

## MINUTES

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST ASSOCIATION

February 4, 2010

Pursuant to notice duly given, a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Unitarian Universalist Association was held on Thursday, February 4, 2010 by conference call.

#### MEMBERS

PRESENT: Allen, Ballester, Bartlett, Blevins, Brody, Courter, Friedman, Gallagher, Laskowski, Lund, Loughrey, Marx, McNatt, Morrill, Phinney, Rickter, Ritchie, Saunders, Shanti, Urbikas, Wooldridge, and Morales

#### MEMBERS

ABSENT: Greene, Harrison, King, Pupke

#### ALSO

PRESENT: Montgomery and observers

Gini Courter, Moderator, called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm on Thursday, February 4, 2010. Will Saunders provided opening words. Trustees and visitors signed in and the agenda was presented.

### GOVERNANCE

Discussion was held concerning the governance of the Association and the Board's desire to clarify roles, engage democratic participation, align the movement around clear, common goals and values and the need to work in accountable partnership with member congregations.

More context for this discussion can be found at:

[http://www.uua.org/documents/boardtrustees/100204\\_agenda.pdf](http://www.uua.org/documents/boardtrustees/100204_agenda.pdf)

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VOTED Because the next half-century of Unitarian Universalism requires excellence in governance, the UUA Board of Trustees will initiate a transformation of governance at the following levels:

- \*UUA Board
- \*General Assembly
- \*Districts and Regions

The UUA Board will lead by working with other Association leaders in these initial ways:

- working with congregational delegates at General Assemblies in 2011 and 2012 to amend the UUA by-laws to significantly reduce the size of the UUA Board;
- inviting the President of the UUA, District Board Members, and District Presidents to continue our substantive discussion of the shift toward regionalization, during General Assembly 2010.
- holding some Board meetings in sites other than Boston, as in January 2010, to strengthen relationships with the Association's Member Congregations
- engaging youth and young adults and historically marginalized groups throughout Unitarian Universalism, to ensure that their voices are heard in our governance transformation as one of our Sources of Authority and Accountability.

The Moderator announced that the vote had been unanimous.

### **CLOSING**

Nancy Bartlett provided closing words and the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm on Thursday, February 4, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Kathleen Montgomery  
Recording Secretary