

UUA Board of Trustees  
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**MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST ASSOCIATION**

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Pursuant to notice duly given, a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Unitarian Universalist Association was held on January 16-18, 2015 in Boston, Massachusetts.

**MEMBERS**

**PRESENT:** Rob Eller-Isaacs, Donna Harrison, Jim Key, Larry Ladd, Peter Morales, Lew Phinney, Susan Ritchie, Christina Rivera, Michael Sallwasser, Julian Sharp, James Snell, Sarah Stewart, and Susan Weaver.

**MEMBERS**

**ABSENT:** Andy Burnette.

**ALSO**

**PRESENT:** Tim Brennan, Terasa Cooley, Benji Janapol, Harlan Limpert, and observers.

Jim Key, Moderator, called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM on Friday, January 16, 2015. He welcomed guests and board members introduced themselves to guests, and guests were invited to introduce themselves.

A quorum was declared present. Lew Phinney moved and Susan Weaver seconded a motion to approve the agenda, including the consent agenda.

A series of reports were presented, including:

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Peter Morales presented his president's report and led a discussion.

**MODERATOR'S REPORT**

Jim Key presented his moderator's report and led a discussion .

**VICE MODERATOR'S REPORT**

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Donna Harrison presented her vice moderator's report and led a discussion.

### **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Susan Ritchie presented her secretary's report and led a discussion.

### **FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT**

Sarah Stewart presented the Finance Committee's Report and led a discussion.

### **TREASURER AND CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER REPORT**

Tim Brennan presented his report and led a discussion about UUA finances.

### **REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR FOR STEWARDSHIP & DEVELOPMENT**

Mary Katherine Morn presented a report and led a discussion regarding Stewardship & Development.

### **REPORT FROM THE CONGREGATIONAL BOUNDARIES WORKING GROUP**

Susan Weaver presented a report and led a discussion on behalf of the Boundaries Working Group.

### **REPORT FROM THE INCLUSION WORKING GROUP**

Julian Sharp presented a report and led a discussion on behalf of the Inclusion Working Group.

### **REPORT FROM THE LINKAGE WORKING GROUP**

Susan Weaver presented a report and led a discussion on behalf of the Linkage Working Group.

### **TRANSFORMING GOVERNANCE REPORT**

Donna Harrison presented a report and led a discussion on Transforming Governance.

Moderator Jim Key announced recess at 4:50 PM until Saturday morning.

Jim Key, Moderator, reconvened the meeting at 9:14 AM on Saturday, January 17, 2015. He welcomed guests and board members introduced themselves to guests, and guests were invited to introduce themselves.

### **DISCUSSION OF MONITORING REPORTS**

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A discussion of monitoring reports took place, led by Lew Phinney. Motions will be made on Sunday.

### **PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH COMMITTEE REPORT**

Matthew Doyle presented a report and led a discussion on behalf of the Presidential Search Committee. A rule change in the UUA Bylaws will be required if suggested campaign finance limits recommended by Search Committee and supported by board are agreed upon.

### **EMERGING CONGREGATIONS WORKING GROUP REPORT**

Tandi Rogers presented a report and led a discussion on behalf of the Emerging Congregations Working Group.

### **DISCUSSION OF POSSIBLE BYLAW RECOMMENDATIONS**

Donna Harrison and Sarah Stewart led a discussion of possible bylaw changes that may occur. Motions will be made on Sunday.

### **DISCUSSION OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

Jim Key led a discussion of a possible proposal to provide additional financial support for GA registration.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Michael Sallwasser moved and Julian Sharp seconded a motion to move into Executive Session for the purpose of discussion financial matters, nominations from the Nomination Committee and President Morales' Performance Evaluation. Motion carried.

Rob Eller-Isaacs moved and Julian Sharp seconded a motion to move out of Executive Session and report that the board discussed financial matters, that the board approved Richard Bock for a two-year term as a member of the Commission on Social Witness beginning immediately and that the performance evaluation of the president was administered. President Morales was asked to report to the board in March what priorities he has as a result of the evaluation and what support and resources he may need from the board.

**NOTE:** April 1 is the target date for preparing for the April 23<sup>rd</sup> board conference call at which time the budget needs to be approved.

Moderator Jim Key announced recess at 4:23 PM until Sunday morning.

Jim Key, Moderator, reconvened the meeting at 9:09 AM on Sunday, January 18, 2015. He welcomed guests and board members introduced themselves to guests, and guests were invited to introduce themselves.

## **PRESENTATION AND VOTING ON MOTIONS**

Donna Harrison led the discussion of motions that are being proposed for passage.

**Moved by Donna Harrison and seconded by Lew Phinney** that the proposed bylaws amendments to accommodate various regional and district governance structures be placed on the Tentative Agenda for GA2015 with the understanding that minor technical corrections may be made prior to publishing the tentative agenda and that the Table of Contents to the Bylaws will also be amended to be in alignment with these amendments.

Insertions are in **red**

Deletions are ~~red-strikethrough~~

## **UUA BYLAWS**

### **64 ARTICLE III Membership**

#### **85 Section 3.4. Church of the Larger Fellowship.**

86 The Church of the Larger Fellowship, Unitarian Universalist, shall 87 be a member congregation which is not considered to be located in  
88 any particular district **or region**.

### **172 ARTICLE IV General Assembly**

#### **183 Section 4.4. Special General Assembly.**

184 A special General Assembly may be called by the Board of  
185 Trustees at any time, and shall be called upon petition of not less 186 than fifty certified member congregations by action of the governing  
187 boards or their congregations. No more than twenty of the fifty  
188 congregations may be from the same district **or region**.

#### **281 Section 4.11. Tentative Agenda for Regular General 282 Assemblies.**

283 The Board of Trustees shall prepare a Tentative Agenda for each  
284 regular General Assembly which shall include:  
285 (a) reports and other matters required by these Bylaws to be  
286 submitted to the General Assembly;  
287 (b) proposed amendments to these Bylaws which are submitted

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as prescribed in Article XV, Section 15.2;

(c) items referred by the preceding General Assembly;

(d) Business Resolutions and proposed amendments to Bylaws

and Rules submitted by the Commission on Appraisal;

(e) all proposed amendments to Rules and all Business

Resolutions as defined in Rule G-4.18.2, submitted by:

(1) the Board of Trustees or the Executive Committee;

(2) not less than fifteen certified member congregations by

action of their governing boards or their congregations;

OR

(3) a petition by not less than 250 members of certified

member congregations with no more than 10 members

of any one member congregation counted as part of the

250;

~~(f) proposed amendments to Rules and Business Resolutions~~

~~submitted by a district by official action at a duly called~~

~~meeting at which a quorum is present but not in excess of~~

~~three Business Resolutions per district; intentionally left blank~~ and

(g) Proposed Congregational Study/Action Issues submitted by

the Commission on Social Witness pursuant to Section

4.12(a).

Resolutions submitted under (d), (e)(2), (e)(3) and (f) must be

received by the Board of Trustees by February 1 whenever the

regular General Assembly opens in June. If the General Assembly

opens in a month other than June, the Business Resolutions

submitted under (d), (e)(2), (e)(3) and (f) must be received no later

than 110 days before the date set for the opening of that General Assembly.

The UUA Statements of Conscience process deadlines

are established by Sections 4.12(a) and (c) and by the Board of

Trustees pursuant to Section 4.13 whenever one or more regular

General Assembly is scheduled to begin in a month other than

June. The Board of Trustees shall include on the Tentative Agenda

all items so submitted. It may submit alternative versions of

Business Resolutions in addition to the original ones submitted if in

its judgment such alternatives clarify the resolutions and may make

such changes in the Business Resolutions as are necessary to

make each conform to a standard format. It may also submit one or

more alternative versions for the purpose of combining two or more

Business Resolutions. Adoption of Business Resolutions by a

General Assembly shall be by two-thirds vote. The Tentative

Agenda shall be mailed to each member congregation, associate

member organization and trustee by March 1 if the General

Assembly opens in June; otherwise, not less than 90 days before

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331 the opening of the General Assembly.

332 **\*Section 4.12. UUA Statements of Conscience.**

333 The purpose of the Congregational Study/Action Process is to provide  
334 the member congregations of the Association with an opportunity to  
335 mobilize energy, ideas, and resources around a common issue. The  
336 end result will be a deeper understanding of our religious position on  
337 the issue, a clear statement of Association policy as expressed in a  
338 Statement of Conscience, and a greater capacity for the  
339 congregations to take effective action. The process for adoption of  
340 UUA Statements of Conscience shall be as follows:

341 (a) First Cycle Year

342 (1) Each member congregation, ~~district~~, and sponsored  
343 343 organization (as designated by the Board of Trustees),  
344 344 may submit to the Commission on Social Witness by  
345 October 1 in the year preceding a General Assembly one  
346 proposed Congregational Study/Action Issue, such  
347 proposed Congregational Study/Action Issue to be  
348 approved at a duly called meeting of its members or its  
349 governing board at which a quorum is present. This  
350 commences the process of a four year UUA Statement of  
351 351 Conscience cycle ("the Cycle"). A Cycle year ends at the  
352 352 close of General Assembly.

353 (2) The Commission on Social Witness shall by November 1  
354 of that year submit to the Board of Trustees for inclusion  
355 on the Tentative Agenda of the regular General Assembly  
356 not more than ten proposed Congregational Study/Action  
357 Issues, each of which shall be based in whole or in part  
358 on the issues submitted to it as described in the previous  
359 subsection. The Commission on Social Witness shall  
360 verify with the proposing congregation, ~~district~~, or  
361 sponsored organization that the proposed Study/Action  
362 Issue reflects the intent of the proposer prior to being included in the poll ballot.  
363 The ten proposed

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364 Congregational Study/Action Issues shall be included for  
365 approval by the congregations on the Congregational Poll  
366 ballot, such ballot to be available and congregations  
367 notified of its availability by November 15 of the same  
368 year. Congregational Poll ballots concerning the proposed  
369 Congregational Study/Action Issue shall be due by  
370 February 1 of the following year (the first Cycle year).

371 (3) For the proposed Congregational Study/Action Issue to be  
372 placed on the Final Agenda of the General Assembly  
373 twenty-five percent (25%) of all certified congregations

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374 must participate in the ballot vote concerning the  
375 proposed Congregational Study/Action Issues.

376 (4) The proposed Congregational Study/Action Issue shall be  
377 ranked in the order of the votes received in the  
378 Congregational Poll. The Study/Action Issues receiving  
379 the most votes (not to exceed five in number) shall be  
380 submitted to the General Assembly as follows:

381 (i) Each of the Proposed Congregational Study/Action  
382 Issues shall be presented to the General Assembly by  
383 a delegate, and one such proposed Congregational  
384 Study/Action Issue shall be referred for study by virtue  
385 of having received the highest number of votes  
386 among all proposed Congregational Study/Action  
387 votes cast by the General Assembly; provided,  
388 however, that if no proposed Congregational  
389 Study/Action Issue receives a majority of the votes  
390 cast, then a second vote shall be taken between the  
391 two issues receiving the highest number of votes cast  
392 in the initial election.

393 (ii) After one Congregational Study/Action Issue has  
394 been referred for study in accordance with (i), above,  
395 the UUA staff shall conduct a workshop to discuss  
396 processes for study and action on the selected issue.  
397 By November 1 following the General Assembly, the  
398 UUA staff shall have developed a resource guide  
399 pertaining to the Congregational Study/Action Issue  
400 selected by the General Assembly. The resource  
401 guide shall be made available and congregations  
402 notified of its availability.

403 (5) If a UUA Statement of Conscience has been adopted in  
404 the previous year, the regular meeting of the General  
405 Assembly shall also conduct workshops on the  
406 implementation of such UUA Statement of Conscience.

407 (6) If no proposed Congregation Study/Action Issues are on  
408 the Final Agenda in the first Cycle year, or if no  
409 Congregational Study/Action Issue is referred for study by  
410 the General Assembly, then following the regular meeting  
411 of the General Assembly, the Cycle shall begin again as  
412 set forth in this subsection.

413 (b) Second Cycle Year

414 (1) Member congregations ~~and the districts~~ shall submit by  
415 not later than March 1 of the second Cycle year  
416 comments regarding the Congregational Study/Action  
417 Issue and the related resource guide to the Commission

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418 on Social Witness.

419 (2) During the meeting of the General Assembly in the  
420 second Cycle year the Commission on Social Witness  
421 shall conduct workshops on the Congregational  
422 Study/Action Issue.

423 (c) Third Cycle Year

424 (1) Member congregations ~~and the districts~~ shall submit by  
425 not later than March 1 of the third Cycle year comments  
426 regarding the Congregational Study/Action Issue and the  
427 related resource guide to the Commission on Social  
428 Witness.

429 (2) During the General Assembly in the third Cycle year, the  
430 Commission on Social Witness shall conduct workshops  
431 on the Congregational Study/Action Issue. Following the  
432 General Assembly, the Commission on Social Witness  
433 shall then compose a draft UUA Statement of  
434 Conscience.

435 (3) The draft UUA Statement of Conscience, a draft  
436 Statement of Conscience congregational comment form,  
437 and a ballot to place the draft UUA Statement of  
438 Conscience on the Final Agenda shall be included in the  
439 Congregational Poll, to be made available and  
440 congregations notified of its availability by November 15,  
441 following the General Assembly. Notice of the availability  
442 of these items shall be given to the congregations.  
443 Congregational Poll ballots and the congregational  
443 comment forms concerning the draft UUA Statement of  
444 Conscience shall be due by February 1 of the following  
445 year (the fourth Cycle year).

446 (4) The Commission on Social Witness shall then prepare a  
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448 revised draft of the UUA Statement of Conscience taking  
449 into consideration comments received by the member  
450 congregations ~~and districts~~ and place this revised draft of  
451 the UUA Statement of Conscience on the Final Agenda.

452 (5) For a draft UUA Statement of Conscience to be placed on  
453 the Final Agenda of the General Assembly, twenty-five  
454 percent (25%) of all certified congregations must  
455 participate in the ballot vote concerning such draft UUA  
456 Statement of Conscience.

457 (d) Fourth Cycle Year

458 (1) If the draft UUA Statement of Conscience is placed on the  
459 Final Agenda for the next regular meeting of the General  
460 Assembly, then the next General Assembly must debate



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461 and vote on the proposed UUA Statement of Conscience.

462 Adoption of the UUA Statement of Conscience shall  
463 require a two-thirds vote.

464 (2) If (i) the proposed UUA Statement of Conscience is not  
465 placed on the Final Agenda for the next regular meeting of  
466 the General Assembly; or (ii) the General Assembly  
467 chooses, by a two-thirds vote, to refer the proposed UUA  
468 Statement of Conscience to the Commission on Social  
469 Witness for one additional year of study/action, then the  
470 Commission of Social Witness shall continue the study  
471 and revision of the proposed UUA Statement of

472 Conscience for one more year. The revised UUA  
473 Statement of Conscience may be placed on the Final  
474 Agenda for the next regular meeting of the General  
475 Assembly pursuant to subsections (c)(3), (c)(4) and (c)(5)  
476 above. If by the regular meeting of the General Assembly  
477 following the additional year the Commission on Social  
478 Witness has been unable to find support to generate an  
479 acceptable UUA Statement of Conscience, the  
480 Congregational Study/Action Issue may be placed on the  
481 Final Agenda with a proposal to drop such Congregational  
482 Study/Action Issue.

483 (3) Following the regular meeting of the General Assembly in  
484 the fourth Cycle year, the Cycle shall begin again as set  
485 forth in Section 4.12(a) above.

486 (e) The Cycle may begin again, as set forth in Section 4.12(a), only  
487 after the General Assembly in the second Cycle year of a  
488 Congregational Study/Action Issue, and as provided in  
489 Sections 4.12(a)(6) and 4.12(d)(3).

#### **Section 4.13. Revision of 490 UUA Statements of 491 Conscience Process Schedule.**

492 If the Board of Trustees votes to schedule one or more regular  
493 General Assemblies to begin in a month other than June, the Board  
494 of Trustees shall forthwith revise the UUA Statements of  
495 Conscience process schedule set forth in Section 4.12 accordingly  
496 and shall immediately notify the member congregations, ~~the districts~~  
497 and the Commission on Social Witness of the revised schedule in  
498 writing.

#### **499 Section 4.14. Final Agenda for Regular General 500 Assemblies.**

501 The Board of Trustees shall prepare a Final Agenda for each  
502 General Assembly which shall include:

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503 (a) all reports and other matters required by these Bylaws to be  
504 submitted to the General Assembly and all proposed  
505 amendments to Bylaws and Rules appearing on the Tentative  
506 Agenda that meet the requirements of Rule G-4.18.3;  
507 (b) those Business Resolutions, including alternative versions, on  
508 the Tentative Agenda which meet the requirements of Rule G-  
509 4.18.3;  
510 (c) Business Resolutions, amendments to Rules or Bylaws or  
511 other items submitted by the Board of Trustees or the  
512 Executive Committee, which did not originally appear on the  
513 Tentative Agenda; provided, however, that any such items  
514 appear on the Final Agenda accompanied by an explanation  
515 for the delayed submission;  
516 (d) additional proposed amendments to Bylaws submitted by the  
517 Commission on Appraisal;  
518 (e) those proposed Congregational Study/Action Issues on the  
519 Tentative Agenda which meet the requirements of Rule G-  
520 4.18.3, and if applicable pursuant to Section 4.12(a); and  
521 (f) the UUA Statement of Conscience submitted by the  
522 Commission on Social Witness pursuant to Section 4.12(c)  
523 and (d), if applicable.  
524 The Board of Trustees shall mail the Final Agenda to each member  
525 congregation, associate member organization and trustee not less  
526 than 30 days before the General Assembly.

**527 Section 4.15. Agenda for Special General  
Assemblies.**

528 The Board of Trustees shall prepare the agenda for each special  
529 General Assembly which shall include resolutions and proposed  
530 amendments to Rules submitted by:

531 (a) the Board of Trustees;  
532 (b) the petition, if any, which calls the special General Assembly;  
533 or  
534 (c) not less than 50 certified member congregations by action of  
535 their governing boards or their congregations, with no more  
536 than 20 of the 50 congregations from the same district or region.  
537 The agenda shall be mailed to each member congregation,  
538 associate member organization and trustee not less than 30 days  
539 before the General Assembly.

**540 \*Section 4.16. Additions to the Agenda of Regular  
541 General Assemblies.**

542 (a) Non-substantive items related to greetings and similar matters  
543 may be admitted to the agenda by a regular General  
544 Assembly.

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545 (b) Prior to 2013, there will be no General Assembly Actions of  
546 Immediate Witness on the agenda.

547 (c) (1) A General Assembly Action of Immediate Witness is  
548 one concerned with a significant action, event or  
549 development, the timing or specificity of which makes it  
550 inappropriate to be addressed by a UUA Statement of  
551 Conscience pursuant to the Study/Action process.

552 (2) Beginning with General Assembly 2013, no more than  
553 three General Assembly Actions of Immediate Witness  
554 may be admitted to the agenda of a regular General  
555 Assembly.

556 (3) A petition to admit an Action of Immediate Witness to  
557 the agenda must be submitted by a delegate and  
558 signed by 150 delegates from at least 25 congregations  
559 in at least five districts **or regions**. If six petitions or fewer are  
560 received, all petitions received that have the requisite  
561 level of delegate and congregation support are eligible  
562 to be considered for possible admission to the agenda.  
563 In the event more than six petitions are submitted that  
564 satisfy the sponsorship requirement, the Commission  
565 on Social Witness shall select six from among those  
566 which meet the criteria for a General Assembly Action  
567 of Immediate Witness, and shall submit those six  
568 actions to the agenda of the General Assembly for  
569 possible admission. The Commission on Social Witness  
570 shall prepare summaries of no more than six petitions  
571 and present those summaries to the General Assembly  
572 for a vote to rank the petitions in order of delegate  
573 support. The three petitions receiving the most votes  
574 are eligible for admission to the agenda. If there are  
575 submitted three or fewer petitions meeting the criteria  
576 for a General Assembly Action of Immediate Witness,  
577 each of the petitions is eligible for admission to the  
578 agenda.

579 (4) The motion to admit each General Assembly Action of  
580 Immediate Witness ruled eligible is not debatable, but  
581 an opportunity for a two-minute statement of advocacy  
582 to the General Assembly for each eligible action by one  
583 of its sponsors prior to any such motion shall be  
584 provided. Admission of a General Assembly Action of  
585 Immediate Witness shall be by a two-thirds vote.

586 (5) During the General Assembly, a mini-assembly shall be  
587 held during which each admitted action shall be  
588 discussed and amendments shall be accepted in  
589 writing. All such amendments shall be made available

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590 in writing to the General Assembly. The Commission on  
591 Social Witness shall finalize each General Assembly  
592 Action of Immediate Witness, and the chairperson of  
593 the Commission on Social Witness, in consultation with  
594 the moderator of the General Assembly, the  
595 parliamentarian, and legal counsel, shall prioritize  
596 unincorporated amendments for consideration by the  
597 General Assembly.

598 (6) Adoption of a General Assembly Action of Immediate  
599 Witness shall be by a two-thirds vote.

600 (7) Actions submitted pursuant to this Section 4.16(c) must  
601 be in writing and filed with the Chair of the Commission  
602 on Social Witness or the Commission's designee by the  
603 deadline established by the Commission and  
604 announced at the opening session of the General  
605 Assembly.

606 (d) Responsive Resolutions may be admitted to the agenda of a  
607 regular General Assembly and acted upon.

608 (1) A Responsive Resolution is a resolution made in  
609 response to a substantive portion of a report by an  
610 officer or committee reporting to a regular General  
611 Assembly.

612 (2) Adoption of a Responsive Resolution shall be by two  
613 thirds vote.

### **Section 9.6. Nomination by Petition.**

1214 (a) For Moderator and President. A nomination for the office of  
1215 Moderator or President, for a regular or special election, may  
1216 be by petition signed by no fewer than twenty-five certified  
1217 member congregations, including no fewer than five certified  
1218 member congregations located in each of no fewer than five  
1219 different districts or regions. A certified member congregation may  
1220 authorize the signing of a petition only by vote of its governing  
1221 board or by vote at a duly called meeting of its members.  
1222 Such a petition shall be filed with the Secretary of the  
1223 Association, only in such form as the Secretary may  
1224 prescribe, not later than February 1 of the year of the election  
1225 and not earlier than the preceding March 1.

1226 (b) For other Elective Positions. A nomination for any elective  
1227 position, for a regular or special election, may be by petition  
1228 signed by not less than fifty members of certified member  
1229 congregations, with no more than ten signatures of members  
1230 of any one congregation counted toward the required fifty. A  
1231 separate petition, in form prescribed by the Secretary, shall  
1232 be filed for each nomination not later than February 1 of the

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1233 year of the election and not earlier than the preceding

1234 October 1. A petition for nomination to the Board of Trustees

1235 must designate the position number for which the person is

1236 being nominated.

## 1691 **ARTICLE XIII Regional Organizations**

### 1692 **Section C-13.1. Districts and Regions.**

1693 The Association shall support areas of regional responsibility known

1694 as districts or regions.

### 1695 **\*Section C-13.2. Establishment.**

1696 The establishment of districts or regions and the manner of

1697 determining which congregations are included in each district or

1698 region shall be in accordance with rules adopted by the General

1699 Assembly.

### 1700 **Section 13.3. Members.**

1701 All member congregations of the Association located within the

1702 district **or region** shall be entitled to be member congregations of that district **or region**.

### 1703 **Section C-13.4. Autonomy.**

### 1704 **Each district or region shall be autonomous and shall be controlled**

1705 by its own member congregations to the extent consistent with the

1706 promotion of the welfare and interests of the Association as a whole

1707 and of its member congregations.

### 1708 **Section 13.5. District **or Region** Bylaws **or Policies**.**

1709 Each district or region shall adopt bylaws **or policies** which are not in conflict with these

1710 Bylaws.

## 1735 **ARTICLE XV Amendment**

### 1736 **Section C-15.1. Amendment of Bylaws.**

1737 (a) Amendments to Bylaws. These Bylaws may be amended by

1738 a two-thirds vote at a regular General Assembly if a proposed

1739 amendment has been placed on the agenda; provided,

1740 however, that proposals to amend, repeal, or add a new

1741 section of these Bylaws whose section number is preceded

1742 by a "C" (hereinafter a "C Bylaw") shall be governed by

1743 subsections (b) or (c) hereof.

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1744 (b) Amendments to C Bylaws Other Than in Article II. A  
1745 proposal to amend, repeal or add a new C Bylaw, other than  
1746 those C Bylaws in Article II of these Bylaws, shall be subject  
1747 to a two-step approval process.

1748 (1) Such proposals must be placed on the agenda of a  
1749 regular General Assembly and approved preliminarily by  
1750 a majority vote at such regular General Assembly.

1751 Following such preliminary approval, the proposal to  
1752 amend, repeal or add a new C Bylaw shall be placed on  
1753 the agenda of the next regular General Assembly for final  
1754 adoption. Final adoption shall require a two-thirds vote.

1755 (2) The text of a proposed amendment which has been  
1756 approved by one General Assembly, may be amended at  
1757 any time prior to final adoption. If the Moderator rules that  
1758 the amendment to the proposal is substantive, final  
1759 adoption shall only be by a subsequent General  
1760 Assembly except that any such proposal that has been  
1761 under consideration for final approval at three successive  
1762 regular General Assemblies shall not be subject to  
1763 substantive amendment and shall be submitted to a vote  
1764 for final approval at the third such regular General  
1765 Assembly.

1766 (3) Such a proposal which, on any vote for final adoption,  
1767 receives a majority but not a two-thirds vote, shall be  
1768 placed on the agenda of the next regular General  
1769 Assembly, at which it may be finally adopted if it receives  
1770 the requisite approval. If the proposal is not passed by a  
1771 two-thirds vote at the third regular General Assembly at  
1772 which it is considered for final approval, neither the  
1773 proposal nor another proposal that is substantively similar  
1774 shall be placed on the agenda of the next regular General  
1775 Assembly.

1776 (c) Amendments to C Bylaws in Article II. A proposal to amend,  
1777 repeal or add a new C Bylaw in Article II of these Bylaws shall  
1778 be subject to the following process

1779 (1) Such a proposal shall be admitted to the agenda of a  
1780 regular General Assembly for the purpose of determining  
1781 whether the proposal shall be referred to a commission  
1782 appointed by the Board of Trustees for study. Such a  
1783 study shall involve member congregations. A majority  
1784 vote at a regular General Assembly shall be required to  
1785 refer such a proposal to the study commission. Once the  
1786 study of the proposal is complete, which shall be  
1787 completed in no more than two years, the study

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1788 commission shall submit to the Board of Trustees for  
1789 inclusion on the agenda of the next regular General  
1790 Assembly any amendments to Article II that the study  
1791 commission recommends. The Board of Trustees shall  
1792 also include on the agenda any amendments that it  
1793 recommends to the study commission proposal.  
1794 (2) A motion to dispense with the study process and give  
1795 preliminary approval to a proposal to amend, repeal or  
1796 add a new C Bylaw in Article II shall be in order during the  
1797 General Assembly at which consideration of a motion to  
1798 refer the proposal to the study process is authorized. A  
1799 motion to dispense with the study process shall require a  
1800 four-fifths vote for passage. Such a proposal shall then  
1801 be placed on the agenda of the next regular General  
1802 Assembly for final adoption without amendment. Final  
1803 adoption shall require a two-thirds vote.  
1804 (3) At the first General Assembly following the completion of  
1805 the study process, amendments to the Article II proposal  
1806 may be considered only as follows:

(i) During the General Assembly there  
1807 shall be a mini  
1808 assembly held during which amendments to the  
1809 Article II proposal recommended by the study  
1810 commission shall be considered.  
1811 (ii) A delegate may submit in writing at the mini  
1812 assembly an amendment to an Article II proposal.  
1813 All such amendments shall be made available in  
1814 writing to the General Assembly. The Moderator, in  
1815 consultation with the chair of the study commission,  
1816 the parliamentarian and legal counsel shall  
1817 prioritize proposed amendments for consideration  
1818 by the General Assembly. A majority vote of the  
1819 General Assembly is required for approval of any  
1820 amendment proposed in the mini-assembly.  
1821 (iii) Following the vote on any amendments proposed in  
1822 the mini-assembly, the General Assembly shall  
1823 vote on any amendments proposed by the Board of  
1824 Trustees. A majority vote is required to adopt such  
1825 amendments. Following the vote on all  
1826 amendments, the General Assembly shall vote on  
1827 preliminary approval of the Article II proposal. A  
1828 majority vote is required for preliminary approval.  
1829 (iv) If no amendments proposed in the mini-assembly  
1830 are adopted by the General Assembly pursuant to  
1831 subsection (c)(3)(ii) above, the Article II proposal

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1832 shall be submitted for final approval to the next  
1833 regular General Assembly. Final approval requires  
1834 a two-thirds vote of the General Assembly. No  
1835 amendments may be considered.

1836 (v) If one or more amendments proposed in the mini  
1837 assembly are adopted by the General Assembly,  
1838 the Article II proposal shall be referred to the study  
1839 commission. Within six months after the close of  
1840 the General Assembly, the study commission,  
1841 taking into account the decisions of the General  
1842 Assembly, shall prepare the proposal to amend  
1843 Article II. The Board of Trustees shall put this  
1844 proposal on the agenda of the next regular General  
1845 Assembly.

1846 (4) At the next regular General Assembly following the  
1847 process described in subsection (c)(3)(v), above, the  
1848 Article II proposal is subject to amendment only by a  
1849 three-fourths vote in favor of an amendment submitted to  
1850 the General Assembly in writing by ~~the Board of Trustees,~~  
~~1851 a district, or~~ a minimum of fifteen (15) certified  
1852 congregations, as described in Section 15.2 of these  
1853 Bylaws. Final approval of the Article II proposal requires  
1854 a two-thirds vote of the General Assembly.

1855 (5) If the Article II proposal does not receive the requisite  
1856 approval at the General Assembly following the  
1857 completion of the study process described in subsection  
1858 (c)(3)(iv) or subsection (c)(4), above, neither the proposal  
1859 nor another proposal that is substantively similar shall be  
1860 placed on the agenda of the next regular General  
1861 Assembly.

1862 (6) If no study process of Article II has occurred for a period  
1863 of fifteen years, the Board of Trustees shall appoint a  
1864 commission to study Article II for not more than two years  
1865 and to recommend appropriate revisions, if any, thereto to  
1866 the Board of Trustees for inclusion on the agenda of the  
1867 next regular General Assembly. The Board of Trustees  
1868 shall also include on the agenda any amendments that it  
1869 recommends to the study commission proposal.  
1870 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained  
1871 herein, proposals to amend Article II which are  
1872 promulgated by a study commission in accordance with  
1873 this paragraph shall be subject to a two-step approval  
1874 process as described in subsections (c)(3) and (c)(4),  
1875 above.



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**1876 \*Section 15.2. Submission of Proposed Amendment.**

1877 Proposed amendments to these Bylaws may be submitted only by:

1878 (a) the Board of Trustees;

1879 (b) the General Assembly Planning Committee;

1880 (c) the Commission on Appraisal;

1881 (d) not less than fifteen certified member congregations by action

1882 of their governing boards or their congregations; such

1883 proposed amendments to Bylaws must be received by the

1884 Board of Trustees on February 1 whenever the regular

1885 General Assembly opens in June; otherwise, not less than

1886 110 days before the General Assembly.; or

1887 (e) ~~intentionally left blank a district by official action at a duly called district meeting at~~

~~1888 which a quorum is present, such proposed amendment to be~~

~~1889 received by the Board of Trustees on February 1 whenever~~

~~1890 the regular General Assembly opens in June; otherwise, not~~

~~1891 less than 110 days before the next General Assembly.~~

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**2402 Rule G-4.12.1. Report of Comments on UUA**

**2403 Statements of Conscience.**

2404 The Commission on Social Witness shall report to the General

2405 Assembly in summary fashion those comments on UUA Statements

2406 of Conscience submitted to it by member congregations ~~and~~

~~2407 districts.~~

**2408 Rule G-4.12.2. Study/Action Issues for Social Justice.**

2409 The Commission on Social Witness shall prepare (and the Board of

2410 Trustees shall include with the Tentative Agenda) a report

2411 summarizing the numbers and topics of the proposed

2412 Congregational Study/Action Issues submitted by the certified

2413 member congregations ~~districts~~, and sponsored organizations as

2414 defined in Section 4.12(a)(1), and the criteria which it used in

2415 selecting proposed Congregational Study/Action Issues included in

2416 the Congregational Poll. Each proposed Congregational

2417 Study/Action Issue that appears on the Tentative Agenda shall be

2418 accompanied by previous General Resolutions, actions and

2419 statements on related issues, with dates (if applicable), and the

2420 names or number of congregations submitting issues included

2421 within such proposed Congregational Study/Action Issue.

**2422 Rule G-4.12.3 Report on Implementation of UUA**

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**2423 Statements of Conscience.**

2424 The UUA Administration shall report at each regular General  
2425 Assembly regarding implementation of UUA Statements of  
2426 Conscience with particular reference to the most recently adopted  
2427 Statement of Conscience. Such report shall summarize  
2428 implementation by member congregations, ~~Districts~~, UUA staff and  
2429 other Unitarian Universalist groups.

**2454 Section 4.18. Agenda Rules.**

**2455 Rule G-4.18.1. Notice to Member Congregations ~~and~~  
2456 ~~Districts~~.**

2457 By November 1 whenever in the fiscal year the General Assembly  
2458 opens in June, otherwise not less than two hundred and ten days  
2459 before each regular General Assembly, each certified member  
2460 congregation ~~and district~~ shall be notified of the dates for submitting  
2461 items for the Tentative and Final Agenda, the procedure to be  
2462 followed, and the forms to be used.

**2901 RULE XIII Regional Organizations**

**2902 Section C-13.2. Establishment.**

**2903 Rule G-13.2.1. Establishing Districts ~~or~~ Regions.**

2904 (a) ~~There shall be districts named Ballou Channing, Clara~~  
2905 ~~Barton, Florida, Joseph Priestley, Massachusetts Bay,~~  
2906 ~~Metropolitan New York, MidAmerica, Mountain Desert, Mid-~~  
2907 ~~South, Northern New England, Ohio Meadville, Pacific~~  
2908 ~~Central, Pacific Northwest, Pacific Southwest, St. Lawrence,~~  
2909 ~~Southeast, and Southwestern.~~ Intentionally left blank.

2910 (b) Each district ~~or region~~ shall be composed of the  
congregations

2911 assigned to that district ~~or region~~ by the Board of Trustees

2912 (c ) The boundaries of each district ~~or region~~ encompass the areas served  
2913 by its member congregations.

2914 (d) Upon application to the Board of Trustees and after notice  
2915 and an opportunity to be heard is afforded the affected

2916 districts ~~or regions~~, a congregation may change its ~~district or regional~~ membership  
2917 with approval of the Board of Trustees.

2918 (e) The ~~District~~ Map of Districts ~~or Regions~~ ~~published in the Annual Directory~~ contains  
2919 boundaries that are an approximation only of the boundary  
2920 lines determined pursuant to subparagraph (c) above and are  
2921 intended primarily as a guide for the newly admitted  
2922 congregation in determining its membership.

2923 (f) Transition Provision. The amendments to Rule G-13.2.1  
2924 deleting the Central Midwest, Heartland, and Prairie Star  
2925 Districts shall not become effective until those Districts

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2926 dissolve. This transition provision shall automatically be  
2927 deleted from the bylaws following the first regular General  
2928 Assembly occurring after all of those districts have dissolved.  
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2947 **Section 15.2. Submission of Proposed Amendments.**

2948 **Rule G-15.2.1. Form of Submission.**

2949 A proposed amendment to the Bylaws submitted by certified  
2950 member congregations **or a district** must include:

2951 (a) the Article and Section which it is proposed to amend or  
2952 repeal;

2953 (b) a concise summary of the principal arguments on which the  
2954 proponents rely; and

2955 (c) other Articles (or Sections) or "G" Rules affected by the  
2956 proposed amendment and proposed text of any necessary  
2957 conforming amendments and "G" Rules.

***PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.***

**Moved that the following Bylaws changes relating to Proposed Changes to Finance Leadership on the UUA Board of Trustees be added to the Tentative Agenda for GA2015 with the understanding that the Table of Contents to the Bylaws will also be amended to be consistent with these changes and that minor technical corrections may be made prior to publication of the Tentative Agenda.**

Insertions are underlined; deletions are struck through

#### 7.1 Committees of the Board of Trustees

The standing committees of the Board of Trustees shall be:

- a. the Executive Committee;
- b. the Ministerial Fellowship Committee;
- c. ~~the Finance Committee;~~
- d. the Investment Committee;
- e. the Religious Education Credentialing Committee; and
- f. the Audit Committee.

The President shall be a member, without vote, of the Executive Committee, ~~the Finance Committee,~~ and the Investment Committee.

#### 7.5 Executive Committee

The Executive Committee shall consist of the Moderator, the First Vice Moderator, the Secretary, the Financial Advisor, and the Financial Secretary. ~~Chair of the Finance Committee.~~  
The position on the committee occupied by the First Vice Moderator shall be filled by the

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Second Vice Moderator at any meeting of the committee from which the First Vice Moderator is absent or at which the First Vice Moderator is presiding in the absence of the Moderator. The position on the committee occupied by the Secretary shall be filled by the Assistant Secretary at any meeting of the committee from which the Secretary is absent. The Executive Committee shall conduct the current and ordinary business of the Association between meetings of the Board of Trustees. If between meetings of the Board of Trustees, matters arise which (1) in the opinion of the Executive Committee are not current and ordinary business but in the best interests of the Association must nevertheless be acted upon, or (2) the Executive Committee has been authorized by the Board to be acted upon, then the Executive Committee may act thereon for the Board of Trustees, but only if four or more members vote the action.

### ~~Section 7.7 Finance Committee~~

~~The Finance Committee shall consist of the Financial Advisor, the Treasurer, five trustees, and the Moderator without vote. The duties of the Finance Committee are set forth in Article X.~~

### Section 7.14 Audit Committee

The Audit Committee shall consist of ~~five~~ four members as follows:  
three persons appointed by the Board, none of whom are members of the Board or hold a salaried position with the Association; and the Financial Advisor; ~~and~~  
~~a member of the Finance Committee, who shall be appointed by the Board.~~  
No member of the Audit Committee shall serve for more than four terms on the Audit Committee.  
The duties of the Audit Committee are set forth in Article X.

### ~~10.2 Duties of the Finance Committee~~ Duties of the Financial Secretary

The Financial Secretary facilitates the Board's conversations in order to fulfill its financial responsibilities.

~~The Finance Committee shall submit proposed annual budgets for the Association to the Board of Trustees and make recommendations to the Board with respect to major financial policies of the Association other than those pertaining to investments. It shall review the use made of specific funds held by the Association and shall also recommend long-range financial plans.~~

(According to bylaw 14.2, the Board may amend Rule 8.17 following passage of the above changes at General Assembly.)

### Rule 8.17 Other Appointed Officers

The members serving without pay on the Ministerial Fellowship Committee, ~~Finance Committee~~, and Investment Committees are designated as officers of the Association for the purposes, only, of carrying out their duties as members of such committees. The powers and duties of such members are as defined in the Bylaws, Rules, and Policies adopted by the Board of Trustees.

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***PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.***

**Moved** by the Governance Working Group (and therefore not needed a second) that the following Monitoring Reports be accepted as written for the following policies:

1.0, ENDS; 1.1, Covenanted, Accountable, Healthy and Mission Driven;  
1.2, Congregation & Community Networks;  
1.3, Inclusive;  
1.4, Countering Power, Privilege, and Oppression;  
1.5, Deepening Spiritual & Religious Exploration;  
1.6, Increasing People Served;  
1.7, Increasing Congregations & Communities;  
1.8, Increasing Ordained & Lay Religious Leaders;  
1.9 Partners Invested in the Future;  
with the understanding that for the next cycle, reports will include at least baseline data.

***PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.***

**Moved** by the Governance Working Group (and therefore not needed a second) that the following Monitoring Reports be accepted as written with the request that recommendations on data collection and processing be considered in preparation for the next reporting cycle:

2.1, Treatment of People  
2.1.1 Full Participation  
2.1.2, Cultural Misappropriation  
2.1.3, Confidentiality, Safety, & Privacy  
2.1.4, Response to Misconduct

***PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.***

**Moved** by the Governance Working Group (and therefore not needed a second) that the following Monitoring Reports be accepted as written with the request that recommendations on data collection and processing be considered in preparation for the next reporting cycle:

2.11, Election Practices;  
2.11.1, Candidate Information Publication.

***PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.***

**Moved** by Donna Harrison and seconded by Rob Eller-Isaacs that two policies be deleted: Policies 2.11.2, Candidate Favoritism, and 2.11.3, Information for Nominees.

***PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.***

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**Moved** by the Congregational Boundaries working group and therefore not needing a second that the Board approve the amendments to Rules 16, 20, 21A, 21B and 21D of the Rules of the Ministerial Fellowship Committee, as approved and recommended to the UUA Board by the Ministerial Fellowship Committee on September 21, 2014 and January 1, 2015.”

~~STRIKETHROUGH~~ indicates deletions recommended September 21, 2014. **Bold Type** indicates new language proposed on September 21, 2014.

~~STRIKETHROUGH~~ indicates deletion proposed January 1, 2015. **Bold Red Type** indicates new language proposed to be added January 1, 2015.

#### 16B. PROCEDURES FOR REMOVING MINISTERS FROM PRELIMINARY FELLOWSHIP.

When warranted the staff of Ministries and Faith Development Staff Group may handle situations that arise concerning a minister’s performance.

If the Executive Committee deems that evidence warrants a review of the minister’s Preliminary Fellowship, it will ask the minister to meet with the Executive Committee for a Fellowship Review at the next most convenient meeting. The Executive Committee shall give the minister a minimum of 30 days notice. The minister may submit any relevant material prior to the Executive Committee’s decision. The minister must be accompanied by a Good Offices person of the UUMA, who must be a minister in Final Fellowship. Expenses for both ministers’ travel will be borne by the MFC. **The Executive Committee shall also invite the person filing the complaint to consider meeting personally with the Executive Committee, accompanied by an advocate designated by the Office of Ethics and Safety. The option to appear before the committee shall be in person or by secured teleconference software. The choice between such methods of appearance shall be in the discretion of the invitee. All expenses involved in the travel and appearance of the person filing the complaint, or individual representatives of classes of victims, will be borne by the Committee.**

Following the Fellowship Review with the Executive Committee, the minister will be informed of the decision of the Executive Committee as to whether the minister will be continued in Preliminary Fellowship and/or any contingencies that have been voted before the minister can continue in Fellowship.

A recommendation by the Executive Committee to terminate a minister’s preliminary fellowship will be referred to the full Committee for a vote.

If the Executive Committee established contingencies or makes requests of the minister, the minister’s failure to satisfactorily fulfill the contingencies and/or requests shall constitute grounds for termination of Preliminary Fellowship.

20. COMPLAINT PROCEDURES (revisions to first paragraph only)

Complaints or issues regarding a minister's conduct or performance may be raised by the MFC at any time through the initiation of a Fellowship Review. Any individual wishing to file a complaint against a minister must contact the Intake Person for the Office of Ethics and Safety. Complaints must be in writing and contain first hand knowledge or experience. At the "intake" stage, the Intake Person for the Office of Ethics and Safety hears the complaint, provides information on the process, responds to questions from the complainant and conducts an assessment of the complaint to determine whether the complaint should be referred on to the MFC. **The assessment shall include any statements by the persons filing the complaint about any other victims, or classes of victims, that should receive consideration if the complaint is referred to the MFC.**

21. PROCEDURES FOR REVIEW OF FINAL FELLOWSHIP.

The Committee may call for a Fellowship Review on its own motion or upon the receipt of a complaint regarding a minister's conduct or competence. Action may be taken by the Ministerial Fellowship Committee regarding a minister's Final Fellowship status for unbecoming conduct, incompetence or other specified cause after notice and opportunity for a Fellowship Review before the Committee.

A. The MFC shall give the minister notice and an opportunity to be heard before the MFC. The minister may submit any relevant material to the Committee and will be given copies of any documents upon which the Committee may rely. The minister will be invited to meet with the Executive Committee of the MFC and is expected to be accompanied by a UUMA Good Offices person in Final Fellowship. **The Executive Committee shall also invite the person filing the complaint to consider meeting personally with the Executive Committee, accompanied by an advocate designated by the Office of Ethics and Safety. The option to appear before the committee shall be in person or by secured teleconference software. The choice between such methods of appearance shall be in the discretion of the invitee.** The Executive Committee may determine that no further action is warranted, may propose to the full Committee a mutually agreed upon course of redress, or may determine that further investigation and a full Committee Fellowship Review is warranted.

B. If a full Committee Fellowship Review is called for, the Executive Committee will assign an investigative team from ~~within~~ **outside** the Ministerial Fellowship Committee's membership, ~~or individuals charged by the~~ to be in contact with complainants and other individuals the team deems relevant. Information gathered by the investigative team will be shared with the Committee and with the minister.

D. All expenses involved in the travel and appearance of the minister and the minister's Good Offices person will be borne by the Committee. **All expenses involved in the travel and appearance of the person filing the complaint, or individual representatives of classes of victims, will be borne by the Committee.**

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***PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.***

**Moved** by Donna Harrison and seconded by Lew Phinney the following motions:

That the Rule 6.41 of the Association be amended to reflect the decision around Trustee assignment made at the April, 2014 Board meeting.

Insertions are in red

Deletions are ~~red strikethrough~~

2547 **Rule 6.4.1. ~~Division of Distriets~~ Assignment of Trustees for Election Purposes.**

2548 ~~The Trustees representing distriets are divided into the following two~~

2549 ~~groups:~~

2550 ~~GROUP A GROUP B~~

2551 ~~Clara Barton Ballou Channing~~

2552 ~~Florida Central Midwest~~

2553 ~~Mid-South Heartland~~

2554 ~~Mountain Desert Joseph Priestley~~

2555 ~~Ohio Meadville Massachusetts Bay~~

2556 ~~Pacific Northwest Metropolitan New York~~

2557 ~~Pacific Southwest Northern New England~~ 2558 ~~Southwest Pacific Central~~

2559 ~~St. Lawrence Prairie Star~~

2560 ~~Southeast~~

As of April 2014, the Trustee slots were assigned numbers as follows:

1. Natalia Averett
2. Rob Eller-Isaacs
3. Clyde Grubbs
4. Susan Weaver
5. Donna Harrison
6. Lew Phinney
7. Susan Ritchie
8. Sarah Stewart
9. Michael Sallwasser
10. Julian Sharp
11. James Snell

***TABLED***

**That Rules 3.3.6 and 3.5.2 be amended to accommodate both regions and districts:**

2022 Rule 3.3.6. Order of Administrative Procedure.

2023 The order of administrative procedure:



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2024 (a) Application for congregational membership in the Association

2025 will first be referred to UUA staff.

2026 (b) UUA staff will seek information and advice with respect to all

2027 applications as follows:

2028 U.S. Congregations – District or Regional President or other Official as designated in writing to the UUA Board of Trustees by the District or Region.

2029 Other Congregations – Executive Officer of appropriate

2030 Unitarian or Universalist or Unitarian Universalist

2031 international group, if any.

2032 (c) UUA staff will make its recommendation to the President of

2033 the Association, and the President shall then make

2034 recommendations to the Board of Trustees of the UUA for its

2035 final action.

2067 Rule 3.5.2. Inactive Congregations

2068 In September of each year UUA staff shall initiate the process of

2069 contacting congregations in the inactive category to determine their

2070 status.

2071 This process includes:

2072 (a) requesting a list of congregations that have failed to submit

2073 an annual report for three consecutive fiscal years;

2074 (b) forwarding this list to the UUA's District Staff with copies to 2075 District or Regional Presidents or other appropriate District or Regional Official and District Trustees for their information;

2076 (c) upon receipt of the annual inactive congregations list and 2077 pursuant to the UUA's by-laws section C-3.6, the UUA's 2078 District staff shall follow up with any congregation in their 2079 district;

2080 (d) after follow up the District or Regional staff shall make a recommendation

2081 about each congregation's status to the UUA Board for action

2082 at its April meeting.

**PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**That the proposed amendments to Rule G-9.13.7 and Rule G-19.13.8 be placed on the tentative agenda for GA2015 with the understanding that minor technical corrections may be made prior to publishing the tentative agenda.**

*Rule G-9.13.7. Length of Campaigns for President and Moderator.*

*3 Campaigns for President and Moderator may appropriately begin with small campaign committee organizational meetings and mass mailing letters no earlier than November February 1 of the second calendar year preceding the election year in which the election is to be held.*

*4 Notwithstanding the provisions of sub-paragraph "a," potential candidates may communicate with individuals to discern their fitness for office, their potential level of*

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support, and ability to raise funds should they be nominated

~~<sup>10</sup>Active campaigning and solicitation of endorsements shall not begin prior to January 1 of the year preceding these elections.~~

~~<sup>11</sup>No electioneering (defined as publicly announced meetings, rallies or exploratory events) of any sort shall occur at the General Assembly two years preceding the elections for President and Moderator. Private meetings about campaign organization that take place outside of General Assembly booked meeting spaces are permissible.~~

Rule G-9.13.8 Campaign Finances Limits and Disclosure.

**273B2714 Rule G-9.13.8 Campaign Finances Disclosure.**

2715 All candidates for at-large elective positions shall keep detailed and  
2716 accurate records of:

2717 (a) their campaign expenses (stated in United  
States dollars) by 2718 categories of travel, postage,  
telephone, printing and other 2719 such categories as  
seem appropriate;

2720 (b) the number of contributors to their campaigns,  
including the 2721 number of contributors in each of the  
following categories: 2722 (1) under \$50.00;

2723 (2) \$50.00 to \$100.00;

2724 (3) \$101.00 to \$250.00;

2725 (4) \$251.00 to \$500.00; and

2726 (5) over \$500.00; and

2727 (c) the number of contributions and the total  
amount of 2728 contributions received from each  
group or organization 2729 supporting the  
campaign.

2730 No candidate for any elective position shall solicit or knowingly

2731 accept any contribution that is given through a tax-

exempt entity 2732 with the purpose of conferring tax-

exempt status to the contribution 2733 to which it would not  
otherwise be entitled. Such exempt entities 2734 include but

are not limited to member congregations, associate 2735

member organizations and independent UUA affiliates.

2736 The names of contributors shall be disclosed.

Each such report 2737 shall identify by name any  
member congregation, associate

2738 member organization or independent affiliate of the

Association and 2739 any other tax exempt organization

(including specifically, but without 2740 limitation to, any  
minister's discretionary fund or similar account) 2741 that

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has made any contribution to the campaign and shall state the  
2742 amount of each such contribution. Such reports shall be  
filed with 2743 the Secretary of the Association. A  
preliminary report shall be due 2744 at the close of the first  
day of the regular General Assembly at  
2745 which the election occurs. A final report shall be  
due 60 days 2746 thereafter. The Secretary shall,  
upon written request from a  
2747 member of a member congregation, furnish such information from  
2748 these reports as requested. These reports shall be  
made available 2749 for inspection by any member of a  
member congregation at the 2750 principal offices of the  
Association and shall be brought by the 2751 Secretary to  
the next General Assembly and made available for 2752  
inspection there by any delegate.

*Candidates for the office of President may, though the duration of the campaign, collect no more than \$5,000 from any individual or entity, including contributions from self, and no more than \$100,000 in total. These limits shall be enforced by the Election Campaign Practices Committee.*

***PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.***

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2747 member of a member congregation, furnish such information from  
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## **PROCESS OBSERVATION AND ADJOURNMENT**

Christina Rivera provided process observations and the meeting was adjourned by Moderator Jim Key at 10:12 AM EDT on Sunday, January 18, 2015.

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Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Harlan Limpert  
Clerk

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES SCHEDULE**

**January 2015, Boston, MA**

Thursday, January 15– Sunday, January 18

**February Monthly Board Conference Call**

February 26, 2015 8:00 to 9:30 PM EST

Call in information:

Toll Number: (201) 479-4595

Meeting Number: 26903742

**March 2015, Birmingham, AL**

Thursday, March 6 and Saturday, March 8

**March Monthly Board Conference Call**

March 26, 2015 8:00 to 9:30 PM EST

Call in information:

Toll Number: (201) 479-4595

Meeting Number: 26903850

**April Monthly Board Conference Call**

April 23, 2015 8:00 to 9:30 PM EST

Call in information:

Toll Number: (201) 479-4595

Meeting Number: 26903942

**May Monthly Board Conference Call**

May 28, 2015 8:00 to 9:30 PM EST

Call in information:

Toll Number: (201) 479-4595

Meeting Number: 26903998

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**June 2015, Portland, OR**

Tuesday, June 23 – Wednesday, June 24 – Board of Trustees meeting

Wednesday, June 24 – Sunday, June 28– General Assembly

Monday, June 29 – Board of Trustees

**October 2015, Boston, MA**

Thursday, October 15 –Sunday, October 18