

UUA Board of Trustees
August 30, 2012

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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 by electronic communication on Thursday, August 30, 2012.

MEMBERS

PRESENT: Bartlett, Carlson, Courter, Cullen, Friedman, Grubbs, Harrison, Jackoway, King, Kreicker, Laskowski, Lund, Loughrey, Manley, Morrill, Phinney, Pupke, Ritchie, and Shanti

MEMBERS

ABSENT: Averett, Brody, Greene, Raible-Clark, Stewart, Tino, and Morales

ALSO

PRESENT: Montgomery and observers

Gini Courter, Moderator, called the meeting to order at 8:10 pm on Thursday, August 30, 2012. David Jackoway provided opening words and the agenda was approved.

DISCUSSION OF OCTOBER BOARD MEETING

Jackie Shanti reviewed plans for the October meeting of the Board of Trustees. It was agreed that Donna Harrison would poll the board members for those interested in and able to attend a Policy/Governance training on the Tuesday before the October Board meeting.

REPORT OF THE GOVERNANCE WORKING GROUP

Donna Harrison reported on the results of the Board's response to Monitoring Reports.

M (Harrison), S, and

MOVED AND PASSED: To approve the following action on Monitoring Reports:

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Policy 2.9: The operational definition focuses on compliance with applicable law rather than the ENDS. In addition, the operational definition should focus on furtherance of the ENDS and identify metrics by which the President and the Board can determine success. An updated monitoring report is to be delivered by September 20, 2012.

Policy 2.12: While we are recommending acceptance of this report without requiring that it be resubmitted outside of the monitoring schedule, the operational definition is not as clear as we would expect and encourage. Substantially, the operational definition restates the policy. Also, no specific data were defined or presented.

Policy 2.13: The operational definition does not identify metrics or any way of evaluating whether the identified support for candidates was appropriate, successful or considered sufficient by those involved. For example, who assesses whether the information is high quality and on what basis? An updated monitoring report is to be delivered by September 20, 2012.

NOTE: The GWG notes the immediacy involved in this policy as we approach moderator and board elections at our next GA.

DISCUSSION OF FIFTH PRINCIPLE TASK FORCE REPORT

Discussion was held concerning the recommendations of the Fifth Principle Task Force, and their report given to the Board in January 2010. A task force was appointed to review those recommendations and report to the Board in October about the possibility of their inclusion on the agenda of the 2013 General Assembly. The task force is composed of David Friedman, Clyde Grubbs, Joan Lund (convener), Jake Morrill, Lew Phinney, and Susan Ritchie.

UPDATE ON BOARD APPOINTEE PROCESS

Nancy Bartlett, Chair of the Committee on Committees, reviewed the process for Board appointees to the Board for appointments beginning in June of 2013.

DISCUSSION OF A COVENANT FOR THE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST ASSOCIATION

Discussion was held concerning the idea of creating a covenant for the UUA. It was agreed that a task force composed of Kathy Burek, Catherine Cullen, David Jackoway, Jeanne Pupke (convener), and Jackie Shanti would report to the Board at the time of the October meeting of the Board of Trustees about further action.

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DISSOLUTION CLAUSE

Discussion was held concerning Tim Brennan, Treasurer's recommendation that the Board approve distribution of the assets of a dissolving congregation in a manner that includes Unitarian Universalist organizations in addition to the Unitarian Universalist Association. It was agreed that legal counsel would be asked to create a policy that resulted in such decisions being made outside of Board meetings.

M (Loughrey), S, and

MOVED AND PASSED: To allow the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of the Farmington Valley, Simsbury, CT, which has voted to dissolve, to distribute their remaining assets to other UU organizations and congregations in addition to the UUA, subject to the approval of the President of the UUA.

DISCUSSION OF LEGAL MATTERS

Discussion was held concerning legal expenses. It was agreed that Kay Montgomery, Executive Vice President would return to the Board with suggested protocols for Board needs for legal advice.

CLOSING

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm on Thursday, August 30, 2012.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Kathleen Montgomery
Recording Secretary