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ATHEISTS OF FLORIDA, INC.  
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NEXT MEETING: SUNDAY APRIL 12TH 1992  
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The meeting will be held in the Main Library of Ft. Lauderdale. at 100 S. Andrews Ave.  
Meeting room # A & B on the 8th floor.

Take the BROWARD Blvd Exit EAST from interstate 95.

FREE PARKING IN THE GARAGE BEHIND THE LIBRARY.  
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MEETING AGENDA:

2:00-2:30 Registration, social time ( Meet and introduce yourself to fellow Atheists )

2:30- Meeting comes to order.

Topic: "State -Church Separation" Mr. Mark Trop will discuss the  
controversial issue.  
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MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS  
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During the month of March, the following members sent their  
membership renewals.

Mr. Sarantis Liveris of N. Bay Village, Mr. Carlos Coronado  
of North Miami Beach, Mr. Romulus R. Roberts of Ft.  
Lauderdale, Mr & Mrs Bernard Sarokin of Coconut Creek, Mr.  
Richard Fleisher of Miami Beach, Mr & Mrs Wilson R. Horn Sr  
of Jupiter, Mr & Mrs John Diamond of Miami, Dr & Mrs George  
J. Meyer of Pompano Beach, Mr. Robert Langaster of Ft.  
Lauderdale, Mr. Max Gottfried of Delrey Beach, Mr. Rudolf  
Mueller of Port Orange, Mr. Charles Ross of Miami, Mr.  
Nestor Herrera of Miami, Dr. Albert Lyngzeitson of Miami,  
Mr. & Mrs John Wood of Rio de Janeiro Brazil, Mr. Fred  
Bettelheim Jr of Miami, Miss Betti Jones of Hollywood, Mrs  
Georgina Ewing of Tamarac,

A thank you of appreciation  
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Members who have not yet renew their 1992 membership, kindly  
are requested to send the enclosed THIRD and LAST renewal  
form.  
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N E W M E M B E R S

MR. ED GOLLY of TAMPA  
MR. TOBY CLARK of ST. PETERSBURG  
MR. JOEL GRAY of ST. PETERSBURG  
MR. JERRY A. MOORE of LARGO

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BYLAWS COMMITTEE

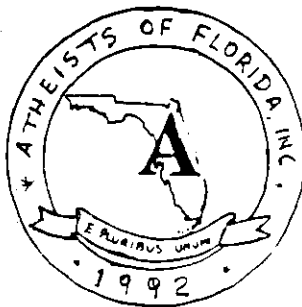
With all the recommendation and suggestion in, the proposed bylaws were adopted with the following correction. Thanks to our avowed feminist Maria Richardson, the term "Chairman" for the position of the head of the organization's Board of Directors, has been corrected to that of "Chairperson".

OUR MOTTO.

Thanks to the suggestion of Mr. JOHN MAX WEATHERLY, the " E PLURIBUS UNUM " will be our motto, which not only reflects part of our purposes, but also, constitutes a protest for its replacement in our currency with the " IN GOD WE TRUST".

OUR LOGO

The following sketch by Christos was sent to Mr. Ed Golly for the final artistic touch-up.



ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

The number of Directors to be elected for a three year term, will be twelve ( 12 ). We encourage any member who is prepared to dedicate part of his/her time and talents, to submit a passport photo, and a biographical resume for the slate of candidates by no later than April 20th.

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ANNOUNCEMENT

With the completion and adoption of our official documents, our Newsletter will resume its normal operation with Articles, News from other Atheist organization around the Nation, Letters to the Editor etc.

Mr ED GOLLY will be our new Newsletter Editor. For those of you who don't know Mr. Golly, he was the Director of the former Tampa Bay chapter of "American Atheists" who as of March 19th, joined our organization. Mr. Golly is not only a dedicated Atheist, but also an artist by trade and a gifted writer. We are confident that with his talents and our members support, our newsletter will become the new beacon of Atheism in our state.

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Again, in addition to the above contributors, we thank all the members who sent suggestions or letters of approval for our bylaws.

And now, once more we need your opinion for the third and last official document: THE BYLAWS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS please send any comments no later than April 20th, 1992.

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BYLAWS OF THE BOARD OF ATHEISTS OF FLORIDA, INC.  
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ARTICLE I. RESPONSIBILITIES AND OBLIGATIONS  
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The Board of Directors ( also referred to as "the Board") has these responsibilities: (1) to set policy for the organization's affairs, and (2) to elect Officers of the organization and of the Board. The Board shall be governed by the organization's Articles of Incorporation, these Bylaws, and the organization's Bylaws.

ARTICLE II. MEMBERSHIP  
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Membership shall be in accord with Article V of the Organization's Bylaws.

ARTICLE III. OFFICERS  
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Section 1. The Chairperson of the Board  
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The Chairperson shall be elected by a majority of the Directors present and voting at the Board's Annual Meeting. The Chairperson's term of office shall start as soon as elected, and shall run till the next election, at the Annual Board Meeting the following year. The Chairperson may be reelected. The Chairperson presides at Board Meetings, and rules on procedure.

If the Chairperson is absent, the Directors may elect an Acting Chairperson. If the office of the Chairperson is vacant, the Directors shall elect a new Chairperson as soon as possible, at an Annual or special Meeting or by mail ballot. The votes shall be tallied by the Acting Chairperson and verified by the Secretary. The Chairperson may be removed from office by a majority of Directors present and voting at a meeting, with the Secretary presiding.

Section 2. The Secretary.  
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The Secretary shall be elected by a majority of the Directors present and voting at the Board's Annual Meeting. The Secretary's term shall start as soon as elected, and shall run till the next election, at the Annual Board Meeting the following year. The Secretary may be reelected. The Secretary of the Board and the Secretary of the Organization shall be the same person. If the Secretary is absent from a Meeting, the Chairperson shall appoint an Acting Secretary.

ARTICLE IV. VOTING  
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Voting shall be in accord with Article XI of the organization's Bylaws, except as follows: The Chairperson's vote counts as one except in a tie, when it counts as two.

ARTICLE V. COMMITTEES

Committees may be created by the Board, to perform Board functions, and shall follow Board instructions.

ARTICLE VI. MEETINGS

Section 1. Annual Board Meeting.

The Board shall meet annually, at some time during the organization's Annual Meeting, and at the same site. Organization Members may attend Board Meetings if space is available.

Section 2. Special Board Meetings.

A Special Board Meeting shall be called by the Chairperson when at least three Directors request it, stating the purpose. In choosing the time and site, the Chairperson shall aim to accommodate the largest possible attendance by Directors.

Section 3. Agenda.

The Agenda for the Board Meeting shall be prepared by the Chairperson. Additions to the Agenda may be made by any Director, with the concurrence of the Chairperson.

Section 4. Quorum.

The quorum for any Board Meeting is three (3) Directors.

ARTICLE VII. AMENDMENTS TO BOARD BYLAWS.

Any Director may propose an amendment. At an Annual or Special Meeting, a majority vote of the Directors present and voting shall carry the proposed amendment.

when an amendment is proposed to the Chairperson, in writing, between Meetings, the Chairperson shall decide whether to hold the proposal for the next meeting or put it to an earlier vote by mail. For voting by mail, the Chairperson shall promptly notify the Directors by a special mailing of the proposed amendment, with supporting arguments, requesting opposing arguments by 30 days after the date of mailing. Thereafter, the Chairperson shall mail the opposing arguments, and a ballot, to the Directors, with a voting deadline of 30 days after the date of mailing. The votes shall be tallied by the Chairperson, and verified by the Secretary, who shall notify the Directors of the outcome.

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