# MINUTES BOARD OF TRUSTEES UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST ASSOCIATION

### <u>September 22, 2011</u>

Pursuant to notice duly given, a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Unitarian Universalist Association was held by electronic communications on Thursday, September 22, 2011.

**MEMBERS** 

PRESENT: Averett, Bartlett, Brody, Carlson, Cullen, Friedman, Greene, Grubbs,

Harrison, Jackoway, Kreicker, Laskowski, Lund, Loughrey, Manley,

Phinney, Pupke, Raible-Clark, Shanti, Stewart, and Tino

**MEMBERS** 

ABSENT: Courter, King, Morrill, Ritchie, and Morales

**ALSO** 

PRESENT: Brennan, Janamanchi, Limpert, Montgomery, and observers

Jackie Shanti, First Vice Moderator, called the meeting to order at 8:00 pm on Thursday, September 22, 2011.

## UNITARIAN UNIVRSALIST HOLDEEN INDIA PROGRAM

Kay Montgomery, Executive Vice President, reported on a request from the administration that the Board approve the legal establishment of a liaison office in New Delhi, India for the Holdeen India Program (UU-HIP), saying that changes in Indian law made this necessary.

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VOTED: To establish a liaison office of the Unitarian Universalist Association in

New Delhi, India. The office will represent the Association's

humanitarian and service activities in India.

#### **DISCUSSION OF REAL ESTATE**

Tim Brennan, Chief Financial Officer, reported on recent considerations concerning a possible sale of UUA headquarters' buildings, saying that there were no current plans to do so although such a possibility remains under consideration.

# REPORT ON GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2012 DESIGN MEETING AND PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

Jackie Shanti and Michael Tino reported on the recent GA 2012 Design Meeting, saying that roles and responsibilities had been agreed to, that a "grid" had been designed, and that clear avenues for communication had been established. They expressed enthusiasm for the quality and outcomes of the meeting. Shanti, who serves as Board liaison to the General Assembly Planning Committee, had also attended the Planning Committee meeting and said that they were moving rapidly toward plans for the 2012 General Assembly in Phoenix.

#### DISCUSSION OF AUDIO RECORDINGS OF BOARD MEETINGS

Discussion was held regarding the pros and cons of providing audio tapes of Board meetings online. It was agreed that the Communications Working Group would consider this matter at the time of the October Board meeting and make a recommendation to the Board.

### REPORT ON OFF-SITE GENERAL ASSEMBLY DELEGATES

Linda Laskowski reported on the results of the off-site delegate experiment at the 2011 General Assembly, saying that it had been very successful, that the cost had been well less than budgeted, and that plans were underway for off-site delegates and voting for General Assembly 2012.

# <u>DISCUSSION OF JOINT LINKAGE WORK WITH THE DISTRICT PRESIDENTS'</u> <u>ASSOCIATION</u>

Linda Laskowski reported on the linkage "toolkit" that a joint Board/District Presidents' Association Task Force will be providing to the DPA November meeting, and requested Board members to be thinking about what topic(s) the UUA Board most needs to link with its "Sources" about over the next year. The Task Force will design interview guides on this topic from the created templates and provide to District Boards for dialogue with their member congregations.

# **DISCUSSION OF OCTOBER BOARD ORIENTATION MEETING**

Joan Lund reported on plans for the orientation meeting to be held prior to the October meeting of the Board of Trustees.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm on Thursday, September 22, 2011.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Kathleen Montgomery Recording Secretary