

General Assembly Planning Committee
Zoom Conference Call
March 2, 2016

Rev. Chip Roush, Chair; Debra Boyd, Co-Vice Chair; Ila Klion, Co-Vice Chair; Mary Alm, Secretary; Katherine Allen; Rev. Jenn Gray; Tuli Patel; Samuel Prince; Laura Howe, 2016 Local Coordinator; Susan Peck, 2016 Music Coordinator; Denise Rimes, Board Liaison; Jan Sneegas, Director of GA & Conference Services.

Opening reading, check-in, and agreement to proceed with agenda as set

Proposal to approve the minutes of the January meeting as submitted.

APPROVED

- GAPC Policy Manual (*Mary and Jan will submit a revision to be considered before an affirmation vote at our April meeting*)
- Denise Rimes, new Vice Moderator of the Board of Trustees and Board liaison to GAPC—introduced and welcomed
- 2016 GA Registration—tracking with previous years at this early stage; 73% of housing reserved
- Liaison reports
 - Right Relationship Team co-chairs accept our invitation to join our April meeting via conference call; they have rewritten RRT description and have designed an application process
 - Chaplains are recruiting a sixth member
 - EQUUAL Access will have a board member join us for the convention center tour in April
 - The Worship Arts Team (WAT) seeks clarification about offertory collections at GA worship services in general and the Synergy worship in particular. (*Jennifer Gray will communicate with them and discuss timing, counting, and the participation of the Stewardship and Development office.*)
 - Day Camp will be held in the Hyatt; two individuals have applied to direct
 - UUMN wishes to join our April meeting via conference call
 - Neither Interweave nor TRUUST are responding to messages from Samuel
- General Session Hall Instructions and Deadlines have been written and disseminated. However, the GAPC needs to approve of this document. (*Chip Roush will send out a copy of this document to all of us so that we can approve it at our April meeting.*)
- April meeting update
 - Official meeting time to be Friday morning through Sunday worship at North UU Congregation
 - **Proposal** to have our check-in on Thursday evening after dinner
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 - Rev. Eric Meter, Associate Minister at First UU Church in Columbus, will facilitate a continuation of the conversation we began on Sunday morning in NOLA

- The April agenda will include time to discuss the norms we wish to adopt as a group about meeting behaviors (punctuality, votes with/without everyone present, etc.)
 - We will have a late lunch with the Volunteer Committee on Saturday
 - Discussion continues among the Executive Team as to when to schedule a Deep Chair conversation—evening or daytime?
- GA 17 update provided by Deborah Boyd.
 - The Board's proposal to revise the Bylaws at GA 16 in order to suspend the AIW process in New Orleans generated little, but intense response.
 - A conference call with the Center for Ethical Living and Social Justice Renewal has been scheduled for our April meeting.
- UUA Presidential Campaign—Although the nomination process has hit a snag, our policy to remain neutral remains in force.

DEADLINE for submission of documents to Jan Sneegas for the April meeting packet is the THIRD WEEK of MARCH. Our desire is to have an April agenda in place a couple of weeks in advance of the meeting.