



03 June 2023 **Secular AA Board MINUTES** 2 PM ET/11 AM PT

Meeting ID: 840 7446 6040

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Minutes by Margarita ~Board Approved (TBD)

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

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 met with 8 Board members present. (6/11=Quorum)

Board Members

Will.I.Am	Acting Chair	Present
“Sonny” Sherman	Vice-Chair	Late 2:30
Margarita A	Secretary	Present
Kurt R.	Treasurer	Present
Dale K	Member at Large	Present
“Jeb” James	Member at Large/ICSAA 2023 Chair	Present
Jeff S	Member at Large	Present
Kelli M	Member at Large	ABSENT
Lisa P	Member at Large	Present
Michalina	Member at Large	ABSENT
Tyler A	Member at Large	ABSENT
Mikey J	IT Committee Chair	Present
Alison P	ICSAA Orlando 2024 Committee Chair	Present
Gary	ICSAA Orlando 2024 AV Chair	Present
Joe C	Advisor to Acting Chair	ABSENT

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.

BYLAW 6.7.2 Interim Board Meetings



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The Chairperson of the Board, or a majority of the Directors, may call an Interim Meeting of the Board with 14 days' written notice provided to each Director outlining the purpose of the Interim Meeting. In such a notice and during such a meeting only one item may be brought to a vote. Other business may be discussed if time permits but only the matter as expressed in the notice shall be subject to ballot. A quorum must be attained prior to voting.

Upcoming Board Meetings

Saturday's 2 PM Eastern time/ 11 AM Pacific.

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

Interim Board Meeting

Welcome our new Board members Lisa, Kelli and Jeff

Agenda Item 1) Vote to approve ICSAA Orlando 2024 WYNDHAM CONTRACT

Alison presented ICSAA Orlando 2024 Business Plan highlighting major areas of contract negotiation.

Motion: "Approve the business plan and Orlando Wyndham contract as presented, authorizing Kurt to sign as treasurer on behalf of the Secular AA Board and to send the required \$1500 deposit by cheque."

Q/A Discussion

DALE - suggested a scholarship committee using the comped rooms per every 40. Volunteered to work on that.

GARY - AV Budget - put him in contact with Toronto regarding the AV set-up.

JEB - Hybrid could increase the AV expense. Concerned about the use of Austin numbers as too optimistic. 400 registrants seems unrealistically high.

DALE - Toronto AV company maintained rights to sell recordings, considered a mistake and recommended ICSAA maintaining rights.

JEFF - Kudos and thanks to ICSAA Orlando 2024 Committee. FYI 900 people just attended SW *regional* traditional AA conference, so interest in in-person is strong. The AV plan looks solid. Breakout rooms were recorded. General membership was hybrid.

KURT - Vegas is getting a huge influx of tourism this year. Feels confident about the level of risk regarding attendance numbers.

ALISON - AV cost will be lower because we've shortened the conference by one day.

MIKEY moved to vote on the motion.

JEB seconded.

UNANIMOUS APPROVAL of motion by BOARD



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Agenda Item 2) Other Business and Updates including

~update virtual ICSAA 2023 (JEB)

JEB updated by sharing PROGRESS REPORT document

Meet with Margarita to go through email for contacts.

JEB will be in contact with Kurt regarding EventBrite.

~update ICSAA monthly speaker meetings (Margarita)

We need to book speaker groups as soon as July 2.

~need to fill the Fellowship Committee Chair position (Will)

Need for 2-way communication with the secular AA community in addition to speaker meetings. Need a database and contacts to promote events, ours and theirs. Need to maintain a bulletin board on the website. Lisa volunteered to chair.

~Next Steps: update aasecular.org for ICSAA Orlando 2024 registration and begin promoting the opportunity

MIKEY motioned to close.

MARGARITA seconded.

Meeting closed at 3:05pm ET.

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

Accompanying Documents: ICSAA Orlando 2024 Business Plan, Wyndham Orlando Contract, ICSAA 2023 Progress Report