

Board of Trustees

MEETING: February 10, 2020, 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: Genevieve Baldwin (youth trustee), Greg Boyd, Kathy Burek, Pablo de Vos-Deak (youth trustee), Suzanne Fast, Mr. Barb Greve (Co-Moderator, Sherman Logan, Leslie MacFadyen, Manish Mishra-Marzetti, Patrick McLaughlin, John Newhall, Lucia Santini Field (Financial Advisor), Tom Schade

ADDITIONAL PARTICIPANTS: Carey McDonald (Recording Secretary & Executive Vice President), Andrew McGeorge (Treasurer), Leslie Takahashi, Marcus Fogliano, Bill Young, Barbara de Leeuw, Meg Riley

Meeting Minutes

Vice Moderator John Newhall opened the meeting at 8:05 pm with a reading, and participants offered a brief personal check-in.

Moderator Election

Executive Vice President Carey McDonald and Secretary Patrick McLaughlin confirmed that the UUA had received no nominations by petition for the 2020 moderator special election. Thereby, no election would be required for the nominated Co-Moderator team of Meg Riley and Charles Du Mond to take office. Board members discussed the need for a ritual or act of affirmation at General Assembly to mark the leadership transition. They also reviewed other plans for the Moderator transition, including a covenanting process led by the Election Campaign Practices Committee to engage the incoming Co-Moderators with the current Board leadership, as well as the need to more fully document norms and procedures for the next Moderator transition.

Commission on Institutional Change

Leslie Takahashi shared an update from the Commission on Institutional Change, in their final stages of completing their report for publication by the UUA. The COIC was also working on preparations for General Assembly, including securing workshops for their reserved block and planning a dissemination strategy for the published report, which will be mailed to every congregation. Leslie noted the intent to do a series of videos on the YouTube “VUU” program hosted by the Church of the Larger Fellowship, exploring the COICs’ recommendations with the VUU’s hosts.

Article II Study Commission

A working group of Tom Schade, Patrick McLaughlin and Elandria Williams reported working on a revised version of the Board’s charge to an Article II Study Commission. They noted the intent to bring a final draft for approval at the March



Board meeting. Once the Board approved the charge, members asked to solicit volunteer applications and suggested promotion of the opportunity on social media.

General Assembly Rules

Members discussed revisions for the consent agenda process contained in the GA Business Rules. They noted that an initial consent agenda would need to be confirmed by the Board in time to print the program book. Once the consent agenda was discussed in a mini-assembly at GA, the co-moderators would be able to remove items to instead schedule the for regular discussion if they so chose. Additionally, delegates could remove an item from the consent agenda for further discussion if a certain threshold agreed to do so. The Board affirmed the principles in the consent agenda process summary that had been circulated, with further clarification and editing needed before it is ready for publication in the program book

Ministerial Fellowship Committee

This discussion about the Board’s role with the Ministerial Fellowship Committee was postponed to a future meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board moved to executive session at 8:50 pm to consider appointments, awards and other questions.

It was reported that the Board appointed John Minahan to the Investment Committee.

The meeting closed at 10:05 pm.



Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Carey McDonald

Recording Secretary