

2018 BOARD OF TRUSTEES NOMINEES



ANI AHAVA

I desire to serve on the Board of Trustees because I love our Community. My intention is to help celebrate our divine natures so we can inspire others beyond our campus to celebrate theirs. I bring experience in attracting people together in LOVE, creating connectivity for small group intimacy and large participatory gatherings. As a sacred space holder and resonant field builder, I bring “co-creative processing” front and center in our sacred exchanges, so we can emerge together as a beacon of light in this evolutionary moment of upheaval. I look forward to meeting each of you in your unique greatness.



RUSS CHAFFIN

I was your Board president for 5 years from 2008 to 2013. I am a member of the Conflict Resolution and the Bylaws committees, the Unity Singers, and the Unity Interfaith Alliance. I see two main goals for the Board. First, we are currently at a hard stop and need to evaluate and correct some of our processes. Second, with the input from Conscious Conversations, I am excited to begin our expansion into long-range planning to create more opportunities for people to participate and serve.



JIM KNIGHT

I view this opportunity as another step to my spiritual education. Being part of the organization that I believe furthers my own spiritual path allows me to grow and share the experience with others. I would also like to help extend the Unity outreach from our walls out into the community as the basic Unity principles help provide tools for mindful living in this challenging time.



ALISON JORDAN

I desire to serve on the Unity of Santa Barbara Board because I feel I can provide a valuable role with my experience and skills in leadership and facilitation. In addition, I would like to give back in service to Unity of SB. As a potential board member, my future vision for Unity is in development of an organizational structure and strategies to implement the strategic plan with open clear dialogue in order to move this community forward to a prosperous future.



JIM KWAKO, M.D.

I want to serve on the Unity of Santa Barbara Board to bring stability back to the church. I think we can build a better working relationship between Rev. Larry, the Board and our congregation. I am especially eager to expand the educational opportunities at UoSB. I am deeply grateful for this spiritual family and the many gifts it has given to me and to this community. I bring prior experience on the Board with Rev. Larry, and with our many recent projects. I am especially dedicated to helping make sound decisions for staff, budget, and educational planning programs



SARAH LINARES

My daughter Isabelle and I chose Unity of Santa Barbara as our church in 2010. Isabelle was six and I wanted a place for her to grow spiritually, but also a place for her to be comfortable and have fun. We both love our spiritual home, but I was living in a state of blissful ignorance. My initial answer of “no” to Rev. Larry’s suggestion to serve on the board was corrected by a 2am moment of inspiration when I knew “Yes, I will serve” was the answer. I didn’t know what was coming, but the gift of the recent adversity is the clear spirit-driven knowledge that we need to communicate more and be involved at all levels. And I will do my part.