

PROPOSED BYLAW CHANGES

The following amendments of our Bylaws will be voted on at our January 29th Congregational Meeting:

ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1: ~~TO BECOME A VOTING MEMBER~~ — BECOMING and MAINTAINING VOTING MEMBERSHIP

Any person who is in agreement with the purposes of this Fellowship shall become a Voting Member 30 days after signing the membership form/book and making an annual contribution of record to the General Fund of UUFSD~~by satisfying the requirements of Section 2, VOTING MEMBERSHIP. The Corporate Secretary shall keep a current list of Voting Members.~~

~~SECTION 2: VOTING MEMBERSHIP~~

~~— A Voting Member shall be one who financially supports the Fellowship by an annual contribution of record of an amount that is at least sufficient to cover the costs of membership in the UUA (Unitarian Universalist Association) and PSWD (Pacific Southwest District), and all mailings to members. This minimum contribution will be calculated by the Finance Committee and approved by the Board of Directors. This requirement may be waived by the Minister or by the Board President if there are special circumstances. The Corporate Secretary shall keep a current list of Voting Members.~~

SECTION 2 ~~3~~: INACTIVE MEMBERSHIP

(1) Changing membership status from Voting to Inactive:
An Inactive Member is one who does not meet the requirements of Voting Membership as set forth in Sections 1 and 2 above. The procedure for determining and notifying members of change in membership status is outlined in the Inactive Member Policy & Procedure. An inactive member shall have none of the rights, privileges and benefits of Voting Membership.

(2) Removal from Inactive Membership:
After two years of Inactive status, a member who has not sought to regain voting status ~~responded in a satisfactory way (such as by pledging or requesting a waiver or submitting a letter of resignation)~~ will be changed from Inactive to Resigned status.

~~SECTION 4: MEMBERS EMERITUS~~

~~— Following a vote of acceptance by the Board of Directors, a Voting Member of long standing with a history of service to the Fellowship may become a Member Emeritus. A Member Emeritus shall receive the Fellowship newsletter and other important mailings at no cost and shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges of membership except for that of voting. A Member Emeritus shall not be subject to the requirement of a minimum pledge.~~

SECTION 3 ~~5~~: RESIGNATION FROM MEMBERSHIP

Members may terminate their membership in the Fellowship by written resignation.

SECTION ~~4-6~~: REINSTATEMENT

An Inactive Member or a Voting Member who has resigned may be reinstated to Voting Member status 30 days after request and certification by the Minister or Board President to the Board of Directors that the member has met the Voting Member requirement. ~~or has had this requirement waived.~~

SECTION ~~5-7~~: REPORT OF MEMBERSHIP TO UUA

The number of members reported annually to the UUA by the Corporate Secretary shall be the number of Voting Members.

ARTICLE V: CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS

SECTION 6: ~~ABSENTEE~~ VOTING

Most congregational meeting votes require the member to be present to vote. "Members attending in real time via an approved virtual platform in which their identity can be confirmed will be considered present." Absentee voting is permitted only for a vote to call a new minister. Members must submit their intent to submit an absentee vote to the Board in advance of the meeting

ARTICLE VI: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SECTION 3: ELECTION AND TERM OF OFFICE

At the Annual Meeting, Directors shall be elected for a three-year term to replace those who have completed their terms. Upon completing a three-year term, a person shall be eligible to be elected again only after a minimum of one year has elapsed. The terms of Directors shall commence on the first day of July following the Annual Meeting

A person appointed to fill a vacancy shall serve until the next Annual Meeting at which time elections shall be held to fulfill the remainder of the term. A Director who has served less than a full three-year term shall be eligible to be elected to a three-year term without a one-year break.

~~Directorships expiring or being vacated in January, 2014 and January, 2015, shall instead expire June 2014 and 2015, respectively. In order to avoid the disruption to the Board which occurs when four of seven Directors are replaced in one year, in 2015, two of the four Directors being elected will each serve one year terms. The other two will serve three year terms. Beginning in 2016, all~~ All Directors will be elected to serve full three-year terms in staggered years.