



Minutes prepared by Margarita, Secular AA Secretary.

Meeting ID: 863 1919 9694

Passcode: Sober

Call to Order by the Chairman at 2:13 PM Eastern Standard / 11:13 AM Pacific

Marty 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.

Roll Call by the Chairman (Quorum 2/3 = 7 not including Technology Coordinator)

Quorum confirmed (8 Board Members present for Quorum plus Technology Coordinator and Observer)

Board Members

Marty B	Chair	Present
Megan C	Vice-Chair	Present
Margarita	Secretary	Present
Kurt R.	Treasurer	Present
Dale	Member at Large	Present
Jeb	Member at Large	Present
Michalina	Member at Large	Absent
Sonny	Member at Large	Present
Tyler	Member at Large	Absent
Will.I.Am	Member at Large	Present
Mikey J	IT Chair	Present
Allison P	Observer from Orlando	Present

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.

Interim Board Meeting Agenda with Single Voting Item

1. Vote on whether to support a committee to organize a fall 2023 Virtual ICSAA Conference

Site-selection Committee Update:

MEGAN, Vice Chair, relayed that her committee set a Feb 28 deadline for RFP bids to her site-selection committees. Her committee will narrow bids down to three to present to the Board for final decision as required by Secular AA Bylaws.

The Request for Proposal (RFP) form is accessible to the Board in the 'ICSAA2024' open drive and accessible to all on the 'Conferences' page of the website, aasecular.org.

Points of Concern Raised:

The Board needs to meet more often than the minimum quarterly per Secular AA Bylaws; make them monthly at least.

Secular AA Bylaws need to be updated and evolve with the new virtual capabilities/reality of a truly international outreach per Secular AA Vision of supporting the "worldwide" secular AA community.

Points of Information:

The Chair can declare a board meeting anytime with a month's notice per the Secular AA Bylaws with an agenda without a limit of only one item to vote on as is the case in the present Feb 4 Interim Board Meeting called by the Chair 2 weeks ago.

Per Bylaws, ICSAA site bids are presented at the general membership meeting for Secular AA membership to vote on, but the decision to organize an in-person conference for the first time since Toronto in 2018 had not been confirmed at that time, and no bids were presented.

The Board can vote on the selection of an in-person ICSAA site per Secular AA Bylaw 4.3.7 "...Due to potential logistical time restrictions, or the complexity/newness of the issue at hand, after some discussion, the Board Chairperson may commit (transfer) such new business items to the Board for further discussion at the next Board Meeting." The choice passes with $\frac{2}{3}$ majority vote.

Two Board members, Chair and Vice Chair, intend to resign but not until after a site for the ICSAA conference is selected.

Treasurer, KURT can supply financial information regarding past ICSAA conferences upon request.

Secular AA is an AA intergroup and receives contributions from individuals and groups via the 'Support Us' page of the aasecular.org website.



ICSAA

Secular AA 4 Feb 2023 **Secular AA Board Meeting Minutes** 2 PM ET/11 AM PT

JEB will send a copy of Simplified Robert's Rules.

MOTION:

WILL moved to vote that the Board support a committee to organize a virtual conference which would mean the Board would extend fiduciary and legal responsibilities to an International Conference of Secular AA .

MEGAN seconded the motion.

DISCUSSION:

Amendment to Motion by WILL: That the Board support a committee led by JEB to organize a virtual conference and extend fiduciary and legal responsibilities to the International Conference of Secular AA it organizes.

Seconded by Kurt.

VOTE:

Will, Kurt, Sonny, Dale JEB approved.

Mikey and Dale opposed.

Megan and Marty abstained.

MINORITY OPINION:

Dale and Mikey: Hosting a conference virtually is not in the bylaws. A virtual conference could drain resources and attendance from an in-person conference.

Counter to Minority Opinion: Kurt and Will: A virtual conference could be used to advertise and promote an in-person conference.

VOTE:

Will, Kurt, Sonny, Dale and JEB approved.

Mikey, Dale and Megan opposed.

Motion passed by a majority vote.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: March 4, 2023 at 11:00 am PT/2:00 pm ET. Kurt will send the Board a link to the Secular AA Zoom ID and the passcode. Chair welcomes the Board members to propose agenda items.

Meeting adjourned at 12:30 PT/3:30 ET

More upcoming board meeting times, Saturday's 2 PM Eastern time/ 11 AM Pacific.

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