

Election Campaign Practices Committee (ECPC): Meeting by online conference, May 26, 2016, 2 PM Eastern

Participants: Manish Mishra-Marzetti, Chair, Elisabeth (Beth) McGregor, Rob Eller-Isaacs, UUA Secretary, for portion of meeting; absent: KC Slack

Most of the meeting focused on preparations for General Assembly.

Manish reported on a May 25 conference call with the candidates, where a format for the presidential candidate forum at GA was agreed on. It will be held on Saturday, June 25 1:15-2:30 (a non-competitive time slot) in the general session hall. Manish will serve as moderator. He will begin with a brief explanation of the election process and timetable, probably illustrated with a slide, including the UUA Board's plan for regional forums in the coming year.

He'll then introduce the structure of the forum.

Each candidate will offer a three-minute opening statement, have two minutes to respond to each question, and offer a two-minute closing statement. The ECPC will set up an equitable rotating order of speaking and provide timing cues to the speakers.

Questions will be submitted by email to the ECPC or in writing to the UUA Secretary by 5 PM the day before the forum. The ECPC will meet that evening to consolidate and prioritize the questions and prepare a list to be presented by the moderator. This opportunity to submit questions will be announced at least once in a general session before questions are due. The candidates agreed on a general first question concerning their view of the duties of the office and how they would pursue them.

The stage will be set with a podium and microphone for each candidate and one for the moderator. Beth will pursue logistical details with the GAPC and GACS office and report back to the committee.

Other items:

The candidates are refining a covenantal statement for themselves and their campaigns that will be made publicly available before GA.

Manish will speak with KC to set up a firm schedule for placing content on the Elections page of uua.org and launching the moderated Elections discussion forum.

Rob will inform the ECPC about development of regional candidate event plans.

Next meeting: Thursday, June 9, 3 PM EDT

Respectfully submitted.
Elisabeth McGregor