

GA2020 UUA Bylaw Amendments

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Co-Moderator Vacancy

Section 8.8. Moderator.

(a) The Moderator shall preside at General Assemblies and meetings of the Board of Trustees and the Executive Committee. The Moderator shall represent the Association on special occasions and shall assist in promoting its welfare. The Moderator shall serve as Chief Governance Officer of the Association.

(b) As used in these Bylaws, the term “Moderator” may refer to a single individual, or to multiple individuals, serving in the position, even though the word “Moderator” may appear in the singular form of the word. When multiple individuals are serving in the position of Moderator, if one or more of those individuals dies, is disqualified, resigns, or is removed, the position of Moderator shall be deemed vacant under Section 8.7(a).

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 majority vote of the Board of Trustees. An individual appointed to fill a vacancy shall serve until the vacancy is filled by regular or special election. If the position of Moderator is deemed vacant under Section 8.8 (b), the Board may, but shall not be obligated, to appoint as Moderator any remaining individual(s) who had been serving in the position of Moderator when the position was deemed vacant, and may do so either as a sole appointment or with one or more other individuals.

Nominating Committee Timelines

***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 positions to be filled by special 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 issue a report with its nominations on or before March 15 of the year in which the nominees will be candidates for election. Nominations shall be filed with the Secretary of the Association and distributed mailed to all certified member congregations, associate member organizations, and trustees on or before December 10 of each year.

Section 9.6 Nomination by Petition

- (a) For Moderator and President. A nomination for the office of Moderator or President, for a regular or special election, may be by petition signed by no fewer than fifty certified member congregations, including at least one congregation from three of the regions of the Association. 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 elective position, for a regular or special 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~~ May 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.