



United University Professions

May 19, 2016

Sisters and Brothers:

By now you may have heard about the "excitement" at the Saturday Plenary at the 2016 Spring Delegate Assembly. Fred and the Officers would like to detail for you what occurred during the Plenary, and clarify for you what UUP will do going forward.

The Saturday Plenary (May 14, 2016) was gavelled to order by President Frederick E. Kowal at 8:10 a.m. The Final Credentials Report was adopted; 271 Delegates were registered and all chapters were represented. President Kowal asked the Elections and Credentials Committee to come to the dais to begin Elections.

Co-Chair Jeanne Galbraith was going over the election procedures when the sound system and the lights went out. President Kowal interrupted her to announce that the Delegates were to evacuate the room immediately.

- Delegates were told to evacuate the City Center because someone smelled an electrical fire. It appeared that the hotel (which is connected to the City Center) had an electrical fire.
- President Kowal was informed that there was no fire, but there was a power outage in Saratoga and National Grid had been contacted.
- At 9:25 a.m., President Kowal was told Delegates could return to the City Center; there were no lights and no sound. We were told that National Grid expected power to be restored at 11:30 a.m.; that time was revised to 1:00 p.m.

A Motion to Recess the Delegate Assembly came from the floor and was adopted unanimously by the Delegates.

A Motion to Recess means that we will reconvene the 2016 Spring DA to conduct Elections (at a time to be specified on Friday, September 30). At the end of the elections, the 2016 Spring DA will adjourn. All other business from the 2016 Spring DA will become Unfinished Business of the 2016 Fall DA.

The Executive Board met in emergency session following the adjournment of the DA in order to finalize plans for a Board action to fill the officer and Executive Board positions on an Acting basis from June 1, 2016 until elections can take place in September. According to the UUP Constitution, Article V, Section 3k, the Executive Board fills vacancies "on an acting basis until an election for the remainder of the term at the next regular Delegate

Assembly.”

From the Minutes of the Emergency Executive Board Meeting:

President Kowal asked the Parliamentarian to confirm that UUP procedures require:

- *A vacancy must exist before it is filled;*
- *The offices of Vice President for Academics, Vice President for Professionals and Treasurer will not become vacant until May 31, 2016;*
- *Five Executive Board seats will not become vacant until May 31, 2016;*
- *The Board can convene an emergency meeting on June 1, 2016 to fill the vacancies for VPA, VPP, Treasurer and five Executive Board seats.*

MOTION: (Lindblom)

To hold an Emergency meeting of the Executive Board on June 1 to fill the vacancies for Acting VPA, Acting VPP, Acting Treasurer, and five Acting Executive Board positions . Elections and Credentials Committee Co-Chairs will be available, which will allow for secret ballot should it be necessary.

MOTION ADOPTED

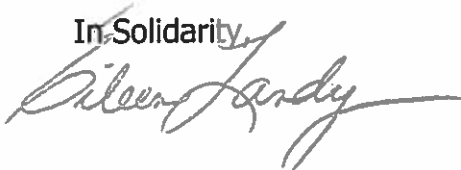
It should be noted that persons no longer holding office will not vote on June 1.

Anyone wishing to be considered to fill either officer or Executive Board positions on an Acting basis must notify the Office of the Secretary in writing: hard copy (mail) to be received no later than close of business on Tuesday, May 31, 2016; fax or email to be received no later than 11:59 p.m. on Tuesday, May 31, 2016.

The elections to fill the remainder of the term for the VPA, VPP, Treasurer and five Executive Board seats will be held when we will reconvene the 2016 Spring DA (at a time to be specified on Friday, September 30). At the end of the elections, the 2016 Spring DA will adjourn.

Please call or email if you have any concerns or questions.

In Solidarity,



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