

2002

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF ATHEISTS OF FLORIDA, INC.
FOR THE YEAR 2002

Miami, Florida
July 14, 2002

1. Introduction.

The 2002 annual meeting of the Directors of ATHEISTS OF FLORIDA, INC., a 501(c)(3) nonprofit Florida Corporation was held on Sunday, July 14, 2002 in the residence of Rebecca Porto, 6041 SW 88th Street, S. Miami, Florida.

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 trustees for the Mark Twain Scholarship Fund, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit Florida Corporation sponsored by Atheists of Florida, Inc., and other items specified on the agenda which had been delivered to all Board Members one week prior to the meeting.

2. Call to order.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ed Golly at 10:42 a.m.

3. Roll Call.

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

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| Ed Golly, <i>Chairman, Treasurer</i> | Alex Giannakoulis |
| Dr. Michael Brannon | Patrick Bens |
| Steven Miles, <i>Vice President</i> | Brent Yaciw |
| Jim Young, <i>Secretary</i> | |

Proxy vote of Anthony Schleifstein was represented by Christos Tzanetakos.

Proxy vote of Olympia Wood was represented by Christos Tzanetakos

Proxy vote of Jim Peterson held by Jim Young.

Bob McCallum—visitor

4. Minutes of previous meeting.

The minutes of the 2001 Board Meeting had been delivered to all board members. Without objection the minutes were APPROVED.

5. Treasurer's report for the year 2001.

5.1 Atheists of Florida, Inc. Treasurer Golly reported that we now have about 100 members, 300 newsletters get distributed.

Opening Balance

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| Operating bank account as of 1/01/2001 | \$ 1,860.06 |
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Income for 2001:

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| Memberships: | \$ 4,232.00 (16 new members, 70 renewed members) | |
| Donations: | 479.60 | |
| Book Fair: | 365.00 | |

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| TOTAL | | <u>\$ 5,076.60</u> |
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Expenses for 2001:

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| Postage | \$ 687.34 | |
| Office Supplies | 525.87 | |
| Phones | 800.00 | |
| Licenses/Fees | 45.00 | |
| Bulk Mail- NSL | 517.00 | |
| Misc. Admin | 843.35 | |
| Service/Equipment | 241.55 | |

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| TOTAL | | <u>\$ 3,660.11</u> |
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| Ending balance for operating bank account as of 12/31/2001: | \$ 3,455.75 |
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5.2 Mark Twain Scholarship Fund. Tzanetakos. Fund assets as of June 30, 2002

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| Bank account Balance | \$4,206.63 |
| 150 shares of Vanguard Index Fund (VIGRX) @ 21.63 (06/30/02) (Bought 07/16/2002 @ \$26.64/share of a \$4,000. investment) | \$3,298.08 |
| Total Assets | \$7,504.71 |

6. President's report.

The President Nan Owens was not available to give her report.

7. Mark Twain Scholarship Fund.

On February 2002, The Mark Twain Scholarship Fund, Inc. presented the recipients of the 2001 Essay competition with four grants totaling \$1,600.00. The First and Second recipients were granted \$500.00 each and the Third and Fourth were granted \$300.00 each. In addition to the grants, the four winners were presented with commemorative certificates of award.

All the applicants, including winners, received a free copy of Bertrand Russell's book, *Why I Am Not a Christian*.

Financially the Fund as of June 30, 2002 was in good standing. The March 15, 2002 annual fund-raising letter to the members of Atheists of Florida, Inc. brought an unprecedented amount of responses (36% of the A of F membership) with donations totaling \$2,582.

In addition to the above, the Fund received a generous contribution of \$1,500.00 from the Jack Golly Family Trust Fund of the Community Foundation of Tampa Bay, and \$266.46 from Federal Employees through their Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) directed to the Mark Twain Scholarship Fund.

The Scholarship is now listed on most of the Florida agencies. Specifically, this year thirteen out of the nineteen Florida Agencies have approved our application for the 2002 campaign with the remaining applications pending appeals from the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) in Washington, DC.

Another achievement this year was the acceptance of our application for inclusion in the 2002 Florida State Employees Charitable Campaign. This is the same Florida Agency which the previous two years denied our inclusion and forced us to appeal the case to the Fourth District Court of Appeals in Ft. Lauderdale.

8. Committee Reports

8.1 Publications committee.—Young

Young reported that we reviewed all publications. A report was issued detailing this work. No new publications were submitted for review. Several items were not approved. Bens discussed his concerns about having items at the book fair. We need something for children. One suggestion was *The Unfinished Universe*. We have ample book covers to distribute. We could make available book reviews.

8.2 Membership Expansion—no report.

8.3 Fund Raising—Tzanetakos

Tzanetakos reported that his efforts for the Twain Scholarship Fund paid off well, but he was not able to do anything for A of F. The Board determined that we should create a separate fund-raising project for A of F. We need someone working on final bequests.

8.4 Greeting Cards—Tzanetakos

Porto reviewed the Winter Solstice card she had designed. She will donate 100 cards. Tzanetakos feels people have their own methods of printing cards and might not buy them. Tzanetakos can generate sympathy cards for sale to benefit the Twain Scholarship Fund.

8.5 Library Project—Golly

Golly announced that we now have a street address for A of F. We are housing the library in that office. Tzanetakos has many videotapes to contribute. Items are sorted and inventoried. CD ROMs are available.

8.6 Organizational Manual Project—Owens not available.

Golly reported the manual was completed and is available on electronic file.

8.7 Chapel Lawsuit Project—Golly

There had been no further action taken on the Tampa International Airport chapel issue. Upon MOTION duly made by Golly, SECONDED, and APPROVED, the project was discontinued.

8.8 Meeting Facilities Project—Bens

Bens had problems with the Pelican's Nest. He is still looking for a permanent meeting place for his chapter.

8.9 Outreach—Young

Young reported on outreach activities for the year 2000 - 2001. He explained that our primary focus has been education, exposure and membership recruitment. Our efforts to achieve these goals have included book fairs, mailings, literature, and videos. Bens requested videos that could be shown at his chapter meetings in Miami.

8.10 Advertising—Golly

In the Tampa Bay area, we currently run advertisement in the *Weekly Planet*. Bens is advertising in Miami which Porto and Brannon are subsidizing. The Board determined it should establish a budget for advertising and seek co-sponsorship from the Atheist Alliance. Young agreed to send Bens an application.

8.11 Hispanic Chapter—Bens

No chapter is needed because it would split up the group. Bens would like to expand the newsletter to include more Spanish text. We need to dissolve the project. Upon MOTION by Golly, SECONDED, and APPROVED by VOTE of the Board, the Hispanic Chapter project was discontinued.

8.12 Cable TV—Golly

The *Atheist Forum* Public Access Cable TV program has completed one season being viewed in Hillsborough County only. Joe Redner is sponsoring our production. For the second season the *Forum* has been reduced to a 30-minute program. We are making an effort to assemble our own crew to produce the program, and we are hoping to expand it back to a 60-minute show. The show is seen twice a week in the Tampa city limits, once in Hillsborough County. Our plan is to assemble four hosts to rotate through the show.

8.13 Website—Peterson (absent)

Tzanetakos expressed concerns about doing a better job of updating information on the website. We placed a call to Peterson to discuss the issue.

8.14 Final Bequests—Owens (absent).

Young and Golly discussed the effort to establish a bequests appeal.

8.15 AAI Convention

8.15.1 Upon MOTION made by Young, SECONDED, and APPROVED, the Board formed a Convention Project and the president will appoint the Project Manager.

8.15.2 Upon MOTION made by Young, SECONDED, and APPROVED, the Board agreed to negotiate a contract with the Hilton Hotel in Tampa to host the convention.

9. Mark Twain Scholarship Fund

Nominations were opened for the Mark Twain Scholarship Fund Trustees.

Tzanetakos, SECONDED

Miles, SECONDED

Brannon, SECONDED

Ray Erickson, SECONDED

Giannakoulis, SECONDED

No further nominations were forthcoming. All nominees were appointed by acclamation.

Tzanetakos submitted a MOTION that all five (5) trustees of the Mark Twain Scholarship Fund should pledge an annual donation to the Fund for the creation and financing of a "Trustees Grant Award." The Trustees Award would be

\$300.00. (If the award were \$300.00, each Trustee would contribute \$60.00.) Any Trustee who could not meet the above requirement due to financial difficulties would be excused from contributing until their finances allow it. The motion was SECONDED and APPROVED by the Board.

9.1 Upon MOTION made by Tzanetakos, SECONDED, and APPROVED by the Board, the Mark Twain Scholarship Fund shall name the First Place Award The Laura and Jack Golly Grant Award.

9.2 Upon MOTION made by Tzanetakos, SECONDED, and APPROVED by the Board, the Mark Twain Scholarship Fund shall name the Second Place and consecutive awards in honor of donors to the Fund of \$500.00 or more.

9.3 Upon MOTION made by Tzanetakos, SECONDED, and APPROVED by the Board, the Mark Twain Scholarship Fund shall name all remaining awards The Atheist of Florida Members Grant Award (First, Second, etc.).

10. Old Business

There was no old business.

11. New Business

11.1. Atheists Alliance International.

Upon MOTION made by Tzanetakos, SECONDED, and APPROVED by the Board, the representative of Atheists of Florida, Inc. will submit the following motion at the next Atheist Alliance International Board of Directors meeting: "The Office of the President/Co-presidents of the Atheist Alliance International shall be limited to no more than two (2) consecutive years, or to a number of years determined by the AAI Board."

11.2. Advertising Budgets for Chapters.

11.2.1 Golly submitted a MOTION, SECONDED, that A of F defines an advertising budget for chapters. Following discussion, Golly submitted an AMENDMENT, SECONDED, to establish budget of 15% of the previous year's gross revenues. The amendment was DEFEATED by VOTE of the Board.

11.2.2 Young submitted an AMENDMENT, SECONDED, to allow the Advertising Project Team to establish budgets for the chapters as the treasury and income allows. The amendment was APPROVED by VOTE of the Board.

11.2.3 Golly submitted an AMENDMENT, SECONDED, that 5% of member's dues will be kicked back to chapters to be used at their discretion. The amendment was APPROVED by VOTE of the Board.

The Chair directed the Board to the main motion. By VOTE of the Board, the motion was APPROVED.

11.3 Bylaws changes.

11.3.1 Young submitted a MOTION, SECONDED, to revise ARTICLE V MEMBERS, Section 9. Conditions of Membership of the bylaws by replacing the second sentence with the following: "The Board or President may refuse an application, in which case the President must notify the applicant within 30 days, stating why the application was turned down."

Also, to insert the following between the first and second sentence: "All applications for membership will be brought to the attention of the President for approval prior to acceptance."

Also, to add the following sentence at the end of the first paragraph: "The President may expel, within the first 90 days of membership, refunding dues paid, any new member whose membership is viewed by the President as detrimental to the interests of Atheists of Florida."

11.3.2 Golly submitted an AMENDMENT, SECONDED, to the first paragraph striking the words "Board or President" and replacing them with "Unanimous vote of Officers." Upon VOTE of the board, the motion was DEFEATED.

The Chair called for a VOTE on the main motion. The motion was DEFEATED.

11.3.3 Young submitted a second AMENDMENT, SECONDED to revise ARTICLE V MEMBERS, Section 9. Conditions of Membership by adding the following after the first sentence: "The Board may reject any membership within the first 90 days of membership." Upon VOTE of the board, the motion was APPROVED.

11.4 Conditions for rejection of membership.

Yaciw submitted a MOTION, SECONDED to amend ARTICLE V, Section 9 of the bylaws as follows:

Section 9. Conditions of Membership.

Application for membership shall be made in writing, submitting name, address, and correct amount of dues. The Board may refuse an application only under the conditions outlined below, in which case the President must notify the applicant within 30 days, stating why the application was turned down.

Applications may be summarily refused under the following conditions: evidence of past criminal activity directly relating to a similar organization, membership in an organization promoting religious or religion-based activities (i.e. clinic protests, Promise Keepers) with the exception that members may maintain such memberships for purposes of obtaining and revealing information to A of F. Other conditions may apply; however, nothing in this section shall be used to deny membership or permit expulsion on the sole basis of organizational disagreements or philosophical differences other than rejection of atheism.

Membership terminates when a member fails to pay dues, resigns, dies, or is expelled.

Any member-including Life or Honorary-may be expelled for seriously obstructing the organization's business, misappropriating the organization's name or funds or acting in a way that discredits the organization. The expulsion procedure consists of 5 steps:

Step 1. A formal expulsion proposal shall be presented in writing to the Board by any member.

Step 2. The Board shall examine the evidence. If a majority of the Board Members voting decides, either by mail ballot or at a meeting, that the expulsion may be appropriate, the matter will be submitted to, and decided by, the members. This shall be done by mail, or at an Annual Meeting if one is scheduled within 2 months.

If it is to be done by Mail:

Step 3. The case against the member shall be presented in the next newsletter or by a special mailing.

Step 4. In the following newsletter, or in a second special mailing, the accused member shall present a defense against the charge. A ballot shall be included in the second newsletter or second special mailing, so that members can vote on whether to expel.

If the expulsion process takes place at an Annual Meeting:

Step 5. The equivalent of Steps 3 & 4 shall be followed, that is, the case against the member shall be presented, after which the accused shall present his defense: and then the members present shall vote on whether to expel.

The president shall notify the accused member as soon as the result of the vote is known.

Upon VOTE of the board, the motion was DEFEATED.

11.5 Board vacancies.

11.5.1 Young submitted a MOTION, SECONDED to revise two articles of the bylaws as follows:

ARTICLE VI THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Section 2. Constitution, by adding the following at the end of the second paragraph: "Nominations for the Board will open on September 1st and close on September 30th. Voting by mail ballot will only be necessary if the number of nominations exceeds the allowable number of Board seats. If voting is necessary, it will begin October 1st and close October 21st. Ballots must be opened and counted in the presence of the Chairman and a minimum of two other Elections Committee members to be valid. Chapter Directors are automatically elected to the Board and will not be included on Board voting ballots."

ARTICLE VII OFFICERS: Section 1 General, by replacing the last sentence with: "The President may appoint a successor to serve the un-expired term of any Officer or Director who vacates a position on the Board. The Vice President automatically succeeds to serve the un-expired term of the President."

11.5.2 Yaciw submitted an AMENDMENT, SECONDED, to change the word "October" to "November" and say, "postmarked by." Motion APPROVED.

11.5.3 Yaciw submitted an AMENDMENT, SECONDED, to strike the word "appoint" and substitute the words "nominate with approval by the Board." There is no record of the action taken on this amendment by the Board.

By VOTE of the Board, the motion was APPROVED.

11.6 Executive Director

11.6.1 Young submitted a MOTION, SECONDED to add Section 4. The Executive Director to ARTICLE VI THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS as follows: "An Executive Director may be appointed by and shall report to the President. Salary for the Executive Director shall be subject to approval of the Board. The Executive Director's duties shall include, but not be limited to, performing and/or supervising the administrative day-to-day functions of this organization and any other duties as defined in writing by the President and/or the Board. The Executive Director may be, but is not required to be, an Officer or Director. A non-Board Executive Director will not have voting rights on the Board."

11.6.2 Tzanetakos submitted an AMENDMENT, SECONDED, to strike the last two sentences. APPROVED.
The Chair directed the Board to the main motion. By VOTE of the Board, the motion was APPROVED.

11.6.3 Young submitted a MOTION, SECONDED, to authorize compensation to the Executive Director in an amount not to exceed one hundred dollars a month." By VOTE of the Board, the motion was APPROVED.

11.7 Clarification of presidential powers.

11.7.1 Young submitted a MOTION, SECONDED, to amend ARTICLE VII OFFICERS, Section 2. The President of the bylaws by inserting the following after the first sentence: "The President shall appoint Project Managers/Committee Chairs." and inserting the following after the third sentence: "All policies put in place by Presidential decree will be communicated in writing to all Board Members and will be in full force until the next Board meeting where they will be automatically presented as a MOTION to be formally approved or rejected by the Board."

11.7.2 Yaciw submitted an AMENDMENT, SECONDED, to replace the words "until the next Board meeting" with "until the Board has a chance to review and formally reject the action." The amendment was APPROVED.

11.7.3 Yaciw submitted an AMENDMENT, SECONDED, to add the words "and appointments" after the word "policies" in the first sentence. The amendment was APPROVED.

The Chair directed the Board to the main motion. By VOTE of the Board, the motion was APPROVED.

11.8 Security of communications.

11.8.1 Young submitted a MOTION, SECONDED to secure communications as follows:

1. A of F members and prospective members contact information and e-mail addresses will be treated as confidential information. Care will be taken to limit access and use of these lists for business purposes only. Access will be limited to members of the Board of Directors of Atheists of Florida.
2. E-mail lists shall not be used to establish an opinion or propaganda forum.
3. Whenever these lists are used for e-mail, they will be used as 'Blind Copy'. (Bcc:), recipients. This will ensure that the list will not be revealed to the recipients who receive them.
4. A of F will bear no responsibility for individuals who reveal their own contact information or e-mail addresses to others within the organization. Atheists of Florida will publish, and/or disseminate member or prospect contact information only upon written authorization to do so.
5. Forwarding communications to others, without the authorization of the originator, is prohibited when it is clearly done for demeaning, seditious, divisive, insidious or intimidating purposes.
6. Any member engaged in any form of communication for demeaning, seditious, divisive, insidious or intimidating purposes against this organization or a member thereof shall be subject to expulsion.

11.8.2 Yaciw submitted an AMENDMENT, SECONDED, to change item #2 to read: "Interested parties shall respond directly to the administrator, who will bear all further responsibility for maintaining the list. It shall be noted that, once a member has voluntarily joined said list, A of F has no power or ability to rescind their participation, and the member bears sole responsibility for their decision." The Board APPROVED the amendment.

11.8.3 Yaciw submitted an AMENDMENT, SECONDED, to change item #5 to read: "A of F will bear no responsibility for individuals who reveal their own contact information or e-mail addresses to others within the organization. Atheists of Florida will publish, and/or disseminate member or prospect contact information only upon written authorization to do so. A of F recognizes that e-mail is not a secure medium, and that anything sent via e-mail (or regular mail, but it is easier with e-mail) may occur without the authorization of the originator, and may be done for demeaning, seditious, divisive, insidious or intimidating purposes. Members should exercise due caution in deciding whether to reveal their e-mail address to others." The Board APPROVED the amendment.

11.8.4 Yaciw submitted an AMENDMENT, SECONDED, to change item #6 to read: "Members recognize that, as an organization devoted to free speech, A of F cannot and will not attempt to engage in censorship of communications. Despite past mistakes, A of F is instituting this policy both to protect future members and to serve as a check on our limitations. Should any member receive e-mails of an illegal nature, they shall of course have the remedies of all citizens, but A of F has no such authority. The maximum penalty A of F could threaten anyone with would be expulsion, and that would not deter anyone intent on misusing e-mail, and in the case of merely disagreeable communications would set a poor precedent for the organization's future. The Board APPROVED the amendment.

11.8.5 Yaciw submitted an AMENDMENT, SECONDED, to add item 7: "All e-mails concerning A of F Board of Directors business shall be sent to all Board Members who have supplied their e-mail to the secretary. In addition, Board communications shall NOT be sent using the "blind copy" function, to facilitate currency of e-mail lists among Board Members; however, these e-mails shall NOT be sent to the general membership or e-mail list. Additionally, the secretary shall update the Board's e-mail list regularly, and copy to all Board Members an updated list as soon as available. The Board APPROVED the amendment.

The Chair directed the Board to the main motion. By VOTE of the Board, the motion was APPROVED.

11.9 Designation of annual meeting.

11.9.1 Young submitted a MOTION, SECONDED, to amend ARTICLE IX MEETINGS, Section 1. Annual Meeting of the bylaws by replacing the first sentence with the following: "The Organization shall hold an Annual Meeting within the first two months of each calendar year. The President shall set the time, date and site. If, by December 1st of the preceding year, the President has failed to set this date, the Chairman will immediately intervene to do so. Every effort will be made to give Board Members two months advance notice of this meeting."

11.9.2 Yaciw submitted an AMENDMENT, SECONDED, to substitute the words "first two months" for "during the summer months when school when school is out." By VOTE of the Board, the amendment was DEFEATED.

The Chair directed the Board to the main motion. By VOTE of the Board, the motion was APPROVED.

11.10 Perpetual endowment fund.

11.10.1 Young submitted a MOTION, SECONDED, to amend the bylaws by re-numbering ARTICLE XII to ARTICLE XIII and changing ARTICLE XII to read as follows:

ARTICLE XII PERPETUAL ENDOWMENT FUND

Section 1. Purpose And Uses

The purpose of the Fund is to endow the organization with a perpetual source of funding for operational expenses. The intent of the contributors is to ensure that Atheists of Florida, Inc., (A of F), will always have sufficient income to fund its endeavors.

Section 2. Approved Uses

Income derived from earnings of this Fund may be used for any Board approved expense of Atheists of Florida not specifically prohibited herein.

Section 3. Prohibited Uses

Money derived from this Fund may not be used to grant any type of educational scholarships. Grants, using money from this Fund may not be made to individuals. Depletion of assets is restricted to earnings only. Depleting the value of donor contributions, other than for broker transaction fees, during the process of reallocating investments is prohibited.

Section 4. Donor Contributions

Money is contributed to the Fund by the organization and/or its members. In making contributions to this Fund, the donor releases A of F's Board from all liability, except for fraud, in its investment policies. All contributions to this Fund must actually be deposited into it. All final bequests made to A of F, unless otherwise stipulated in the bequest, shall be deemed a contribution to this Endowment Fund. Initial purchases made with donor contributions should reflect the total amount contributed. Subsequently, if A of F's Board decides to reallocate the investment, the value of donor contributions is the price received, minus brokerage fees, when investments are sold. The purchase costs for new investments, including brokerage fees, during reallocation, should always equal the same amount received upon the sale of the old investments.

Section 5. Investment Holdings

Monies deposited into the account will be invested into one or more stock market mutual funds or trusts. Investments will be chosen by A of F's Board of Directors from a list of funds meeting its investment criteria. Review and

reallocation of investments may not occur more often than once every five years unless forced by the dissolution of a fund/trust. A of F's Board of Directors cannot be held liable for the lack of prudence in its investment choices. Small amounts of deposited monies may be held in the account as cash until sufficient amounts are accumulated to justify the expenses incurred in a purchase of stock.

Section 6. Dividends And Earnings

Dividends and earnings of this Fund may be automatically re-invested to purchase additional shares of stock or may be taken in cash by A of F.

Section 7. Security Of Assets

The earnings of this Fund may not be obligated to any other purpose other than providing income to A of F. Its assets may not be used as collateral for any financial obligation. A of F may not divest itself of this endowment Fund at any time. Margin trading, option purchases, market timing and other high risk trading practices are strictly prohibited. A of F's Board and/or its members may and should pursue all legal remedies necessary to recover any loss of assets due to fraudulent or prohibited management of this Fund. A of F's Board is not liable for losses incurred to the value of this Fund due to investment choices or market performance.

Section 8. Stock Sales To Redeem Earnings

A of F's Board of Directors may elect to automatically reinvest earnings of this Fund in the purchase of additional shares of stock. Shares purchased with earnings may be later redeemed for cash if within twelve months of purchase. This money may then be removed from the Fund and placed in any other A of F operating account. If these shares are not redeemed during the twelve-month period, the shares will automatically become a permanent part of donor contributions, the donor being A of F, and treated as such. A of F's Board of Directors must approve all stock transactions prior to execution.

Section 9. Income Withdrawals

Withdrawals from the Fund account are limited to the net earnings of the funds investments. All withdrawals from the account must have Board approval.

11.10.2 Golly submitted an AMENDMENT, SECONDED, to change the first sentence of paragraph 5 to read. "Monies deposited into the account may be invested as directed by A of F's Board of Directors." and change the last word from "stock" to "investments." The Amendment was APPROVED.

The Chair directed the Board to the main motion. By VOTE of the Board, the motion was APPROVED.

12. Election Of Officers Of Atheists Of Florida

MOTION by Miles, SECONDED to nominate Golly for the office of President.

MOTION by Yaciw, SECONDED to nominate Yaciw for the office of President.

Upon VOTE of the Board, Golly was elected to the office of President.

MOTION by Young, SECONDED to nominate Miles for Vice President.

MOTION by Tzanetakos, SECONDED to nominate Young for Secretary.

MOTION by Young, SECONDED to nominate Yaciw for Treasurer.

MOTION by Tzanetakos, SECONDED by Peterson to nominate Dr. Brannon for Chairman.

There being no further nominations, nominees were appointed by ACCLAMATION.

13. Miscellaneous Motions And Proposals

13.1 Article II amendment.

Yaciw submitted a MOTION, SECONDED, to amend ARTICLE II PURPOSES of the bylaws to better align the corporation with freethought ideals as follows (amendments in **bold**, deletions in ~~strikeouts~~):

ARTICLE II PURPOSES

The specific purposes for which the corporation is organized are:

1. To promote freedom of thought and expression. **We celebrate individualism, without regard for irrational whims of the group.**
2. To advocate, promote and defend in all lawful ways the complete and absolute separation of state and church as the First Amendment to the United States Constitution mandates.

3. To protect the constitutional and civil rights of Atheists as members of a free and democratic society. **We recognize we must master our own destiny, using our powers of reason and the scientific method to solve problems, and we vigorously oppose all efforts to denigrate human intelligence or curtail the expression and strenuous examination of ideas.**

4. To promote the following concepts:

- A. Because human beings, along with all other species of animal and plants, evolved from a primordial cell, Homo Sapiens is only a link in the chain of living matter.
- B. Because Homo Sapiens is the species with the most advanced brain and the most manipulative hands, and because we have developed excessively destructive weapons (nuclear and others), we are solely responsible for the well-being of our own species and to a great extent the rest of the life on planet Earth.
- C. Global population control is vital, and the extinction of other living animal and plant species ~~should~~ **must** be avoided. **We must consider the optimum population; few tragedies are greater than giving birth to more unwanted children.**
- D. Cooperation and equality—~~not conflict~~—~~among all peoples must~~ **should** be encouraged and promoted. **However, we recognize that in a freethinking atmosphere, conflict is inevitable, and we neither discourage nor disapprove of honest disagreement in open and intellectual discussion. We reject arbitrary parochial loyalties or hates based on the accidental-nationality, race, creed, class, religion or ethnicity—rather than the essential: each individual's values.**
- E. ~~Because all humans have a common origin, and because the classification of peoples by races and ethnic groups is divisive and detrimental to our species and to life itself, all inhabitants on planet Earth should be called "Homo Sapiens", and the current national names should only denote the geographical origin of peoples and their distinctive cultures.~~

5. To perceive the believers of any faith, as the product of unfounded dogmas toward whom sympathy and understanding must be extended. **However, we realize that pompous nonsense can be damaged by uncensored laughter and that wit can erode foundations of enshrined error; thus we accept that there are times when respect of the believer and the believer's rights must not be confused with respect for the belief itself.**

6. To educate the general public on Atheist goals and objectives **through the use of public forums and the media wherever possible, with the goal of reaching the largest audience possible.**

7. To promote Atheism as the philosophy which accepts only what can be verified by the scientific method and rejects supernatural entities, acceptable only as articles of faith. **We encourage discrimination between fact and legend, truth and propaganda.**

Following discussion, by VOTE of the Board, the motion was motion was DEFEATED.

13.2 FISH purchase

Golly submitted a MOTION, SECONDED, to purchase up to \$300.00 worth of materials from F.I. S.H. for sale at out outreach projects. By VOTE of the Board, the motion was motion was APPROVED.

13.3 Honorary Life Memberships

13.3.1 Golly submitted a MOTION, SECONDED, to award Life Membership status to Jack Golly and Laura Golly. By VOTE of the Board, the motion was motion was APPROVED.

13.3.2 Golly submitted a MOTION, SECONDED, to award Life Membership status to Joe Redner. By VOTE of the Board, the motion was motion was APPROVED.

14. Wrap Up And Adjournment

Young submitted a MOTION, SECONDED, to adjourn. MOTION to adjourn APPROVED.

DATED this 14th day of July, 2002

James A. Young
Secretary of the Meeting

Atheists of Florida 2002 Board Meeting Recap

7. Scholarship Fund

The fund-raising effort generated donations totaling \$2,582 plus \$1,500 from the Laura and Jack Golly Family Trust Fund of the Community Foundation of Tampa Bay. Thirteen of 19 Florida Agencies have approved our application for the 2002 campaign with remaining applications pending appeal. We are also included in the 2002 Florida State Employees Charitable Campaign.

8.3 Fund raising

We need someone to work on final bequests to A of F.

8.4 Greeting Cards

Porto created a design for a Winter Solstice card and will donate 100 cards. Tzanetakos can produce sympathy cards for sale to benefit the Scholarship Fund.

8.5 Library project

Library and archives now being housed at 3614 South Manhattan Ave.

8.7 Chapel Lawsuit

Project discontinued and dissolved.

8.10 Advertising

Advertising in Tampa Bay area in Weekly Planet and in Miami. Board determined it should establish a budget for advertising and seek co-sponsorship from the Atheist Alliance.

8.11 Hispanic Chapter

Hispanic Chapter project was discontinued.

8.12 Cable TV

The Atheist Forum Public Access Cable TV program has completed one season being viewed in Hillsborough County.

8.5 AAI Convention

The Board formed a Convention Project and the president will appoint the Project Manager.

The Board agreed to negotiate a contract with the Hilton Airport Westshore Hotel in Tampa to host the convention.

9 Mark Twain Scholarship Fund

Five Trustees appointed—Tzanetakos, Miles, Brannon, Erickson, and Giannakoulis. Trustees Grant Award created in the amount of \$300.

Fund shall name the First Place award the Laura and Jack Golly Grant Award.

Second Place and consecutive awards named in honor of donors of \$500 or more.

All remaining awards named The Atheists of Florida Members Grant Award.

11.1 Motion for AAI Board Meeting

Limit office of president of AAI to no more than two consecutive years.

11.2 Advertising Budgets for Chapters

A of F will establish advertising budget for chapters. Advertising Project Team will establish budgets for the chapters. Five percent of members' dues will be kicked back to chapters to be used at their discretion.

11.3 Bylaws changes

Revision to ARTICLE V, MEMBERS, Section 9. Conditions of Membership.

11.4 Conditions for rejection of membership

Amendment to ARTICLE V, Section 9 regarding conditions of membership termination.

11.5 Board vacancies

Revision to ARTICLE VI. THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS” Section 2. Constitution. Concerns election procedures for Board of Directors.

Revision to ARTICLE VII. OFFICERS: Section 1 General allows the president to appoint a successor to serve the un-expired term of any Officer or Director who vacates a position on the Board.

11.6 Executive Director

Creation of the position of Executive Director for A of F.

11.7 Clarification of presidential powers

Revision to ARTICLE VII OFFICERS. Section 2. The President requires policies put in effect by the president to be communicated in writing to all board Members.

11.8 Security of communications

Specifies how A of F will control and secure e-mail and other communications.

11.9 Designation of annual meeting

Amendment to ARTICLE IX MEETINGS, Section 1, Annual Meeting. Requires A of F to hold an Annual Meeting within the first two months of each calendar year.

11.10 Perpetual endowment fund

Revision to ARTICLE XII. Creates a perpetual endowment fund and specifies terms of control.

12 Election of Officers of Atheists of Florida, Inc.

Michael Brannon, MD, Chairman

James A. Young, Secretary

Ed Golly, President

Brent Yaciw, Treasurer

Steven Miles, Vice President

13. Miscellaneous Motions and Proposals

13.2 FISH purchase. Allowed A of F to purchase up to \$300 in merchandise from FISH for sale at outreach projects.

13.3 Honorary Life Memberships. Laura and Jack Golly and Joe Redner.

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Atheists of Florida, Inc.

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April 2002

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