

1. **Why.** Why are you interested in becoming a member of the Board of Trustees? What unique value do you believe you bring? Is there something you want to accomplish by being on the Board?
2. **New Thought History.** Describe your history and experience with spiritual centers including (a) how long you have been involved with New Thought, (b) how long you have been attending Unity of Bellevue, and (c) what activities and/or areas of service within the spiritual centers you have been involved in.
3. **Relevant Leadership.** What Leadership background do you have either from career, community, or volunteerism that you believe would positively contribute to Board of Trustee service?

4. **Skills / Experience.** Define how many months / years business or volunteer experience do you have in each of the following areas?

1	Budgeting		9	Leading Prayer	
2	Business risk / Liability		10	Marketing/Promotions	
3	Conflict resolution		11	Non-profit understanding	
4	Employment Law		12	Performance Reviews	
5	Facility maintenance		13	Project management	
6	Financial acumen		14	Supervising employees	
7	Fundraising		15	Team leadership	
8	Growing a business		16	Volunteerism	

Provide further explain your skills/experience:

5. **Prosperity Consciousness.** How do you define and express prosperity consciousness? Do you currently pledge to Unity of Bellevue?

6. **Continuing Education.** What Unity or new thought classes, retreats, and workshops (on-line or in person) have you taken and how have you incorporated the learning into your life?

7. **Available Time.** What is your time availability for Board meetings, activities, committee involvement, and action item assignments?

8. **Commitment and Understanding.** Board membership requires the following.
- A good understanding of Unity teachings and willingness to spiritually grow.
 - A calm approach combined with active listening and respectful communication skills. Willingness to follow Roberts Rules of Order in Board meetings.
 - Willingness to support consensus decisions even if they do not represent your own opinion.
 - Understanding that while a Board member is an elected representative of the membership the Board member does not represent the personal interests of the membership. A Board member's duty is to vote in accordance with the mission, not the members.
 - 10-15 hours of per month for board activities, such as monthly meetings, committee involvement, and action item assignments. More time is required during a Minister transition period.
 - Comply with Board Member duties as defined by the bylaws, section 4.04(b).
 - Dedicate two days per year to Board retreats – typically on a weekend day(s).
 - Participate in Board leadership training sessions as requested.
 - Be willing to speak publicly for prosperity consciousness and as otherwise required.
 - Commit to a three-year Board term and regularly attend Sunday services throughout this time.
 - Avoid conflicts of interest – cannot be related to other Board members nor have a personal business interest in or rent from Unity of Bellevue while serving on the Board.

By signing below I am affirming that I will comply with all aspects of being a board member as defined in question #9, the bylaws, and the policy manual.

Applicant: _____ Date: _____

9. **Other.** What else do you want to share with the Board regarding your interest and application?
10. **Bio.** Please write a short (< 500 words) bio that, if you are nominated, will be included in the candidate profile our members receive in advance of the Annual Meeting. Think about the things you'd like to know about a prospective Board member, then share those things with us. Example: how long you've been with Unity or New Thought, how your life has been impacted by the teachings, ways you've served in the past, career highlights, etc.