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Report from the Governance Working Group to the UUA Board October 17, 2009

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for delivery Friday evening, Oct 16, 2009

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MOTIONS:

1. Policy 2.4 compliance review results.

The Governance WG will present the compilation of individual Trustee assessments for final review and action by the full Board.

2. Policy 2.5 compliance review results.

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3. Motion: Adopt the following Charge for the Governance WG

- a) Guide the Board's ongoing transition to the policy governance model, as adopted in April, 2009.
- b) Guide the Board's cultural change called for by regular self-assessments.
- c) Arrange for necessary continuing education and mentoring on governance methods.
- d) Develop a system for the Board to use in receiving, individually assessing, and compiling the results of staff interpretation and monitoring reports,
- e) Monitor the relationship of governance policy to UUA Bylaws, General Assembly, and the District President's Association (DPA) and bring forward for Board consideration any items needing action.

For Review and ACTION by the Board

1. Develop final list of Policies to be reported upon by the President in November & December 2009, and in January 2010.

Review the Annual Planning calendar, and finalize plans with staff.

The intention is that the President will deliver reports to us electronically on these dates, and each Trustee will review them individually as we did for this meeting. Then a compilation will be provided to every Trustee for Board review and decision-making at the January meeting.

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The Annual Calendar is available at:

http://uua.org/documents/boardtrustees/governancewg/policy_manual_a3a_sche dule.pdf

Reports as currently scheduled for the President:

NOV 2009 2.6 Availability of Benefits for Related Organizations

DEC 2009 2.7 Financial Planning & Budgeting

2.8 Financial Condition & Activities

Jan 2010 2.9 Grants, Contracts & Partnerships

2. Develop final list of Policies to be reported upon by the Board in January 2010.

Reports as currently scheduled for the Board of Trustees are Board means policies:

- 3.4 External Relations
- 3.5 Agenda Planning
- 3.6 Election of Officers/Roles
- 3.7 Board Committee Principles

INFORMATION ITEMS (DRAFT DRAFT DRAFT...)

1. District President's Association (DPA) Meeting Agenda, Nov 2009.

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President Morales and several Trustees will be meeting with the DPA at their regular meeting on Friday, Nov. 6, 2009, in Boston. The agenda MAY focus on questions around linkage with our Sources of Authority and Accountability (SoAA). The agenda is still under active discussion today (Sept 21), but should be set by Wed, Oct 14th, if not sooner.

2. Board self-assessment per the Annual Calendar. This assessment will be done by each Trustee on Sunday Oct 18. An instrument for the evaluation will be provided (paper or web survey).

Polices to be assessed for this meeting are Board means policies:

- 3.4 External Relations
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The Governance WG will deliver the compilation of Trustees self-assessments re Policy Section 3 Governance Process, by email, by mid-November.

4. Review our practice re posting info on monitoring reports on the web

a) Per agreement with President Sinkford in 2008, we will only post reports on UUA.ORG after they reach "compliance".

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b) The Gov WG recommends that we review this practice with President Morales after a few meetings experience is gained. We believe that the call for openness and transparency calls us to publish this type of material at the earliest possible date.

3. Plans re Possible Bylaws Revisions

A summary of items under discussion or review will be delivered to Board by Jan 2010.

4. Report on Gov WG thinking on the responsive resolutions from GA 2009

Process Observation from Gov WG meeting - re: AR/AO/MC

END of DRAFT report