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Minutes prepared by Secretary Margarita A and approved on _____TBD

Call to Order by the Chairman at 2:02 pm Eastern Standard / 11:02 am Pacific

William read 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.”

Role Call

<u>Board Members</u>	Quorum achieved with 8 Board Members, plus IT was present.	
Will.I.Am	Acting Chair	Present
“Sonny” Sherman	Vice-Chair	Present
Margarita	Secretary	Present
Kurt R.	Treasurer	Present
Dale	Member at Large	Present
“Jeb” James	Member at Large	Present
Michalina	Member at Large	Present
Tyler	Member at Large	ABSENT
Mikey J	IT Committee Chair	Present
Alison P	Orlando ICSAA 2024 Committee Chair	Present
Joe C	Advisor to Acting Chair	ABSENT

Officer Reports/Updates

Chair

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
 - Status reports at board meetings
 - Board functions as oversight and holds committees responsible to the collective group conscious.
 - Work to be done in committees not at board meetings.
 - 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

Upcoming board meeting times (to be confirmed), Saturday's ___ Eastern time/ ___ AM Pacific.

1. 2pm ET/11am PT - Jul 15, 2023
2. TBD 2pm ET/11am PT - _____, 2023
3. TBD 2pm ET/11am PT - _____, 2023

Secretary (Margarita)

Agenda Item 1) Margarita moved to approve '*MINUTES Secular AA Board Meeting 2023_3_4*'.

Seconded by Mikey.

VOTE ~ Unanimous approval.

Treasurer (Kurt)

Agenda Item 2) Treasurer 2023 First Quarter UPDATE

See Treasurer's Documents on Q1 of 2023

Point of Info: Members need to seek 7th Tradition support more actively.

Standing Committee Reports/Updates

Nominating Committee – Vice-Chair -Sonny

Nominating Committee shall present a slate of qualified nominees for board at the Membership Meeting prior to the election (paraphrased). Needs at least one additional director on the committee per the bylaws.

Agenda Item 3) Nominating Committee Chair Update - Sonny:

VOTE to Approve Nominees

Point of information: Bylaws do not restrict us from adding all three nominees to the Board.

Mikey moved to approve all 3 nominees for the Board ~ Jeff S, Lisa P, and Kelli M

JEB seconded.



VOTE ~ Unanimous approval.

Site Selection Committee – Vice-Chair - N/A

The Site Selection Committee shall solicit and coordinate bids for next ICSAA with a goal of having at least three viable bids. Needs at least one additional director on the committee per the bylaws.

Outreach (Open)

The purpose of the Outreach Committee is to assure that Secular AA is practicing the principle in AA's responsibility pledge "When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA always to be there. And for that: I am responsible". More specifically, to inform still suffering alcoholics that enduring recovery from alcoholism can be had in AA by agnostic, atheist, and non-religious people. The Outreach Committee is to undertake this goal by means of:

Interacting and cooperating with established CPC (Cooperation with Professional Community), Institutions (Corrections and Treatment), PI (Public Information) committees and similar entities within AA.;

Acting as the Secular AA CPC, Institutions and PI committees (see AA Guidelines for CPC, Institutions and PI committees).

In-Reach (Kurt)

Purpose - The primary purpose of the In-Reach Committee is to assure that others in AA are aware of our secular AA experience, which is that "enduring recovery from alcoholism can be found by agnostic, atheist, and non-religious people, within AA". The secondary purpose of the In-Reach Committee is to promote our ICSAA, regional secular AA events, and website resources to AA members at large.

Liaising - The In-Reach Committee shall strive to achieve these goals by liaising within AA with: AA members, AA groups, AA Intergroups, AA General Service Districts and Areas, the AA General Service Office, AA World Services, AA international General Service Offices and AA events such as round-ups, conventions, forums, etc.

Fellowship (open)

The Fellowship Committee is tasked with supporting a fellowship of Secular AA Members to facilitate "sharing our experience, strength and hope" which shall include but not be limited to the following:

Maintaining a "helpline" to respond to inquiries from still suffering alcoholics;

Assist Secular AA members in establishing and promoting regional/local secular AA events, as well as maintaining a listing of such events available to the Members;

Maintaining a meeting directory of both physical and online Secular AA meetings;

Maintain a mechanism to host secularly formatted online AA meetings;

Liaise with other secularly-minded AA entities including websites that service the secularly-minded AA community.

Maintain communications between the Secular AA membership and the Board.



Archives (Open)

The Archives Committee is tasked with organizing and providing access to our shared secular AA experience. The Archives Committee must insure that the dissemination of such information is always coupled with a statement conveying the following or a similar alternative as may be outlined in the Guidelines for the Committee: "Please be aware that Secular AA does not attest to the accuracy, relevancy, timeliness, or completeness of information obtained from others, including Members of Secular AA, members of AA, organizations calling themselves AA entities, or any other entity or person. We may share information with our Members just as it is provided to us, for the purposes of an open flow of information and ideas, without a critique or review. Therefore the act of Secular AA making the information available does not constitute an approval or endorsement by Secular AA of the information provided."

The Archives Committee shall:

Make available information, such as sample formats, for Members wishing to start a secular AA meeting;

Maintain a listing of secularly-inclined AA literature as a resource for Members;

Maintain a listing of secularly-inclined AA resources such as websites and blogs as a resource for Members and assuring that any listing or link to such a resource is coupled with a statement of group autonomy, and non-endorsement, consistent with the principles in the Traditions;

Maintain a forum to archive Members' personal and the secularly-minded group's "experience, strength and hope", and stories of "what it was like, what happened and what it is like now";

Maintain historical documents, as they become available, on the history of secularists in AA

IT- Mikey J

Agenda Item 4) Website UPDATE~ Mikey will add a bulletin page to support Secular AA outreach.

Point of Information: We need an active Fellowship Committee giving website content guidance to the IT Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Agenda Item 5) Orlando ICSAA 2024 UPDATE by Host City Chair - Alison P

Committee members are scheduled to visit potential conference sites for ICSAA April 20th. At present, one hotel the committee currently favors offers catering with an approximate \$3900 charge and \$119/night guest rooms.

Agenda Item 6) ICSAA 2023 Committee UPDATE by Committee Chair - JEB

"Jeb" James B presented a list of items that would be on the first meeting agenda and the ICSAA Virtual Committee (IVC) member list to demonstrate the degree to which the committee is international; 4 continents are represented.

Board Members on the IVC include JEB, Joe C, Kurt, Sonny and Margarita.



15 April 2023 **Secular AA Board MINUTES** 2 PM ET/11 AM PT

Agenda Item 7) VOTE to Approve Bylaws with Amendments ~ SEE DOCUMENTS, '*NOTES for Board on Bylaw Amendments*' and '*Secular AA Bylaws - Proposed Amendments 2023 April*'.

JEB moved to approve Bylaws with the amendments proposed by the Bylaws Committee.

Sonny seconded.

VOTE ~ Unanimous approval.

Meeting closed at 3:17 pm ET.

NEXT MEETING 2pm ET/11am PT - July 15, 2023