

## **AHA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

*Washington, D.C. Zoom Teleconference – Friday, September 13, 2024*

*Executive Session at 5:45pm Eastern; Public Session at 6pm Eastern*

Zoom Meeting Link: <https://americanhumanist-org.zoom.us/j/82362027459>

0. Call to order (by chair: Candace)
  - a. Roll call and introductions
  - b. Appointment of recording secretary (Nicole)
  - c. Suggestions for new business to be considered
1. Acceptance/amendment of May meeting minutes (attached) – Valerie moved, Jason second, unanimously accepted
2. Between meetings actions, to be ratified:
  - a. Approved the request of the Humanist Foundation trustees to elect Rob Boston as a trustee, effective January 1, 2025 – Motion by Darin, seconded by Abby, motion approved with 10 votes in favor and Rob abstaining.
  - b. Election of Candace Gorham as President effective June 19, 2024 to fill an unexpired term – Motion by Valerie, seconded by Jill, approved unanimously (with Candace abstaining)
  - c. Election of John Hooper as Vice President effective June 19, 2024 – Motion by Rob, seconded by Vanessa, approved unanimously (with John abstaining)
  - d. Removal of John Hooper as a signer on the AHA bank accounts and approval of adding Jim Palmquist (Treasurer) – Motion by Valerie, seconded by Jill, approved unanimously
  - e. Approved the slate of 2024 Awardee candidates as proposed by the Awards Committee – Motion by Jim, seconded by Jill, approved unanimously
  - f. Approval of Humanist Community of Chautauqua as a new chapter – Motion by Rob, seconded by Jill, approved unanimously
  - g. Approved the request of the Humanist Foundation trustees to elect Monica Lynn Miller as a trustee, effective January 1, 2025 – Motion by Abby, seconded by Valerie, approved unanimously
  - h. Voted to offer the Executive Director position to Fish Stark
  - i. Valerie moved ratification of all actions, Abby seconded, unanimously approved
3. Finance update
  - a. Finance Committee Report (Jim)
    - i. Jim provided the financial report for Q2. Income is above Q2 2023 levels although bequests are below last year. Expenses are below budget and below Q2 2023.
  - b. Humanist Foundation update (John)
    - i. Annual Meeting was held in June 2024
    - ii. Foundation approved the annual grant to the AHA as well as the annual grant from the Gordon Gamm Fund
    - iii. The Archive Project at Meadville Lombard (digitization of archives) is progressing
    - iv. Rob Boston and Monica Miller will become trustees on January 1, 2025

- v. Foundation's financial advisors have recommended investing in new financial vehicles and the trustees agreed to invest a small amount there as a test
    - vi. Looking at venues for next Annual Meeting; considering both Nashville and Chicago, but leaning toward coordinating with AHA's Annual Conference in Chicago
  - c. Bank Account Signers changed to add new Executive Director (Candace)
    - i. John moved to add Fish as a signer, Rob seconded, approved unanimously
- 4. Executive Director Update (Fish)
  - a. Fish provided a report on his vision for the AHA along with plans for the remainder of 2024 and new projects for 2025
- 5. Programs, adjuncts and coalitions to act on or discuss:
  - a. Chapter and Affiliates: approve new and defunct groups
    - i. New Chapters
      - 1. Humanist Association of Sarasota Bay (Sarasota, FL)
      - 2. Fremont Correctional facility (Fremont, CA)
        - a. Abby moved, Jill seconded, approved unanimously
    - ii. New Affiliates
      - 1. Columbia Atheists (Columbia, MO)
        - a. Jill moved, Valerie seconded, approved unanimously
    - iii. Defunct Chapters/Affiliates – TBA
      - 1. Foothills Secular Humanist Society of SC (Six Mile, SC)
        - a. Valerie moved, Jim seconded, approved unanimously
- 6. Resolutions Committee Update (Rob)
  - No new resolutions; Rob suggests that a new chair be appointed and coordinate with Fish to figure out what resolutions we need
- 7. Chapters and Affiliates Committee Update (Candace)
  - a. No new update beyond new and defunct chapters
- 8. Next board meeting
  - a. We need to have another board meeting before the end of the year; Candace will send out a Doodle poll for a meeting in December
- 9. New business
- 10. Adjournment of Session
  - Rob moved, Valerie seconded, approved unanimously
- 11. Q&A for Attending AHA Members
  - a. Monty Vonn: asked about virtual vs. in-person conferences
  - b. Anthony Magnabusco: asked whether our new online platform would be Discord