

Suggested UUFBC Bylaw Changes

Article III-Membership

Current text:

“Any person may become, and remain, a member of this Fellowship who is in sympathy with its purpose and program; agrees with the Fellowship’s By-laws, signs the Membership Book; and demonstrates participation in and contributions to the Fellowship. It is generally understood that members should have an understanding of the history and current situation of the Unitarian Universalist movement. It is specifically understood that membership is open to all qualified persons without regard to age, color, race, national origin, sex, affectional or sexual orientation.”

*Changed text:

Any person may become, and remain, a member of this Fellowship who is in sympathy with its purpose and program; agrees with the Fellowship’s bylaws; has attended New Member Orientation; signs the Membership Book; and is prepared to make a financial contribution of record to the Fellowship and participate, as able, in its ministry. It is specifically understood that membership is open to all persons without regard to age, color, race, national origin, sex, sexual orientation or gender expression.

Article VI-(a)Executive Board-Composition

Current text:

“The Board of Directors (hereafter called the Board) shall be comprised of the Officers and four At Large Board members.”

*Changed text:

The Board of Directors (hereafter called the Board) shall be compromised of the Officers and two At Large Board members.

Article VI-(f)Board Training:

Current text:

“All persons serving in Board positions after those elected in June 2014, must have completed Leadership Training prior to their service.”

*Changed text:

All persons serving in Board positions have completed Leadership Training or will complete it during their first three months of service.

Article IX-Elections-Section 1 (a) Proposed Slate

Current text:

“The Leadership Development Committee shall present a slate for all Officers, At Large Board members and Leadership Development Committee members as[at] least one month prior to the Annual Congregational Meeting.”

*Changed text:

The Leadership Development Committee shall present a slate for all Officers, At Large Board members, and Leadership Development Committee members at least ten days Prior to the Annual Congregational Meeting.

Article VI-Section 3(a) Duties and Powers of the Board:

Current text:

“The Board shall have general charge of the property and funds of the Fellowship, the conduct of all its business affairs and the control of its administration. The Board shall establish and appoint the chairs of such committees as it may deem necessary. The Board may not borrow any funds nor make a contract involving more than ten percent of the current annual budget without approval of the membership.”

*Changed text:

The Board shall have general charge of the property and the funds of the Fellowship, conduct all of its business affairs and control of its administration. The Board shall establish and appoint the chairs of such committees as it may deem necessary. The Board may not borrow any funds nor make a contract involving more than twenty five percent of the current annual budget without approval of the membership.

Article IV-Denominational Affiliation

Current text:

“This Fellowship is a member of the Unitarian Universalist Association and of the Mid-South District. This Fellowship intends to make annual financial contributions equal to its full share, as determined by the Association and the District.”

*Changed text:

The Fellowship is a member of the Unitarian Universalist Association and the Southern Region of the UUA. This Fellowship intends to make the annual financial contribution equal to its full share, as determined by the Association and the Region.