



ICSAA

Secular AA

4 May 2024 INTERIM Secular AA Board MINUTES 2PM EST

Meeting ID: 737 034 1591

Passcode: Rule62

Call to Order by the Chair at 2:05- Will.I.Am

AA Declaration of Unity:

“This we owe to AA’s future: To place our common welfare first: To keep our fellowship united. For on AA Unity depend our lives, and the lives of those to come.”

Attending Interim Meeting

Board Members (Start Date)

Will.I.Am	Acting Chair (01/2023)	PRESENT
“Sonny” Sherman	Vice-Chair (01/2023)	PRESENT
Margarita A	Secretary (01/2023)	PRESENT
Kurt R.	Treasurer (07/2022)	PRESENT
Dale K	Member at Large (01/2023)	PRESENT
Izzy D	Member at Large (01/2024)	
“Jeb” James	Member at Large/Virtual ICSAA 2023 Committee Chair (01/2023)	
Jeff S	Member at Large (06/2023)	PRESENT
Lisa P	Member at Large (06/2023)	PRESENT
Mikey J	Technology Coordinator (01/2023)	PRESENT
Alison P	ICSAA Orlando 2024 Committee Chair (03/2023)	PRESENT
Joe C	Advisor to Acting Chair (Nonmember)	PRESENT

ICSAA Orlando 2024 Host Committee - Alison P (Bylaw 8.2.8) Agenda Item 1) UPDATE and VOTE

Wyndham scheduled renovations during our conference and are canceling. We have a binding contract that Wyndham must fulfill with no protection in the contract for the hotel to cancel.

The board drafted and unanimously approved a letter to inform the public. It will be posted on our website and our two Facebook pages and sent to all who have already registered. It reads as follows:

ICSAA Orlando 2024 Conference Update

Dear Fellow Secular AA Members,

Our host hotel Wyndham Resorts informed the Planning Committee this week that the owners of the hotel have decided to close for renovations during the time of our scheduled conference in September, and that they will no longer be able to accommodate us then.

Wyndham is under contract with Secular AA and they have said they will make every effort to help find us a comparable hotel at equivalent rates, and we are optimistic that they will fulfill their legal obligations. We are currently seeking to engage an attorney to ensure that this happens.

We are confident that this stumbling block will be cleared away soon, and that our conference will come off on the scheduled dates at a location as good as or better than the Wyndham, and



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rest assured that the Planning Committee and the Secular AA board are working hard to ensure this outcome.

The ICSAA planning committee will contact all those who have booked rooms as soon as we learn the next steps to transfer your booking to a new venue.

We humbly ask for your patience while we work things out, and will post updates on our website (<https://www.aasecular.org/>) and FB pages (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/881587176639095/> and <https://www.facebook.com/groups/secularcoffeeshop/>) about a new venue for ICSAA Orlando 2024 as soon as we have them.

Respectfully,

The Board of Secular AA and
ICSAA Orlando 2024 Host Site Committee

OTHER BUSINESS:

Scheduled Upcoming Board Meetings:

1. 2pm EST/11am PST - **July 20, 2024- Approve September General Membership Meeting Agenda**
2. 2pm ET/11am PT - **Oct 19, 2024**

Mission Statement

“Our mission is to assure suffering alcoholics that they can find sobriety in Alcoholics Anonymous without having to accept anyone else’s beliefs or deny their own. Secular AA does not endorse or oppose any form of religion or belief system and operates in accordance with the Third Tradition of Alcoholics Anonymous: The only requirement for AA membership is a desire to stop drinking.”

Vision Statement

“Secular AA recognizes and honors the immeasurable contributions that Alcoholics Anonymous has made to assist individuals to recover from alcoholism. We seek to ensure that AA remains an effective, relevant and inclusive program of recovery in an increasingly secular society. The foundation of Secular AA is grounded in our experience that anyone - regardless of their spiritual beliefs or lack thereof – can recover in the fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous. Secular AA exists to serve the community of secularly-minded alcoholics by supporting worldwide access to secularly formatted AA meetings and fostering mutual support within a growing population of secularly-minded alcoholics.”

Board Meeting Procedures

Parliamentary authority per Robert’s Rules of Order within the principles found in AA’s 12 Concepts for World Service, AA’s 12 Traditions, AA Service Manual and our Bylaws. Bylaws – should be considered a work in process, please provide the chair with any suggested amendments.

Committee process

- o Status reports at board meetings
- o Board functions as oversight and holds committees responsible to the collective group conscious.



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- o Work to be done in committees not at board meetings.
- o Committee chairs should involve non-board member Secular AA Members in committee work.

Agenda - be prepared to table new topics if needed.

Back to Basics and Keeping it Simple

LINK TO BYLAWS:

https://www.aasecular.org/files/ugd/c732f8_b4e5c963a01b4c748a8644f08a4988de.pdf