

## Board of Trustees

**MEETING: November 13, 2017, 8:00 pm, Eastern Time**

Pursuant to notice duly given, this meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Unitarian Universalist Association was held via Zoom conferencing.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Tim Atkins, Greg Boyd, Kathy Burek, Susan Frederick-Gray (President), Barb Greve (Co-Moderator), Dick Jacke, Sarah Dan Jones, Patrick McLaughlin, Denise Rimes, Christina Rivera (Secretary), Bailey Saddlemire, Lucia Santini Field (Financial Advisor), Elandria Williams (Co-Moderator).

**ADDITIONAL PARTICIPANTS:** Carey McDonald (Recording Secretary & COO) Tim Brennan (Treasurer), David Miller, Mary Katherine Morn

### Meeting Minutes

Co-Moderator Mr. Barb Greve called the meeting to order at 8:03 PM EDT on November 13, 2017. Lucia Santini Field offered an opening reading. Co-Moderator Barb welcomed observers and guests, and Board members did a quick personal check-in.

Co-Moderator Elandria Williams asked Board members to review the minutes from the October Board meeting. Carey McDonald, as Recording Secretary, noted the draft minutes include more detail than previous formats of the minutes. Board members agreed that greater information on the discussion and shape of the meetings was valuable for future meeting minutes.

Co-Moderator Greve noted that the Moderator Search Committee has requested a later deadline. Discussion noted the need for ongoing distinction between the special election of 2018 and the regular election in 2019. Additionally, the Committee raised the question of if or in what way it may be appropriate to have candidates for moderator who are seeking a co-moderator leadership structure.

Co-Moderator Greve asked for Board members to join an ad hoc group that will offer a proposal for a more detailed conflict of interest policy for Board members for the December meeting. Lucia Santini Field, Dick Jackie and Christina Rivera agreed to work with the two Co-Moderators to develop that proposal.

Co-Moderator Williams reviewed the Bylaw Review proposal (attached). Through discussion, the Board agreed to separate the Article II and bylaw review teams, recognizing the two groups also need to be in conversation with one another. Board members reported that committees, including Ministerial Fellowship Committee, Commission on Social Witness, and others, have said they intend to request bylaw changes this year. Reviewing the calendar for future meetings, Board members clarified that discussion related to the mission, vision, global ends, and reimagining covenant recommendations will happen after January meeting, in order to prioritize bylaw reviews.



## **Article II Process and Working Group**

While it was clarified that the formal Article II process will only start once an initial proposal happens (this was not preempted by the similar language in the 2017 responsive resolution), the Board affirmed its commitment to engaging with the 8<sup>th</sup> principle at General Assembly 2018. As such, the Board interpreted the pre-vote study commission requested by the responsive resolution to establish a stakeholder process and that will help the Board decide what to put on the agenda for GA 2019. Renamed Article II Working Group. Greg Boyd and Patrick McLaughlin agreed to support this working group process.

## **Bylaw Review Group**

The President or a staff designee was added to all bylaw review conversations, recognizing the work if reviewing bylaws may unfold over multiple years. Kathy Burek and Christina Rivera agreed to lead the group process of bylaw review.

## **Section 2 Governance**

The Board's Governance Working Group was tasked with tackling section 2 governance. The working group is convened by Patrick McLaughlin, and Tim Atkins will be joining those discussions.

Board members agreed to move to the second Monday of each for future virtual meetings, with an agreement to review those dates against Board members' schedules before finalizing dates.

Board members and observers offered a personal check-out, and President Susan Frederick-Gray provided closing words.

Co-Moderator Greve adjourned the meeting at 9:08 pm.



Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Carey McDonald

Recording Secretary

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING SCHEDULE

- **Videoconference Meeting: December 2017**  
Monday, December 11, 2017  
Meeting URL: <http://zoom.us/j/700936217>  
Meeting ID: 700 936 217  
Phone: (646) 558-8656
- **Meeting: January, 2018, Highlander Center in New Market, TN**  
Friday, January 19 - Saturday, January 20, 2018
- **Videoconference Meeting: February 2018**  
Thursday, February 22, 2018  
Meeting URL: <http://zoom.us/j/760537802>  
Meeting ID: 760 537 802  
Phone: (646) 558-8656
- **Videoconference Meeting: March 2018**  
Thursday, March 22, 2018  
Meeting URL: <http://zoom.us/j/178430852>  
Meeting ID: 178 430 852  
Phone: (646) 558-8656
- **Meeting: April, 2018, Boston, MA**  
Friday, April 20 - Saturday, April 21, 2018
- **Videoconference Meeting: May 2018**  
Thursday, May 24, 2018  
Meeting URL: <http://zoom.us/j/525980325>  
Meeting ID: 525 980 325  
Phone: (646) 558-8656
- **Meetings: June 2018, Kansas City, MO**  
Tuesday, June 19—Wednesday, June 20: Board of Trustees Meeting  
Wednesday, June 20—Sunday June 24: General Assembly  
Monday, June 25: Board of Trustees Meeting

