

**Rocky Mountain Conference UCC
Regular Board of Directors Meeting via Zoom
March 22, 2023 – FINAL**

Board Members Present: David Bristow, Eleanor Downey, Mark Dutell, James Fother, Ken Ingram, Wendy Kidd, Mark Long, Diane Weible,

Others Present: Erin Gilmore

A special meeting of the Board of Directors of Rocky Mountain Conference UCC was called to order by Moderator Ken Ingram at 5:39 pm on March 22, 2023. A quorum was established. Diane lead in an opening prayer. The agenda was reviewed and accepted.

Interim Search Committee

David reported the search committee had met multiple times and had interviewed a candidate. He suggested the details of the interview and results be discussed in the executive session.

Annual Celebration

Motion (Diane/Wendy): We select Rev. Derek Ritenour for parliamentarian at Annual Celebration.

Vote: passed

Diane reported that the Standing Rules for the Annual Celebration were approved in the November 17, 2022 meeting but unfortunately no record of the motion was in the minutes.

Motion (Mark L/David): The Board accepted and approved the standing rules as written.

Vote: passed

Diane requested volunteers from three Association Reps to stand up the Business Committee, which would exist from April 16 until May 17. David from SEA and Gail from MDA agreed to be on the Business Committee. Daniel would be asked and Wendy of WA indicated she would serve if Daniel was not available.

Motion (Mark D/Mark L): The Board approves David and Gail to be on the Business Committee.

Vote: Passed

Action: Ken to ask Daniel to be on the Business Committee.

Annual Celebration

Erin provided an update of the planning of the 49th Annual Celebration:

- Rev. Laura Everett will be the preacher on Thursday Evening, and is from the Massachusetts council of churches.
- The nominations for the Conference Wide Committee on Ministry and the vote will take place in November, which is the month in which the first vote was taken.
- Board members pay their own way to annual celebration, and also make their own hotel reservations.
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Anti-Racism Ministry

Mark reported on a request from MDA, asking for the board to make a new board position with the title for an anti-racism member. James brought up that Eleanor is on the board but does not represent the anti-racism. Eleanor said that she felt that having a voting member on the board from the Anti-Racism team shows we are taking action, and including them. We need to show that we are supporting anti racism. Gail said that we should respond to the request, adding a person to the board, because we value this ministry and for them to be given a seat on the board with voice.

Recognizing with gratitude that Eleanor Downey has held a dual role on the Board as the PVA Rep and a member of the Anti-Racism Ministry Team, and recognizing the importance of continuing this work.

Motion (Mark D/Mark L): The Board establish an Anti-Racism Liaison position with full voice and vote on the Board of Directors effectively immediately. The Board position will be nominated by the Anti-Racism Ministry team. This position will be a two year position, eligible for a second term.

Vote: passed

Board Retreat April 23-24

Diane provided a brief update of the agenda of the retreat:

- Conducting team building exercise (or two)
- Listening sessions will continue
- Diane will be building a document of the things that she has heard in the listening sessions.
- We will include some Racial Justice for board members training. Divida McCalister is the person who has developed some training that Diane has used in the past and will use with the board.
- Diane talked about the book study she has proposed for the board.

Motion: (Mark L/David) We include Heidi Thomas to play music at our retreat.

Vote: passed

Broke for Executive Session at 7:13 pm

Respectfully submitted,
David Bristow