

Nominating Committee Report

October 3, 2016

The nominating committee included the following people:

Patti Turner, Chair

Mary Bennett

Elliott Dainow

Naomi Taylor

Connie Wigmore

Keeping our **5th principle** in mind- “The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large”, our quest was to provide a comprehensive, balanced slate of candidates for the Board of Directors. With that goal, more than 20 people were contacted and asked if they would be interested in serving our community as a Board member.

To ensure all members understood the nomination process, Information from UCV bylaws about the nomination process was posted in the Hewett Hall and presented at the EGM in June 2016. Notices were posted in the order of service to solicit volunteers to stand for a position on the Board, to clarify nomination deadlines and to explain the process and deadline for a nomination petition.

There are seven positions on the Board to be filled this year.

The four **executive positions** are elected for one-year terms. Executive officers can be re-elected to the position for a maximum of 3 years/terms. This year, the nominees for the executive are:

President: Margaret Fletcher (1st term)

Vice President: Erin Moulding (1st term)

Treasurer: Liz Monrad (1st term)

Secretary: Karen Bartlett (2nd term)

Members at Large serve 2 -year positions and can be elected for a maximum of 2 terms. Three members at large are elected three in even years and three in odd years. This year the nominations for members at large are:

Cindy Cashin (2nd term)

Huguette Sansonette Hayden (1st term)

Douglas Ennenberg (1st term)

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Karen Bartlett: I have been a member of the Unitarian Church of Vancouver for over 25 years. During that time I have been a member of the choir, and served on the Worship Services, the New U and a ministerial search Committee. My current involvement now includes helping to organize Sacred Circle Dancing and a Jungian film group. In my “other” lives, I am a faculty member at the University of British Columbia, and I live in a housing co-operative, so I have experience with many models of democratic leadership. My vision for UCV is for it to be a vibrant source of spiritual leadership in Canada. I am happy to continue to serve on the Board of UCV.

Cindy Cashin: I am a mother, grandmother and an Educational Assistant working in a high school with children with special needs. I am still a relatively new member of UCV, coming for just 3 years now. The sense of community here has been wonderful as well as the inspiring services and the opportunities to enrich myself and belong through shared interests like Jungian Studies, Sacred Circle Dancing and the Environmental Committee. I have learned a tremendous amount in this past two years as a member of the Board of Trustees and I hope to continue to serve in this way.

Douglas Ennenberg: Douglas Ennenberg is an actor first and foremost, which means he serves and busses in a Commercial Drive Cafe, cleans and paints in a local steel factory, reads a lot, writes sometimes, and he was even in a play. He just graduated from the National Theatre School of Canada in Montreal, after 2 (two) years at UBC. He is very happy to be back home, loves the geography and the smell of the coast, and has no intention of living elsewhere anytime soon unless of course someone pays me to be in their TV show or something. Douglas has been attending the UCV since he was a wee bairn in his mother's arms... we came for the music, stayed for the questions. His Grandmother, Margaret Ennenberg was also a dedicated Unitarian and volunteer at UCV, which is the family's original connection to the church.

Douglas is looking forward to following in his grandmother's footsteps, stepping into a place of responsibility and involvement with the inner workings of the church. I think he can bring a dynamic new energy to the Board, as the voice of Young Adults in the congregation. He knows many of the current Young Adults and Youth through having been a regular at Youth Groups and Regional Youth Cons, as well as having been on the BCYAC from 2010-2012. Thank you for considering Doug's inclusion on the Board.

Margaret Fletcher: Marg has been attending UCV since the fall of 2001 and became a member within the first or second year. She has been an usher, a member of COM and a Covenant group facilitator. Last year she decided it was time to take a turn working with the Board and accepted the position of VP knowing that could lead to some time serving as president. She values this community and is pleased to be working with a group of caring and committed board members in this next year of visioning and engagement ... within and beyond our congregation.

Hugette Sansonette Hayden: I was born in France, came to Canada in 1970 and to B.C. in 1974. I am a retired child and adolescent psychiatrist.

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I found my spiritual home when I joined UCV in 2002.

I became involved with the refugee committee, the environmental committee, the organic market etc.

I care and believe in the work that's being done here and would like to help as best I can.

Liz Monrad: I was born and raised in Scotland in the Presbyterian Church. Moved to Calgary in 1969 and then on to Victoria in 1973, where I raised my three boys. The weather was so much better! I moved to Vancouver in 2006 to be closer to my youngest son and grandchildren. I got my MA in Edinburgh and MPA in Victoria. I studied for 3 years in the CGA program not aiming to be an accountant but to have a better understanding of their processes. My working career has always been in health care; from office manager, fundraising manager, finance officer at MOH, executive Director of LTC home, ending as Provincial Director responsible for 8 LTC homes and a multimillion dollar budget.

I searched for a spiritual home in Vancouver and found it in the Unitarian church. I am happy to be of service to this wonderful community.

Erin Moulding: Erin Moulding has been a UU for 8 years and a member of UCV for 3 years, after moving from Saskatoon. She sings alto in the Chalice Choir and is a member of the music committee. She is also a youth advisor and has facilitated the youth-level OWL programs. Outside the church, she teaches mathematics at Douglas College.

Continuing in the second year of their term are **Paul Prescod, Jennifer Podlecki and Julia Myers. Diane Brown** will continue on the Board as the past president, providing stability and guidance to the new Board.

We are very grateful for and thank outgoing Board members Patrick Dubois, Kathy Sayers, and Olivia Hall for their generous service and wisdom.

Respectfully submitted, The Nominating Committee