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Secular AA

18 May 2024 INTERIM Secular AA Board AGENDA 2PM EST

Meeting ID: 737 034 1591

Passcode: Rule62

Minutes recorded by Margarita, Secretary of Secular AA

Call to Order at 2:02 PM EST by the Chair - Will.I.Am

AA Declaration of Unity: Read by Chair

“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)	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)	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)	ABSENT

ICSAA Orlando 2024 Host Committee - Alison P (Bylaw 8.2.8) Agenda Item 1) VOTE to approve contract with Doubletree Hilton Orlando at Universal Studios.

SUMMARY: Contract with Doubletree is comparable to the one we had that Wyndham canceled except room rate is \$139 (instead of \$115) but, as with Wyndham it does waive resort fees and ~12% tax is not included. That rate is also good 3 days before, during and 3 days after conference dates and count towards our 440 room nights comp goal. We get a better deal on comped rooms including the top floor penthouse suites and use of meeting rooms for all day Friday, Saturday, and Sunday instead of just Saturday and part of Sunday at Wyndham. Parking is \$10/night for hotel guests or \$18/day instead of free but is unlikely to be full. Our cut off date for guaranteeing rooms and getting reduced rates is better, Sept. 5, 2024. Our Food and Beverage minimum is \$25,000 at the new location instead of \$30,000 at Wyndham.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: Give authority to Orlando Host Committee and Board of Secular AA to sign the contract when the money from Wyndham is deposited into our account (probably May 20th, but Doubletree’s offer is valid until May 31, 2024.). It is possible day parking will be reduced from \$18 to \$15. A member of Secular AA who is a lawyer has eyes on the contract and will also confirm there are no red flags.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Sonny and Kurt will look into legal action with Wyndham in the event we can get comped for the higher room rates we’ve had to settle on with Wyndham’s late notice (a year after signing the contract with only 4 months before our conference).

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**



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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.
- 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