

New York State Convention of Universalists Founded 1825

199th Annual Meeting
Business Meeting October 25, 2025

1. Call to Order- Ann Rhody, President 10:55am
2. Determination of Quorum -
 Needed: 25 voting delegates representing 8 societies
 Present: 41 voting delegates, 15 societies
3. Approval of Agenda
 Motion to approve agenda - Richard Reed, Karen Dau
 Approved
4. Approval of Minutes from 2024 Annual Meeting
 Motion to approve minutes Sally Hamlin, Mark Berninghausen
 Approved
5. Report of the Board of Trustees
 See attached. Submitted with the delegate packet.
6. Treasurer's Report
 Documents sent out with delegate packet
 Highlights of FY 26 report: greatest expense are the grants awarded
 greatest income are dividends from investments
7. Report of Service Gratuity Program
 Continued support of ministers who served before the merger
 2 ministers are currently supported
 Nancy Bender, a member of the Service Gratuity Committee, passed away
 and was honored by a moment of silence
8. Report of 2025 Grants and Loans - Jim D'Aloisio
 NYSCU is a grant and loan awarding organization
 available funding for grants is between 4-5% of the growth of our funds
 Jim explained the process of awarding grants
 22 grants awarded for a total of \$128,730 (complete list in delegate packet)
 2 loans advanced for a total of \$110,000
9. Reports and Greetings
 Central East Region - Cassandra Montenegro
 Archivist Karen Dau, who is retiring at the close of 2025
 NYSCU archives are housed in the Harvard Library and digitally

David D'Amico, editor of The Universalist Herald

10. Report of the Nominating Committee - Richard Reed

Nominated for election as Officers of the Board:

Ann Rhody, third 2 year term as President

Gay Canough, first 2 year term as Vice-president

Linda Anderson, second 2 year term as Secretary

Nominated for election as Trustees of the Board:

Mark Berninghausen, second 3 year term

Ken Drake, to fill the remaining year of a vacancy

Sharon Piehler, first 3 year term

Nomination for Trustee from the floor:

Rev Cindy Terlazzo for a 3 year term

Nominating Committee: nominated for election

Judi Adel, second 2 year term

Jody Brown, second 2 year term

Nomination for Nominating Committee from the floor:

Miranda Hofelt for a 2 year term

11. Election of new Trustees and Nominating Committee members

Motion to approve the slate as presented Jody Brown, Robert Sluth

Motion passed

12. President's Remarks

Thanked the Planning Committee and the people in Canton for this gathering

Evolution of NYSCU - the NYSCU annual meeting in 2026 will team up with

the UU Weekend at Silver Bay on Lake George. This will be more efficient

and broaden awareness of NYSCU's mission.

Thanked the retiring Board members Jo VonRue and Sally Hamlin and retiring

archivist Karen Dau

13. Old Business - none

14. New Business - none

15. Adjournment 11:55am