

**BYLAWS
OF
UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST RETIRED MINISTERS
AND PARTNERS ASSOCIATION**

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Article I - NAME

The name of this organization shall be Unitarian Universalist Retired Ministers and Partners Association.

Article II - PURPOSE

In faithfulness to the Unitarian Universalist tradition and to the guidelines and code of conduct of the Unitarian Universalist Ministers Association and the Unitarian Universalist Society for Community Ministries, the members of the Unitarian Universalist Retired Ministers and Partners Association embody in our lives and our conduct with each other the values that we proclaim on behalf of our faith. Our purpose is to be an inclusive multicultural community that serves the interests and enhances the well-being of retired Unitarian Universalist ministers and their life partners through informational communication, periodic membership gatherings, and other supportive programs and activities. As a Unitarian Universalist organization of professionals and partners, we recognize that fulfilling our purpose calls us to cultivate anti-oppressive attitudes and practices consistent with our shared values, thereby promoting our collective well-being.

Article III – MEMBERSHIP

All ministers in fellowship with the UUA classified by the Association as retired who have formally announced their intention to retire, their life partners, and the life partners of deceased Unitarian Universalist ministers, as well as all ministers granted life membership by the UUMA and their life partners shall be members of this organization. Other persons may become members by application to, and approval by, a majority of the Board.

The Board, at its discretion, may remove from [UURMaPA] membership a minister whose ministerial fellowship has been terminated by the Ministerial Fellowship Committee, a minister who voluntarily resigns from ministerial fellowship during a Fellowship Review, or a minister removed from membership in the UU Ministers Association. A minister under consideration for removal from membership will be given notice and the opportunity to respond. The removal of a minister under this provision shall not affect the membership status of tat

minister's partner.

Article IV - ADMINISTRATION

- Section 1 The Board of this organization shall be a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, a Newsletter Editor, and a Connections Network Chair, and three Members-at-large.
- Section 2 The President shall preside at all meetings of the Board and shall have general supervision over the activities of the organization.
- Section 3 The Vice President, in the absence of the President, or in the inability of the President to serve, shall assume the duties of the President. In the event of the resignation or death of the President, the Vice President shall assume the office of the President for the remainder of the term.
- Section 4 The Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of all meetings of the Board and shall perform such other duties as may be assigned by the Board.
- Section 5 The Treasurer shall keep a faithful account of the financial transactions of the organization and shall receive contributions of funds and shall make payments in accordance with the policies and procedures adopted by the Board. Whenever the Board shall authorize the Treasurer to open an account at any bank or other financial institutions, the Secretary and other officers are authorized to execute such agreements as are usual for the opening and maintaining of such accounts without further action by the Board.
- Section 6 The Newsletter Editor shall edit and supervise the production of a newsletter under the general direction of the Board.
- Section 7 The Board shall administer the affairs of this organization and shall adopt policies and administer programs to carry out the purposes as stated in Article II.
- Section 8 The Board shall send to all members, at least once every two years, a report of its activities including a financial statement.
- Section 9 Meetings of the Board shall be held at least two times a year.
- Section 10 The Board shall have the power to fill, for the remainder of the term, any vacancy that occurs in its membership or in the Nominating Committee.

Article V - ELECTIONS

Section 1 The officers, three Members-at-large, and a Nominating Committee, consisting of a chair and four others shall be elected by a mail ballot of the members.

The President, the Vice President, the Connections Network Chair, two Members-at-large, the Chair of the Nominating Committee, and one member of the Nominating Committee shall be elected in odd-numbered years.

The Secretary, the Treasurer, the Newsletter Editor, one Member-at-large, and three members of the Nominating Committee, shall be elected in even-numbered years.

Electees shall assume office on July 1 following their election and shall serve for two years. If, however, their successors have not been elected by the end of their terms, they shall continue in office until their successors have been qualified.

No officer, Member-at-large, or member of the Nominating Committee shall serve more than two full terms in any one position. No person shall serve on the Board for more than six consecutive years.

Section 2 All members shall be eligible to vote in an election conducted by the Nominating Committee.

Before December 1 preceding the election, the Nominating Committee shall poll the membership for suggestions of nominees. From these and their own suggestions, the committee shall make its nominations and notify the membership by April 1.

In case of multiple nominations for a single position, the Nominating Committee shall conduct an election by ballot to be completed in time for the election results to be certified by the Secretary and announced to the membership by July 1.

If only one person is nominated for each position, the persons shall be declared elected.

No nominee shall be listed on the ballot without his or her consent. The Nominating Committee is authorized to establish such procedures as are necessary to carry out these provisions.

ARTICLE VI -AMENDMENTS

These bylaws may be amended by a majority vote of the Board in the following manner: the Board proposes an amendment; it is circulated to the membership so that members can send comments and/or corrections to the Secretary; an official Board vote will be taken on the amendment no sooner than 30 days after it is published.