

General Assembly 2018

Board Statement on Bylaw Amendment for Co-Moderators

Motion Maker: Moved, that the Proposed Bylaw Amendment to add language to bylaws Article VIII, section 8.8 and 9.1 to provide for the Moderator role to include more than one individual, as detailed on page 83 of the final agenda [and as amended in the mini-assembly], be adopted by this assembly.

Moderator: The motion to adopt the Proposed Bylaw Amendment to expand the meaning of the role of Moderator to more than one individual has been made and seconded.

The chair calls on Denise Rimes, Vice Moderator and Trustee-At-Large, to make the board's statement in support of the bylaw amendment.

Denise Rimes:

The role of Moderator is the highest *volunteer* position in the Unitarian Universalist Association.

Our bylaws were written in a time when the single leader model was dominant. In the 50+ years since that time, our world and culture have changed dramatically. The Moderator position has expanded to the point where the expectations of this volunteer exceed the scope of the role as originally envisioned. Throughout the year, many people have supported the role of Moderator.

Your Board of Trustees has committed itself to modeling shared leadership throughout the Association by proposing this model of collaborative leadership that provides for more than one Moderator.

Your Board of Trustees has seen this model work in the past 12 months and experienced the many benefits of a new way of being in relationship and moving forward towards our dreams and aspirations. Your Board strongly endorses this bylaw amendment.