

UU Psi Symposium Summer Conference

August 22-29, 2009

at the Ferry Beach UU Conference Center, Saco, Maine

This is an important year for Psi! We will be celebrating the 40th anniversary of the founding of UU Psi Symposium, and the 30th anniversary of our first summer conference at Ferry Beach. This summer you have the opportunity to join in the anniversary festivities and also to treat yourself to an INNER JOURNEY vacation.

Caring for Ourselves and Our Planet

is the theme of this summer's conference.

The six-day morning workshop will offer instruction in the Law of Attraction, and the opportunity to go deeper, coming to an understanding of what we *really want* to attract into our lives, and how to do it; what keeps us from it; and how we attract that which we *don't want*. This is an experiential workshop and deeper understandings will come.....through journaling, creating art projects, meditation, guided imagery, and sharing experiences.

The Leaders for the morning workshop are Laura Yurko, who has a Master's Degree in Counseling Psychology, and training in expressive arts and energy healing, and Sibylle Baughan, a long-time Ferry Beach workshop presenter, and director of the Yoga Center for the Healing Arts.

One afternoon workshop will focus on taking care of Mother Earth...

"The Low Carbon Diet- A 30 Day Program to Lose 5000 Pounds".

This will be led by Ron Giancola, who has spearheaded the Green Sanctuary movement in the Pittsfield, Mass. Unitarian Universalist church

The other afternoon workshop will help us care for ourselves through experiencing

"Stress Reduction through Movement",

led by Linda Giancola, a member of the Berkshire Psi chapter.

If you have questions, please feel free to e-mail me at: rs11191052@aol.com

To register or to find out more about Ferry Beach: www.ferrybeach.org

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UU Psi Symposium Celebrating A Double Anniversary

UU Psi symposium was founded 40 years ago....and began holding summer conferences at Ferry Beach 30 years ago! On August 22 and 23, this double anniversary will be celebrated at the Beach by the Psi Symposium Board, conferees, and alumnae. What is Psi Symposium, you ask? Psi, the Greek letter, is a shorthand term for "psychic phenomena".

Psi Symposium began holding summer conferences at Ferry Beach in 1979, and at one time was the sole conference during its week, with its own store selling New Age books and materials. Over the years Psi workshops have featured psychics and scientists, energy healers and clairvoyants, mask makers and astrologers, shamans and ministers. We have listened to channelers of spirit guides; gone on shamanic journeys; explored past lives; learned about Native American spirituality and ceremonies; were instructed in Sufi dancing; practiced dowsing; strengthened our intuition; participated in healing with energy; and traveled afar through guided imagery and music.

Through being open to new experiences having to do with consciousness and spirit through Psi explorations, we have come to appreciate the mysteries of the human spirit and, through exploring them, discovered our connection not only to the world but to each other. That spiritual discovery allows us to heal ourselves, each other, and the Earth itself.

(**Editor's Note:** We received the following responses to our invitation in the Spring Newsletter for memories about experiences at Ferry Beech)

A Psi Sym Conference “Interesting” Experience – Peg Smith

In the summer of 1999, as we introduced ourselves at the beginning of a workshop on mysticism led by Dick Fewkes, I said that I had come to Psi Sym many times, and that each time something very special had happened.

Usually it was an “inner something” but this year was different. We were sent off by Dick to find some object that “spoke to our mind and our heart”, ask it to share some wisdom, and write our response. Then, if it was small enough and we wished to, we were to bring back the object.

I wandered down a path I'd never taken before until I found a bog that I never knew existed. After I sat down, the first thing I noticed was an ant and a spider web. But then I saw the dragonflies, hundreds of them. They were red, and I'd never seen red dragonflies before. The sun was warm and it was easy to go into a meditative state and ask them to share their wisdom. It was: “Keep warm. Keep dry. Enjoy the sun. Summer is short.” I thanked them and invited the dragonflies to return to the workshop with me, but they didn't seem interested.

I walked slowly back toward Rose Pavilion holding my notebook with pencil sticking out of it, in front of me about waist high. As I was walking, I looked down and there on the graphite tip of the pencil was a blue-green dragonfly! And it didn't fly away. I stood motionless in shock, for what seemed like minutes thinking “Oh, my goodness”. Eventually, I invited it to come back to the workshop, and I started walking slowly toward the pavilion. The dragonfly stayed with me about 15 steps, before flying away. Was it just a coincidence that I had invited the dragonflies to come back with me to the workshop, and one actually did come and sit on my pencil as I was walking along? What are the chances.....?

One last coincidence. I finished writing this piece and went outside to soak up some sun. As I closed the screen door, a dragonfly flew up and attached itself to the screen about 18 inches from my head. It was the first dragonfly I have seen this summer.

The world is truly a mysterious place.

And this one from Judith Donovan:

Although I have not attended PSI week for a number of years now, partly due to the challenge of a live-in relationship and also my deepening involvement with Tibetan Buddhism, PSI experiences continue to reverberate and impact my life.

So many memories_.

Let me start by laying the foundation. Through PSI week initially and later Work Week, Ferry Beach became the first place I came to believe I belonged in the world. PSI week helped me understand my purpose to being alive. My friends would all remark on how different I was after a trip to Ferry Beach in general and PSI week specifically.

One memory that I wrote about for a PSI Journal was meeting my earthly spirit guide, Armand, the week we journeyed with our power animals. I regret to say I can not find the article at this moment. However, he gave me his ring (or it appeared amongst my belongings after a dance to an altered state). He was from Nova Scotia. The ring symbolized loving ones self and was a profound part of my personal growth. My son would say, “Ma are you going to tell that story again???” It was here that I came to trust my intuition and develop into the healer I am. The ring was from a virtuoso musician and I kept it close by for many years. He said when I did not need it any more to pass it on. I passed it to a musician I knew and it ultimately saved him from a scorpion!

Other folks that continue to impact me that I met through PSI are Jeremy Taylor, Rhoda Zagorsky and of course Dick Fewkes. In fact, Dick presented a workshop at my UU church in Springfield MA where I became known as the church psychic. This was the first time I had ever let that part of me be known!

Another psychic/channeler channeled my deceased step mother one special evening during PSI week. Her message to me was to love, no matter what anyone said to me, my place on earth was to love. This developed into a deeper love of myself and ability to both give and receive the abundant love of the Universe. You see, my step mother, Nora, was pure unconditional love and “saved” my life as a teen. It was at PSI week that I

also met the man who was to become a life long and psyche changing love experience. My roomies were always just perfect and Ron gave me my meditation bench that I still use daily.

Other memories include the wonderful women, who one day on the beach, sang me my name and graduated me into "Cronehood". So many more experiences, dancing and singing around the piano, just too many more to say!

My gratefulness for this group and its continuing impact on my world view is profoundly deep. THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU for your persistence and hard work to keep PSI going.

The 2009 Annual Meeting of Psi Symposium will be at Ferry Beach, on Sunday, August 23rd. We will be voting on some By-Laws changes which are listed at the end of this newsletter. Also note the daily schedule for the week which you can use to add prayerful energy for your spiritual participation

Laugh Your Way to Abundance and Freedom Jafree Ozwald & Margot Zaher
www.EnlightenedBeings.com

When was the last time you experienced a deep belly laugh? Laughter not only feels good, it also produces a powerful manifesting energy that will literally shift your ability to attract what you desire. When you laugh, your being literally expands, and your energetic field opens up to all of the abundance, love and infinite possibilities that exist in the world around you. You tend to attract more abundance, love and success in a natural effortless way. The light carefree energy of laughter is like a "happy magnet" which will only attract more joyful experiences to you."

***"At the height of laughter, the universe is flung into a kaleidoscope of new possibilities."* ~ Jean Houston**

If seriousness is a disease to the soul, then genuine laughter is the cure. If someone is facing a serious life situation, perhaps even a life threatening disease, the energy of laughter is what creates a healing response. There are many studies done on people who have laughed their cancers away and returned their bodies to perfect health. Laughing causes the body to produce the antibodies which boost the immune system and fight off all diseases. So even though a serious life situation may SEEM like you should become even more serious, just the opposite is true. Serious attitudes create serious problems, and a serious mind only creates more feelings of limitation and fear in ones consciousness, which dramatically lowers your ability to manifest what you want.

"Laugh and your life will be lengthened for this is the great secret of long life. ~ Og Mandino

You might be saying to yourself, "I have nothing to laugh about. I have so many problems to deal with." Humor is all a matter of perspective. The contracted ego-mind takes everything seriously. Take one baby step back from your mind right now. Sit in the back seat of your brain for a moment, and open up to a broader experience of who you are. What do you notice? If we watched a movie of your entire life from beginning until now, and compared it to what's happening for the other 7 billion people on the planet, you might have a little more compassion for yourself. The mind creates all sort of stories it believes to be true, and yet are absolutely false. The biggest lie of course is that you are a limited being with limited resources who needs to take life's tribulations very seriously.

***"Against the assault of laughter nothing can stand."* ~ Mark Twain**

Whenever you are serious about something, your mind gets tense, the body gets rigid, and it becomes very difficult to receive what you want. The serious problem with being serious is you can only receive the solution to your problem in a relaxed open way. It's like a closed fist cannot receive anything until it opens. Laughter is a way of opening your internal fist and freeing your mind to experience the bliss of pure being. All of the judgments and the worries that you may usually carry around can melt away instantly with ONE good belly laugh.

Laughter creates instant freedom in your life. You have to let go and trust life when you're laughing. You are truly defenseless when you are chuckling madly away at something hilarious. And best of all, you get to drop all those ideas about who you think you are. With laughter comes an automatic release from any experience of superiority or inferiority. We all are instantly equal when we laugh together. And when you can laugh at yourself, the ego comes to a complete halt and you can experience the free-flowing abundant manifesting being within!

***"Time spent laughing is time spent with the Gods."* ~Japanese Proverb**

Schedule: Psi Symposium Conference and Anniversary Celebration at Ferry Beach – August 22-28, 2009

SATURDAY

- 1:00- ? Psi Board Meeting - Gardner
- 2:00-5:00 Conference registration – Quillen Porch
BEACH TIME
- 5:00-6:00 Social Hour – Gardner Lawn
- 6:00-7:00 Dinner - Quillen Dining Room
- 7:00-7:30 Ferry Beach Orientation
- 7:30-9:00 Psi Symposium Anniversary Celebration: Speaker: Rev. Bob Slater; memory sharing by Dick, Fewkes, Glen Snowden, and all - Gardner
- 9:00- ? Psi Anniversary Cake and Punch - Quillen Dining Room - Open to **all**

SUNDAY

- 7:30-8:30 Breakfast
- 9:30-10:15 Worship Service - The Grove
- 10:30-12 Special Psi Morning Workshop, “Exploring Our Spiritual Path”- open to all Psi alumnae and Psi conferees - Gardner
- 12:00-1:00 Lunch
- 1:15-2:00? Psi Symposium Annual Meeting - Gardner
- 2:00-3:30 BEACH TIME (If rainy, wkshop discussion insights - Gardner, possibly a movie)
- 3:30-5:00 Workshop: “Dreams and the Spiritual Life”- Dick Fewkes- Gardner
- 5:00-6:00 Social Hour - Gardner Lawn
- 6:00-7:00 Dinner
- 7:30-9:00 Psi Evening Program - speaker - Gardner - Open to all F.B.conferees and staff
- 9:00-11:00 Social Gathering - Gardner

MORNINGS

MONDAY - THURSDAY

- 7:30-8:30 Breakfast
- 8:45-9:00 Chapel - Grove
- 9:30-12:00 Psi Morning Workshops – Gardner
- 12:00-1:00 Lunch

FRIDAY

- 7:30-8:30 Breakfast
Finish packing - Dorm rooms must be vacated by 10:00 a.m.
Finish filling out Psi Conference and Ferry Beach Evaluations
- 8:45-9:00 Chapel - Grove
- 9:30-12:00 Psi Morning Workshops – Gardner
- 12:00-1:00 Lunch and then

Farewell.....until next summer!

MONDAY AFTERNOON AND EVENING

- 1:30-4:00 BEACH TIME (If rainy, Spiritual Cinema – Gardner)
- 4:00-5:00 Relaxation through Movement Workshop – Gardner Lawn or Loft - Open to all
- 5:00-6:00 Social Hour – Gardner Lawn
- 6:00-7:00 Dinner
- 7:30-9:00 Spiritual Cinema – Gardner
- 9:00-11:00 Social Gathering – Gardner

TUESDAY AFTERNOON AND EVENING

- 1:30-3:00 BEACH TIME (If rainy, Spiritual Cinema – Gardner)
- 3:00-5:00 Low Carbon Diet Workshop – Gardner – Open to all Beach conferees
- 5:00-6:00 Social Hour

- 6:00-7:00 Dinner
- 8:00-10:00 Coffee House - Rose Pavilion OR Organ Concert - Portland
- 10:00-11:00 Social Gathering - Gardner

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON AND EVENING

- 1:30-3:30 Low Carbon Diet Workshop – Gardner – Open to all Beach Conferees
- 4:00-5:00 Healing Service – Rowland
- 5:00-6:00 Social Hour – Gardner Lawn
- 6:00-7:00 Dinner....Barbeque/Lobster night
- 7:30-9:00 Open...Join other conferences for hymn sing or dancing?
- 9:00-11:00 Social Gathering – Gardner

THURSDAY AFTERNOON AND EVENING

- 1:30-5:00 Free Afternoon for the beach, to explore Maine, take a guided nature walk. (If rainy, Spiritual Cinema – Gardner)
Fill out Psi Conference Evaluation
Begin packing for return home tomorrow
- 5:00-6:00 Social Hour – Gardner Lawn
- 6:00-7:00 Dinner – dress-up night
- 7:30-10:00 Talent/No-talent Show – Rowland
- 10:00-11:00 Social Gathering – Gardner

Saturday Afternoon and Evening:

- 1-2-?3 Psi Board Meeting – Gardner
- 2-5 Psi Conference Registration - Quillen Porch
- 5-6 Social Hour
- 6-7 Dinner
- 7:30-9 Introductions
40th Psi Anniversary Celebration – Gardner - Speaker: Bob Slater
30th Anniversary of Ferry Beach Conferences – Speakers/Sharers of Memories: Dick Fewkes, Glen Snowden, Marcia Payson; others
And The Future.....? If there is time? If not, tomorrow a.m. Peg: 5 min.
Presentation of Gifts for Bob, Dick, and Glen
- 9-? Anniversary Cake and Punch in Quillen Dining Room, with rest of Beach

Sunday Morning-Afternoon-Evening

- 9:30-10:15 Worship Service –the Grove
- 10:15-10:30 Morning Workshop – Gardner –
Fill in with picking Affirmations - Distribute notebooks for “Journals”
- 10:30-10:35 “The March to 2012” - Peg
- 10:35-11:00 “Exploring Our Spiritual Path”: GIM - Sibylle - Conferees to contemplate: “Where am I now, on my path?”; and “Where do I want to be?”; (I think we should leave the last question of “How will I get there?” to after the GIM...It’s too left brained.)
- 11-12 Creation of 3 pictures of the above. Discuss insights, if there’s time.
- 12-1 Lunch
- 1:15- @2 Psi Annual Meeting – Gardner
- 2-3:30 Beach Time
- 3:30-5 Workshop: “Dreams and the Spiritual Life” - Dick Fewkes - Gardner
- 5-6 Social Hour – Gardner Lawn
- 6-7 Dinner
- 7:30-9 Speaker – Gardner
- 9-11 Social Gathering – Gardner

By-Laws of the Unitarian Universalist PSI Symposium...revised in December 1975, with complete revision in May 1990; Amended in May 1991, and July 1991
(Proposed By-Laws changes are underlined and *in italics*)

Article I. NAME

The NAME of this organization shall be the Unitarian Universalist Psi Symposium. It is an independent affiliate of the Unitarian Universalist Association. The Unitarian Universalist Psi Symposium is a non-profit, tax exempt educational and religious organization.

Proposed Changes

- Eliminate the sentence: *It is an independent affiliate of the Unitarian Universalist Association*
- Change the following sentence to read: *It is a non-profit 501 (C) (3) tax exempt educational and religious organization.*

Article II.

PURPOSE The PURPOSE of the Unitarian Universalist Psi Symposium Is to provide an organization for Unitarian Universalists and others interested in the study of metaphysics, holistic health, meditation, psi, spiritual development and related subjects

Proposed Changes and Additions

It is the PURPOSE of The Unitarian Universalist PSI Symposium to provide the organizational structure:

- *to support members' and others' interest in and study of subjects which include but are not limited to: Mysticism, Metaphysics, Spirituality, Parapsychology, Psychic Skills, Holistic Health and Healing, Life After Death, Unexplained Phenomena, Metaphysical Implications of Research in the Sciences.*
- *to provide experiential programs which strengthen members' spiritual development, and abilities.*
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Article III. MEMBERSHIP.

MEMBERSHIP of the Psi Symposium is composed of Individual and Chapter Members. The annual dues shall be determined by the Psi Symposium Board and approved by vote at the Annual Meeting. After thirty days of membership all members have equal voting rights. Any individual or chapter member who has not paid the required dues after having been notified shall be deemed to have resigned her/his Psi Symposium membership.

- A. INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP of the Psi Symposium may be obtained through application to the Psi Symposium Board.
- B. CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP can be obtained by any group that wishes to form a local chapter through application to, guidance and approval of the Psi Symposium Board. The chapter may write its own bylaws, provided that they are consistent with these Bylaws. Each chapter may elect a liaison for Corresponding with the Psi Symposium Board. Each chapter may have representation at all Psi Board Meetings, and such representative shall be designated as an advisory, non-voting Psi Board member.

Proposed Changes

- Any individual or chapter member who has not paid the required dues *within a month after having been notified a second time*, shall be deemed to have resigned her/his Psi Symposium membership.
- Each chapter may have representation at all Psi Symposium Board Meetings, and such representative shall be designated as an advisory, non-voting Psi Symposium Board member.

Article IV. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The BOARD OF DIRECTORS is charged to implement the Purpose of the Psi Symposium through all appropriate means including the establishment of a national office and the hiring of essential administrative staff. The Board shall have sole power to authorize the expenditure, deposit or investment of Symposium assets, subject to any restrictions which may be made by vote of the members of the Psi Symposium prior to action taken by the Board of Directors

- A. The BOARD OF DIRECTORS shall consist of twelve members – four OFFICERS and eight DIRECTORS, who are elected at the Annual Meeting. The Nominations Committee shall present a recommended slate of Officers and Directors for the vote of the Annual Meeting. All candidates must be voting members of the Psi Symposium.

- B. The OFFICERS shall be elected to one year terms. No officer shall serve more than three consecutive terms in the same office.
The DIRECTORS shall be elected to a three year term. No director shall serve more than two consecutive terms, and the terms of the Directors shall be scheduled on a rotating basis.
- C. Officers and Directors may resign their position by written notice to the President. Any vacancy in the positions on the Board between Annual Meetings shall be filled by vote of the Board upon recommendations of the Nominations Committee.
- D. Members of the Board who do not attend 70% of the meetings in any one year shall be ineligible to continue as Board members the following year.

Proposed Changes

- D. While it is always best for Board Members to attend Meetings in person, Board Members who live at a considerable distance may attend and vote by telephone conference call; or other electronic device. Members of the Board who do not attend 70% of the meetings in any one year shall be ineligible to continue as Board members the following year.

Article V. OFFICERS

- A. The PRESIDENT shall preside at all meetings of the Psi Symposium and Board of Directors meetings, shall sign contracts on behalf of the Psi Symposium, shall act as the official representative of the Psi Symposium, and shall take an administrative interest in all the activities of the Psi Board.

Proposed Addition:

The President shall write an Annual Report on the state of the organization to be Included with the announcement of the time and place of the Annual Meeting The Annual Report shall be given to the Clerk at least three weeks prior to the Annual Meeting.

The President shall write Letters of Welcome to all new members, and to all new chapters.

- B. The VICE-PRESIDENT shall, in the absence or disability or request of the President, perform the duties of the President's office. The Vice-President may also serve as chair of a standing and/or an ad hoc committee.
- C. The TREASURER shall be the custodian of the assets of the Psi Symposium. The treasurer shall collect dues from individual members and from chapters. And shall receive any donations or legacies and shall deposit all funds consistent with the provisions of these Bylaws. The treasurer shall disburse funds as determined by the Psi Symposium or Board of Directors.

The Treasurer shall maintain a monthly record of all receipts and expenditures and shall have the records available for inspection by the Board at all times. At the close of the fiscal year and prior to the Annual Meeting of the Psi Symposium, the Treasurer shall release to the Auditor the records properly balanced with a written summary of the receipts and expenditures during that year, and shall submit a written report at the Annual Meeting of the Psi Symposium itemizing those transactions and reporting the status of all assets in her/his charge.

Proposed Change:

At the close of the fiscal year and prior to the Annual Meeting of the Psi Symposium, the Treasurer shall write a summary of the receipts and expenditures during the year, and submit the report at the Annual Meeting of the Psi symposium, itemizing those transactions and reporting the status of all assets in her/his charge

The books shall be audited as a new Treasurer takes office.

- D. The CLERK shall keep a record of all meetings of the Psi Symposium and Board of Directors, and shall have such other powers and duties as the Psi Symposium or Board shall designate. At the request of the President, the Clerk shall also conduct the essential correspondence for the proper functioning of the Board.

Proposed Addition

D. The CLERK shall keep a record of all meetings of the Psi Symposium and Board of Directors.
The CLERK shall keep a correct list of all chapters, their members, and chapter liaisons, and all Psi Symposium individual members, including their addresses and e-mail addresses .The CLERK shall be responsible for notifying the members, of the time and place of the Annual Meeting, the Nomination Committee's Slate of Officers and Directors, the President's Annual Report, and important items of business to be decided at the Annual Meeting. This is to be done least 14 days prior to the Annual Meeting. The notification may be by e-mail, regular mail, or through the Psi Newsletter.

Article VI. DIRECTORS

The DIRECTORS shall serve as chairpersons of the Standing Committees and shall be appointed annually by the President. In turn, the Directors shall, in consultation with the President, name his/her committee members. Committee members may be selected from (1) elected Board members and officers, (2) adjunct Board members, i.e. persons who have previously served as officers and members of the board, and (3) at-large members of Psi Symposium.

The Directors shall participate in the review and approval of all committee recommendations, shall participate in all Board discussions and votes, and shall exercise other duties as requested by the President or the Board. Directors shall be selected on the basis of the organizational needs of the Board and on the basis of the personal and professional qualifications of the individual. This review process shall be conducted by the Nominations Committee.

Proposed Changes

In turn, the Directors shall, in consultation with the President, name their committee members.

Proposed Addition *second paragraph*

At the request of the President, Board Members may be asked to vote on an issue by e-mail. E-mail discussions may be initiated by any member of the Board; any member may subsequently call for a vote on the discussed issue.

Article VII. STANDING COMMITTEES

All recommendations of STANDING COMMITTEES regarding policy implementation, programs, conference staff and financial matters shall be presented to the Board in a timely manner for their review and approval.

There are presently six Standing Committees, although by a two-thirds vote of the Board, additional Standing Committees may be established. The following Standing Committees are currently in effect: Chapters and Membership; Finances; Journal and Newsletter; Nominations; Programs; Publicity

Ad Hoc Committees may be established by the President to respond to specific tasks and limited projects. The President shall appoint the chairperson of the committee; as above, the chairperson shall name her/his committee members.

Proposed changes

There are presently ten Standing Committees, although by a two-thirds vote of the Board, additional Standing Committees may be established. The following Standing Committees are currently in effect:

Membership; Chapters; Annual Journal; Newsletter; Web Site; Gene Assembly Program; Summer Conference; Outreach and Engagement Nominations

Article VIII. MEETINGS

A. Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Symposium shall be held during the summer months at such time and place as the Board shall determine, preferably in conjunction with its summer conference.

Special meetings of the Psi Symposium shall be held upon a call by any seven members of the Board or upon written request by any 100 Psi Symposium members or 20% of the total current membership, whichever is the greater amount.

At any meeting of the Psi Symposium, the members present and seven members of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Notice of meetings of the Psi Symposium shall be mailed to each member at least fourteen days before the date fixed for the meeting. Arrangements may be made by the Psi Symposium with any Chapter for the mailing of any such notice to members of such Chapter rather than directly by the Psi Symposium.

“Roberts ‘ Rules of Order” shall be considered the authority regarding conducting General Meetings of the Psi Symposium, as well as the meetings of the Board of Directors.

Proposed Additions and Changes *Directly under “Meetings”, before “A. Annual Meeting”, list the conditions for all meetings as follows:*

- **Quorum** At any meeting of the Psi Symposium, the members present and four members of the Board shall constitute a quorum for transaction of business. If a meeting does not have a quorum, it may adjourn until the next regular meeting of the Board of Directors.

- **Notification of Members** *Members shall be notified of meetings of the Psi Symposium at least fourteen days before the date fixed for the meeting. This notification may be by mail, e-mail, or Newsletter.* Arrangements may be made by the Psi Symposium with any Chapter for the sending of any such notice to members of such Chapter rather than directly by the Psi Symposium.
- **Rules for Conducting Meetings** “Roberts’ Rules of Order” shall be considered the authority regarding conducting General Meetings of the Psi Symposium as well as the meetings of the Board of Directors.

Proposed Changes

“Special Meetings” should be given the letter “B” since they are different from the Annual Meeting. Therefore “Meetings Of the Board of Directors” will now be labeled with the letter “C”, and “Meetings of the Executive Committee” will get the letter “D”.

B. Special Meetings

Special meetings of the Psi Symposium shall be held upon a call by any seven members of the Board, or upon written request by 20% of the total current membership.

C. Meetings of the Board of Directors

Board Meetings are normally called by the President in consultation with the Directors. A special meeting of the Board may be called by any members of the Board. Notice of all Board meetings requires at least a seven day notice. At any meeting of the Board, seven members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Proposed Addition To the last sentence, add including those present through conference call or other electronic means.

D. Meetings of the Executive Committee

A meeting of the Executive committee may be called under certain emergency circumstances when a meeting of the full Board is not feasible and/or the factor of time is of the essence relative to the issues involved. An Executive Committee meeting may be called by the President or Vice President, and said meeting shall consist of no less than three officers and two Directors. Actions by the Executive Committee are valid until the next meeting of the majority of the Board.

Article IX. AUDITOR

Upon the recommendation of the Treasurer, the Board shall annually appoint a qualified AUDITOR to audit the records of the Treasurer and to report thereon in writing at the Annual Meeting of the Psi Symposium .

Proposed change

Upon a new Treasurer taking office, the Board shall appoint an AUDITOR to audit the records of the outgoing Treasurer, and to report thereon in writing to the Board of Psi Symposium.

Article X. FISCAL YEAR

The FISCAL YEAR of the Psi Symposium shall be the twelve month period Beginning with the first day of September.

Article XI. AMENDMENTS

These Bylaws may be amended or repealed at any duly held meeting of the Psi Symposium by at least two-thirds of the Members present and voting. A notification that action will be taken on any proposed amendment or repeal shall be contained in the notice of the meeting.

Proposed Change/Addition Substitute the following for the 2nd sentence of Article XI:

Members shall be notified at least fourteen days prior to the meeting, of the date and place of the meeting, with the notice containing the proposed changes, and that action is to be taken on them at the meeting.

Article XII. DISTRIBUTION AND DISSOLUTION

In the event of the dissolution of this organization, no part of its assets shall inure to the benefit of any member, director or officer of the Psi Symposium, contributor, or private individual. Assets shall be distributed to the Unitarian Universalist Association. This article shall not be subject to amendment, alteration, change, addition or repeal.

There are as many different worlds as there are perceivers or Beings or individuals. You are not here to create one world where everyone is the same, wanting and getting the same. You are here to be that which you want to be while you allow all others to be that which they want to be.

Abraham Hicks – excerpted from **The Law Of Attraction**, The Basics of the Teachings of Abraham

No one is ever completely alone, when all is said and done, you always have yourself.

George Carlin

Worrying is using your imagination to create something you don't want.

Abraham Hicks. Asheville NC 1998