Foundation
Conservative Forum for Unitarian Universalists
Ferry Beach Association
Hale Barnard Corporation
HUUmanists Association
Interweave Continental
Murray Grove Association
New York State Convention of Universalists
Promise the Children, Incorporated
Southwest Unitarian Universalist Women
The Mountain Retreat & Learning Center, Inc.
The Society for Ministerial Relief
UNIQUEST
Unitarian Universalist Affordable Housing Corporation
Unitarian Universalist Buddhist Fellowship
Unitarian Universalist Christian Fellowship
Unitarian Universalist Historical Society
Unitarian Universalist Legislative Ministry, California
Unitarian Universalist Small Group Ministry Network
Unitarian Universalist Women & Religion
Unitarian Universalist Women's Heritage Society
Unitarian Universalists for Alternatives to the Death Penalty
Unitarian Universalists for Drug Policy Reform
Unitarian Universalists for Jewish Awareness
Unitarian Universalists for Justice in the Middle East

M (Payne-Alex), S, and

VOTED: To grant Associate Member Status to the following organizations for fiscal year 2007-2008:

Unitarian Universalist Service Committee
Unitarian Universalist Women's Federation

It was agreed that the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees was empowered to accept the Unitarian Universalist United Nations Office to Associate Membership status when their application was received.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board voted to go into Executive Session to discuss international matters and Committee on Committees appointments. When it returned to regular session, it was agreed that committee appointments would be moved into the regular minutes of the meeting and

noted that the President had reviewed the history of the Association's relationship with the International Association for Religious Freedom (IARF).

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

M (Solomon), S, and

VOTED: To approve the following committee appointments for the period beginning immediately and continuing through December 2007 unless otherwise noted:

Commission on Appraisal: effective immediately through the next GA election (2009). Completing the term of Rev. Manish Mishra:

Megan Dowdell, Berkeley, CA.

Committee on Socially Responsible Investing: effective immediately through December 31, 2007. Completing the term of Stephanie Leighton:

Rev. David Sammons, Walnut Creek, CA

Funding Panel for Unitarian Universalism: one appointment, effective immediately through December 31, 2007. Completing the term of Rev. Sarah Lammert,

Rev. Maj-Britt Johnson, Englewood, NJ

General Assembly Planning Committee: two-year terms effective immediately after GA:

Rev. Walt Wieder, Surprise, AZ

Melodie Feather, Arlington, VA

Annual Program Fund General Chair:

Barb Brown, St. Louis, MO

Annual Program Fund District Chairs: Two year terms, effective immediately.

Joseph Priestly District: Mike Harris, Bethesda, MD

Mass Bay District: Jim Staton, Belmont, MA
Thomas Jefferson District: Pat Griggs, Johnson City,
TN
NH/VT/NE District: Angela Matthews, Holderness,
NH
Mid-South District: Don Hawkins, UU Fellowship of
the Emerald Coast

UU-UNO Committee:

Eric Cherry, Director of UUA's Office of International
Resources

Chair, Audit Committee:

O. Darwin Smith, Dallas, TX

Chair, Fund for UUism

Co-chairs: **Young Kim**, **Rev. Judith Meyers**

Adult-at-Large Members of YRUU Youth Council: Effective
July 1, 2007.

Two-year term: Rev. Mark Christian, Oklahoma City

One-year term: Rev. Elizabeth Stevens, Silverdale,
WA (filling out the position vacated by the Rev. Kristin
Harper)

M (Solomon), S, and

VOTED: To approve the following appointments for Board members,
effective immediately and effective through June 2009:

Congregations Working Group

Eva Marx, convener
Rosemary Bray McNatt,
Joan Lund
Will Saunders
David Friedman

Growth Working Group

Doug Gallagher, convener
Lyn Conley
Jose Ballester

Lyda Adair
Anna Olson

Association Working Group

Tamara P-Alex, convener
Justine Urbikas
Pat Solomon
Charlie King
Burton Carley

Living Our Faith Working Group

Tom Loughrey, convener
Linda Laskowski
Paul Rickter
Roger Comstock
Aymie Manning

Governance Working Group

John Blevins, convener
Elizabeth Greene
Charlie Burke
Chuck Wooldridge
Jackie Shanti

Administrative, Organization, and Personnel Committee

Jackie Shanti, Chair
Paul Rickter
Charlie King

AR/AO/MC

Joan Lund and Charlie Burke, co-convener
Lyda Adair
Chuck Wooldridge
Jackie Shanti
Jose Ballester

Distinguished Service Award Committee

Roger Comstock, Chair
Pat Solomon
Bill Sinkford.

Committee on Committees

Pat Solomon, Chair
Elizabeth Greene
Justine Urbikas
Rosemary Bray McNatt

Roger Comstock
Tom Loughrey.

Finance Committee

Lyn Conley; Chair
John Blevins
Burton Carley
David Friedman
Linda Laskowski

District Presidents' Association

Joan Lund

**General Assembly and the Mission of the Association
Partnership (GAMAP)**

Eva Marx
Burton Carley
Pat Solomon

International Council of Unitarian Universalists

Will Saunders

Continental UU Young Adults Network (C*YUUAN)

Lyda Adair

YRUU Council and Steering Committee

Lyn Conley (through Fall 2007)
Paul Rickter

Congregations Come First (CCF)

David Friedman
Roger Comstock

BOT/UUMA Task Force

Elizabeth Greene
Will Saunders

Annual Program Fund

Charlie King

Audit Committee

Linda Laskowski

General Assembly Planning Committee (GAPC)

Eva Marx, liaison

Accessibilities Committee

David Friedman

Committee on Socially Responsible Investing

Jose Ballester

Investment Committee

Will Saunders

Election Campaign Practices Committee

Lyn Conley

Anna Olson

Journey Toward Wholeness Transformation Committee

Jose Ballester

Ministerial Fellowship Committee

Jackie Shanti

Burton Carley

Panel on Theological Education

Doug Gallagher

Tamara Payne-Alex

Religious Education Credentialing Committee

Will Saunders

Open UUA

John Blevins

CLOSING

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00am on Monday, June 25, 2007.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Kathleen Montgomery
Recording Secretary

BOARD OF TRUSTEES - FUTURE MEETING DATES

Board Meetings

October 18-21, 2007

January 18-20, 2008

April 18-20, 2008

June 24-25 & 30, 2008 - GA

October 17-19, 2008

January 16-18, 2009

April 17-19, 2009

June 23-24 & 30, 2009 - GA

Finance Committee Meetings

October 17, 2007

January 17, 2008

April 17, 2008

June, 2008

October 16, 2008

January 15, 2009

April 16, 2009

June, 2009

General Assemblies

June 25-29, 2008 – Ft. Lauderdale, Florida

June 24-28, 2009 – Salt Lake City, Utah

June 23 – 27, 2010 – Minneapolis, Minnesota

June 22-26, 2011 - Charlotte, North Carolina

Deadlines for materials to be included in Board Packets

2007 - October Board Packet Deadline – September 17, 2007

2008 - January Board Packet Deadline - December 17, 2007

2008 - April Board Packet Deadline – March 17, 2008

2008 - June Board Packet Deadline – May 19, 2008 - GA

2008 - October Board Packet Deadline – September 22, 2008

2009 - January Board Packet Deadline – December 19, 2008

2009 - April Board Packet Deadline – March 16, 2009

2009 – June Board Packet Deadline – May 18, 2009