## UUA Investment Committee Conference call March 12, 2013

#### **Minutes**

Members present: Carol McMullen (Chair), Arnold Bradburd, Tim Brennan, Dan Brody,

Julie Skye

Members absent: Rob Friedman, Clyde Grubbs

NEPC: Scott Perry

Staff present: Susan Helbert

#### 1. GMO recommendation

- Perry summarized the GMO presentation from 2/19 meeting regarding the GMO Benchmark Free Fund. This is similar to the GMO Global Asset Allocation Fund, but is not tied to a benchmark, thus giving the managers more latitude. He reiterated that the Benchmark Free Fund has a higher fee and has a potentially higher tracking error.
- NEPC recommends that the UUA transfer its assets from GMO Global Asset Allocation Fund to the GMO Benchmark-Free Fund.

### **Motion 1:** Moved Brennan, seconded Skye,

VOTED: That the Unitarian Universalist Association, on behalf and for the benefit of the Unitarian Universalist Common Endowment Fund, liquidate GMO Global Asset Allocation Fund and transfer the assets into the GMO Benchmark-Free Fund: and

VOTED: To authorize the Treasurer, Timothy Brennan, and the Executive Vice President, Kathleen Montgomery, each individually, acting singly or together, to execute and deliver documents to effect the foregoing, all with such terms and conditions as are approved by the signatory, with such officer's signature being conclusive evidence of approval; and

VOTED: To ratify and approve all that the Treasurer, Timothy Brennan, has done or may do in connection with said investment.

### 2. Seix Advisors recommendation - Perry

• Perry reported some concerns about Seix Advisors, the manager of the UUA's high yield bond fund. SunTrust owns RidgeWorth Asset Management which, in turn, owns Seix Investment Advisors. Three private equity firms have expressed interest in purchasing RidgeWorth Asset Management. Furthermore, Biron Kim, head of high yield research, is leaving the firm due to health issues.

• For these reasons, NEPC recommends termination of Seix Investment Advisors and reallocating those assets to Loomis Sayles Credit Asset Fund, already one of the UUA's managers.

# Motion 2: Moved Skye, seconded Bradburd,

VOTED: That the Unitarian Universalist Association, on behalf and for the benefit of the Unitarian Universalist Common Endowment Fund, terminate Seix Investment Advisors and reallocate those assets to Loomis Credit Asset Fund: and

VOTED: To authorize the Treasurer, Timothy Brennan, and the Executive Vice President, Kathleen Montgomery, each individually, acting singly or together, to execute and deliver documents to effect the foregoing, all with such terms and conditions as are approved by the signatory, with such officer's signature being conclusive evidence of approval; and

VOTED: To ratify and approve all that the Treasurer, Timothy Brennan, has done or may do in connection with said investment.