Southeast Unitarian Universalist Summer Institute
Board Meeting Minutes
12:00-2:00pm Eastern, July 24, 2026
Radford University

Present: Misty Lewis (Vice President), Bethany Cecere (Secretary), Andrew Diamond (Treasurer), Erin Lieb (Trustee), Jenian Taynton (Trustee), Mia Lazar (Trustee), Pooja Jhunjhunwala (Trustee), Amy Edge (Risk Manager), Ivy Breivogel (Board Administrator), Chris Breivogel (Director), Rebecca Wald (Director Elect), Jonah Goodman (Trustee Elect), Ajai Saini (Trustee Elect), Hailey Hochberg (Youth Representative Elect)

Absent: Stacie Vecchietti (President), Anthony Quandt-Judd (Trustee), Stephen Shanahan (Trustee), Claire Nutt (Senior Youth Representative), Maren Merkel (Junior Youth Representative)

Opening

- Chalice Lighting & Opening Words
- Call to order 12:12pm

Welcome new Board members

- Welcome Jonah, Ajai, and Hailey!

Officer and Committee Reports

- Treasurer / Finance Committee
    - We're working on taxes and have an extension until November 15. It's more affordable to do it ourselves than to pay someone to file taxes for us.
    - Survey of values that happened at the Core Staff/Board joint meeting two years ago – we're planning to do that survey again so if you have questions that you'd like to be asked about
- Outreach Committee
    - A few community members are interested in either joining the Outreach Committee or helping with Outreach in other ways

    - We had a lot of people use the newcomer discount this year! The SUUSI Survey will have a question about whether the referral/newcomer discount served as an incentive, so we'll have that information.
- Secretary / Nominations and Elections Committee
    - We have a community member who wants to join the Nominations and Elections committee!
    - We also had an overwhelming amount of people voting in-person in the dining hall this year. Not sure if that was due to wifi problems, but we will need to print more next year
    - Both elections were very close, and the percentage of eligible youth who voted was about 25% higher than the adult percentage. Some youth groups were on Nature Trips or completing workshops and didn't get to vote.
- Vice President / Bylaws and Policies Committee
    - Nothing to report at this time.

Reflections on SUUSI 2026

Site Selection Plan

- Bylaw IV.14.C : Select a site for the next Summer Institute "in a timely manner"
- We are already on Radford's schedule for next summer, July 18-24, and we should have a contract in the next couple of months. Radford has a few notes of things to improve, but they have been overall pleased with us.
- Dalton dining hall will be under renovation next year, so we will need to dine in Muse. Will need to figure out how to transport participants and/or use dorms nearby.

Review, update, and sign Board Covenant & Affirmation

- Board members will sign the Board Covenant and Affirmation following this meeting

Policy 8.1 Review – Staff Compensation

- Co-convening the Finance Committee + the Bylaws and Policy Committee to review

Emerging Trends for SUUSI 2027; Upcoming Policy and Bylaw Discussions

- AI Use Policy
- Participation of youth and waning demographic populations
- Streamlining of Board Expectations & Board Guidelines in Policy

Scheduling Board meetings for 2026-27

- Our goal is to get the meetings for the year scheduled before the end of the summer

- Upcoming orientation for new members in September

Committee Appointments

- Board members will complete the committee interest form, appointments to come

SUUSI Foundation Board Appointments

- Policy 2.2.1.E: “The members of the SUUSI Foundation Board of Directors shall consist of seven (7) members, one of which is the SUUSI Board Treasurer, one of which is either the SUUSI Board President or Vice President, one of which is an additional SUUSI Board member appointed by the SUUSI Board of Trustees, and four (4) at-large members appointed by the SUUSI Board of Trustees.”
- Nominees: Andrew Diamond (SUUSI Board Treasurer), Misty Lewis (SUUSI Board President), Mia Lazar (SUUSI Board Trustee), Michael Tino, Joyce Munro, Ian Hochberg, Nicole Tearno

→ **Motion to approve the slate as provided by the Foundation for the upcoming 2026-27 year**, seconded, approved unanimously

→ **Motion to enter Executive session**, seconded, approved unanimously

Adjourn 2:22pm

Minutes recorded by: Ivy Breivogel, Board Administrator, 7/24/2026

