

UUA Board of Trustees
January 27 & 28, 2017

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES
UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST ASSOCIATION

January 27 & 28, 2017

Pursuant to notice duly given, a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Unitarian Universalist Association was held on Friday, January 27 and Saturday, January 28, 2017 at UU national headquarters, 24 Farnsworth Street, Boston, Massachusetts.

MEMBERS

PRESENT: Tim Atkins, Greg Boyd, Andy Burnette, Rob Eller-Isaacs, Richard Jacke, Sarah Dan Jones, Jim Key, Patrick McLaughlin, Peter Morales, Denise Rimes, Christina Rivera, and Lucia Santini Field.

MEMBERS

ABSENT: Dorothy Holmes and Elandria Williams.

ALSO

PRESENT: Tim Brennan, Andrea Briscoe (youth observer), Sarah Lammert, Bailey Saddlemire (youth observer), and observers.

Jim Key called the official board meeting to order at 9:55 AM on Friday, January 27, 2017. Board members and guests introduced themselves.

All board members read the covenant out loud in unison.

Tim Atkins moved to approve the consent agenda. Lucia Santini Field seconded. It was approved with no changes. The consent agenda included the following motions:

- Acceptance of changes in congregational status, including acceptance of two new covenanting communities: Sun Point Farm in Derry, NH and Castle Rock Unitarian Universalist Community in Sedalia, CO.
- Approval of GA 2014 draft minutes
- Approval of 2015 draft minutes
- Approval of 2016 draft minutes
- Approval of October 14-15, 2016 draft minutes
- Approval of staff Monitoring Reports for policy 2.7.1 Annual Audit and policy 2.8 Asset Protection

The following reports were presented:

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APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE WORKING GROUP REPORT – Tim Atkins was joined by all members of the Appointments Committee and together they responded to questions from board members.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT Peter Morales presented his president's report.

MODERATOR'S REPORT - Jim Key presented his moderator's report.

REGIONAL LEADERS GROUP REPORT – Mary Lu Love presented her report explaining the role and function of the Regional Leaders Group.

RENEWING THE COVENANT TASKFORCE REPORT – Kathy Burek presented a report from the Renewing the Covenant Taskforce.

COMMISSION ON SOCIAL WITNESS REPORT – Susan Goekler presented a report from the Commission on Social Witness.

JOURNEY TOWARDS WHOLENESS TRANSFORMATION COMMITTEE REPORT – Wendy von Courter presented the JTWTC report.

VICE MODERATOR'S REPORT – Denise Rimes presented her vice moderator's report.

LINKAGE WORKING GROUP REPORT – Christina Rivera presented the Linkage Working Group Report.

SECRETARY'S REPORT – Rob Eller-Isaacs presented his secretary's report, including detailed information about the upcoming UUA presidential election.

COMMITTEES AND APPOINTMENTS WORKING GROUP REPORT – Tim Atkins presented a report from the committees working group and the Appointments Working Group.

GOVERNANCE WORKING GROUP REPORT – Greg Boyd and Andy Burnette presented the Governance Working Group report.

A motion was made by Andy Burnette and seconded by Denise Rimes to recess until Saturday, January 28, 2017 at 9:00 AM. Motion carried.

The board meeting was called back into session by Moderator Jim Key at 9:00 AM on Saturday, January 28, 2017, and Patrick McLaughlin shared opening words.

A generative discussion was led by Moderator Key related to potential changes to bylaws.

TREASURER'S REPORT AND AUDIT UPDATE – Sean Rush, chair of the Audit Committee presented his report from the Audit Committee. Tim Brennan, UUA Treasurer, and Chief Financial Officer presented his report.

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FINANCIAL ADVISOR'S REPORT – Lucia Santini Field presented her report as the Financial Advisor.

APF TASKFORCE REPORT UPDATE – Larry Ladd and Mary Katherine Morn presented a report from the APF taskforce.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Tim Atkins made a motion to move into Executive Session (no second needed) for the purpose of considering appointments to various committees. Motion carried.

Upon returning from Executive Session it was announced that the board had appointed the Rev. Shawna Foster to the Open UUA Committee. It also appointed trustee Christina Rivera as board secretary-designate, and trustee Tim Atkins as financial secretary-designate, with both to take office the Monday after the conclusion of GA 2017.

MINI-TRAINING SESSION ON “DUTY OF CARE” – Tom Bean, the UUA’s General Counsel, presented information about the fiduciary responsibilities of UUA board members and other related matters related to the duty of care required of board members.

BLACK LIVES FOR UU (BLUU) REPORT – A discussion of the Black Lives of Unitarian Universalism fundraising was led by Mary Katherine Morn, director for Stewardship & Development and Moderator Jim Key.

MOTIONS AND ACTION ITEMS

January 2018 Board Meeting Location

Moved, that the UUA Board of Trustees accept the invitation from the Rev. Jake Morrill of the Oak Ridge UU Church to hold our January 2018 Board of Trustees Meeting in the East Tennessee Cluster.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

2017 General Assembly Special Collection

Moved, that the special collection during the designated general sessions at GA 2017 New Orleans be directed to the Standing on the Side of Love program.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

2017 General Assembly Registration Fees

Moved, that the Board of Trustees approve the recommendation of the staff and GA Planning Committee that adult, full time, on time registration fees for General Assembly 2017 in New Orleans, Louisiana be set at \$360.

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2020 General Assembly Location

Moved, that the Board of Trustees approve the recommendation of the staff and GA Planning Committee that General Assembly 2020 be held in Providence, Rhode Island.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Declaration of Conscience

Moved, that the Board of Trustees endorses the Declaration of Conscience as submitted by the President.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

PROCESS OBSERVATION – Sarah Dan Jones shared process observations and at 5:18 PM.

ADJOURNMENT -- Moderator Key declared the meeting adjourned at 5:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Harlan Limpert
Clerk

BOARD OF TRUSTEES SCHEDULE

- **Meeting: April, 2017, Boston, MA**
Friday, April 21 - Saturday, April 22, 2017
- **Videoconference Meeting: May 2017**
Thursday, May 25, 2017; 8:00 PM Eastern
Meeting URL: <https://zoom.us/j/869197433>
Meeting ID: 869 197 433
Phone: (408) 638-0968 or (646) 558-8656
- **Meetings: June 2017, New Orleans, LA**
Tuesday, June 20—Wednesday, June 21: Board of Trustees Meeting
Wednesday, June 21—Sunday June 25: General Assembly

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Monday, June 26: Board of Trustees Meeting

- **Meeting: October 2017, Boston, MA**
Thursday, October 19 - Saturday, October 21, 2017
- **Meeting: January, 2018, Boston, MA**
Friday, January 19 - Saturday, January 20, 2018
- **Meeting: April, 2018, Boston, MA**
Friday, April 20 - Saturday, April 21, 2018
- **Meetings: June 2018, Kansas City, MO**
Tuesday, June 19—Wednesday, June 20: Board of Trustees Meeting
Wednesday, June 20—Sunday June 24: General Assembly
Monday, June 25: Board of Trustees Meeting