



ICSAA

Secular AA 02 December 2023 **Secular AA INTERIM Board MINUTES** 2PM ET/11AM PT

Meeting ID: 859 9774 8479

Passcode: Rule62

Minutes prepared by Margarita A, Secretary of Secular AA **Approved by Board Jan 13, 2024**

Call to Order at 2:03 pm ET by the Chair - Will.I.Am

AA Declaration of Unity Shared by Will.I.Am:

“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 Role taken by chair confirming quorum is met.

Board Members

Will.I.Am	Acting Chair	PRESENT
“Sonny” Sherman	Vice-Chair	PRESENT
Margarita A	Secretary	PRESENT
Kurt R.	Treasurer	PRESENT
Dale K	Member at Large	PRESENT
“Jeb” James	Virtual ICSAA 2023 Committee Chair	PRESENT
Jeff S	Member at Large	PRESENT
Lisa P	Member at Large	ABSENT
Mikey J	Technology Coordinator	PRESENT ^(2:15 PM ET)
Alison P	ICSAA Orlando 2024 Committee Chair	PRESENT
Joe C	Advisor to Acting Chair/not a Board Member	ABSENT

Reports/Updates

Nominating Committee – Vice-Chair Sonny (Bylaw 8.2.1) Agenda Item 1) Will.I.Am
PRESENTED document of each’s service history ~ VOTE to approve nominees, Chris Miller and Izzy de Belle

Margarita moved to approve nominations of Izzy De B and Chris M to the Board of Secular AA.

JEB Seconded.

APPROVED by unanimous VOTE

Fellowship Margarita (Bylaw 8.2.5) Agenda Item 2) UPDATE on Mail Chimp

UPDATE ~ Lisa resigned as Fellowship Committee Chair and Margarita stepped in as acting committee chair.

Carolyn GF is inputting contact information into Mail Chimp of over 200 Secular recovery groups she found in the “Worldwide Secular Recovery Calendar” as well as the contact information of over 700 individuals who registered for ICSAA 2023.

Margarita will start putting together a monthly newsletter out of Mail Chimp.

Margarita will contact Andrew of our IT Committee to add the Mail Chimp sign-up feature to our aasecular.org website in lieu of the “Contact us” button.

Global Secular Story Time monthly speaker meetings - Margarita ~ Friends of Secular AA will present tomorrow and OMAGOD will be featured next month, Jan 7, 2024 to promote OMAGOD and the ICSAA Orlando 2024 Committee.

Archives (Open)(Bylaw 8.2.6) Amended Bylaws were updated by the Bylaw Committee and approved by this Board in April 2023 are on our website and will be put for approval by membership on September 22, 2024. Contact Dale or Margarita about additional amendments.

IT- Mikey J or Will.I.Am (Bylaw 8.2.7) Agenda Item 3) UPDATE on proposed changes to Recordings section of website to include more resources.



ICSAA

Secular AA 02 December 2023 **Secular AA INTERIM Board MINUTES** 2PM ET/11AM PT

Virtual ICSAA 2023 Committee - JEB (Bylaw 8.2.9) JEB provided a brief update on the attendance and funds raised, but will provide a full Post Conference Learnings Report at our Jan 13, 2024 quarterly Secular AA Board meeting.

ICSAA Orlando 2024 Host Committee - Alison P (Bylaw 8.2.8) Agenda Item 4) UPDATE Glenn Rader is confirmed as one keynote speaker with great likelihood of Jeffrey Munn as another.

Treasurer - Kurt (Bylaw 7.1.5) Agenda Item 5) UPDATE Insurance ~ Nevada law change gave us the need for a new insurance plan for Secular AA that will actually cost \$100 less/year.

OTHER BUSINESS:

IN REACH Committee: Jeff gave an UPDATE on Secular AA having access to a 150-person size Hospitality Suite at the 2025 International A.A. Conference in Vancouver and one hotel room on site. Possibilities of Secular AA providing panel members or sessions on the conference program are being pursued.

Upcoming board meeting times, Saturday's:

- 1. 2pm ET/11am PT - Jan 13, 2024**
- 2. 2pm ET/11am PT - April 13, 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.
- 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

NEXT MEETING 2pm ET/11am PT - Jan 13, 2024