



Meeting Minutes  
CSW Conference Call  
October 15, 2018

Attending: Jyaphia Christos-Rodgers (facilitator), Richard Bock, Meredith Garmon, Susan Goekler

Jyaphia started the meeting at 7:05 p.m. with a reading from Khalil Gibran.

Susan agreed to be note taker.

Susan reported on the **GA** Grid Planning Meeting. The decision was to have more of a general conference than a conference format as GA has been. So, there would be severely reduced programming but large blocks of time each day for general sessions that were devoted to a deeper dive on one or more theological issues. The required business would occur during fewer plenary sessions. The models for the general conference were the Baptists and the pre-merger Universalist convocations. Because of the bylaws changes approved in 2018, min-assemblies are not required. So the preference was to do away with mini-assemblies and allow discussion and amendments by the entire body. Because signatures are not required for AIW submissions, they could be presented Friday for a vote and the CSW might be tasked with selecting the ones to be considered. It might be more like Responsive Resolution in that they would be voted up or down and discussion would be on the concept not on word smithing. That would require Commissioners to be present Wednesday afternoon and Thursday in the booth to work with AIW proposers to ensure their proposals were well written. We would not have guaranteed workshop slots. Susan suggested that the Commissioners decide what we think should occur and plan to submit proposals for programs. The call for proposals has not yet been released by the UUA staff, because the UUA Board has not made final decisions about programming that would allow the creation of a call for proposals. We should, however, be prepared for a call.

After discussion, we decided that we should at a minimum propose a worship service featuring the sermon contest winner, a mini-assembly on the proposed Statement of Conscience, and a workshop on the other CSAI. Meredith agreed to be ready to submit the sermon contest application. Phia agreed to be ready to submit a proposal for a workshop on the CSAI. We will ask Alison to be prepared to submit a proposal for a mini-assembly.

Phia left the meeting.

Susan offered to send out a poll for the next meeting – first choices were November 5 or 12 at this time. Meredith agreed to create the agenda for and facilitate the November meeting.

Susan asked whether anyone was aware of updates to the CSW portion of the UUA website. On reviewing the CSW Task list, Meredith was to have submitted changes for July – he will work on that. Phia is to submit the November changes including the proposed SOC and related forms. Susan will remind her. Susan will send a sample of how she communicated the changes that she sent to Audra Friend ([afriend@uua.org](mailto:afriend@uua.org)).

Richard and Meredith both had questions about getting invoices paid. Susan said to send requests for payment to Susan Leslie and Taquiena Boston ([tboston@uua.org](mailto:tboston@uua.org)), with the budget codes. Richard will look up the budget codes and send them to everyone.

Meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Notes submitted by Susan Goekler

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