

MINUTES

BOARD OF TRUSTEES UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST ASSOCIATION

November 18, 2010

Pursuant to notice duly given, a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Unitarian Universalist Association was held on Thursday, November 18, 2010 by electronic communication.

MEMBERS

PRESENT: Allen, Ballester, Bartlett, Blevins, Brody, Courter, Friedman, Greene, Harrison, Hawkins, King, Laskowski, Loughrey, Marx, Phinney, Pupke, Rickter, Ritchie, Saunders, Shanti, and Wooldridge

MEMBERS

ABSENT: Gallagher, Lund, Morrill, Urbikas, and Morales

ALSO

PRESENT: Brennan, Limpert, Montgomery, Raible-Clark, and observers

Jackie Shanti, First Vice Moderator, called the meeting to order at 8:00pm on Thursday, November 18, 2010 and provided opening words.

REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

Jim Key, member of the Audit Committee, reported on the recently completed audit of the Association, saying that the results were favorable and expressing appreciation for CBIZ Tofias, the new auditing firm, and for the work of the staff. The audit report expressed an “unqualified” opinion about the Association’s financial statements.

M (Friedman), S, and

VOTED: To receive the audit report for fiscal year 2010.

By consensus, the Board of Trustees expressed their appreciation for the work of the Audit Committee.

DISCUSSION WITH THE CHAIR OF THE COMMISSION ON SOCIAL WITNESS

David May, Chair of the Commission on Social Witness, reported on considerations for changing the process for Action of Immediate Witness at General Assemblies. He said that a final report would be presented to the Board for their January meeting

REPORT OF ADMINISTRATION/BOARD MEETING

Jackie Shanti reported on a recent meeting of representatives from the Board and the Administration with an Alban Institute consultant, designed to improve the relationship between the Board and the Administration. She said that the meeting was successful.

APPRECIATIVE INQUIRY DISCUSSION

Discussion was held concerning a proposal for an Appreciative Inquiry process to be conducted over a period of time and designed to inform understanding of congregational values and aspirations and to develop a shared vision for the Association's future.

M (Hawkins), S, and

VOTED: That the Board engage in a congregationally-based Appreciative Inquiry linkage project in partnership with the Administration, the District Presidents' Association, Districts, and our Sources of Authority and Accountability, including Member Congregations and historically marginalized people.

DISCUSSION OF THE JANUARY 2011 MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Discussion was held concerning plans for the January 2011 meeting of the Board of Trustees to be held in Arizona.

MINISTERIAL FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

Discussion was held concerning the possibility of changing the configuration of the members and times of the Ministerial Fellowship Committee. It was agreed that a specific proposal would come to the Board at the time of their January meeting.

DISCUSSION OF AUDIO RECORDINGS OF BOARD MEETINGS

Discussion was held concerning the possibility of putting audio recordings of Board meetings on the UUA web site. It was agreed that a specific proposal would come to the Board from the Openness Implementation Committee at the time of the Board's January meeting.

CLOSING

Tom Loughrey provided closing words and the meeting was adjourned at 10pm on Thursday, November 18, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Kathleen Montgomery
Recording Secretary