

**AEU 103rd ASSEMBLY  
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES  
JUNE 10, 2018**

**Business Meeting**

Sharon Stanley, Standing in as secretary for Jill Aul.

Meeting called to order by John McCormick at 9:15am.

**Items of Discussion and Action:**

**1. Carolyn Parker:** National Ethical Service:

All members of the AEU are also members of the NES, since they are an affiliate of the AEU, in association with the UN. Officers: Kate Dundorf, Ken Johnson, Carolyn Parker.

Resolution: NES ratifies all actions.....Arnold Fishman moved, Randy Best second. Passed unanimously.

**2. Carolyn Parker:** Resolution on Climate Change submitted by the Ethical Society of Austin.

It was decided that due to the similarities between Austin's Climate Change Resolution and AHA's Resolution - the AEU would adapt AHA's Resolution instead of creating a whole new resolution - this done with in agreement with AHA's Executive Director, Roy Speckhardt. A minor change was made; that we would work toward a diet that is plant based. Motion: Bob Bueding, Second, Carol Bartell. Sonja Kueppers: moved to amend...second section. "... Affirms... Its commitment to be guided by the best available science." L Miller Second. Resolution passed as amended by consensus.

**3. By-Laws:**

- a. Amendment to Article I, Section 7; The AEU is authorized to admit to membership ***Individual Members at Large*** under such requirements and rules (including provisions for termination) as the Board may adopt from time to time. Such Individual Members at Large would not be eligible to run for the Board but would be eligible to participate as members on AEU Committees. Motion: L Miller, Second: Arnold Fishman

- b. Amendment to Article 4: Change name to “Individual members,” not “Members at large.” Carolyn Parker moved. Randy Best second. By-Law Amendment passed as amended by consensus.
- c. Amendment to Article 7: Chaplaincy responsibilities. Proposed amendment to Article VII, Section 3: “..... members of an Ethical Culture Society Fellowship, Circle or Exploratory Group, ‘or individual member of the American Ethical Union.’” Motion: L Miller, Second: Arnold Fishman. By-Law Amendment passed by consensus.

4. Ken Novak: Presented Budget. Randy Best moved to adopt. Second: Sharon Stanley

Emil Volcheck offers an amendment – 3% compensation increase for the Executive Director. Motion: Emil Volcheck, Second Carol Bartell. Thoroughly discussed. Arnold Fishman asked: “Is this a deficit budget.?” (Answer: Yes) Jacquelyn Simms ask: “Where is the deficit payment coming from?” (Answer: Cash Reserves. Consensus approved, with one standing aside.

5. Arnold Fishman and Board Candidates:

Arnold thanked committee for all their work. Especially Sue Walton for taking over as Chair of the Board Development Committee. Arnold requested that people volunteer if they want to run for/or be on the Board.

Trustees and Officers: (Elected by acclamation)

John McCormick-President

Tom Castelnovo-Vice President

Ken Novak-Treasurer

Jill Aul-Secretary

Bob Gordon

Motioned made by Sue Walton. Scott Walton second.

6. Vote on Branding!!!! Sonja Kueppers

Ballots Tallied.....and the winners are.....

Logo B (the one resembling a group of “happy humanists” and our current tagline, “Inspiring Ethical Communities.”



7. Thank you's to

- a. all of us!!!!
- b. Hotel staff
- c. Assembly Committee: Sue, Scott, Carolyn, L,
- d. Board Members!
- e. Staff of volunteers
- f. Bart

Motion to adjoin! Sharon Stanley, L Miller Second- Passed unanimously. No afternoon board meeting.