

MINUTES

BOARD OF TRUSTEES UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST ASSOCIATION

June 23, 2009

Pursuant to notice duly given, a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Unitarian Universalist Association was held on Tuesday, June 23, 2009 at the Marriott Hotel in Salt Lake City, Utah.

MEMBERS

PRESENT: Adair, Ballester, Blevins, Brody, Burke, Carley, Comstock, Conley, Courter, Friedman, Gallagher, Greene, King, Laskowski, Lund, Loughrey, Marx, McNatt, Olsen, Payne-Alex, Rickter, Saunders, Shanti, Solomon, Urbikas, Wooldridge, and Sinkford

MEMBERS

ABSENT: None

ALSO

PRESENT: Allen, Brennan, Lawrence, Montgomery, and observers

Gini Courter, Moderator, called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm on Tuesday, June 23, 2009. Dan Brody provided opening words. Trustees and visitors were introduced and the agenda was approved.

APPROVAL OF APRIL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The minutes of the January 2009 meeting of the Board of Trustees were approved as written.

CHANNING-MURRAY FOUNDATION

To approve, per Board vote in October 2007, the Treasurer's recommendation that the Channing-Murray Foundation be accepted into the Association's benefit plans.

REPORT OF THE GOVERNANCE WORKING GROUP

M (Blevins), S, and

VOTED: The complete set of the governance policies and supporting documents, which the Board adopted in April 2009 and updated with the minor changes requested by a few Trustees, are hereby reaffirmed by the Board of Trustees as the documents with which we will begin our work as a policy governance organization on July 1, 2009.

APPROVAL OF BOARD OF REVIEW RULES

M (Rickter), S, and

VOTED: To approve amended Rules of the Board of Review, found here: http://www.uua.org/documents/boardreview/060107_rules.pdf

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Paul Rickter, Secretary, reported on credentialing and voting at General Assembly.

TRUSTEE STATEMENTS AT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Trustees discussed statements they would be making at General Assembly.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Lyn Conley, Chair of the Finance Committee, reported on discussions by that committee. Those topics included their review of the fourth quarter forecast, a discussion of whether the General Assembly would break even financially, the successful close of the Now is the Time campaign, the UUA health plan, Aid funds, the audit of the Employee Benefits Trust, and the management letter received from the Audit Committee.

FINANCIAL ADVISOR'S REPORT

M (Brody), S, and

VOTED: That the Board of Trustees will meet in executive session via Persony in November to receive a report of the Audit Committee that discusses the Association's annual financial audit and the auditors' management letter. Prior to this meeting, the Audit Committee will provide the Board with a written report, for publication on the UUA website, containing the key findings of the audit, including any finding of a serious accounting or management weakness.

REPORT OF THE PANEL ON THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION

M (Payne-Alex), S, and

VOTED: To approve the following recommendations from the Panel on Theological Education as expenditures from the 2010 theological trust budget:

\$32,500	Internship Clearinghouse: increased by \$7.5k to include benefits for position
\$10,000	Panel Expenses
\$22,420	UU Scholars
\$15,000	Renaissance Modules
\$15,000	In-care program (expansion to Joseph Priestley District)
\$20,000	Excellence in Ministry follow-through for eight project initiatives
\$9,500	Seed money for the Excellence in Ministry project
\$25,000	Andover Newton Theological School: \$15k base grant, plus \$10k this year only
\$30,000	Harvard Divinity School
\$190,000	Meadville Lombard Theological School: base grant
\$25,000	Meadville Lombard Theological School: \$25k this year only (M/LTS to report on use)
\$190,000	Starr King School for the Ministry: base grant
<u>\$25,000</u>	Starr King School for the Ministry: \$25k this year only (SKSM to report on use)
\$609,420	

\$609,735 available because of balance from prior years was spread over FY 10 & 11
\$609,420 recommended for allocation in FY 2010
\$315 unallocated funds]

EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Kay Montgomery, Executive Vice President, reported on recent hires: Michael Lindgren as Chief Financial Officer at Beacon Press; Deborah Holder, Program Consultant for the Mountain Dessert District; Janice Marie Johnson, Director of Racial and Ethnic Concerns in Identity-Based Ministries; Eric Kesting, Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries; and Nancy DiGiovanni as Campus Ministry and Bridging Associate in the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministries.

TRUSTEE STATEMENTS ON ANTI-RACISM, ANTI-OPPRESSION AND MULTICULTURALISM

Roger Comstock, Rosemary Bray McNatt, and Doug Gallagher made brief presentations of anti-oppression work being done in their districts.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President William Sinkford reported on press coverage of General Assembly and a recent article on *Oprah* magazine concerning Our Whole Lives' adult sexuality education. He said that the advocacy campaign, Standing on the Side of Love, would be launched at this General Assembly.

REPORT ON THE FIRST INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST WOMEN

Laura Nagle presented information about the recent First International Convocation of Unitarian Universalist Women and spoke of collaboration among women's organizations. The Board, by acclamation, thanked her for her report with grateful thanks.

NEW CONGREGATION ACCEPTANCE

Members of the Congregation Working Group advised that the Michael Servetus UU Fellowship of Vancouver, WA had changed its name to the Unitarian Universalist Church of Vancouver, WA.

M (Gallager), S, and

VOTED: To accept New Hope Congregation, New Hudson, MI as a member congregation of the Unitarian Universalist Association

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board voted to go into Executive Session to discuss Committee on Committees' recommendations and, when they returned, agreed that appointments would be entered into the regular minutes of the meeting.

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES REPORT

M (Solomon, S, and

VOTED: To approve the following committee appointments:

Midwest Regional Subcommittee on Candidacy
(beginning immediately and extending to December 31, 2009;
eligible for reappointment to four full two-year terms)
Rev. Barbara Pescan

Rev. Paul Becke
Rev. Melissa Carvill-Ziemer
Karen Wille

Rev. Mel Hoover
(effective Jan. 1, 2010)

New England Regional Subcommittee on Candidacy
Rev. Marta Flanagan, chair

Audit Committee
(beginning immediately and extending to Dec. 31, 2009; eligible
for reappointment to four full two year terms)
James Key

General Assembly Planning Committee
(board appointed position to June 2011)
Kimberley Hampton

Commission on Social Witness
(board appointed position, to June 2013)
Caitlin DuBois

CLOSING

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 pm on Tuesday, June 23, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Kathleen Montgomery
Recording Secretary

BOARD OF TRUSTEES SCHEDULE

*The board normally meets as follows in **January** and **April**:*

Thursday: Committee Day: Anti-Racism/Anti-Oppression/Multiculturalism Assessment and Monitoring Team; Committee on Committees; and Finance Committee meet. Whole board activities begin with Thursday dinner.

Friday: Working Group Day

Saturday: Board meeting

Sunday: Board meeting followed by Coordinating Council meeting

*In **June**, the Board meets before and after the General Assembly. The schedule allows Board member participation in UU University and UUMA Ministry Days. Working groups normally do not meet at the June meeting. In election years (odd years), newly elected trustees must attend Anti-Racism / Anti-Oppression training for leaders following General Assembly.*

*In **October**, the Board meeting is one day longer, with Committee Day on Wednesday. In October of odd years (2009, 2011 ...) the Board meeting is preceded by a retreat for new board members beginning on Tuesday or Wednesday.*

October 2009, Boston, Massachusetts:

Wednesday, October 14 – Retreat

Thursday, October 15 – Committees

Friday, October 16 – Working Groups

Saturday, October 17 – Sunday October 18 – Board of Trustees meeting
(Board packet deadline: **September 21, 2009**)

January 2010, Boston, Massachusetts:

Thursday, January 14 - Committees

Friday, January 15 – Working Groups

Saturday, January 16 – Sunday, January 17 – Board of Trustees meeting
(Board packet deadline: **December 21, 2009**)

April 2010, Boston, Massachusetts:

Thursday, April 15 - Committees

Friday, April 16 – Working Groups

Saturday, April 17 – Sunday April 18 – Board of Trustees meeting
(Board packet deadline: **March 15, 2010**)

June 2010, Minneapolis, MN:

Tuesday, June 22 – Wednesday, June 23 – Board of Trustees meeting

Wednesday, June 23 – Sunday June 27 – General Assembly

Monday, June 28 – Board of Trustees meeting

(Board packet deadline: **May 17, 2010**)

October 2010, Boston, Massachusetts:

Thursday, October 14 - Committees

Friday, October 15 – Working Groups

Saturday, October 16 – Sunday October 17 – Board of Trustees meeting
(Board packet deadline: **September 29, 2010**)

January 2011, Boston, Massachusetts:

Thursday, January 20 - Committees

Friday, January 21 – Working Groups

Saturday, January 22 – Sunday, January 23 – Board of Trustees meeting
(Board packet deadline: **December 20, 2010**)

April 2011, Boston, Massachusetts:

Thursday, April 14 - Committees

Friday, April 15 – Working Groups

Saturday, April 16 – Sunday April 17 – Board of Trustees meeting
(Board packet deadline: **March 14, 2011**)

June 2011, Charlotte, NC:

Tuesday, June 21 – Wednesday, June 22 – Board of Trustees meeting

Wednesday, June 22 – Sunday June 26 – General Assembly

Monday, June 27 – Board of Trustees meeting

(Board packet deadline: **May 16, 2011**)