

**POLICY MANUAL OF
THE SOUTHEAST UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SUMMER INSTITUTE, INC. (SUUSI)**

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Section 1: SUUSI MISSION STATEMENT & ORGANIZATION

1. The mission of SUUSI is to provide a one-week experience evoking the best within us, in concert with Unitarian Universalist principles. SUUSI offers the opportunity to share an intergenerational environment of love, personal freedom, ethics, and joy in an intentional, nonjudgmental community.
2. SUUSI is incorporated as a nonprofit corporation in Florida. This status must be renewed annually.
3. The Board of Trustees is ultimately responsible for SUUSI's financial, ethical, and long-range health.
4. The Coordinating ("Core") Staff is responsible for the day-to-day operations of SUUSI and its various departments. Coordinating Staff is defined to mean the Director and those persons named as Department Heads by the Director.

Section 2: BOARD OF TRUSTEES

2.1: GUIDING PRINCIPLES

1. The Board shall work in consultation with the Coordinating Staff to set policy about budget, constituency, size, and program focus for the forthcoming SUUSI and for long-range planning. In order to facilitate communication between the Board and the Coordinating Staff, a member of the Board shall attend each Core Staff meeting and report all relevant information to the Board.
2. Board members, with the exception of the Past and Present Directors, the Director-Elect, and the Treasurer, may not be members of the Coordinating Staff.
3. The Board supports the training and leadership development of the Board and staff, including the possible underwriting of all or part of Leadership School for specific people.
4. Board meetings shall be conducted using Robert's Rules of Order. At the discretion of the Board, however, other rules of order may be adopted for a specific action. Those rules may include a decision to act in consensus.
5. Board meeting minutes will be made available to the SUUSI community after they are approved. Minutes will not include any discussions held during executive session.
6. Any SUUSI participant may attend any meeting of the Board. Upon recognition by the President, they shall have the courtesy of the floor but shall have no vote.
7. The Board shall review and approve the detailed budget in time to permit the Director to execute a program for the forthcoming year.
8. The Board strongly discourages the ownership of capital equipment by SUUSI. Exceptions must be approved by the Board.
9. The Board is responsible for making contact with the persons recommended for the position of Director Elect and Treasurer at or before the beginning of SUUSI week. The Board may replace the nominee with their own recommendation.
10. The Board is solely responsible for matters dealing with taxation and legal concerns.
11. The Board shall ensure that SUUSI will not be held without proper insurance coverage.

12. The Board is ultimately responsible for the financial, ethical, and long-range health of SUUSI.
13. The Board shall act to maintain SUUSI's tax-exempt status. Refer to Article X, Section 1, of the Certificate of Incorporation dated March 1, 1977.
14. The Board shall periodically review and update the Policies and Bylaws concerning elections, nominations, and appointments covered elsewhere in this policy statement.
15. The Board shall make the current SUUSI Policy Manual and Bylaws available to SUUSI participants upon request in the Information Office and shall publicize its availability.
16. The Board shall act to ensure that SUUSI will provide an environment which welcomes and encourages the rich diversity of its participants, and, while offering an opportunity for special interest groups to share and develop those interests, will not itself become a vehicle for promotion or recruitment for any special interest group.
17. The Board will ensure that a Risk Manager is selected to review SUUSI policy and actions and make recommendations to limit SUUSI's potential liability each year.
18. The Board shall secure annually, 24 months in advance when possible, a written commitment for the SUUSI site. If a decision is made to select a new site, a search committee shall be appointed by the Board, comprised of the Director, selected Board members, and staff constituted to report to the Board. Visits by the committee and key staff coordinators, along with the Director, shall occur before any final Board action is taken.

2.2: STANDING COMMITTEES

1. The following standing committees exist within the Board. Their respective roles are:
 - A. Nominating, which is responsible for making nominations for trustees for the Board, as outlined in the Bylaws.
 - B. Bylaws/Policy Review, which is responsible for reviewing the Bylaws periodically as well as for monitoring the Policy Manual to see that the manual is updated as need be to reflect Board meeting Policy matter decisions.
 - C. Scholarship, which is responsible for administering the scholarship program, for promoting that adequate funds be set aside for the scholarship program, and for recommending guidelines for receiving scholarships.
 - D. Fundraising, which is responsible for soliciting and collecting donations to the SUUSI General Fund, the SUUSI Endowment, and the SUUSI Scholarship program.
 - E. Elections, which is responsible for planning and holding annual elections for trustees and youth representatives to the Board.
 - F. Foundation Committee, which is responsible for participating as voting members on the SUUSI Foundation Board, nominating additional foundation board members from the SUUSI community, and facilitating communication between the boards. The committee shall include five (5) voting board members, one who shall be the Treasurer of the SUUSI Board.

2.3: RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PRESIDENT

1. The President shall appoint committee chairs for the Standing Committees of the Board.

2. The President shall appoint a Historian to archive SUUSI's catalog, Mugbook, NUUS, and other relevant items in the Board Archives.

2.4: RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE VICE PRESIDENT

1. The Vice-President shall be tasked with coordinating housing and logistics for Board meetings.

2.5: RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE TREASURER

1. It is the Treasurer's responsibility to file SUUSI's Annual Report with the State of Florida.
2. The Treasurer shall secure a Fidelity Bond and purchase adequate insurance coverage.

2.6: RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE SECRETARY

1. The Secretary of the Board shall distribute to new members of the Board an information packet, to include copies of the Bylaws, the Policy Manual, and the previous year's minutes.
2. Following each meeting of the Board, the Secretary shall inform individual members of the Coordinating Staff of any and all information relevant to their area of operation.

2.7: YOUTH REPRESENTATION TO BOARD

1. Two Youth Representatives shall be elected to the SUUSI Board, one elected each year for a two year term by Youth Program participants ages 6 to 17. The first year after being elected will be in an observational capacity. The second year will be as a full voting member of the Board. The first year member may vote only in the absence of the second year representative.
2. While attending Board meetings outside of SUUSI, Youth Representatives, whether under or over 18 years of age, may sleep in the same room if both Youth Representatives and their parents or guardians consent. If it is preferred that Youth Representatives not share a room, those over 18 may share a room with an adult trustee of the same gender and those under 18 may share a room with the temporary guardian designated for the Board meeting by their parents or legal guardian (see Bylaws). Under special circumstances, Youth Representatives may request a single room, or may share a room with a member of their family.

2.8: BOARD MEMBER EXPECTATIONS

1. Board members are expected to:
 - A. Determine, understand, and support SUUSI's mission and purpose;

- B. Ensure the long-term health and welfare of SUUSI;
- C. Ensure that SUUSI has adequate resources and that funds are well-managed;
- D. Select the SUUSI Director and review their performance;
- E. Support the SUUSI Director and Core Staff to ensure effective organizational planning and implementation;
- F. Ensure the legal and ethical integrity of SUUSI and maintain accountability;
- G. Determine, monitor, and strengthen SUUSI's programs and services, consistent with our mission, and taking into account the SUUSI community's ideals and desires;
- H. Ensure that SUUSI provides an environment that welcomes and encourages diversity, and provides opportunities for special interest groups;
- I. Actively promote SUUSI throughout the year, encouraging participation;
- J. Actively solicit feedback from the SUUSI community – informally, through personal means, and formally, by evaluation forms;
- K. Recruit new Board members, ensuring a balanced Board composition of experience, skills, and community representation;
- L. Orient new Board members;
- M. Assess Board process and performance, recognizing achievements and reaching consensus on areas needing focus;
- N. Prepare for and attend set Board meetings and emergency meetings, participate in scheduled conference calls, and respond to email communication requests for feedback from fellow Board members;
- O. Serve on at least one formal or ad-hoc committee when requested to by the President;
- P. Attend at least one Core Staff meeting, preferably during the first year of Board service;
- Q. Complete assigned tasks as required;
- R. Secure the SUUSI site with a written commitment (when possible, 24 months in advance);
- S. Provide leadership in managing the SUUSI scholarship program and supporting fundraising efforts to achieve self-sufficiency for the program;
- T. Maintain confidentiality of Board discussions and actions as required;
- U. Read and understand the SUUSI Bylaws and the SUUSI Policy Manual;
- V. Understand and adhere to the SUUSI Staff/Board Code of Behavior.

Section 3: OUTREACH

1. SUUSI will support Unitarian Universalism with gifts of money, volunteer time, and other resources as

they are available. The Mountain, Church of the Larger Fellowship, CU2C2, and the UUA deserve special consideration and support.

2. These statements will not exclude other projects, programs and organizations from consideration for outreach purposes.
3. Churches and fellowships are encouraged to hold SUUSI promotional events. For this purpose, conference attendees may self-identify as "SUUSI Ambassadors" to whom promotional materials may be distributed.

Section 4: ELECTIONS

1. Candidates are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the most current versions of the SUUSI Bylaws and Policy Manual, which can be accessed online.
2. Campaign posters may be put up only in the dormitories and in specified areas of SUUSI. The removal of all campaign material is the responsibility of the candidate and shall be completed by Friday morning of SUUSI week.
3. On election day, campaigning is not allowed with captive audiences, i.e. in meal lines and near the polls.
4. Current Board members staffing the polls will not discuss candidates with voters, but will provide a copy of the Mugbook and published candidates' statements for reference, if available.
5. The SUUSI Board will hold an informational session on Monday during SUUSI for potential candidates for elected positions.
6. The Board will give all candidates equal access to publish a statement in the SUUSI NUUS or other official online or printed media. Each candidate will be allowed 250 words, or equivalent space, in the SUUSI newsletter.
7. When there are two or more candidates for two or more terms, the candidate receiving the highest vote count will get the three year term and other vacancies will be filled accordingly.
8. In the event that there is more than one Board position open, eligible SUUSI participants will be allowed to cast a number of votes equal to the number of positions open. Numerical results of the election may be obtained from the Election Committee upon request, but will not be published.

Section 5: DIRECTOR

1. The Director, with the help of the Treasurer, shall develop a budget progress report for presentation at the fall meeting, to be followed by a detailed budget in accordance with budget policy (see Section 7).
2. The Director shall deal with illegal or improper behavior by any appropriate means, including expulsion from SUUSI.
3. The outgoing Director shall ensure that the Director-Elect presents to the Board for its approval the recommendations for the positions of the new Director-Elect and Treasurer.
4. The Director is responsible for implementing all SUUSI policies and operating guidelines.

Section 6: OPERATING GUIDELINES

6.1: COMMUNITY

1. This section is designed to state SUUSI Board policy as it relates to the environment under which SUUSI week will transpire.
 - A. SUUSI supports and conforms to the UUA policy on smoking as well as all applicable laws and regulations. Smoking, including electronic smoking devices, will not be permitted indoors.
 - B. The Board will not tolerate unlawful or inappropriate behavior at SUUSI.
 - C. The SUUSI Board has adopted a statement entitled "SUUSI Staff/Board Expectations and Code of Behavior" which is included in this document (See Section 16). The Board requires all Board members, staff, workshop leaders, and everyone working with youth, including participants in the child care cooperative, to sign this statement. Those applying to serve on staff must supply contact information for two references other than family members. The references must be verified by the Coordinating Staff member or their designee before an offer to serve on staff is extended.
 - D. Any person wishing to attend SUUSI must sign any and all applicable waivers in accordance with practices as stated on the waivers.
 - E. As an intentional community, SUUSI participants are expected to interact with others with respect and goodwill. Should a SUUSI participant become engaged in a conflict with another participant or a staff member, they are expected to act in good faith to come to an understanding, even if the individuals cannot agree on a resolution of the disagreement. If one-on-one resolution is not possible and an individual feels the need for further action, they may take concerns to the Director or the Minister on Duty (MOD). Every SUUSI participant is expected to engage in conflict resolution if requested by the Minister on Duty or the Director.

If either party to the conflict remains unsatisfied after attempts at resolution mediated by the MOD or the Director, the President of the SUUSI Board may at their discretion appoint an ad hoc committee of three continuing Board members to investigate the conflict and render a decision which will be deemed final.
 - F. Adults who require a conservator or guardian outside of SUUSI shall be required to bring a guardian with them to SUUSI. If a participant appears to require guardianship but does not have a guardian, the Minister on Duty shall be tasked with contacting that person and making a recommendation to the Director and/or Board President as to whether the participant will need to appoint a guardian for the remainder of the conference. If the participant is unable to secure a guardian, they cannot remain at SUUSI.
 - G. All prepared food sold at SUUSI must be either prepared in a commercial-grade kitchen or purchased as prepared food from a store or restaurant.
2. The intent of the SUUSI Store is to provide a selection of books and other items consistent with the Institute's purposes. The SUUSI Store shall feature attractive prices and gross margins consistent with those charged by normal retail operations. Profits from the SUUSI Store shall subsidize other areas of SUUSI. No products or services are to be sold or promoted at SUUSI other than those via operations conducted at the SUUSI Store, SUUSI Artists Co-op, or SUUSI Special Events. The Board, at their discretion, may direct the SUUSI Store not to accept for sale any merchandise.
3. The SUUSI newsletter shall be published on a regular basis during SUUSI, and at other times deemed

appropriate by the Director. The newsletter shall publish news and information relative to SUUSI activities, matters of denominational interest, items of social concern, personal notices, and other items judged appropriate by the Editor and the Director, on a space-available basis.

4. Any person owing SUUSI money shall not be permitted to register for subsequent SUUSIs until that debt, including any service charges incurred, is satisfied.
5. SUUSI attendees are strongly encouraged to come for the entire duration of the Summer Institute. However, if an attendee must register for only a portion of the week, they shall regardless complete an official registration form and pay a registration fee equal to the prorated rate for the number of days the person or family will attend, plus 10% of that prorated cost.
6. Anyone driving a vehicle on behalf of SUUSI shall NOT consume any alcohol during or in the 6 hour period prior to operating said vehicle.

6.2: PROGRAMMING

1. Only programs listed in the SUUSI Brochure and SUUSI NUUS are SUUSI Sponsored Activities
2. No programs or activities are to be promoted or advertised at SUUSI other than those that are approved or sponsored by the SUUSI staff or SUUSI Board
3. No personal vehicles may be used for transportation of non-staff SUUSI participants to or from SUUSI Sponsored Activities, except in cases of emergency. For cases in which a person with a disability is physically unable to travel in an authorized SUUSI vehicle, they and their or his caregiver(s) may travel in a personal vehicle so long as no other SUUSI participants or staff travel with them.
4. This section is designed to state SUUSI Board policy as it relates to the age of and programming for participants.
 - A. It is the policy of SUUSI to recognize participants whose age is 14 through 17 years at the beginning of SUUSI as a "teen" and eligible to participate in "teen" programming and housing.
 - B. It is the policy of SUUSI to recognize participants whose age is 18 through 25 years at the beginning of SUUSI as a "young adult" and eligible to participate in "young adult" programming and housing.
 - C. It is the policy of SUUSI to recognize participants whose age is 1 day through age 13 at the beginning of SUUSI as a "youth" and eligible to participate in "youth" programming.
 - D. Exceptions may be considered.
 - E. It is the policy of SUUSI to verify age using an original state-issued birth certificate, driver's license, or government-issued ID or passport.

6.3: MINISTRY

1. The following policy is an attempt to encourage ministers to attend SUUSI and thereby support and promote SUUSI within their individual societies and fellowships. All Unitarian Universalist ministers who are ordained, and either fellowshipped by the UUA or presently serving as a UU parish minister, shall receive 1/2 "X" on costs for room, board, and registration for the first time they attend SUUSI.

2. There shall be a Minister(s) or Chaplain(s) available every day of SUUSI who shall be responsible for meeting the ministerial needs of the SUUSI family. The Denominational Affairs coordinator may assign one or more Minister(s) or Chaplain(s) to duties appropriate to this function. One-half (1/2) "X" is available for each Minister(s) or Chaplain(s) filling this position. (See Section 9: Staff Compensation Policy)

Section 7: BUDGET POLICY

1. The following statements shall be furnished by the Treasurer at appropriate times:
 - A. Balance Sheet.
 - B. Operating Statement, to include all costs and expenses, including room and board.
 - C. Reconciliation of Equity. Statement of changes in equity, including gifts, capital purchases, and special expenses, by line item.
 - D. Pro forma Income and Expenses.
2. The Director shall use the following procedure in preparation of the budget:
 - A. The Director shall send the budget to Board members at least two weeks prior to the winter Board meeting, along with a letter noting special features. Board members shall respond with any questions before the Board meeting, which may be a live meeting or a conference call.
 - B. The Director shall bring or send an alternative budget if the original contains potentially controversial items.
 - C. To keep SUUSI affordable for families, proposed budget will include fees for minors scaled by age group.
3. The year-end equity should be treated as follows:
 - A. Maintain 60% of prior year's expenses, less charges from the host facility, to allow for 18 months of start-up, shut-down and maintenance expenses in the event that SUUSI cannot be held for any reason.
 - B. Maintain 10% of prior year's expenses, less charges from the host facility, to cover cancellation fees resulting from SUUSI not being held.
 - C. Maintain all special reserve accounts intact (e.g. SUUSIships).
 - D. Maintain a reserve of \$20,000 to cover uninsured losses.
4. Any surplus in equity over and above the total reserves as calculated above may be used, with Board approval, to maintain and strengthen SUUSI and/or Unitarian Universalism.

Section 8: SUUSI ENDOWMENT FUND

1. The SUUSI Endowment Fund exists to provide for SUUSI in perpetuity. It offers a vehicle for those who wish to assure the existence and enhancement of SUUSI for future generations through donations such as bequests, charitable trusts, life insurance policies, planned giving, cash, and other similar gifts.

2. The SUUSI Endowment Fund shall be maintained as a fund separate from the annual operating costs of the summer conference.
3. The Board retains the authority to consider all unrestricted donations to SUUSI to be either donated to the Endowment Fund or directed towards normal SUUSI operating costs.

8.1: THE COMMITTEE

1. The Endowment Fund Committee shall be composed of three persons appointed by the SUUSI Board, with the SUUSI Treasurer as an ex-officio fourth member. The initial Endowment Fund Committee will be appointed in the following manner:
 - A. one person to be appointed for four years;
 - B. one person to be appointed for three years;
 - C. one person to be appointed for two years.
2. Following initial Committee appointments, all members will be appointed to staggered three-year terms. In the event of a premature vacancy, the Board shall appoint a replacement to complete the unfulfilled term, however long that may be.
3. The Committee members will select their own chair.
4. No one may be appointed to more than three consecutive terms. Terms begin and end at the beginning of the program year of SUUSI.
5. The Committee will make annual reports to the Board regarding the state of the Endowment Fund, and will make opportunities to contribute to the Fund readily available to the SUUSI community each year.
6. The Committee will regularly inform the SUUSI community about the Endowment Fund, its uses, and how to donate to it. These means may include, but are not limited to: publicity, education, workshops, and the SUUSI website.
7. To further the goal of point 6 above, the Board may appoint an Endowment Fund consultant, nominated by the Endowment Committee, who may be granted use of the database of SUUSI participants' contact information for the sole purpose of raising money for the Endowment Fund. The consultant's role will be reviewed and renewed on a yearly basis. The Endowment Fund consultant will not use the database information for anything but the intended purposes specified by the Endowment Fund Committee.
8. It is recommended, but not required, that the Fund be invested in, and administered by, the UUA Common Endowment Fund (or its successor).

8.2: FUND LIMITATIONS

1. Neither the principle nor any earnings from the SUUSI Endowment Fund may be used for normal SUUSI operating expenses, except in the case of extreme financial emergency. At least 2/3 of the voting members of both the Endowment Fund Committee and the SUUSI Board must authorize such use, and further agree that the continued viability of SUUSI (or its successor organization) would be at risk without use of the Fund.
2. Under normal circumstances, the Fund shall remain untouched until it has accumulated a substantial minimum amount to be determined by the Endowment Fund Committee. Once the Endowment Fund

has reached that level, income from the Fund may be used for specific SUUSI capital needs, leadership development, or educational outreach as recommended by the Endowment Fund Committee and approved by the Board.

3. Any use of the Endowment Fund must be in support of and in harmony with the mission and vision of SUUSI (or its successor organization).
4. In the event SUUSI (or its successor organization) ceases to exist, and the SUUSI Endowment Fund cannot be used to start a new Unitarian Universalist annual family camp with similar aims and mission, all assets of the Fund shall be treated as assets of SUUSI (or its successor organization) for the purpose of dissolution and disposition.

Section 9: STAFF COMPENSATION & EXPENSE REPORTING

9.1: STAFF COMPENSATION POLICY

1. The following is SUUSI's Staff Compensation Policy:
 - A. SUUSI staff compensation is by the unit "X". An "X" represents reimbursement for costs of registration, room, and meals during SUUSI. A full "X" is given for a 40-hour (or more) commitment to SUUSI, whether in preparation for or during SUUSI. "X"s are pro-rated for lesser commitments. Staff must be at least 14 years of age unless a special exception is made by the SUUSI Director.
 - B. Workshop leaders may request and receive credit for the hours of preparation and contact time not to exceed a single "X" per workshop. The participant fee shall cover the leader staff credit and workshop materials divided by the anticipated number of participants. Like other staff (as described in 9.1.1.E), a workshop leader may not receive more than one "X" for any given SUUSI. The Director is encouraged to negotiate reductions in order to offer free and reduced cost workshops and may reduce the participant fee without a corresponding reduction in leader credit.
 - C. In recognition of the preparation required by Theme Talk and Worship speakers, 1/2 "X" is given for one Theme Talk or Worship Service.
 - D. In recognition of the level of dedication required to serve as the Director of SUUSI, individuals who have completed a full four-year term of service as SUUSI Director will be offered a sabbatical credit to be taken in a year of the individual's choice. Directors who completed their service prior to 2012 will be offered 1/2 "X" and Directors who complete their service in or after 2012 will be offered a full "X".
 - E. No person may receive more than one "X", regardless of the extent of contribution to one or more departments of SUUSI.
 - F. No person may receive cash for staff work.
 - G. If a person receiving compensation in the form of staff credit fails to satisfactorily complete the duties for which they were awarded credit, they may lose part or all of the staff credit at the discretion of the Core Staff member in charge of their position. Any resulting fees must be paid before that person can register for future SUUSIs.
 - H. There will be no compensation for travel to or from SUUSI, except that each Theme Talk and Worship speaker may be reimbursed for the minimum available cost of their transportation.

- I. In addition to monetary compensation (in the form of “X”s), there can be numerous other benefits for the staff members, tangible and intangible, many of which cost little or nothing. Group Mugbook pictures, staff get-togethers, T-shirts, and other forms of recognition can create a spirit of goodwill far exceeding their cost. Coordinators are urged to add to their staff’s benefit through these non-monetary means.
- J. Exceptions to items B and C are discouraged, but may be made through the use of annually budgeted supplemental staff credits by the Director. The Director shall report in writing such exceptions quarterly to the Board.
- K. There shall be a bi-annual review of this policy by the Board.

9.2: EXPENSE REPORTING AND REIMBURSEMENT POLICY

- 1. All expense reports and reimbursement requests will be made on an Expense Report form which will be available from the Treasurer.
- 2. All expense reports will be signed by the person making the request, and approved by the appropriate staff person, as follows:
 - A. In order for the department to remain within budget, all expenditures will be made with the knowledge and pre-approval of the responsible staff person.
 - B. Board expense items will be approved by the Board President.
 - C. Director expense items will be approved by the SUUSI Director.
 - D. Items purchased for resale in a SUUSI Sales facility will be approved by the staff person in charge of the facility to the extent authorized by the Treasurer or SUUSI Director.
- 3. It is the responsibility of SUUSI staff and Board members to ensure that all expenses incurred are appropriate, within budget, and necessary to the administration and programming of the Institute. The following guidelines are to be followed:
 - A. Travel to staff and Board meetings should be by the most economical means, with allowance for the person's schedule limitations. It is expected that air travel will be used if one-way driving time exceeds six hours.
 - B. Ride sharing is encouraged where possible. Auto expense reimbursement may be for the cost of gasoline or by cost per mile up to the IRS allowed reimbursement rate.
 - C. Lodging, food, and other local expenses will not be reimbursed for any days before or after the announced dates of the meeting.
 - D. Any persons not involved in the conduct of the meeting may join the group for meals, with the understanding that they will pay separately for their meals.
 - E. Alcoholic beverages cannot be purchased using a SUUSI credit card nor can they be reimbursed, except when alcohol is the subject of a SUUSI Sponsored Activity, such as a tasting workshop.
 - F. Meeting attendees are expected to share rooms when possible.
 - G. Any exceptions to these guidelines will be at the discretion of the Director or Board President.

4. For staff persons who have been issued credit cards, receipts for charges must be submitted to the Treasurer within 14 days, attached to a completed Expense Report form signed by the staff person. If this requirement is not observed, credit card privileges for this person may be revoked.
5. For staff persons who incur out-of-pocket expenses on behalf of SUUSI, requests for reimbursement must be made on an approved Expense Report form within 90 days of the date of the expense. Expenses incurred after October 1 of any calendar year must be submitted by the following January 31 to facilitate the closing of the books for that year.
6. If for any reason it will not be possible for a staff person to submit expenses in accordance with the above requirement, authorization for an exemption must be provided in writing to the Treasurer by the SUUSI Director (or, in the case of a Board expense, by the Board President) within the applicable reimbursement deadline. If no pre-approval is obtained, expenses submitted past the deadline will not be reimbursed in cash. A donation-in-kind acknowledgement for IRS purposes will be provided on request.

Section 10: MEDICAL REIMBURSEMENT POLICY

1. The following is SUUSI's Medical Reimbursement Policy:
 - A. Upon full review of the uniqueness of each case, the SUUSI Board and Director will have the discretion to pay for out of pocket medical expenses incurred by staff, Board members, or volunteers injured in the line of duty.
 - B. The definition of "out of pocket" for this purpose relates to expenses not covered by insurance of the injured individual.
 - C. The definition of "line of duty" for this purpose relates to duties being performed for SUUSI at the time of the accident.
 - D. Appropriate paper work must be supplied to show the amount not covered by the insurance company.
 - E. The amount of reimbursement is limited to \$1000.00 per accident.

Section 11: DEALING WITH UNETHICAL/INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOR

11.1: HARASSMENT AT SUUSI

11.1.1: HARASSMENT POLICY

1. SUUSI affirms its commitment to maintaining a welcoming environment, free of discrimination, harassment, bullying, intimidation, and violence. SUUSI expects its Board, staff, and participants to conduct themselves in a professional manner with concern and respect for their colleagues, participants, and surrounding community.
2. To help ensure a safe environment at SUUSI, the Core Staff will take responsibility for including information on staff behavior into their pre-SUUSI orientations and training, and providing opportunity for discussion on the topic.
3. Any harassment regarding sex, race, color, ethnicity, religion, national origin, age, handicap, gender, gender identity or expression, or affectional orientation will not be tolerated. Such harassment includes

unsolicited remarks, gestures or physical contact, and display or circulation of written materials or derogatory pictures directed at any of these categories. In addition, sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature constitute sexual harassment when:

- A. Submission to such conduct or communication is made a term or condition either explicitly or implicitly to obtain a position on the staff or Board or to participate in SUUSI; or
- B. Submission to or rejection of such conduct or communication by an individual is used as a factor in decisions affecting such individual's position on the staff or Board or participation in SUUSI; or
- C. Such conduct or communication has the purpose or effect of substantially interfering with an individual's position on the staff or Board or participation in SUUSI or creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive environment; or
- D. Such conduct or communication, which is not welcome, is personally offensive or debilitates morale, and therefore interferes with a positive SUUSI experience.

11.1.2: PROCEDURES FOR HARASSMENT POLICY ENFORCEMENT

1. Any violation of this policy observed before the program week's end should be immediately reported to the Director, President, or Minister on Duty. Any staff or Board member who is aware of a violation of this policy must immediately report it to one of the three people above.
2. The Minister on Duty is charged with contacting the complainant to ensure that his or her needs for support, care, and safety are met, and to explain the various options available to him or her. These include: taking no action; filing a confidential report in which the identity of the person accused of violating this policy will be known only to the Director, the Board President, and the Risk Manager; or filing an open report on which the Board will take immediate action as described below (see 11.1.2.4).
3. The confidentiality and privacy of the complainant and the accused shall be maintained throughout this process.
4. After gathering all available information, The Director, President, and Minister on Duty shall meet and determine whether the complaint shall be referred to the Board for action. If the complainant does not want any action to be taken, those wishes will be respected.
 - A. If the complainant requests that the Board take action, the Board shall meet during the program week and hear the report of the Director, President, and Minister on Duty. The Board shall appoint a minister to act as a liaison/support person for the person accused of the violation. The person accused of violating the policy shall be advised of the nature of the allegations and allowed to respond and present any relevant information to the Board.
 - B. The Board shall determine what action is appropriate after considering all of the information, up to and including reporting the incident to the appropriate authorities. The Board is empowered to take any action necessary to ensure the integrity of SUUSI and this policy, and to protect SUUSI from any future violations of this policy. This includes, but is not limited to, removing the violator from SUUSI and prohibiting future participation in SUUSI.
5. All reports filed confidentially shall be entrusted to the Risk Manager, who will be responsible for monitoring for individuals with multiple complaints against them. In the case of multiple offenses by a single individual, the Risk Manager shall notify the Director and Board President.

6. We recognize that time is of the essence in handling these complaints. The Board shall endeavor to make a decision on any complaints received during SUUSI week within twelve hours of receiving the complaint.
7. Any alleged violation reported after the program week ends should be immediately brought to the attention of the Director and the President, who shall contact the Denominational Affairs coordinator. The Denominational Affairs coordinator shall then appoint a minister to fulfill the duties as described in point 11.1.2.2 above. If action is requested by the complainant, the accused will be advised of the allegations and allowed to respond, and the Director and President shall determine if the complaint warrants referral to the Board for action at its next regularly scheduled meeting.

11.2: DEALING WITH NOTIFICATIONS FROM OTHER UU ASSOCIATIONS

1. Upon receipt of notification from another Unitarian Universalist organization that a leader or participant has engaged in behavior that has led to removal from or discipline by that Unitarian Universalist organization, the SUUSI Board will take the following actions:
 - A. The validity of the notification will be established.
 - B. The subject of the notification will be sent a letter informing them that the correspondence has been received, and will include a copy of the correspondence and a copy of this policy. The letter shall include the date and location of the next Board meeting.
 - C. Depending on the nature of the notification from the other UU organization, the subject of the notification may not be permitted to hold any staff position at SUUSI or may not be permitted to attend SUUSI until prior Board approval is obtained.
 - D. The SUUSI Risk Manager is charged with maintaining the correspondence and all related information and Board action. The names and type of SUUSI restriction (e.g. as a leader or a participant) is to be passed on to subsequent Risk Managers and provided to the Director each year.
 - E. The Director and Risk Manager are charged with ensuring that Board's decision is enforced in subsequent years, and also with ensuring that the information is turned over to the next Director and Risk Manager.
2. In handling and making decisions on these matters, the Board shall be cautious of the dangers of unfounded accusations and the damage that can be done to an innocent person's reputation. In order to ensure that such undeserved damage does not occur, Board members shall not publicly discuss these matters until such time as final decisions are made.

Section 12: CLOTHING OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES

1. SUUSI will not sponsor any nude activities. Public nudity at SUUSI is prohibited.

Section 13: RULES FOR TEENS (AGE 14-17)

VIOLATION OF RULES 1, 2, OR 3 WILL RESULT IN EXPULSION FROM SUUSI.

1. No weapons, violence, or destructive behavior.

2. No use or possession of alcohol, illegal drugs, or nicotine and tobacco products, and no misuse or abuse of legal drugs.
3. There will be no leaving the teen dorm between 1 a.m. and 6 a.m. unless accompanied by your parent or guardian, or accompanied by Teen Staff for a pre-approved, scheduled activity. A pre-approved, scheduled activity is one that appears in the SUUSI brochure and/or confirmation newsletter and/or Sunday newsletter.
4. Any violations of the SUUSI harassment policy as defined in 11.1.1.3 may result in expulsion from the Teen program and SUUSI. The full wording of 11.1.1.3 shall follow this rule when presented to teens and their parents or guardians for signature.
5. Parent/guardian will be responsible for damages done to individual teen's room.
6. Parents/guardians will establish their own expectations for their teen and will maintain daily communication. Also, they will inform teen staff prior to removal of their teen from the campus.
7. Sexual intercourse and patently sexual behavior between participants under 18 is prohibited at SUUSI.
8. The Board recommends that parents/guardians of SUUSI teens discuss sexuality with their teen prior to SUUSI.
9. These rules apply to ALL teens, whether or not they reside in the teen dorm.
10. The core staff member(s) in charge of teen programming will present policy changes regarding the rules for teens to the Board for approval on an annual basis or as needed.

Section 14: RULES FOR YOUTH (AGE 0-13)

VIOLATION OF THE FOLLOWING RULES MAY RESULT IN REMOVAL FROM YOUTH PROGRAMMING OR FROM SUUSI ENTIRELY.

1. No weapons, violence, or destructive behavior.
2. No use or possession of tobacco, alcohol, or illegal drugs.
3. No activity outside dorm between 9:30 p.m. & 6 a.m. except in the company of the youth's parent or guardian. Youth in dorms must be appropriately supervised, including while asleep.
4. No behavior or activity considered unsafe and/or which severely disrupts Youth Program operations and/or interferes with the rights of other participants to receive program services and/or draws significant attention away from staff potentially endangering other participants through lack of supervision of them.
5. No throwing things out of windows. No leaning or hanging out of windows.
6. Youth must be supervised at all times. The one exception is that individuals who are approved to check themselves and their siblings out of youth programming may be briefly unsupervised while heading DIRECTLY to meet a parent or guardian after the end of youth programming.
7. No abuse of legal drugs or stimulants.
8. Parent/guardian will be responsible for damages caused by youth.

9. The Board's position is that all youth continue any scheduled medication programs during SUUSI.
10. The core staff member(s) in charge of youth programming will present policy changes regarding the rules for youth to the Board for approval on an annual basis or as needed.
11. Violation of the above stated rules can result in any of the following disciplinary procedures, at the discretion of the Youth Staff involved and/or the Youth Director and/or the SUUSI Director:
 - A. Use of logical consequences
 - B. Contact of the participant's parent/guardian to discuss the situation
 - C. Suspension for the remainder of the session or of the programming day
 - D. Dismissal from Youth Programming for the remainder of the current SUUSI for severe offenses or if the behavior has not been successfully corrected
 - E. Removal from SUUSI

In the case of dismissal from the program, the parent/guardian will pick up the youth participant and remove them from the program immediately. If a parent or guardian contributes to a youth's violation of these rules, they may be dismissed from SUUSI.

- F. The staff member may choose to involve the Minister on Duty in discussions with parents.

Section 15: SCHOLARSHIPS (SUUSIships)

15.1: PURPOSE & APPLICATION GUIDELINES

1. Scholarships (SUUSIships) are intended to assist persons in times of financial difficulty who might otherwise not be able to attend SUUSI.
2. A scholarship grant shall in no case exceed the standard fees for age level for registration, meals, and room (i.e. no funds granted for optional workshops, air conditioning, or travel). Scholarship grants are not intended to free up recipients' personal funds for optional workshops and trips. If the amount an individual or family spends on optional activities is deemed to be excessive, the amount of the SUUSIship may be reduced at the discretion of the SUUSIship Committee.
3. The amount of a SUUSIship will depend on demonstrated need and the balance of funds available.
4. SUUSIships are not limited to Unitarian Universalists or members of UU congregations.
5. Documentation required of a SUUSIship applicant includes:
 - A. A completed and signed application form.
 - B. A copy of applicant's (or parent's if a minor) most recent IRS 1040.
 - C. A SUUSIship Reference Form completed by one of the following:
 - i. A leader of a UU society or district (minister, president or other officer, RE Director/advisor/teacher, district executive, etc.)
 - ii. A current member of the SUUSI Board

- iii. A leader/staff member from SUUSI or another UU camp or conference
6. Each adult full-scholarship recipient must contribute a minimum of ten hours of service the first year, fifteen hours of service the second year, and twenty-five hours in the third year of scholarship support. Required hours for youth ages 10-17 increase with age. Service hours for children age 10-11 will be two, age 12-13 will be four, age 14-15 will be six, and age 16-17 will be eight. Furthermore, children age 10-13 must be supervised during their volunteer hours by a parent or an adult designated by a parent who is not a member of the staff with which the child is working. The work requirement will be prorated based on the fraction of SUUSI cost covered by the scholarship. SUUSIship recipients must reserve ample time in their schedules to meet the work requirement, and may be required to drop workshops or other activities if necessary to fulfill their service hours. All recipients are required to submit a Service Agreement Form documenting hours worked. Failure to do so precludes consideration for future SUUSIships.
 7. An exception to the work requirement may be made by the SUUSIship committee if the scholarship recipient presents a physician's letter documenting a physical or mental disability which prevents the recipient from volunteering in any capacity. Such exceptions will be reported to the SUUSI Board.
 8. The completed application and all supporting documentation must be received by the published date for consideration in the first round of scholarship awards. Applicants will then be notified in a timely manner, usually by June 1.
 9. Late applications will continue to be considered as long as funds remain.
 10. An individual or family may be granted a SUUSIship for a maximum of three years, not necessarily consecutive. Recipients are expected to explore workshop leadership and staff opportunities during this time. Repeat SUUSIship recipients should attempt to concentrate their required work hours in a particular department, in order to promote their eligibility for future staff positions in that department. SUUSIship years will not be counted for youth or teens whose parents are working for full staff credit.
 11. Exceptions to the policies contained in Section 15.1 will be permitted at the discretion of the SUUSIship Committee. Such cases shall be reported to the President of the Board.

15.2: GUIDELINES FOR FUNDING SUUSISHIPS

1. A separate scholarship fund shall be maintained on the SUUSI balance sheet.
2. The amount budgeted for SUUSIships will be equal to the amount fundraised for SUUSIships the previous year.
3. SUUSIships will be paid for only from designated scholarship funds. The sources of those funds will be:
 - A. Key deposits,
 - B. Scholarship fundraising activities,
 - C. Outside contributions designated for scholarships only,
 - D. Interest income from endowments to the scholarship fund,
 - E. Interest income from other SUUSI endowments as designated by the Board, and
 - F. Other monies designated by the Board.

4. Guidelines for distribution of SUUSIship monies:
 - A. 50% of available scholarship funds will be used for helping 1st timers,
 - B. 30% for 2nd timers, and
 - C. 20% for 3rd timers.
5. The goal of the scholarship fund is to become self-sufficient and the Board will take a leadership role in scholarship fund raising.

Section 16: SUUSI STAFF/BOARD EXPECTATIONS

16.1: EXPECTATIONS AND CODE OF BEHAVIOR

1. SUUSI Staff and Board members should understand that they are leaders and role models for the entire SUUSI community. As such, they are expected to ensure the legal and ethical integrity of SUUSI, including:
 - A. Understanding, adhering to, and enforcing the Bylaws and Policies of SUUSI
 - B. Upholding the governing laws and statutes of the state in which SUUSI is held
 - C. Abiding by any and all rules and regulations of the institution where SUUSI is held
2. SUUSI participants who are in leadership roles are in a position of stewardship and play a key role in fostering the spiritual development of both individuals and the community. It is therefore especially important that those in leadership positions be well qualified to provide the special nurture, care, and support that will enable youth (participants under the age of 18) and adults to develop a positive sense of self and a spirit of independence and responsibility. The relationship between SUUSI participants and their leaders must be one of mutual respect if the positive potential of that relationship is to be realized. Respect on the leader's part must include recognition of the absolute right of youth and adults to the privacy of their own bodies and minds.
3. SUUSI Staff and Board will not engage in behavior which constitutes any sort of verbal, emotional, or physical abuse. This includes behavior or language that is personally threatening or demeaning.
4. SUUSI Staff and Board will not engage in sexually harassing behavior.
5. SUUSI Staff and Board will not engage in sexual, seductive, or erotic behavior with minors.
6. For staff members working with youth and teens, there must at all times be at least two adults present while in the presence of a minor (age 0-17).
7. Members of SUUSI Staff who are over the age of 18 are considered to be mandated reporters of child abuse and/or neglect under North Carolina law.
8. SUUSI Staff and Board will not allow the use of illegal drugs or any sort of illegal activities.
9. SUUSI Staff and Board will not allow the use of alcohol by anyone under the age of 21.
10. Staff members and trustees are expected to address inappropriate behavior or report it to the Director, Board President, or Minister on Duty.

11. In cases of SUUSI Staff or Board failing to meet the above expectations, appropriate legal or other action will be taken by SUUSI.

16.2: BACKGROUND CHECK POLICY

1. Each member of the SUUSI staff, parents participating in the Child Care Cooperative, and volunteers working with minors (ages 0-17), shall be subject to a background check on the National Sex Offender Registry (nsopw.gov).
2. If a person's name returns a positive result for the background check, it shall be immediately reported to the SUUSI Director and Risk Manager. The individual whose name appears on the National Sex Offender Registry may supply a police report of the incident to be examined by the Director and the Risk Manager, and that person will be given an opportunity to explain the incident. It will then be at the discretion of the Director and Risk Manager as to whether the person be allowed to attend SUUSI or not, and the only exceptions will be at the discretion of the Director and Risk Manager. The Director and Risk Manager may make a recommendation to the Board to ban a person from SUUSI entirely, or to ban a person from serving on staff or from participating in the Child Care Cooperative.
3. Each member of the Core Staff will search every name on their staff list. The Child Care Cooperative organizer will perform the background check for parents who wish to participate. The Volunteer Coordinator will perform the background check for volunteers assigned to work with minors (ages 0-17). The Risk Manager will perform the background check for Core Staff and Board members. The Board President will perform the background check for the Risk Manager.

16.3: REQUIRED DISCLOSURES

1. In their applications for positions, each prospective staff member and/or volunteer shall be required to disclose the following information:
 - A. Any and all convictions, whether for a misdemeanor or felony, wherein an assault, battery, serious bodily injury, wrongful death, or murder of another individual was charged;
 - B. Any and all convictions, whether for a misdemeanor or felony, wherein the abuse or neglect of a minor was charged;
 - C. Any founded accusation of child abuse;
 - D. Any and all convictions, whether for a misdemeanor or felony, wherein the abuse or neglect of a senior citizen was charged.
2. In order to protect against the misuse of monies belonging to SUUSI, or of credit or debit cards issued to SUUSI, each prospective staff member and/or volunteer seeking a position whereby they will have access to such monies and/or credit and debit cards shall be required to disclose the following information:
 - A. Any and all convictions, whether for a misdemeanor or felony, wherein any allegation of fraud, embezzlement, or the misuse of the money or property of others was charged;
 - B. Any and all administrative actions filed against them, whatever the outcome, wherein any allegation of fraud, embezzlement, or the misuse of the money or property of others was charged.

Section 17: SUUSI CHILD CARE COOPERATIVE CODE OF BEHAVIOR

If the parents of the SUUSI community decide to create and/or support a child care cooperative that will operate at SUUSI or during SUUSI, it is the policy of SUUSI that the child care cooperative must produce, follow, and enforce policies which include, at a minimum, the Code of Behavior below. Any additions to the policy stated below may be produced and enforced by the child care cooperative with the understanding that the Board retains the right to revise any policies as it deems necessary.

Code of Behavior

1. Adults who are in childcare roles are in a position of stewardship and play a key role in fostering the spiritual development of both individuals and the community. It is, therefore, especially important that those in child care roles be well qualified to provide the special nurture, care, and support that will enable children in their care to develop a positive sense of self and a spirit of independence and responsibility. The relationship between children and their caregivers must be one of mutual respect if the positive potential of their relationship is to be realized. Respect on the caregiver's part must include recognition of the absolute rights of children to the privacy of their own bodies and minds.
2. Statement of Expectations:
 - A. Members of the Child Care Cooperative will not engage in behavior with children which constitutes any sort of verbal, emotional, or physical abuse. This includes behavior or language which is personally threatening or demeaning.
 - B. Members of the Child Care Cooperative will neither indulge in sexually harassing behavior nor engage in sexual, seductive, or erotic behavior with children.
 - C. Members of the Child Care Cooperative will not allow the use of drugs or alcohol or any sort of illegal activities among children.
 - D. Members of the Child Care Cooperative shall not be under the influence of alcohol during their shift. To this end they shall not drink alcohol during their shift or within three hours before their shift.
 - E. Members of the Childcare Cooperative who are over the age of 18 are considered to be mandated reporters of child abuse and/or neglect under North Carolina law.

3. Statement of SUUSI Action:

In cases of members of the Child Care Cooperative failing to meet the above expectations, appropriate legal or other actions will be taken by SUUSI.

Section 18: REMOVAL OF INDIVIDUALS FROM SUUSI

1. The following behaviors could necessitate removal of individuals from SUUSI:
 - A. Breaking of any applicable local, state, or federal laws
 - B. Breaking any rules or regulations of any facility or institution while attending SUUSI
 - C. Possession, display, or use of fire arms or other weapons

- D. Intentional destruction or damage to property owned or rented by SUUSI, the host facility, facilities visited by the participant during SUUSI, or another individual
 - E. Violating SUUSI's Harassment Policy (Section 11.1 of this Policy Manual)
 - F. Any behavior or activity which severely disrupts program operations and/or interferes with the rights of other participants to receive program services
 - G. Unsafe behavior: behavior which endangers or threatens to endanger the well-being of oneself or others
2. In the case that a staff member witnesses or is informed of one of the above behaviors by a SUUSI participant, they will:
 - A. Get another SUUSI staff member to accompany them to ask the violating individual to cease the offending behavior
 - B. Contact and inform the Core Staff member in charge of the relevant department (if any) and/or the SUUSI Director
 3. The Core Staff member or SUUSI Director shall decide the consequences which may include:
 - A. Removal from the area where the violation is occurring/has occurred
 - B. Dismissal from SUUSI (for severe offenses or subsequent violations)
 4. The Minister on Duty may be contacted and asked to participate in the counseling and informing the individual of their needing to leave SUUSI.
 5. Once someone has been dismissed they are required to remove themselves from the site of SUUSI at the earliest opportunity.
 6. For severe violations, individuals may not be allowed to return to subsequent SUUSIs for a given number of years or ever.
 7. Participants who are dismissed will not receive a refund of any fees paid to SUUSI.

Section 19: SUUSI HEALTH POLICY

1. SUUSI participants and staff should understand that SUUSI is not a health care provider and does not offer health care services, nor does it have a health office or any health care employees. SUUSI participants are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the local health care resources, providers, and services in the area before attending SUUSI.
2. SUUSI participants should be aware that SUUSI does not provide health and accident insurance to SUUSI participants. SUUSI participants and staff should bring proof of their health and accident insurance for their own use and file any medical expenses incurred with their own health and accident insurance.
3. SUUSI participants should remember to bring their own prescription medications for the week as well as any over-the-counter remedies they may need. SUUSI staff members are not permitted to dispense medication of any kind (prescription or over-the-counter). In the event of an emergency, SUUSI participants and/or staff should dial 911 and the 911 operators will determine the most appropriate

response. SUUSI participants and staff should understand that they do not need to contact a SUUSI staff member before dialing 911.

4. SUUSI participants should take care to be safe and know their own physical limits.
5. SUUSI participants should evaluate their current capabilities before participating in a Nature activity or other SUUSI sponsored activity. Nature activities are group experiences as well as personal explorations. SUUSI participants should be able to stretch themselves without intruding on the experience of others. Anyone under a physician's care should consult with their physician before pre-registering for an activity and before attending SUUSI.
6. SUUSI participants should exercise care in being aware of any Nature activity or other SUUSI sponsored activity that has a difficulty legend and use that difficulty legend in deciding whether they can safely participate within their own physical limits.

Section 20: SUUSI LOGO AND NAME USAGE

1. The Institute's name and/or logo may not be used without prior specific written permission of the SUUSI Board.
2. Members of the SUUSI community may request to use the name and/or logo of SUUSI in the manufacturing and sale of items; SUUSI supports hand-crafting and cottage industries.
 - A. Each individual must apply to the SUUSI Board for approval, and it is not necessary for individuals to re-apply each year. However, the Board retains the right to refuse or revoke permission at any time if the items bearing the name/logo are deemed inappropriate for association with SUUSI (see Addendum).
 - B. If a request is made during the week of SUUSI, the Board President may provisionally approve or deny the request pending the next meeting of the full Board.
 - C. Whether said items are sold at SUUSI or outside of SUUSI, a minimum of 10% of the proceeds from the sale of these items must be donated to SUUSI via an official SUUSI store such as the Artisans' Bazaar, craft fair, or bookstore.

ADDENDUM I - SUUSI NAME AND/OR LOGO USAGE REQUEST

I am requesting to use the name and/or logo of SUUSI in the manufacturing of items for sale. I understand that the SUUSI Board retains the right to refuse or revoke permission of this usage at any time if the items bearing the name or logo are deemed inappropriate for association with SUUSI. A minimum of 10% of the proceeds from the sale of these items will be donated to SUUSI via an official SUUSI store such as the Artisans' Bazaar, craft fair, or bookstore. I understand that the registered trademark symbol ® must be included if I use the SUUSI sun logo.

Print name

Signature Date

ADDENDUM II – POLICY REVISION HISTORY

January 27, 2018:

Changed binary gender references

The board approve 17 minor edits to policy wording to remove reference to binary genders. (e.g., replacing “he/she” with “they” or “her or his” with “their”.) In the interest of brevity, those changes will not be listed here.

Changed 2.1.5:

Previous Wording:

It is expected that discussions taking place at meetings of the Board shall remain confidential.

New Wording:

Board meeting minutes will be made available to the SUUSI community after they are approved. Minutes will not include any discussions held during executive session.

Removed 2.2.1.F

Previous Wording:

~~*F. Site Selection & Contract Negotiation, which is responsible for evaluating the strengths and limitations of possible sites at which SUUSI can be held, and making recommendations to the Board as to possible changes of venue for future SUUSIs. This committee shall include:*~~

- ~~*1. The Director*~~
- ~~*2. The Board President*~~
- ~~*3. The Registrar*~~
- ~~*4. The Nature Director or their designate from among the Core Staff*~~
- ~~*5. One additional person to be selected by the Board who has knowledge of the budget and contract negotiation skills*~~

~~*Additional members may be added to this committee at the discretion of the Board. The Director, Board President, and Registrar may designate someone to take their place on the committee, subject to approval of the Board. Site selection responsibilities will be shared by all members of the committee. Contract negotiation responsibilities will be primarily shared by the Director, the Board President, and the fifth committee member.*~~

Added 2.2.1.F

New Wording:

Foundation Committee, which is responsible for participating as voting members on the SUUSI Foundation Board, nominating additional foundation board members from the SUUSI community, and facilitating communication between the boards. The committee shall include five (5) voting board members, one who shall be the Treasurer of the SUUSI Board.

Removed 6.1.1.G

Previous Wording:

~~*Accordingly, we declare to all our brothers and sisters throughout the world that we as individuals and as the community of SUUSI are henceforth to be nuclear-free zones.*~~

Added 6.1.1.H

New Wording:

All prepared food sold at SUUSI must be either prepared in a commercial-grade kitchen or purchased as prepared food from a store or restaurant.

Changed 9.1.1.B:

Previous Wording:

In recognition of the preparation required of general workshop leaders, a 2/3 "X" is given for 10 hours of workshop contact time at SUUSI, regardless of whether a workshop fee is charged. "X"s are pro-rated for lesser commitments. The Director is encouraged to negotiate reductions in order to offer free and reduced cost workshops.

New Wording:

Workshop leaders may request and receive credit for the hours of preparation and contact time not to exceed a single "X" per workshop. The participant fee shall cover the leader staff credit and workshop materials divided by the anticipated number of participants. Like other staff (as described in 9.1.1.E), a workshop leader may not receive more than one "X" for any given SUUSI. The Director is encouraged to negotiate reductions in order to offer free and reduced cost workshops and may reduce the participant fee without a corresponding reduction in leader credit.

Added 13.1.4 (Renumber remaining items):

New Wording:

Any violations of the SUUSI harassment policy as defined in 11.1.1.3 may result in expulsion from the Teen program and SUUSI. The full wording of 11.1.1.3 shall follow this rule when presented to teens and their parents or guardians for signature.

September 30, 2017:

Changed 9.2.3.E:

Previous Wording:

Alcoholic beverages will be reimbursed for no more than one drink at each meal.

New Wording:

Alcoholic beverages cannot be purchased using a SUUSI credit card nor can they be reimbursed, except when alcohol is the subject of a SUUSI Sponsored Activity, such as a tasting workshop.

Changed 16.1.7:

Previous Wording:

Members of SUUSI Staff who are over the age of 18 are considered to be mandated reporters of child abuse and/or neglect under Virginia law.

New Wording:

Members of SUUSI Staff who are over the age of 18 are considered to be mandated reporters of child abuse and/or neglect under North Carolina law.

Changed 17.2.E:

Previous Wording:

Members of the Childcare Cooperative who are over the age of 18 are considered to be mandated reporters of child abuse and/or neglect under Virginia law.

New Wording:

Members of the Childcare Cooperative who are over the age of 18 are considered to be mandated reporters of child abuse and/or neglect under North Carolina law.

October 1, 2016:

Changed 9.1.1.B:

Previous Wording:

In recognition of the preparation required of general workshop leaders, a 2/3 "X" is given for 10 hours of workshop contact time at SUUSI, regardless of whether a

workshop fee is charged. "X"s are pro-rated for lesser commitments.

New Wording:

In recognition of the preparation required of general workshop leaders, a 2/3 "X" is given for 10 hours of workshop contact time at SUUSI, regardless of whether a workshop fee is charged. "X"s are pro-rated for lesser commitments. The Director is encouraged to negotiate reductions in order to offer free and reduced cost workshops.

July 22, 2016:

Removed 2.2.1.B (Renumbered Remaining items)

Previous Wording

~~*Leadership Development, which is responsible for promoting and nurturing leadership, grounded in Unitarian Universalist principles and spiritual values within our religious community. This committee assists in the training and support of those in SUUSI Board and staff leadership roles. Such training may include leadership development workshops or team-building activities.*~~

Changed 2.2.1.C

Previous Wording:

Finance/Scholarship, which is responsible for administering the scholarship program, for promoting that adequate funds be set aside for the scholarship program (including fundraising as need be), and for recommending guidelines for receiving scholarships.

New Wording:

Scholarship, which is responsible for administering the scholarship program, for promoting that adequate funds be set aside for the scholarship program, and for recommending guidelines for receiving scholarships.

Added 2.2.1.D

New Wording

Fundraising, which is responsible for soliciting and collecting donations to the SUUSI General Fund, the SUUSI Endowment, and the SUUSI Scholarship program.

July 16, 2016:

Added 6.1.6

New Wording

Anyone driving a vehicle on behalf of SUUSI shall NOT consume any alcohol during or in the 6 hour period prior to operating said vehicle.

April 14, 2016:

Changed 2.7.2:

Previous Wording:

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