

Precis of LREDA Board Meeting  
October 2011

The LREDA Board met in Portland, OR October 17-19. In attendance: Cindy Beal, Katy Carpman, John Cavallero, Gabrielle Farrell, Natalie Fenimore, Pat Kahn and Cindy Leitner. Lynn Hunt was unable to attend.

The Board spent Monday and Tuesday sharing reports from each portfolio with accompanying questions and discussion. Highlights include:

- Treasurer – John Cavallero is working with several LREDA members to form a Finance Committee
- Good Officers – Cindy Beal presented the revised Good Officer policies which were adopted by the Board
- Secretary – the Board will appoint someone to fill the remaining 18 months of Pat Kahn's term.
- Vice-President – Gabrielle Farrell reported that the Fall Conference Planning Committee has done a wonderful job. Next year's Fall Conference will be in Williamsburg, VA.
- GA report – Katy Carpman reported that the deadline to submit workshop proposals is in November. The Board decided to submit only one workshop request for the Fahs Lecture and to ask the Integrity Team to submit a workshop proposal as well. The annual meeting will be held during Professional day, which is still in the planning stages.
- Administrator's report – The online payment has been fixed and Cindy now has the capability to edit it..
- President's report – Natalie reported on the ongoing plans for Association Sunday grant proposals. She has been working with UUMN and UUMA on the joint proposal which will focus on "Excellence in Shared Ministry". Lynn Hunt has been collecting ideas from the membership for other grant proposals which the Board discussed and prioritized. Lynn Hunt will follow up to submit the proposals.

The Board affirmed its new mission statement:

The mission of the LREDA Board is to serve our members by **ADVOCATING** for professional religious educators in congregations and in alliance with our professional colleagues and the UUA; **SUSTAINING** our organization through responsible fiscal stewardship, and creative, visionary leadership; and **SUPPORTING** the professional development of our membership.

The Board also completed its reorganization to support the mission with the following portfolio changes:

- the Vice-President will be responsible for congregational advocacy and leadership development and will be the liaison to the Nominating Committee and the Integrity Team
- the GA portfolio is now Continental Events . Katy Carpman is the liaison to the Fall Conference Planning Committee and will determine how best to development a committee or group for Professional Day and GA planning.
- the other At Large portfolios are Professional Development (Lynn Hunt) and Professional Support (Cindy Beal). Professional development includes Renaissance modules, Interest

Groups and once established, the Fahs Center. Professional support includes Good Officers, chapter and Canada liaison.

- The Secretary portfolio will include communications (plan in development)

The Board reviewed all existing committees, interest groups and other groups with the intent to develop standard definitions, expectations and procedures. Committees serve all members and interest groups serve the mission of LREDA by supporting members within an interest group; working groups are assigned by Board and are short-term to accomplish a task or project. Each Board member will be contacting committees and groups in their portfolio to develop an overall plan.

The Board scheduled all discussions with guests for Wednesday. These included:

Jan Gartner for an update on RE Credentialing and transitions

Mark Hicks for an update on the Fahs Center revitalization

Richard Nugent for an update from Church Staff Finances

LREDA Nominating committee (Jude Geiger and Robin Pugh) - checking in on slate for next June

The Board discussed their “common read” Elite by Mark Harris.

The Board meeting usually ends before Fall Conference, but this year the Board met briefly to tie up loose ends by lunching together on Sunday after the worship service at First Unitarian.