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To place the following notice, after review by UUA counsel, in the agenda for General Assembly 2012:

Notice: Proposed 2013 bylaw amendments concerning special elections

The Board of Trustees has determined that the bylaws contain ambiguous language in calling for special elections to fill vacancies that occur after the deadline for candidate nominations. The Board plans to propose that General Assembly 2013 consider bylaw amendments to address this issue. The following is a draft of the proposed amendments.

Section 5.5. Vacancies.

A vacancy created by the death, disqualification, resignation, or removal of an elected member of a standing committee of the Association shall be filled by the Board of Trustees ~~until the next regular General Assembly~~. A committee member appointed to fill a vacancy occurring prior to October 1 of any year shall serve until the earlier of a) the expiration of the term being filled or b) the close of the regular General Assembly held in the subsequent year. A committee member appointed to fill a vacancy occurring on or after October 1 of any year shall serve until the earlier of a) the expiration of the term being filled or b) the close of the regular General Assembly held in the second subsequent year. The vacancy shall then be filled by election for the balance of the unexpired term, if any.

Section 6.8. Vacancies.

A vacancy created by the death, disqualification, resignation, or removal of a trustee shall be filled by majority vote of the remaining trustees ~~until the next regular General Assembly at which an election can be held~~. A trustee appointed to fill a vacancy occurring prior to October 1 of any year shall serve until the earlier of a) the expiration of the term being filled or b) the close of the regular General Assembly held in the subsequent year. A trustee appointed to fill a vacancy occurring on or after October 1 of any year shall serve until the earlier of a) the expiration of the term being filled or b) the close of the regular General Assembly held in the second subsequent year. The vacancy shall then be filled by election for the balance of the unexpired term, if any.

Section 8.7. Vacancies.

(a) Elected Officers. A vacancy created by the death, disqualification, resignation, or removal of an elected officer shall be filled by the Board of Trustees ~~until the next regular General Assembly~~. An individual appointed to fill a vacancy in an elected office occurring prior to October 1 of any year shall serve until the earlier of a) the expiration of the term being filled or b) the close of the regular General

Assembly held in the subsequent year. An individual appointed to fill a vacancy in an elected office occurring on or after October 1 of any year shall serve until the earlier of a) the expiration of the term being filled or b) the close of the regular General Assembly held in the second subsequent year. The vacancy shall then be filled by election for the balance of the unexpired term, if any.

(b) Appointed Non-salaried Officers. A vacancy created by the death, disqualification, resignation, or removal of an appointed non-salaried officer may be filled by the Board of Trustees for the balance of the unexpired term.

Section 9.4. Nomination by Nominating Committee.

(a) The Nominating Committee shall submit one or more nominations for each elective position to be filled, except Moderator and President, including those to fill any vacancies ~~occurring prior to October 1 of the year before the election~~. With respect to Board positions, the Nominating Committee shall designate the position number for which each person is being nominated.

(b) The Nominating Committee shall endeavor to nominate individuals so that the membership of the Board of Trustees and each elected committee reflects the full diversity of the Association, especially in regard to historically marginalized communities, but also balancing amongst size of congregation, lay and ordained, geography, age (including youth and young adults), and gender, among others. The Nominating Committee shall consult with groups and organizations including those traditionally underrepresented in Unitarian Universalist leadership, to help inform the nominating process.

(c) Only one person from any one member congregation shall be nominated to serve on the Nominating Committee or the Board of Trustees.

(d) The report of the Nominating Committee shall be filed with the Secretary of the Association and be mailed to all certified member congregations, associate member organizations, and trustees, on or before December 10 of each year. The report of the Nominating Committee shall list each vacancy that is to be filled by election at the next regular General Assembly.

Section 9.5. Nomination of President and Moderator.

(a) President. The Presidential Search Committee shall submit no fewer than two nominations for the office of President for an election at the end of a presidential term ~~or when a vacancy occurs in the office prior to October of the year before the election~~. The report of the Presidential Search Committee shall be announced by February 1 of the year before the General Assembly at which there is to be a presidential election~~, except in the case of an election to fill a vacancy occurring after that date~~. When a vacancy occurs in the office of President, and an election is to be held to fill the balance of the unexpired term as required by Section 8.7, the Presidential Search Committee shall submit no fewer than two nominations for the office of President. The report of the Presidential Search Committee shall be announced by December 10 of the year before the election.

(b) Moderator. The Board of Trustees shall submit one or more nominations for the office of Moderator for an election at the end of a moderator term ~~or when a vacancy occurs in the office prior to October of~~

~~the year before the election~~. The report of the Board of Trustees shall be announced by February 1 of the year before the General Assembly at which there is to be a moderator election~~, except in the case of an election to fill a vacancy occurring after that date~~. When a vacancy occurs in the office of Moderator, and an election is to be held to fill the balance of the unexpired term as required by Section 8.7, the Board of Trustees shall submit one or more nominations for the office of Moderator. The report of the Board of Trustees shall be announced by December 10 of the year before the election.

Section 9.6. Nomination by Petition.

(a) For Moderator and President. A nomination for the office of Moderator or President, or to fill a vacancy in an unexpired term ~~occurring prior to December 1 of the year before the election~~, may be by petition signed by no fewer than twenty-five certified member congregations, including no fewer than five certified member congregations located in each of no fewer than five different districts. A certified member congregation may authorize the signing of a petition only by vote of its governing board or by vote at a duly called meeting of its members. Such a petition shall be filed with the Secretary of the Association, only in such form as the Secretary may prescribe, not later than February 1 of the year of the election and not earlier than the preceding March 1.

(b) For Other Elective Positions. A nomination for any other elective position or to fill a vacancy in an unexpired term ~~occurring prior to December 1 of the year before the election~~ may be by petition signed by not less than fifty members of certified member congregations, with no more than ten signatures of members of any one congregation counted toward the required fifty. A separate petition, in form prescribed by the Secretary, shall be filed for each nomination not later than February 1 of the year of the election and not earlier than the preceding October 1. A petition for nomination to the Board of Trustees must designate the position number for which the person is being nominated.