

BYLAWS
of
THE ALBUQUERQUE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST
FELLOWSHIP
Amended April 21, 2002

ARTICLE I. PURPOSE

We are a liberal religious community which seeks spiritual and intellectual growth in an atmosphere of acceptance of others in their quest for truth and wisdom.

We are a caring community who not only treat each other with loving concern but also reach out to the community at large.

We are a democratic community with open governance based on broad participation, acceptance of diverse opinion, and devotion to the principles of the Unitarian Universalist Association.

ARTICLE II. CONGREGATIONAL POLITY

The final authority to make decisions is vested in the legal membership of the congregation.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

No person can be excluded from membership because of race, color, disability, sex, affectational or sexual preference, or national origin.

Section 1. General: Membership is open to all over age 16 who sign the Membership Book and join in celebration of Unitarian Universalist traditions and values. Members may vote in Fellowship meetings 30 days after joining. Members are expected to participate in Fellowship activities and to annually make a written, responsible pledge by January 15, unless alternative arrangements are made with the Ombudsman.

Section 2. Denominational: The Fellowship is a member of the Unitarian Universalist Association and the UUA Mountain Desert District.

ARTICLE IV. FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS

Section 1. Notice of meetings: Members shall be notified by postcard, for special meetings, and either newsletter and/or postcard for the annual and the budget meetings, 10 days prior to such meetings.

Section 2. Quorum: Ten members or 30% of the membership, whichever number is greater constitutes a quorum. A majority vote is required to carry a

motion.

Section 3. Moderator: A moderator, appointed by the Board, chairs each Fellowship meeting. The moderator ensures conformity to parliamentary procedures. The moderator neither offers motions nor speaks to agenda items.

Section 4. An Annual meeting is held in April with the following agenda: election of Board members, annual reports by the President and the Treasurer, other reports and agenda items as determined by the Board.

Section 5. A Budget meeting is held in January to approve the budget. An Audit report is also on the agenda.

Section 6. Special meetings may be called by the Board or upon petition of 5 Fellowship members. Action may be taken only on agenda items.

ARTICLE V. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Section 1. Nominations and elections are handled by the Elections committee, an ad hoc committee appointed in February of each year. Nominations are by slate and/or from the floor. The nominees receiving the most votes at an annual meeting comprise the Board.

Section 2. Voting: Election of Board members is by Fellowship voting. Each Fellowship member may cast one vote for each of the following:

a. One for the office of Treasurer;

b. One for each of the "at-large" seats. "At-large" Board members thus elected, in conference with the elected Treasurer, then decide the composition of the remaining Board officers from their ranks, as per Article VI, Section 9, with Treasurer as the only exception thereto.

ARTICLE VI. FELLOWSHIP BOARD

Section 1. Powers: The business, property and affairs of the Fellowship are managed by the Board as directed by the congregation at Fellowship meetings.

Section 2. Board meetings shall be held at a time and place selected by the President and approved by the Board. Board meetings are open to members of the Fellowship, and they may address the Board. Special meetings, with a 48 hour notice, may be called by the President at the request of 3 Board members. Fellowship members must also be notified.

Section 3. Business will be conducted using recognized parliamentary procedures as modified to meet the needs of the board.