

Bylaw Amendments

General Session 4 – Friday, June 22, 2018

1. CHANGE TO PRINCIPLES AND PURPOSES

As this proposed Bylaw change received over a four fifths vote at last year's General Assembly, no amendments to this proposed change are allowed this year. The proposed Bylaw change comes to you in the form shown on page 76 of your Final Agenda.

2. CONGREGATIONAL LINKAGE

This proposed amendment was submitted by the Joseph Priestly District.

118 **Section 6.16. Congregational linkage**

119 The Board of Trustees shall establish and maintain means by which congregations may
120 communicate directly with the Board concerning governance of the Association, and receive from
121 the Board timely responses to such communications. The means established by the Board shall be
122 distributed to congregations

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A. Line 119: Strike "a"

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There were no unincorporated amendments.

3. VOTING FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATORS

123 **Section 4.8. Delegates**

124 (b) Minister Delegates and Religious Education Director Delegates. Each certified member
125 congregation is also entitled to be represented at each General Assembly by the ordained
126 minister or ministers in ministerial fellowship with the Association settled in such
127 congregation, and by the [director or directors of religious education] religious educators who
128 are active members of the Liberal Religious Educators Association and employed in such

129 congregation. In addition, each certified member congregation is also entitled to be represented
130 at each General Assembly by any minister emeritus or minister emerita of such congregation in
131 ministerial fellowship with the Association and by any [director of religious education] religious
132 educator emeritus or emerita [having achieved Credentialed Religious Educator – Masters Level
133 status by the Association] designated as such by a vote at a meeting of the member congregation
134 not less than six months prior to the General Assembly, provided that any such minister has been
135 settled previously in such congregation, and any such director of religious education who has
136 been previously employed in such congregation.

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- B. Line 127: Strike “the director or directors of religious education” and substitute “religious educators who are Active Members of the Liberal Religious Educators Association”
- C. Lines 132-133: Remove “having achieved...Master Level status”
Friendly Amendment for Line 132: [director of] religious [education] educator emeritus or emerita [having achieved Credentialed Religious educator - masters level status by the Association]

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Line 128: delete “Liberal Religious Educators Association”, and substitute “any religious educator organization recognized by the UUA and approved by the Board of the Trustees”

4. YOUTH TRUSTEE

137 Section 6.3. Membership.

138 The Board of Trustees shall consist of:

- 139 (a) the President, without vote, the Moderator and the Financial Advisor;
140 (b) eleven trustees ; and
141 (c) two youth trustees who, as of the date they commence service as trustees, are of high
142 schoolage, or the equivalent, and are able to complete their term while of high school age.

143 Section 6.4. Election of Trustees.

- 144 (a) One-third, as nearly as possible, of the non-Youth members of the Board of Trustees shall
145 be elected at each regular General Assembly.
146 (b) The Board of Trustees shall assign a number to each trustee position for the purposes of
147 electing trustees.
148 (c) One Youth Trustee shall be elected at each regular General Assembly.

149 Section 6.5. Term.

- 150 (a) Trustees shall take office immediately after the close of the General Assembly at which they
151 are elected, and shall serve for terms of three years and until their successors are elected
152 and qualified. Any partial term of more than two years shall be considered a full term for
153 purposes of this Section. No trustee may serve more than two successive full terms.
154 However, a trustee may at any time become one of the elected officers of the Association
155 and serve as long in that office as if such trustee had not previously been a trustee. No
156 person who has served as an elected officer for a full term or as a trustee for two full terms
157 shall thereafter be elected a trustee without an interim of at least three years.
158 (b) A Youth trustee shall take office immediately after the close of the General Assembly at
159 which they are elected, and shall serve for a term of two years and until their successors are

160 elected and qualified. No Youth trustee may serve more than one term. The term of a Youth
161 trustee is equivalent to one full term as defined in Section 6.5, for the purposes of eligibility
162 for election as a trustee.

163 Section 6.6. Qualifications of Trustees.

164 (a) Each elected trustee shall be a member of a member congregation. A trustee who ceases to
165 meet these qualifications shall be disqualified and the office declared vacant. Not more than
166 one trustee shall be a member of the same member congregation. If a trustee becomes a
167 member of a member congregation in which another trustee is already a member, such
168 Trustee shall be disqualified and the office declared vacant. The Board of Trustees shall
169 adopt rules for the application of this Section to persons holding membership in more than
170 one member congregation.

171 (b) Youth trustees shall be a member of a member congregation if their congregation allows for
172 youth membership. If their congregation does not allow for youth membership, the President,
173 Minister or Religious Educator of that congregation shall submit a written notice to the
174 Nominating Committee of the Youth trustee's affiliation with the congregation before the
175 person may be nominated to serve as a Youth trustee. A Youth trustee shall not be a
176 Member of or be affiliated with the same congregation as [the] any other [Youth] trustee [or a
177 non-Youth trustee].

178 Section 6.11. Special Meetings.

179 Special meetings of the Board of Trustees may be called by the Moderator or President, and shall be
180 called by the Moderator at the request of eight trustees. Notice of special meetings shall be given in
181 writing not less than five nor more than sixty days before the meeting and shall state the agenda, time
182 and place of the meeting.

183 Rule G-9.13.2. Order of Names on Ballot.

184 On all ballots used in elections held by the Association, the order of names shall be determined by the
185 drawing of lots done by the Secretary and witnessed by two other persons; provided, however, that
186 the order of names for elections to the Board of Trustees, other than Youth trustee, shall be by Board
187 position number first, and then as determined above. The Secretary shall certify the results of the
188 drawing of lots, the certificate shall be attested by the witnesses, and the certificate shall be filed in the
189 Secretary's office. This Rule shall be printed on all official ballots or on the instructions accompanying
190 them.

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B. Lines 176-177: ... as [the] any other [Youth] trustee [or a non-Youth trustee].

UNINCORPORATED AMENDMENT

A. Line 142: Omit "are able to complete their term while of high school age"