

**Election Campaign Practices Committee (ECPC): Meeting by phone/online conference, May 29, 3 PM Eastern**

Participants: Manish Mishra-Marzetti (Chair), Beth McGregor, KC Slack

The primary purpose of the meeting was to prepare for the Candidates' Forum at General Assembly and decide how to solicit questions for the candidates in advance.

Manish reported that the candidates would like information about the forum and invitation to submit questions for it to go out as early as possible. There will be a UUA email about the election procedures going out June 1. Sarah Lammert has approved including an invitation to submit questions as part of that email. Beth will coordinate immediately with Larry Stritof at the UUA to add a section about the forum to that email.

We will invite submission of questions by email to the ECPC [elections@uua.org](mailto:elections@uua.org). KC will compile them and send an acknowledgement to all who submit questions. We will accept questions up through Friday noon, June 23<sup>rd</sup>. The forum will be held Friday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> from 8:00 PM to 9:30 PM in the Great Hall. Manish will serve as moderator, and the format will be the same as last year's GA forum.

We will repeat the invitation to attend the forum in person or online and to send in questions as part of an email scheduled to go out from the GA office about a week before GA.

We will also provide a venue for GA attendees to submit questions on paper as well as by email onsite. We noted that recordings of most of the regional candidate forums are available on the UUA website, We will pay attention to including some questions that have not been asked multiple times at those forums, some of which may arise out of events at GA.

The ECPC will meet Friday June 23<sup>rd</sup> from 3-5 PM at the Embassy Suites to review, consolidate and select the questions to include in the forum.

Other business:

Manish reported on the UUA backup plan for capturing votes in the unlikely event of a computer problem with electronic voting.

KC reported fairly low and noncontroversial activity on the online elections discussion forum which she moderates.

Beth reviewed her communications with the GA Office and the Great Hall technical director. We were pleased with last year's format and staging and agreed it should be repeated. Manish will submit digital and paper copies of his introductory remarks to Tim Murphy by Wednesday noon June 21<sup>st</sup>. He asked to be reminded to insert a request for no clapping into his remarks. He will also invite the candidates to submit their opening remarks in advance if they wish. Beth will

check on whether/when the candidates will be needed in the Great Hall for a sound and light check. There will be a brief chalice lighting at the beginning of the forum.

Beth will send language about the forum and question submission to the GACS office, with a request to include it in an email being sent to all attendees by that office the week before GA.

In addition to our June 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting to prepare the forum questions for that evening, ECPC members will be available to meet earlier in GA as needed, and agreed to remain available by cell phone throughout GA in case issues need to be addressed on short notice.

Beth will attend the UUA Board's meeting for committee chairs on Friday June 23<sup>rd</sup> in place of Manish, who will be leaving the committee at the end of GA to become a member of the UUA Board of Trustees.

The ECPC will have responsibilities leading up to and at GA 2018, which would have been an 'off-year' for elections, because a special election will be held for UUA Moderator, to fill the seat vacated by Jim Key's illness and resignation. Beth and KC have agreed to remain on the committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Elisabeth McGregor, Secretary