

Minutes of the Special Ad Hoc Meeting of ICSAA Board July 9, 2022 .

Meeting called to order by the Chair at 11:05. Present were:

Sam E. - Chair
Marty B. - Vice Chair
Joe C.
Carol
Cyril
Kurt R.

Sam announced he will be stepping aside from the day to day involvement of ICSAA. Marty B. will be filling in. Sam stated he will complete the various commitments he has started and agreed to do:

- Bylaws review and clean-up
- Provide Website tech support
- Attend the meetings as much as possible

Carol presented her report on her review of our current website (copy attached). There was a discussion on what the best approach would be at this time to make the website usable and user friendly. Carol provided her report with suggestions for adding and improving the site to make it usable and reflect the history of Secular AA. See attached report. Suggestions such as making some simple changes ASAP so the website is no longer embarrassing. Cyril offered to provide a history of the God Word pamphlet. Sam will have his tech support person make changes.

Carol left the meeting at 11:27.

Sam stated he will turn the meeting over to Marty for personal reasons. He made the statement that he believes we should postpone the membership meeting until we can have an in person conference. Discussion about how to have virtual membership votes at a virtual meeting,, and if we want to have input from tech-savvy volunteers that Joes has worked with. Kurt volunteered to look for online voting solutions we could use.

Beth arrived at 1142. Sam gave a brief review of the discussions to this point.

Discussion on who can vote at the Secular AA conference. Need to assure that each vote is recorded once.

Discussion on who is able to vote at our membership meeting. Beth read from the Bylaws. Discussion on who is a member of Secular AA, but not separate from AA.

Discussion continued. Joe mentioned that the Board of Directors of AA can veto the actions of the General Conference of AA. They never have. But it is a way to prevent a hostile group from damaging AA as a whole.

Sam brought up that we need to look at the agenda for the Membership Meeting for guidance, ie, when are we having the next conference, what was decided at the time, etc.

Discussion on upcoming bids for Bi-annual conference. Joe mentioned he understood Seattle is considering making a bid and that Las Vegas is preparing a bid also.

Discussion on the terms of Board positions of 4 years with conferences every 2 years. It was noted that the Treasurer needs to have access to US banking to avoid converting of funds.

Beth stated she has paid \$125 for conference registration and is concerned that it may have been recorded as a donation. Joe stated there may have been a problem also with money attendees paid to the hotel. Sam said he will contact Gregg and get an update.

Sam stated that we have a lot on our plate to deal with before the next meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for August 27th.

Beth stated that the organization started out to put on the General Conference and after 2018 it became more ambitious and maybe we needed to get back to just having the agenda be to put on the conference. Sam clarified that we did get complicated, and that he would like to see the Board have the goal solely to put on the conference, and get rid of the overly complicated direction.

Sam will look for the agendas of the membership meetings in Toronto and Austin for out reference.

Further discussion on the growth of Secular meetings since 2018, and the comment that "is there acceptance of secular views in all meetings". Cryl stated that he hopes the Board will be about bringing secular perspective to broader AA meetings worldwide.

Beth asked about the program committee for the upcoming end of October conference. Joe stated he has done some work on the program and has the names of some volunteers from the "Meet the ICSAA Board" Sunday meeting. Sam will contact Greg for an update.

Next meeting August 27th, 11:00 am, zoom link to be determined.

The meeting ended at 11:45 am.