

BYLAWS
LIBERAL RELIGIOUS EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION
SOUTHWEST CHAPTER
Updated 2020

ARTICLE I NAME AND AREA

The name of this organization shall be the Southwest Chapter of the Liberal Religious Educators Association (hereinafter referred to as the Chapter). It shall be affiliated with the Liberal Religious Educators Association (LREDA). The geographic area covered by the Chapter shall be determined by LREDA.

ARTICLE II PURPOSES

The purpose of this organization shall be to further the purposes of LREDA by:

- encouraging knowledge of LREDA
- encouraging the use of LREDA Good Officers
- supporting each other
- supporting all UU religious educators within our geographic region
- encouraging all congregations to have professional religious educators
- encouraging congregations to support religious educators in becoming members of LREDA
- creating more awareness of faith formation and its importance
- encouraging each other in continuing education and career enhancement
- working with the staff of the Unitarian Universalist Association to ensure excellent religious education
- working with other UU professional organizations

ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

Any member of the Liberal Religious Educators Association residing within our geographic area shall be eligible to become a member of the Chapter. LREDA is an inclusive organization of liberal religious educators and those supportive of religious education, including ministers of religious education, parish ministers, community ministers, and lay directors of religious education.

Membership shall be established by the payment of annual dues both to LREDA and to the Chapter. All members in good standing for 30 days or more shall be

eligible to vote. Life members of national LREDA shall be considered life members of our chapter.

ARTICLE IV OFFICERS

The officers of the Chapter shall be Presiding Chair, Incoming Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer. Officers must be members of the Chapter.

The Presiding Chair shall call, convene, and preside over meetings of the membership, and shall oversee the functioning of the committees.

The Incoming Chair shall work in tandem with the Presiding Chair, and assume the Presiding Chair's duties when they are unavailable.

The Secretary shall send notice of all meetings at least 10 days in advance of the meetings. They shall take and distribute minutes of the meetings, maintain records of meetings, policies, and membership.

The Treasurer shall send notice of and collect dues and handle the finances of the Chapter. They shall work in conjunction with the Secretary to maintain accurate membership rolls.

Officers shall be elected by a simple majority of the members in attendance at the meeting closest to the end of the fiscal year (July 1-June 30.) Officers shall serve a maximum of two consecutive terms.

All officers shall be elected for a two-year term, with the Presiding and Incoming Chairs serving staggered terms.

ARTICLE V COMMITTEES

Committees shall be appointed as needed to carry out the purposes of the Chapter.

ARTICLE VI MEETINGS

The chapter shall meet at least twice per year. Elections and bylaws changes may be voted on at the meeting closest to the end of the fiscal year (July 1-June 30.)

ARTICLE VII FINANCES AND DUES

Annual dues shall be determined by the membership. Dues shall be payable at the beginning of each fiscal year, (July 1-June 30.)

The Treasurer shall present a financial report at each meeting of the membership.

Upon dissolution of the chapter, any monies held by the chapter shall revert to the Continental Liberal Religious Educators' Association.

ARTICLE VIII EMAIL VOTING

Email voting shall be allowed. Each vote shall have a two (2) week voting window.

ARTICLE IX AMENDMENTS

These bylaws may be amended at the meeting closest to the end of the fiscal year (July 1-June 30) by 2/3 vote of those present and voting. Proposed bylaws amendments shall be circulated to the membership not later than 30 days prior to the meeting. Bylaw amendments may be proposed by any member.