

AHA Board of Directors

Meeting Minutes

Zoom Teleconference – Monday, March 3, 2025 at 5pm Eastern

1. Call to order (by chair: Candace)
 - a. Roll call and introductions – Evan Clark, Vanessa Gomez Brake, Luciano Gonzalez-Vega; Candace Gorham, Abby Hafer, Ellie Haylund, John Hooper, Krystal Jackson, Christian Loyo, Jim Palmquist, Darin Stewart, Jason Wiles; Absent: David Ornstein; staff present: Fish Stark, Court Beyer, Nicole Carr, Jake Via, Kristin Wintermute
 - b. Appointment of recording secretary (Nicole)
 - c. Suggestions for new business to be considered - none

2. Acceptance of December meeting minutes without amendment (attached) – John moved; Abby seconded, unanimously approved

3. Finance update
 - a. Finance Committee Report (Jim)
 - i. The Finance Committee met in February to reaffirm processes and reviewed the CD ladder. In January, contributions were up 58%. Income is up \$15,000 in January over last year. Fish has been traveling every weekend to meet major donors and speak to local groups.
 - b. Humanist Foundation update (John)
 - i. For the benefit of the new members and staff, John stated that the Foundation functions as the endowment for the AHA and the AHA is the sole member. Currently there is approx. \$10million in assets in the Foundation, including the AHA's building. Currently there are 7 members of the Foundation's trustee board (Roy Speckhard, president; Rob Boston, John Hooper, Maha Kamal, Monica Miller, Scott Seidewitz, David Tamayo).
 - ii. The Foundation is working on revising the by-laws, especially ensuring that the Foundation's by-laws align with the AHA's by-laws. They'd like to expand the size of the board and set terms set at 3 years. John clarified that if the Foundation is dissolved, the assets are transferred to the AHA and that the Executive Director of the AHA is also the Executive Director of the Foundation. The new by-laws are planned to go into effect at the Annual Meeting of the Foundation in June
 - iii. Archives of the AHA are held at Meadville-Lombard in Chicago. There will be events devoted to the archives at the June Conference.

4. Discussion of Board Committee Assignments (Candace)
 - a. Candace has made contact with each board member to discuss assignments. She asks each committee to meet in the next few weeks to establish plans and she will join to help set things up. Staff members who work with each committee should attend these meetings. Board members should let Candace know if they would like to change assignments.

5. Executive Director Update (Fish)
 - a. Update on 2025 Plans

- i. See attached deck
 - b. 2025 Conference Report
 - i. [See attached deck](#)
- 6. Programs, adjuncts and coalitions to act on or discuss:
 - a. Chapter and Affiliates: approve new and defunct groups
 - i. New Affiliates – none
 - ii. New Chapters - none
 - iii. Defunct Chapters - none
 - iv. Defunct Affiliates
 - 1. Campus Atheists, Skeptics and Humanists (Minnesota) Abby moved, Jason seconded, unanimously approved
 - a. Ellie has some contact with a student at Minnesota who may be willing to reboot in the future.
- 7. Next board meeting: at AHA Conference in Chicago in June
 - a. Thursday, June 26th at 6pm
- 8. New business
 - a. Candace complimented Fish and the terrific job he's been doing.
- 9. Adjournment of Session – Krystal moved, Jason seconded, unanimously approved
- 10. Q&A for Attending AHA Members
 - a. No members attended