



**SWUUW has immediate openings for two at-large board members. We are also soliciting nominations for the 2012-2013. If you are interested in serving now and/or being nominated for next year, please let us hear from you now. Nomination doesn't equal election but it sure starts the ball rolling!**

South West Unitarian Universalist Women Board of Directors is composed of nine women who commit to a term as follows:

Every year the following are elected by the Members to one-year terms: the President, President-Elect and the four Non-Officer Board members.

In even-numbered years, the Secretary is elected to a two-year term. In odd-numbered years, the Treasurer is elected to a two-year term.

The President, President-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer and the Non-Officer Board Members, may serve one or more terms consecutively and may also be elected to consecutive terms. The outgoing President becomes the Past President for one year following her term as President.

Terms begin and end with the annual Conference meeting. It is important for the committee to be balanced and diverse in its membership; therefore care is taken to pull from the different regions in the SW District and to balance as to age, profession, and ethnic origins. It is preferred that one Non-Officer member be a minister.

Members need to:

Support women through worship, learning, leadership, community, Women's issues and social justice.

Demonstrate a willingness to discuss women's issues, explore feminist theology, promote friendships between various District congregations and celebrate the diversities that make us unique women on our individual spiritual paths.

Possess a commitment to be guided by the SWUUW purpose and the UUA principles.

Be willing to actively serve their full term as described above and attend all of the meetings.

Applicants will have an Ability to work well with people, good communication and human relations skills.

2. Plan and carry out specific tasks associated with the annual conference, mid-year gathering and monthly meetings. Board members will be responsible for meeting content and participation.

3. Monthly meetings occur on the 2nd Sunday of each month (typically at 7 pm) via telephone or electronic media. The Annual meeting is during the Conference. When possible we will convene mid-year in a single location (to be determined). If the meeting is at a home church, then there are additional responsibilities such as home hospitality, transportation, meals, etc.
4. Nurture and support the women on the committee and in the district.
5. If a conflict arises, use conflict resolution techniques to solve the problem.
6. When expenses are to be paid by SWU UW, it is the responsibility of each member to keep costs to a minimum.

How does one become a member of the SWU UW Board of Directors?

1. Please fill out the formal application (below)
2. Also include a letter of recommendation from a minister, a woman's group or someone who knows you well
3. Send this form to [president@SWU UW.org](mailto:president@SWU UW.org). Use the subject line "SWU UW Board Member Application."

If you are recommending someone to the board please write your letter of recommendation, have her read the above information and fill in the form.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (home) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone cell) \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Church Name and Location \_\_\_\_\_

Please note carefully the explanation of the SWU UW Board on this sheet. Pay particular attention to the time commitment required.

On a separate sheet of paper, please explain why you are interested. Include your strengths and experience, areas of professional and/or volunteer expertise, and UU history and interests. If you are recommending a woman for the committee, please provide this information on that person.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_