



ICSAA

Secular AA 20 April 2024 **Secular AA Board MINUTES** 2PM ET/11AM PT

Meeting ID: 737 034 1591

Passcode: Rule62

Call to Order by the Secretary standing in for Chair- Margarita called the meeting to order at 2:02 PM ET and stated...

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 Quorum achieved at 7/10

Board Members (Start Date)

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| Will.I.Am       | Acting Chair (01/2023)                       | ABSENT  |
| “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)                    | ABSENT  |
| Izzy D          | Member at Large (01/2024)                    | PRESENT |
| “Jeb” James     | Virtual ICSAA 2023 Committee Chair (01/2023) | PRESENT |
| Jeff S          | Member at Large (06/2023)                    | PRESENT |
| Lisa P          | Member at Large (06/2023)                    | ABSENT  |
| 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 |

**Officers Reports/Updates**

Secretary - Margarita (Bylaw 7.1.4) **Agenda Item 1) VOTE to Approve** ‘MINUTES Secular AA Board Meeting 2024\_01\_13’~ SEE DOCUMENT **Approved unanimously**

Treasurer - Kurt (Bylaw 7.1.5) **Agenda Item 2) VOTE to Approve 2024 First Quarter** -See attached Profit/Loss, Balance, and Letter from the Treasurer documents. Report approved unanimously.

**Standing Committee Reports/Updates**

Nominating Committee – Vice-Chair Sonny (Bylaw 8.2.1) **Agenda Item 3) Chris M has submitted his resignation from the Board of Secular AA effective immediately for personal reasons. JEB has voiced his intention to resign after ICSAA Orlando 2024 to support the spirit of rotation so that all offices need not be replaced at the same time as had happened two years ago coming out of the Pandemic.**

This committee needs to collect nominees to propose at the General Membership meeting in September.

Sonny voiced, the more Board members the better.

Kurt cautioned, as long as they show up because we had close calls in the past of challenges making quorum in meetings with critical votes needing to happen.

ICSAA 2026 Site Selection Committee – (Bylaw 8.2.2) **Agenda Item 4) Margarita UPDATE:** Announcement has been posted on aasecular.org website, dozen various secular AA Private Facebook and What’s App Groups, and sent via newsletter to our 850+ mailing list. This committee should meet again and invite Joe C and any others to help brainstorm strategies to get groups in different regions interested in putting in bids and get guidance resources available to them.



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ICSAA Orlando 2024 Host Committee - Alison P (Bylaw 8.2.8) Agenda Item 5) UPDATE on Program, Marketing, etc.: Program - about 50 sessions organized with confirmation or near confirmation. Concrete scheduling to begin soon. Primary focus this coming month will be on marketing. We currently have 146 registrations and 342/440 room nights booked. Austin and Toronto both had only 100 registrations at this time before their conferences. Marketing is organizing a dedicated ICSAA Orlando 2024 website. Margarita has created a Secular AA newsletter dedicated to ICSAA Orlando 2024 program highlights and Orlando attractions, with registration, booking, donation, volunteering service links.

Alison proposed adding a Thursday 7PM Welcome and full Friday of sessions instead of just evening social events on Friday and the Orlando committee will investigate questions raised by the Board about amending the Wyndham contract to 660 room nights. What's our liability if we don't meet room commitment? (Rolling charges depending on number of room nights: \$1500/day, \$2500/day, \$3000/day) When are the VIP Lounge and hospitality suite available?

**Motion to call an Interim Meeting May 4th at 2 pm ET to vote on whether to amend the Wyndham Resort contract approved unanimously.**

In-Reach - Jeff S (Bylaw 8.2.4) Agenda Item 6) UPDATE: Secular AA presence at AA Vancouver 2025 in the form of a Hospitality Suite. Jeff's committee is using resources from a Michigan website to develop a pamphlet on Secular AA.

Fellowship Margarita (Bylaw 8.2.5) Agenda Item 7) UPDATE Mailchimp Newsletter #1 sent before our April Global Secular Speaker event. Sign up to our newsletter is located on our homepage aasecular.org.

Margarita updated the names of all the recordings of our Global Secular Tour monthly speaker meetings and ICSAA sessions 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 with clearer labels on our Buzzsprout account which automatically updated our YouTube, Spotify, and Google Podcast titles.

IT- Mikey J (Bylaw 8.2.7) Agenda Item 8) Heidi is creating a dedicated ICSAA Orlando 2024 website.

Archives (Open)(Bylaw 8.2.6)

Outreach (Open)(Bylaw 8.2.3)

OTHER BUSINESS:

**Agenda Item 9)** Schedule for future quarterly meetings.

Upcoming board meeting times approved unanimously.

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

**NEXT MEETING INTERIM 2pm ET/11am PT - May 4, 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.”



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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.
- 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](https://www.aasecular.org/files/ugd/c732f8_b4e5c963a01b4c748a8644f08a4988de.pdf)

**LINK TO TREASURERS 2024 Q1 REPORTS:**

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/189GtRocMPFk8ipodo25He\\_w6AHM5\\_B\\_h/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/189GtRocMPFk8ipodo25He_w6AHM5_B_h/view?usp=sharing)

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