Pursuant to notice duly given, a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Unitarian Universalist Association was held electronically on Thursday, February 26, 2015 at 8:00 PM EDT.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Andy Burnette, Donna Harrison, Jim Key, Peter Morales, Lew Phinney, Susan Ritchie, Christina Rivera, Michael Sallwasser, Julian Sharp, James Snell, Sarah Stewart, and Susan Weaver.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Larry Ladd, Rob Eller-Isaacs

ALSO PRESENT: Limpert, Janapol, and observers.

The meeting was called to order by Moderator Jim Key at 8:00 PM EST.

Jim Key informed the board on Thursday night that one of the four candidates for the UUA board, Rev. Maria-Christina Vlassidis Burgoa, has withdrawn her name from consideration. She has determined that other commitments would make it impossible for her to serve.

The board will wait until after GA before appointing a replacement. That person will serve until GA 2016 when an election will be held.

Susan Ritchie moved (no second needed), on behalf of the Presidential Search Committee, a motion regarding Campaign Finances and Limitations with the following rationale:

Rationale: These changes follow the recommendations of the Presidential Search Committee for establishing campaign finance limits for Presidential elections. These limitations make the election financially accessible to persons with different personal, economic, social, and political resources, while still asking the candidate to demonstrate fund raising capacity. Other changes eliminate one unnecessary sentence and expand the categories of reportable donations.

Official motion:

Rule G-9.13.8 Campaign Finances Disclosures and Limitations.
Candidates for UUA President are limited to spending no more than $100,000 on their campaign for election. No single donor, including the candidate themselves and any organization or group, may contribute more than $5,000 in total, to a presidential campaign. In-kind donations of greater than $500 equivalent cash value are reportable, but do not count against these totals. All candidates for at-large elective positions shall keep detailed and accurate records of:

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

b. the number of contributors to their campaigns, including the number of contributors in each of the following categories:
   1. under $50.00,
   2. $50.00 to $100.00 $250.00,
   3. $101.00 $251.00 to $250 $1000.00,
   4. $251.00 $500.00, and
   4. Over $500.00 $1000.00, and
   5. In-kind donations with an equivalent cash value of $500 or more.

c. the number of contributions and the total amount of contributions received from each group or organization supporting the campaign.

No candidate for any elective position shall solicit or knowingly accept any contribution that is given through a tax-exempt entity with the purpose of conferring tax-exempt status to the contribution to which it would not otherwise be entitled. Such exempt entities include but are not limited to member congregations, associate member organizations and independent UUA affiliates.

The names of contributors shall be disclosed. Each such report shall identify by name any member congregation, associate member organization or independent affiliate of the Association and any other tax exempt organization (including specifically, but without limitation to, any minister's discretionary fund or similar account) that has made any contribution to the campaign and shall state the amount of each such contribution. Such reports shall be filed with the Secretary of the Association. A preliminary report shall be due at the close of the first day of the regular General Assembly at which the election occurs. A final report shall be due 60 days thereafter. The Secretary shall upon written request from a member of a member congregation furnish such information from these reports as requested. These reports shall be made available for inspection by any member of a member congregation at the principal offices of the Association and shall be brought by the Secretary to the next General Assembly and made available for inspection there by any delegate.

Motion carried unanimously.
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Donna Harrison moved on behalf of the Governance Working Group (therefore requiring no second) 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 final 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 Trustees at any time, and shall be called upon petition of not less 185 than fifty certified member congregations by action of the governing 186 boards of 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 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 288 as prescribed in Article XV, Section 15.2;
289 (c) items referred by the preceding General Assembly;
290 (d) Business Resolutions and proposed amendments to Bylaws 291 and Rules submitted by the Commission on Appraisal;
292 (e) all proposed amendments to Rules and all Business 293 Resolutions as defined in Rule G-4.18.2, submitted by: 294 (1) the Board of Trustees or the Executive Committee; 295 (2) not less than fifteen certified member congregations by
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296 action of their governing boards or their congregations;
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298 (3) a petition by not less than 250 members of certified
299 member congregations with no more than 10 members
300 of any one member congregation counted as part of the
301 250;
302 (f) proposed amendments to Rules and Business Resolutions
303 submitted by a district by official action at a duly called
304 meeting at which a quorum is present but not in excess of
305 three Business Resolutions per district; intentionally left blank and
306 (g) Proposed Congregational Study/Action Issues submitted by
307 the Commission on Social Witness pursuant to Section
308 4.12(a).
309 Resolutions submitted under (d), (e)(2), and (e)(3) and (f) must be
310 received by the Board of Trustees by February November 1 whenever the
311 regular General Assembly opens in June. If the General Assembly
312 opens in a month other than June, the Business Resolutions
313 submitted under (d), (e)(2), and (e)(3) and (f) must be received no later
314 than 110 days before the date set for the opening of that General Assembly.
315 The UUA Statements of Conscience process deadlines
316 are established by Sections 4.12(a) and (c) and by the Board of
317 Trustees pursuant to Section 4.13 whenever one or more regular
318 General Assembly is scheduled to begin in a month other than
319 June. The Board of Trustees shall include on the Tentative Agenda
320 all items so submitted. It may submit alternative versions of
321 Business Resolutions in addition to the original ones submitted if in
322 its judgment such alternatives clarify the resolutions and may make
323 such changes in the Business Resolutions as are necessary to
324 324 make each conform to a standard format. It may also submit one or
325 more alternative versions for the purpose of combining two or more
326 Business Resolutions. Adoption of Business Resolutions by a
327 General Assembly shall be by two-thirds vote. The Tentative
328 Agenda shall be mailed to each member congregation, associate
329 member organization and trustee by March 1 if the General
330 Assembly opens in June; otherwise, not less than 90 days before
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
Congregational Study/Action Issues shall be included for
approval by the congregations on the Congregational Poll
ballot, such ballot to be available and congregations
notified of its availability by November 15 of the same
year. Congregational Poll ballots concerning the proposed
Congregational Study/Action Issue shall be due by
February 1 of the following year (the first Cycle year).
(3) For the proposed Congregational Study/Action Issue to be
placed on the Final Agenda of the General Assembly
twenty-five percent (25%) of all certified congregations
must participate in the ballot vote concerning the
proposed Congregational Study/Action Issues.
(4) The proposed Congregational Study/Action Issue shall be
ranked in the order of the votes received in the
Congregational Poll. The Study/Action Issues receiving
the most votes (not to exceed five in number) shall be
submitted to the General Assembly as follows:
(i) Each of the Proposed Congregational Study/Action
Issues shall be presented to the General Assembly by
a delegate, and one such proposed Congregational
Study/Action Issue shall be referred for study by virtue
of having received the highest number of votes
among all proposed Congregational Study/Action
votes cast by the General Assembly; provided,
however, that if no proposed Congregational
Study/Action Issue receives a majority of the votes
cast, then a second vote shall be taken between the
two issues receiving the highest number of votes cast.
in the initial election.

(ii) After one Congregational Study/Action Issue has been referred for study in accordance with (i), above, the UUA staff shall conduct a workshop to discuss processes for study and action on the selected issue.

By November 1 following the General Assembly, the UUA staff shall have developed a resource guide pertaining to the Congregational Study/Action Issue selected by the General Assembly. The resource guide shall be made available and congregations notified of its availability.

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

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

Second Cycle Year

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

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

Third Cycle Year

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

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

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

(4) The Commission on Social Witness shall then prepare a revised draft of the UUA Statement of Conscience taking into consideration comments received by the members of the UUA Statements of Conscience on the Final Agenda.

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

(d) Fourth Cycle Year

(1) If the draft UUA Statement of Conscience is placed on the Final Agenda for the next regular meeting of the General Assembly, then the next General Assembly must debate and vote on the proposed UUA Statement of Conscience. Adoption of the UUA Statement of Conscience shall require a two-thirds vote.

(2) If (i) the proposed UUA Statement of Conscience is not placed on the Final Agenda for the next regular meeting of the General Assembly; or (ii) the General Assembly chooses, by a two-thirds vote, to refer the proposed UUA Statement of Conscience to the Commission on Social Witness for one additional year of study/action, then the Commission of Social Witness shall continue the study and revision of the proposed UUA Statement of Conscience for one more year. The revised UUA Statement of Conscience may be placed on the Final Agenda for the next regular meeting of the General Assembly pursuant to subsections (c)(3), (c)(4) and (c)(5) above. If, by the regular meeting of the General Assembly following the additional year the Commission on Social Witness has been unable to find support to generate an acceptable UUA Statement of Conscience, the Congregational Study/Action Issue may be placed on the Final Agenda with a proposal to drop such Congregational Study/Action Issue.

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

(e) The Cycle may begin again, as set forth in Section 4.12(a), only after the General Assembly in the second Cycle year of a
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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:
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
528 Assemblies.
529 The Board of Trustees shall prepare the agenda for each special
530 General Assembly which shall include resolutions and proposed
531 amendments to Rules submitted by:
532 (a) the Board of Trustees;
533 (b) the petition, if any, which calls the special General Assembly;
534 (c) not less than 50 certified member congregations by action of
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their governing boards or their congregations, with no more
than 20 of the 50 congregations from the same district or region.
The agenda shall be mailed to each member congregation,
associate member organization and trustee not less than 30 days
before the General Assembly.

Section 4.16. Additions to the Agenda of Regular General Assemblies.
(a) Non-substantive items related to greetings and similar matters
may be admitted to the agenda by a regular General Assembly.
(b) Prior to 2013, there will be no General Assembly Actions of
Immediate Witness on the agenda.
(c) (1) A General Assembly Action of Immediate Witness is
one concerned with a significant action, event or
development, the timing or specificity of which makes it
inappropriate to be addressed by a UUA Statement of
Conscience pursuant to the Study/Action process.
(2) Beginning with General Assembly 2013, no more than
three General Assembly Actions of Immediate Witness
may be admitted to the agenda of a regular General Assembly.
(3) A petition to admit an Action of Immediate Witness to
the agenda must be submitted by a delegate and
signed by 150 delegates from at least 25 congregations
in at least five districts or regions. If six petitions or fewer are
received, all petitions received that have the requisite
level of delegate and congregation support are eligible
to be considered for possible admission to the agenda.
In the event more than six petitions are submitted that
satisfy the sponsorship requirement, the Commission
on Social Witness shall select six from among those
which meet the criteria for a General Assembly Action
of Immediate Witness, and shall submit those six
actions to the agenda of the General Assembly for
possible admission. The Commission on Social Witness
shall prepare summaries of no more than six petitions
and present those summaries to the General Assembly
for a vote to rank the petitions in order of delegate
support. The three petitions receiving the most votes
are eligible for admission to the agenda. If there are
submitted three or fewer petitions meeting the criteria
for a General Assembly Action of Immediate Witness,
each of the petitions is eligible for admission to the
agenda.
(4) The motion to admit each General Assembly Action of
Immediate Witness ruled eligible is not debatable, but
an opportunity for a two-minute statement of advocacy
by one of its sponsors prior to any such motion shall be
provided. Admission of a General Assembly Action of
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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
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
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.
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
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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 approved by one General Assembly, may be amended at
1756 any time prior to final adoption. If the Moderator rules that
1757 the amendment to the proposal is substantive, final
1758 adoption shall only be by a subsequent General
1759 Assembly except that any such proposal that has been
1760 under consideration for final approval at three successive
1761 regular General Assemblies shall not be subject to
1762 substantive amendment and shall be submitted to a vote
1763 for final approval at the third such regular General
1764 Assembly.
1765 (3) Such a proposal which, on any vote for final adoption,
1766 receives a majority but not a two-thirds vote, shall be
1767 placed on the agenda of the next regular General
1768 Assembly, at which it may be finally adopted if it receives
1769 the requisite approval. If the proposal is not passed by a
1770 two-thirds vote at the third regular General Assembly at
1771 which it is considered for final approval, neither the
1772 proposal nor another proposal that is substantively similar
1773 shall be placed on the agenda of the next regular General
1774 Assembly.
1775 Amendments to C Bylaws in Article II. A proposal to amend,
1776 repeal or add a new C Bylaw in Article II of these Bylaws shall
1777 be subject to the following process
1778 (1) Such a proposal shall be admitted to the agenda of a
1779 regular General Assembly for the purpose of determining
1780 whether the proposal shall be referred to a commission
1781 appointed by the Board of Trustees for study. Such a
1782 study shall involve member congregations. A majority
1783 vote at a regular General Assembly shall be required to
1784 refer such a proposal to the study commission. Once the
1785 study of the proposal is complete, which shall be
1786 concluded in no more than two years, the study
1787 commission shall submit to the Board of Trustees for
1788 inclusion on the agenda of the next regular General
1789 Assembly any amendments to Article II that the study
1790 commission recommends. The Board of Trustees shall
1791 also include on the agenda any amendments that it
1792 recommends to the study commission proposal.
1793 (2) A motion to dispense with the study process and give
1794 preliminary approval to a proposal to amend, repeal or
1795 add a new C Bylaw in Article II shall be in order during the
1796 General Assembly at which consideration of a motion to
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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:
1807 (i) During the General Assembly there
1808 shall be a mini
1809 assembly held during which amendments to the
1810 Article II proposal recommended by the study
1811 commission shall be considered.
1812 (ii) A delegate may submit in writing at the mini
1813 assembly an amendment to an Article II proposal.
1814 All such amendments shall be made available in
1815 writing to the General Assembly. The Moderator, in
1816 consultation with the chair of the study commission,
1817 the parliamentarian and legal counsel shall
1818 prioritize proposed amendments for consideration
1819 by the General Assembly. A majority vote of the
1820 General Assembly is required for approval of any
1821 amendment proposed in the mini-assembly.
1822 (iii) Following the vote on any amendments proposed in
1823 the mini-assembly, the General Assembly shall
1824 vote on any amendments proposed by the Board of
1825 Trustees. A majority vote is required to adopt such
1826 amendments. Following the vote on all
1827 amendments, the General Assembly shall vote on
1828 preliminary approval of the Article II proposal. A
1829 majority vote is required for preliminary approval.
1830 (iv) If no amendments proposed in the mini-assembly
1831 are adopted by the General Assembly pursuant to
1832 subsection (c)(3)(ii) above, the Article II proposal
1833 shall be submitted for final approval to the next
1834 regular General Assembly. Final approval requires
1835 a two-thirds vote of the General Assembly. No
1836 amendments may be considered.
1837 (v) If one or more amendments proposed in the mini
1838 assembly are adopted by the General Assembly,
1839 the Article II proposal shall be referred to the study
1840 commission. Within six months after the close of
1841 the General Assembly, the study commission,
1842 taking into account the decisions of the General
1843 Assembly, shall prepare the proposal to amend
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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.

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; and
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.
1887 (e) intentionally left blank.
1888 (f) depending upon whether a duly called district meeting at
1889 which a quorum is present, such proposed amendment to be
1890 received by the Board of Trustees on February 1 whenever
1891 the regular General Assembly opens in June; otherwise, not
1892 less than 110 days before the next General Assembly.

The Commission on Social Witness shall report to the General Assembly in summary fashion those comments on UUA Statements of Conscience submitted to it by member congregations and districts.


The Commission on Social Witness shall prepare (and the Board of Trustees shall include with the Tentative Agenda) a report summarizing the numbers and topics of the proposed Congregational Study/Action Issues submitted by the certified member congregations, districts, and sponsored organizations as defined in Section 4.12(a)(1), and the criteria which it used in selecting proposed Congregational Study/Action Issues included in the Congregational Poll. Each proposed Congregational Study/Action Issue that appears on the Tentative Agenda shall be accompanied by previous General Resolutions, actions and statements on related issues, with dates (if applicable), and the names or number of congregations submitting issues included within such proposed Congregational Study/Action Issue.


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

Section 4.18. Agenda Rules.

Rule G-4.18.1. Notice to Member Congregations and Districts.

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

RULE XIII Regional Organizations
Section C-13.2. Establishment.

Rule G-13.2.1. Establishing Districts or Regions.

(a) There shall be districts named Ballou Channing, Clara Barton, Florida, Joseph Priestley, Massachusetts Bay, Metropolitan New York, Mid America, Mountain Desert, Mid-South, Northern New England, Ohio Meadville, Pacific
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2000 Central, Pacific Northwest, Pacific Southwest, St. Lawrence,
2009 Southeast, and Southwestern. Intentionally left blank.
(b) Each district or region shall be composed of the
congregations
assigned to that district or region by the Board of Trustees.
(c) The boundaries of each district or region encompass the areas served
by its member congregations.
(d) Upon application to the Board of Trustees and after notice
and an opportunity to be heard is afforded the affected
districts or regions, a congregation may change its district or regional membership
with approval of the Board of Trustees.
(e) The District Map of Districts and Regions published on the UUA Website published
in the Annual Directory contains
boundaries that are an approximation only of the boundary
delines determined pursuant to subparagraph (c) above and are
intended primarily as a guide for the newly admitted
congregation in determining its membership.
(f) Transition Provision. The amendments to Rule G-13.2.1
deleting the Central Midwest, Heartland, and Prairie Star
districts shall not become effective until those districts
dissolve. This transition provision shall automatically be
deleted from the bylaws following the first regular General
Assembly occurring after all of those districts have dissolved.

Section 15.2, Submission of Proposed Amendments.
Rule G-15.2.1. Form of Submission.
A proposed amendment to the Bylaws submitted by certified
member congregations or a district must include:
(a) the Article and Section which it is proposed to amend or
repeal;
(b) a concise summary of the principal arguments on which the
proponents rely; and
(c) other Articles (or Sections) or "G" Rules affected by the
proposed amendment and proposed text of any necessary
conforming amendments and "G" Rules.

Sarah Stewart made a motion on behalf of the Finance Committee (therefore requiring no
second) that was passed unanimously:

10.2 Duties of the Finance Committee. Election and Duties of the Financial Secretary
The Financial Secretary shall be elected from among the members of the Board of Trustees by its
members. 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
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The topic of changes to the Commission on Appraisal was discussed and tabled until the March board meeting.

A motion was made to adjourn by Sarah Stewart at 8:48 PM EST and the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Harlan Limpert
Clerk

BOARD OF TRUSTEES SCHEDULE

March 2015, Selma, 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:
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   Toll Number: (201) 479-4595
   Meeting Number: 26903998

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

July 2015 Monthly Conference Call
July 23, 2015 8:00 to 9:30 PM EST
Call in information:
   Toll Number: (201) 479-4595
   Meeting Number: 28356694

August 2015, Boston, MA – New Trustee Orientation
Monday, August 24, 2015 8:00 to 9:30 PM EST

September 2015 Monthly Conference Call
September 24, 2015 8:00 to 9:30 PM EST
Call in information:
   Toll Number: (201) 479-4595
   Meeting Number: 28356714

October 2015, Boston, MA
Thursday, October 15 –October retreat for all board members
Friday, October 16 to Sunday, Oct 18 – Board meeting in Boston

November 2015 Monthly Conference Call
November 19, 2015 8:00 to 9:30 PM EST
Call in information:
   Toll Number: (201) 479-4595
   Meeting Number: 28356738

December 2015 Monthly Conference Call
December 17, 2015 8:00 to 9:30 PM EST
Call in information:
   Toll Number: (201) 479-4595
   Meeting Number: 28356746

January 2016
Friday, January 22 to Sunday, January 24 – Location TBD

February 2016 Monthly Conference Call
February 25, 2016 8:00 to 9:30 PM EST
Call in information:
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February 26, 2015  
  Toll Number: (201) 479-4595  
  Meeting Number: 28356754  

March 2016 Monthly Conference Call  
March 24, 2016 8:00 to 9:30 PM EST  
Call in information:  
  Toll Number: (201) 479-4595  
  Meeting Number: 28356770  

April 2016, Boston, MA  
Friday, April 15 to Sunday, April 17  
(Note: This is changed from April 22 to 24 due to Passover)  

June 2016, Columbus, OH  
Tuesday, June 21 – Wednesday, June 22 – Board of Trustees meeting  
Wednesday, June 22 – Sunday June 26 – General Assembly  
Monday, June 27 – Board of Trustees meeting