

1999

MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF ATHEISTS OF FLORIDA, INC.  
FOR THE YEAR 1999  
Ft. Pierce, Florida  
March 28, 1999

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The annual meeting of the Directors of the ATHEISTS OF FLORIDA, INC., a 501(c)(3) non-profit Florida Corporation, was held on Sunday March 28, 1999 at the residence of Board Member Christos Tzanetakos at 3120 N. A1A 3503, Ft. Pierce, Florida.

Chairman John Xanthopoulos has advised the President that he would be unable to attend the meeting and the President was designated Chairman of the meeting.

The Chairman noted that this was the annual Board Meeting called by the directors of the above named corporation pursuant to the Bylaws of said corporation for the purpose of electing directors for the coming year and other items specified on the agenda which had been delivered to all Board Members one week prior to the meeting.

**1. Call to order.**

The meeting was called to order by Ed Golly in the absence of Chairman, John Xanthopoulos, at 1:35 PM.

**2. Roll call.**

The president introduced the guest, C. W. Mitchell, Director, Northeast chapter of Atheists of Florida.

Patrick Bens, director of the Miami/Dade chapter, represented Board Member Rebecca Porto.

Jan Eisler presented a letter from John Xanthopoulos, giving her proxy.

The Secretary called roll and found the following members to be present:

Jan Eisler  
Celia Glantz  
Ed Golly  
Steven Miles  
Charles Schisler  
Tony Schleifstein  
Jim Strayer  
Christos Tzanetakos

The Chairman noted that a quorum was present and proceeded with the meeting.

**3. Minutes of previous meeting.**

Golly read the minutes of the previous meeting. Eisler noted that on page 2, CSFH should be changed to CSH. Tzanetakos MOVED to accept the minutes, Golly SECONDED the motion. APPROVED unanimously.

#### 4. Treasurer's report.

In the absence of Treasurer Charles Ross, the treasurer's report was given by Tzanetakos.

The statement of Revenues and Expenditures and changes in fund balances for the year ended December 31, 1998 was as follows:

	<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	
<b>REVENUES:</b>		
Memberships	\$3,265.00	
Contributions	916.00	
Campaign Fund Contributions	92.00	
<b>Total Revenues</b>		<b>\$4,273.00</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES:</b>		
<b>PROGRAM SERVICES:</b>		
Advertising	56.00	
Contribution to M T Scholarship	500.00	
Dues and Subscriptions	125.00	
Newsletter & Postage	1,202.00	
Hotline Services	1,582.00	
Book Fair Fees	876.00	
Board Meeting Exp	159.00	
<b>Total Program Service Costs</b>		<b>4,500.00</b>
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS:</b>		
Licenses & Tax	80.00	
Office Expenses	468.00	
<b>Total Administrative Costs</b>		<b>548.00</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>		<b>5,048.00</b>
<b>EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES</b>		<b>-775.00</b>
<b>FUND BALANCES:</b>		
<b>OPENING BALANCE</b>		<b>5,280.00</b>
<b>ENDING BALANCE</b>		<b>\$4,505.00</b>

Tzanetakos noted that \$800.00 would be coming in from State of Florida Employees and an unknown amount from the Federal Campaign Fund of Dade and Hillsborough Counties.

The Twain Scholarship Fund will issue four awards in this year's essay competition, two first place awards of \$500.00 each and two second place awards for \$300.00 each.

Tzanetakos explained that from now on all bills would be paid automatically from checking by the treasurer, Charles Ross.

C. W. Mitchell asked if any of the winners of the Scholarships joined AOF. Tzanetakos explained that the Mark Twain Scholarship Fund is a community service and is not designed to attract new members, but to sow the seeds of atheism.

Golly MOTIONED to accept treasurer's report, Eisler SECONDED and it was ACCEPTED unanimously.

#### **6. President's report.**

Golly outlined his agenda for the up coming year:

1. Focus on starting at least two new chapters in the state.
2. Pursue either or both of the pending lawsuits, Tampa Bay Airport Chapel and Ft. Pierce nativity scene.
3. Expand our network with other like-minded organizations.

Accomplishments of Atheists of Florida this past year:

1. Our paid membership roster is 120.
2. Mark Twain Scholarship Fund received \$1,640.00 in income for the year. We are well positioned to generate more scholarships next year and in larger amounts.
3. Telephone lines for all chapters with adequate supplemental funding from Twain to keep the bills paid.
4. Miami Bookfair International generated over 60 new names on our mailing list and several memberships. This is the most constructive way to generate memberships and we should find similar events in other major Florida cities to participate in for the same purpose.
5. Advertising in the Weekly Planet has generated an average of three calls per week.
6. Monthly dinners for Tampa Bay chapter are also bringing in members.
7. The Internet continues to produce inquiries. It may be possible to get our own web site. There was much discussion on this, but no decisions were made.
8. Due to the hiring of competent help, we should be able to keep our newsletter published on time and keep our other publications (annual reports, booklets, etc) generated in a timely manner.
9. Ed Mc Dougall and Alan Altman have resigned from the board

#### **6. Committee reports.**

##### **6.1 Membership expansion Committee, headed by Jim Strayer**

No report from Jim Strayer. Golly contacted four members in the Orlando area to see if a chapter could be started there. Now waiting for response.

##### **6.2 Fund Raising Committee, headed by Tzanetakos**

He explained that Glantz and Patrick Bens had been involved with movies produced by Oliver Stone. They helped furnish extras and were paid \$4.00 per person, which netted AOF \$160.00. Tzanetakos explained that we had borrowed \$300.00 from the Mark Twain Scholarship Fund. The monies collected from this project was then deposited in the Mark Twain Scholarship Fund as a donation in lieu of reimbursement.

Tzanetakos explained that AOF and Mark Twain are the only organizations in the nation that met all of the requirements and qualifications for the Federal Campaign Fund. We are therefore listed on the United Way and are probably the only atheist organization to have achieved this status. Much of the bookwork to accomplish this was done by Charles Ross.

There was discussion of producing business cards and greeting cards for organizations that donate to the Mark Twain Scholarship Fund. Tzanetakos displayed an example for the Board to review.

Eisler made a suggestion that we send note cards to life members each year.

Tzanetakos discussed the raffle of the opal ring. Thirty-two members have responded. The Board decided that the raffle would be conducted at the Tampa Bay Chapter meeting next month.

The Board decided that if an individual makes a donation of \$100.00 to the Mark Twain Scholarship Fund or AOF they would receive 200 business cards. A corporation would get 200 business cards for a \$1,000.00 donation to either group.

### **6.3 Membership Greeting Card Committee, headed by Porto.**

Bens is representing her. After discussion it was decided that an ad for the cards would be put in the newsletter.

There was discussion on production of calendars. Many ideas were discussed and action was tabled until Porto and the committee could take some action.

### **6.4 Library Committee, headed by Flo Morgenroth.**

Golly reported that the library was extremely well organized. Books are shelved, cataloged and priced. We intend to promote six titles in every other newsletter.

### **6.5 Publications committee, headed by Flo Morgenroth.**

The committee is in the process reviewing several publications. A report later.

### **6.6 Organizational Manual Committee, headed by Nan Owens.**

No report.

## **7. OLD BUSINESS**

### **7.1 Web page.**

A web page was created, but cost too much to go active. Golly will consult with Joe Zemel from Atheist Alliance to see if it can be done cheaper.

### **7.2 Atheists of Florida Forum.**

We were rejected by the television station this year and are currently not scheduled to produce any more programs.

C.W. Mitchell informed the Board that many stations will run a program for \$50.00. Tzanetakos pointed out that we would need to pick up two new members for each broadcast or it would not pay. There was more discussion, but no decisions made.

**7.3 Mark Twain Scholarship Fund.**

Applications were passed around. Tzanetakos announced that Ed Corl has donated one of his Florida Panther Posters, valued at \$250.00, to be raffled off for the Twain Fund.

**7.4 The publication of *The Book of Revelation***

Currently being reviewed by the committee.

**7.5 The Investment Club.**

Golly reported that the Investment Club has been disbanded because nobody would offer to become president of the Club. All money was refunded.

**7.6 Miami Book Fair International.**

Tzanetakos informed the Board that the fee for a stand will be \$450.00 this year, increased from \$400.00 last year. In addition we need to spend money on publications. The Board decided that we will ask the membership for individual donations of \$5.00 each to support the Bookfair, which will be held in November, 1999. We will also place a section on our membership application form requesting a direct contribution to help fund the Bookfair.

**7.7 Corporate Records**

Tzanetakos stated that we have a great deal of paper records that need to be stored. He was in hopes that the records could be relocated to Tampa or to some kind of office that A of F might be able to open someday.

**8. NEW BUSINESS.**

**8.1 Camp Quest camper scholarship.**

Strayer announced that the YMCA camp that is rented has increased the tuition from \$325.00 to \$495.00. This has made it difficult for many families. The Board decided to publish information about the camp and ask for donations from the membership. We will place a section on our membership application form requesting direct contributions to assist us in sponsoring a camper each year.

**8.2 Membership funds.**

Membership funds for life memberships are presently in Certificates of Deposit. Tzanetakos pointed out that the interest does not cover annual inflation rate. Tzanetakos made a MOTION that at the next anniversary that the CD's come due they be cashed and the

money be invested in the stock market. **SECONDED** by Miles. Discussion followed on risk of investment. **VOTE** 5 in favor and 5 opposed. The tie was broken by the proxy vote of Chairman Xanthopoulos. Motion **DEFEATED**.

### **8.3 Status of Secular Humanist Societies roster**

**MOTION** made by Golly: To remove The Atheists of Florida, Inc. name from the roster of the Alliance for Secular Humanism Societies and notify all other members of ASHS in writing, citing the reasons for our decision. **SECONDED** by Tzanetakos. Discussion on the motion. **VOTE**: 7 in favor - 3 opposed, The motion **PASSED**.

### **8.4 Atheist Alliance member disqualification standards**

**MOTIONS** made by Tzanetakos: The representatives of Atheists of Florida, Inc. to submit to the Board of Atheists Alliance, Inc.:

1. A motion requesting the disqualification of any member of a society which is directly affiliated with any nepotistic or totalitarian organization whose board and officers are not elected by that membership and those Member Societies should have the option of either declaring their independence from their parent organizations or resigning from the Alliance. **SECOND** by Schleifstein. Discussion followed. **VOTE**: 6 in favor, 3 opposed. Motion **PASSED**.

2. A motion to the Atheist Alliance to create a screening committee of three board members of the Alliance whose duty would be the approval of future guest speakers at the annual conventions of the Alliance. Discussion followed. **VOTE**: 6 in favor, 4 opposed. Motion **PASSED**.

### **8.5 Status of members serving as officers in other organizations**

**MOTION** made by Tzanetakos: Any Board Member of Atheists of Florida, Inc. who serves on the board or boards of other organizations with similar Aims and Purposes which are not meeting the standards of 501(c)(3) membership organizations should be requested to either resign from the other boards or resign from this board of Atheists of Florida, Inc. Failure to do so and the Board should vote for their removal. **SECONDED** by Schisler. Discussion followed. **VOTE**: 3 in favor, 7 opposed. Motion **DEFEATED**.

### **8.6 Screening committee for board members**

**MOTION** made by Golly: For Atheists of Florida, Inc. to create a screening committee whose purpose would be the approval of future candidates to the Board. **SECONDED** by Tzanetakos. Discussion followed. **VOTE**: 4 in favor, 6 opposed. Motion **DEFEATED**.

## **9. Discussion of publications.**

Publications must be approved by our committee if the member uses a connection with Atheist of Florida in that publication.

## **10. Election of Officers.**

*President:* Golly was NOMINATED by Tzanetakos, SECONDED by Eisler. It was MOVED, by Schisler, and approved without objection that nominations for president be closed. By acclamation Golly is re-elected President.

*Vice President:* Schisler was NOMINATED by Tzanetakos, SECOND by Miles. No other nominations, by acclamation Schisler is Vice President.

*Secretary:* Strayer was NOMINATED by Tzanetakos. SECOND by Eisler. No other nominations. By acclamation Strayer is Secretary.

*Treasurer:* Ross was NOMINATED by Tzanetakos. SECOND by Strayer. No other nominations. By acclamation Ross is Treasurer.

*Chairman of the Board:* Schleifstein was NOMINATED by Tzanetakos. SECOND by Strayer. No other nominations. By acclamation Schleifstein is Chairman of the Board.

**11. Representatives to Atheist Alliance.**

A MOTION was made by Tzanetakos that the President and Vice President, or their appointees, will be the automatic representatives to the Atheist Alliance. Discussion followed. VOTE: 8 in favor, 2 opposed. Motion PASSED.

Meeting Adjournment 4:30 PM

DATED this 28<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1999

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Jim Strayer  
Secretary of the Meeting





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June 11, 1999

To: Jo Ann Mooney, Director, Alliance of Secular Humanist Societies (ASHS)  
CC: All ASHS Member Societies  
From: Ed Golly, President, Atheists of Florida, Inc.  
Subject: Resignation from ASHS

At the Atheists of Florida, Inc. board of directors meeting held on March 28, 1999, the board voted in favor of the RESIGNATION of Atheists of Florida, Inc. from the Alliance of Secular Humanist Societies. Please accept our resignation by this correspondence.

Board member Christos Tzanetakos, founder of Atheists of Florida had submitted the motion of resignation with explanation to the board in advance of the meeting. He alleged that Paul Kurtz was not running the parent organization of ASHS, the Council for Secular Humanism, in a democratic manner. Tzanetakos' motion and supporting text was leaked by one of our board members directly to Paul Kurtz. Kurtz responded in time for the board to be appraised of his position the day of the meeting. In his response, Kurtz confirmed that democratic principles were indeed not incorporated in the administration of the CSH. Rather, it is run by an appointed Board of Regents, much like a university. Membership in CSH is not bestowed with voting rights. In addition, Atheists of Florida does not have any representation on the board of ASHS. As a result of this confirmation, the Atheists of Florida board voted to resign.

We wish the ASHS best success in the future.

Yours in reason,

Ed Golly

# ATHEISTS OF FLORIDA, INC.

## Special Board of Directors Meeting

Tampa, Florida  
October 10, 1999

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### 1 Call to order.

A special board meeting of Atheists of Florida, Inc. was called to order by Chairman Anthony Schleifstein at 1:10 p.m. Sunday, October 10, 1999 in the conference room of Raytheon Aircraft, 2450 N. Westshore Blvd., Tampa, Florida.

The chairman noted that this was a special board meeting called by the president, Ed Golly, of the above named corporation for the purpose of establishing policy guidelines for the organization and other items specified on the agenda which had been delivered to all board members by mail one month prior to the meeting.

### 2 Roll call.

The chairman called roll and found the following board members to be present:

Anthony Schleifstein, <i>Chairman</i>	Ed Golly, <i>President</i>
Christos Tzanetakos	Patrick Bens
Dominick Florio	Jim Peterson
Edwin Corl	Steven Miles
Nan Owens	James Young
Jennifer Gallo	Dr. James Williamson
John MacKay	Rebeca Porto

The chairman noted that a quorum was present and proceeded with the meeting.

### 3 Minutes of previous meeting.

In the absence of the secretary, Golly read the minutes of the previous meeting which had been the Seventh Annual Board of Directors Meeting on March 28, 1999. Peterson MOVED to accept the minutes, SECONDED by Young. Without dissent, the minutes were APPROVED.

### 4 Treasurer's Report.

In the absence of the treasurer, Tzanetakos gave the current balances of the Atheists of Florida, Inc. account and the Twain Scholarship Fund. Balances as of October 9, 1999 were:

Atheists of Florida — \$ 1,330.00 including two recent life memberships totaling  
\$ 1,000.00 plus recent deposits.

Twain Scholarship Fund — \$ 4,810.70.

### 5 President's report.

The president reported that he expected this meeting to result in the establishment of a new chapter of Atheists of Florida, Inc. in Orlando and determine if A of F would pursue the Tampa International Airport chapel lawsuit. He pointed out that A of F has become involved with two other coalitions in the Tampa Bay area, the Coalition for Religious Freedom in our Secular Hospitals formed by the Pinellas County director of the National Organization for Women, and a consortium of groups bringing suit against the state of Florida over the school

voucher issue.

Our membership continues to increase and the Twain Scholarship Fund is adequately funded to provide the monetary awards for this year's competition. Atheists of Florida will participate again this year in the Miami Book Fair International and has all expenses paid including inventory to sell. The Tampa Bay Chapter continues to advertise in the *Weekly Planet* which generates an average of three contacts per week, and the Miami chapter is now advertising in the *Miami New Times*. Both chapters are also holding dinner socials.

We have recently updated our page on the Atheist Alliance Web page and are receiving occasional contacts for A of F and the Twain Scholarship Fund through that posting.

All our scheduled publications have been produced on or very nearly on schedule this year and we expect to be able to continue to do so.

## **6 Committee reports.**

### **6.1 Membership Expansion Committee—Strayer**

Golly reported that advertising and Internet exposure were routinely generating new members and most existing members continue to renew their memberships. Two members of the committee were no longer on the board reducing the committee to four members. Upon MOTION duly made by Golly, SECONDED by Young and APPROVED by unanimous vote, Patrick Bens was appointed to the Membership Expansion Committee.

### **6.2 Fund Raising Committee—Tzanetakos**

Tzanetakos stressed that A of F should conduct at least one fund raising event per year to help insure financial stability. We received about \$300.00 from the Combined Federal Campaign Fund last year.

### **6.3 Membership Greeting Card committee—Porto**

Porto displayed a new design for a year-end greeting card that the board reviewed. Owens proposed that she would attempt to locate computer clip art that might closely resemble the cover depicted on the card to simplify reproduction. If the entire card can be produced in house, we can produce only the necessary inventory to fill orders. The committee will continue to proceed on production of the card.

Golly announced that we are just now catching up on production of the membership cards and are in the process of preparing and mailing them to all new and renewal memberships from March 1999 to present.

### **6.4 Library Committee—Golly**

The board discussed methods of promoting sales of excess inventory in the library. Golly agreed to contact Joe Zemel, webmaster of the Atheist Alliance Web page to determine how we can post our inventory on the AAI Web page.

### **6.5 Publications Committee—Owens**

Owens reported that personal circumstances had precluded her from devoting the necessary time to perform on the Publications Committee or the Organizational Manual Committee. However, due to recent changes in these circumstances, she now anticipated adequate time would be available in the coming year. Altman and Morgenroth were no longer

members of the committee. The president had appointed Jacques Musy and Abigail Martin, two members of the Tampa Bay chapter who live in Valrico, to fill the vacancies. The board appointed Young to be the fourth member of the committee.

#### **6.6 Organizational Manual Committee—Owens**

Owens reported she anticipated adequate time this coming year to chair production of the chapter organizational manual.

Peterson submitted a MOTION to accept all committee reports, SECONDED by Young. VOTE in FAVOR was unanimous.

### **7 Old business.**

#### **7.1 Web page—Golly**

Golly reported that although a Web page had been composed for Atheists of Florida about two years ago, the cost to post it had been prohibitive. We therefore had been relying solely on our Atheist Alliance Web page for Internet exposure. Peterson disclosed that he is a Web page designer by profession. Williamson immediately introduced a MOTION that Peterson investigate the possibility of creating an Atheists of Florida Web page, SECONDED by Young, and APPROVED by unanimous VOTE. Three board members pledged \$450.00 in donations to cover costs of development and registration of a domain name. The pledges were as follows:

Miles	\$ 300.00
Young	50.00
Schleifstein	100.00

#### **7.2 Mark Twain Scholarship Fund—Golly**

The chairman directed that this issue be postponed until later in the meeting.

#### **7.3 Atheists of Florida Bookstore—Golly**

Golly reported that the entire inventory of books was catalogued. The board analyzed how we could sell our excess inventory and determined that Golly should produce a separate catalogue of books for sale and have it prepared in time for the Miami Book Fair International. The catalogue could also be made available on request to inquiries interested in purchasing books.

#### **7.4 Board member liability insurance—Golly**

Golly read from the *Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act* book, 1999 revision, section 617.0834 concerning immunity of directors of nonprofit organizations from civil liability. According to section (1) "An officer or director of a not for profit organization recognized under s. 501(c)(3) ... is not personally liable for monetary damages to any person for any statement, vote, decision, or failure to take an action, regarding organizational management or policy by an officer or director." MacKay still advised the board against operating without liability insurance stressing the risk of lawsuit against individual board members. Golly had submitted the necessary information about Atheists of Florida, Inc. to the insurance agent to obtain a quote for directors liability insurance for the board, but had not yet received a quote. The board agreed that when the quote is received, all board members will be notified of the

amount and then the board will determine by vote if we should purchase insurance.

#### **7.5 Tampa International Airport Chapel Lawsuit—MacKay**

The chapel lawsuit against the Hillsborough County Aviation Authority was brought to the table for discussion. Schleifstein submitted a MOTION to form a chapel committee to determine whether to proceed with a lawsuit or, in lieu of legal action, devise alternative methods of dealing with the chapel issue. SECONDED by Williamson. VOTE in FAVOR of the motion was unanimous. Golly, MacKay, Tzanetakos and Young were appointed to the committee.

#### **7.6 Legal Fund—MacKay**

The board determined that it would postpone formation of a legal fund until a determination was made about how to proceed against the chapel.

#### **7.7 Investment of Life Member Funds**

Upon MOTION duly made by Schleifstein, SECONDED by Young, and APPROVED by unanimous VOTE, the life membership funds will be deposited in a Vanguard no-load 500 Index mutual fund. In view of the no-load status of the fund, Schleifstein or the treasurer can process the fund without conflict of interest.

#### **7.8 Camp Quest camper sponsorship**

There was no motion to provide specific sponsorship for a Camp Quest camper this year. The membership application form continues to contain a space for donations for this purpose.

### **8 New business.**

#### **8.1 Bylaws amendment—Golly**

8.1.1 Golly submitted a MOTION to amend the bylaws as follows:

##### **Section 1. General.**

Local committees, hereinafter referred to as “chapter,” may be formed by a single active member of Atheists of Florida. Upon reaching a quantity of ten (10) members, the Chapter shall appoint one member to serve on the Board of Atheist of Florida unless at least one member of that chapter already serves on the Board. Directors of chapters of fewer than ten (10) members may attend Board meetings as guests. Each chapter shall operate under the provisions of these bylaws. Should any question of interpretation arise as to any chapter officer or any chapter Executive Board action or program, a final decision as to the validity of the proposal or act shall be determined by the organization’s Board of Directors.

Young SECONDED the motion.

8.1.2 Owens proposed AMENDMENT 1 to the motion to alter the last sentence by deleting the word “organization’s” and adding “of Atheists of Florida” to the end of the sentence. SECONDED by Williamson. VOTE in FAVOR of amendment 1 was unanimous.

8.1.3 Tzanetakos proposed an AMENDMENT 2 that Atheists of Florida form a nominating committee whose duty would be verifying that future candidates for the board or chapter directors meet the qualifications required in the bylaws. SECONDED by Golly. Following discussion, the board voted AGAINST amendment 2.

8.1.4 Williamson proposed AMENDMENT 3 to strike the sentence "Upon reaching a quantity of ten (10) members, the chapter shall appoint one member to serve on the Board of Atheists of Florida unless at least one member of that chapter already serves on the Board." Tzanetakos SECONDED the amendment. The board voted AGAINST amendment 3.

The chairman called for a VOTE on the motion. The votes were counted as follows:

FAVOR:	10	OPPOSED:	2
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The motion was APPROVED.

## **7.2 Mark Twain Scholarship Fund**

The chairman recalled to the table agenda item 7.2 for election of trustees. The board agreed to appoint Williamson to the vacancy on the Board of Trustees.

## **8.2 Atheist outreach initiative—Young**

8.2.1 Young introduced a MOTION that an outreach committee be formed, whose purpose shall be to formally organize and engage in evangelical activities on behalf of atheism with the stated goal of altering the course of social climate via pro-active challenges to religious belief. Peterson SECONDED the motion. The board discussed the motion and the chair called for a vote. VOTE on the motion was counted as follows:

FAVOR:	5	OPPOSED:	8
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The motion was DEFEATED.

8.2.2 Schleifstein submitted a MOTION for the board to commend the efforts of Young and Corl to promote atheism in Florida. SECONDED by Williamson. The board unanimously APPROVED the motion.

## **8.3 Formation of Orlando chapter**

Golly submitted a MOTION for the board to authorize Gallo to form a chapter of Atheists of Florida in the Orlando geographical area and for Atheists of Florida, Inc. to absorb all associated expenses. Tzanetakos SECONDED the motion. The board discussed the motion and outlined that A of F would accept the expense of installation and maintenance of a separate telephone line at the residence of Gallo and provide funds for a post office box, advertising and any public activities in which A of F could participate. The chair called for a vote. VOTE in FAVOR of the motion was unanimous.

## **8.4 Life Membership guidelines—Bens**

Bens submitted a MOTION that any member who contributes the equivalent of a life membership over the course of a year would automatically become a life member of Atheists of Florida. Corl SECONDED the motion. Following discussion by the board, VOTE on the motion unanimously OPPOSED the motion.

## **8.5 Meeting facilities—Bens**

Bens submitted a MOTION to form a hard hat committee to locate meeting facilities for Atheists of Florida, SECONDED by Tzanetakos. Following discussion by the board, VOTE in FAVOR of the motion was unanimous.

The Meeting Facilities Committee was appointed as Bens, chair; Porto; and Schleifstein.

**8.6 Honorary membership recommendation—Golly**

Golly submitted a MOTION to bestow an honorary membership in Atheists of Florida upon Gov. Jesse Ventura of Minnesota in recognition of his recent statements regarding religion and his refusal to sign a proclamation for a national day of prayer in Minnesota. Miles SECONDED the motion. The board discussed the motion and the chair called for a vote. VOTE on the motion was counted as follows:

FAVOR:           4                                   OPPOSED:           6

The motion was DEFEATED.

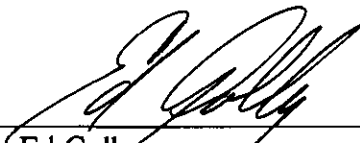
**8.7 Outreach committee—Young**

Young submitted a MOTION to create an outreach committee whose purpose would be: "To organize and engage in Board approved outreach activities that promote and nurture atheism." Following discussion the board APPROVED the motion by unanimous VOTE. The committee was formed with Young, chair; Corl; Gallo; and Florio. Young additionally nominated A of F member Britt Girard to be on the committee provided he agreed to do so.

**9 Adjournment.**

There being no further business to bring before the board, the chair adjourned the meeting. Following adjournment, the board assembled for group photos.

DATED this 10<sup>th</sup> day of October, 1999

  
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by: Ed Golly  
Secretary of the meeting

# Atheists of Florida, Inc.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

October, 1999

Directors' terms are three years. This roster will serve until March, 2002.

### Board Members elected in August, 1999

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# Atheists of Florida Committees

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## **Membership Expansion Committee** 11/94—8

Purpose: Expansion of Atheists of Florida membership

Members: *Chair:* Jim Strayer                      Christos Tzanetakos                      Ed Golly  
                 Steven Miles                              Patrick Bens

## **Fund Raising Committee** 11/94—10

Purpose: 1. To create a monthly leaflet for the newsletter  
2. To solicit funds from other foundations.

Members: *Chair:* Christos Tzanetakos                      Anthony Schleifstein

## **Membership/Greeting Card Committee** 11/94—3

Purpose: To produce and distribute Atheists of Florida, Inc. membership cards and produce and sell season greeting cards and new year calendars for sale.

Members: *Chair:* Rebeca Porto                      Ed Golly                      Charles Ross

## **Library Committee** 11/94—11

Purpose: Maintain and catalogue books, periodicals, newsletters, archival materials and videos.

Member: Ed Golly

## **Publications Committee** 4/97—7.03

Purpose: To screen, edit and approve manuscripts for publication by Atheists of Florida. Three of four members must vote to approve any publication.

Members: *Chair:* Nan Owens                      Jacques Musy                      Abigail Martin                      Jim Young

## **Organizational Manual Committee** 12/97 SPL—4

Purpose: To draft a manual to guide the organization of new Atheists of Florida chapters.

Members: *Chair:* Nan Owens                              Ed Golly                              Tony Schleifstein

## **Chapel Lawsuit Committee** 10/99—7.5

Purpose: Determine feasibility of bringing suit against Hillsborough County Aviation Authority to change name of TIA Chapel or devise alternative actions in lieu of lawsuit.

Members: *Chair:* John MacKay                      Ed Golly                      C. Tzanetakos                      Jim Young

## **Meeting Facilities Committee** 10/99—8.5

Purpose: To locate meeting facilities for chapters or board meetings for Atheists of Florida, Inc.

Members: *Chair:* Patrick Bens                              Rebeca Porto                              Anthony Schleifstein

## **Outreach Committee** 10/99—8.7

Purpose: To organize and engage in board approved outreach activities that promote and nurture atheism.

Members: Jim Young, *chair*                      Ed Corl                      Jennifer Gallo                      Dominick Florio  
(Britt Girard)