

**Minutes of UURMaPA Business Meeting during Winter Conference – February 21, 2020  
Scottsdale, Arizona  
Unitarian Universalist Retired Ministers and Partners Association**

1 Board Members Present: Barbara Child, Jaco ten Hove, Phyllis Hubbell, Dave Hunter, Ginger Luke,  
2 Diane Miller, Art Severance, Cathie Severance, and Susan Veronica Rak  
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4 *Note: This meeting was mainly for the purpose of informing those UURMaPA members present of*  
5 *future plans and current issues, as well as giving people an opportunity to ask questions and make*  
6 *announcements. No decisions were made at this meeting.*  
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8 **REPORTS GIVEN EARLIER IN THE CONFERENCE RATHER THAN DURING THE FRIDAY**  
9 **BUSINESS MEETING**

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11 Richard Nugent reported on the work of his UUA office to assist retired ministers with various financial  
12 matters.  
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14 Members of UUMA leadership reported on their current attention to mission, vision, and ethical  
15 guidelines.  
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17 Susan Rak shared with those in attendance an information sheet on the UUMA censure of Rev. Todd  
18 Ekloff regarding his book *Gadfly Papers*, mainly for information but also as a way of sustaining the  
19 relationship between UURMaPA and UUMA.  
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21 **TRANSITIONS IN LEADERSHIP**

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23 Barbara ten Hove, Nominating Committee Chair, announced that Susan Rak will become Vice  
24 President, first completing Phyllis Hubbell's term in that position. Marni Harmony will return to the  
25 Board to complete Susan's term as Board member with the portfolio of liaison to UUMA and UUA.  
26 Gloria Perez will become Secretary, succeeding Barbara Child. Richard Speck will become Treasurer,  
27 succeeding Dave Hunter. Anne Spatola will join the Board succeeding Ginger Luke as the member  
28 holding the conferences portfolio. Cathie Severance will coordinate announcing obituaries. All current  
29 members of the Nominating Committee will continue.  
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31 Diane Miller introduced and thanked outgoing Board members Phyllis Hubbell, Barbara Child, Dave  
32 Hunter, and Ginger Luke. She also introduced our obituary editors, who are continuing, Jay Atkinson  
33 (for ministers' obituaries) and Roger Rochester (for partners' obituaries).  
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35 **SCHOLARSHIPS AND CONTRIBUTIONS**

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37 Dave Hunter spoke about how important it is that we have available funds for scholarships so that no  
38 one should have to stay home from a conference for financial reasons. He urged people to make  
39 contributions to increase the funding available for scholarships.  
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41 **LUNCHEON AT GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

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43 Diane Miller invited everyone to attend our luncheon on Friday, June 26, during General Assembly,  
44 where newly retired ministers and their partners attend as our guests.  
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46 **FALL 2020 AND WINTER 2021 CONFERENCE**

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48 Ginger Luke encouraged everyone to attend our next conference, October 12-15, 2020, at the Barbara  
49 Harris Center in Greenfield, New Hampshire. She said the winter 2021 conference dates and place  
50 are not determined yet, pending what is learned from evaluations from this week's conference.

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51 **AREA CONNECTORS**

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53 Art Severance spoke of the merger of some areas and the need for Area Connectors in specified  
54 areas.

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56 **SUGGESTIONS FOR THE BOARD'S CONSIDERATION**

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58 Judy Welles suggested (1) lifting the password on the membership directory, and (2) considering  
59 becoming a chapter of UUMA, in part so as to receive staff support.

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61 Jay Atkinson suggested making it possible to register for conferences on line. Gordon Gibson asked  
62 that registration on paper be preserved at least as an option.

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64 Tom Owen-Towle suggested including partners among those who present their Odyssey, possibly a  
65 panel of partners.

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67 Claudia Elferdink suggested inviting younger ministers of congregations in the conference locale to  
68 join us for a conversation about current UUA issues.

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70 Deborah Pope-Lance suggested providing more assistance for getting around the conference site and  
71 also getting to the site from nearby airports.

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74 Respectfully submitted,

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76 Barbara Child, Secretary