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ANNUAL AFFILIATE REPORT

Affiliate Report for Future of Ethical Societies

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Please provide brief updates on the following areas of the AEU participation in or with the Affiliate that occurred or developed during 2018:

Affiliate's Description: Future of Ethical Societies (FES) is a community of 18-35-year-olds across the country that connects online, through local gatherings, on various service projects, and during national conferences. Established in 2004 as an affiliate of the AEU, FES maintains and builds ties with the Ethical Culture Movement despite time and geographical constraints. We are excited to get to know people who share interests and values and to learn how we can support each other.

AEU Program(s)/Event(s) in conjunction with the Affiliate, including date, location:

-The 2018 Future of Ethical Societies Conference took place in St. Louis over Memorial Day Weekend. The theme was "Bridging the Divide with Dialogue." The turnout was low, and we suspect this is because it was in the middle of the country and regular FES attendees from the East Coast were unmotivated to invest in a trip to St. Louis.

-Over the past year, FES members have participated in Humanist Collaboratory and led Assembly workshops, including Emily Newman's with SSA Executive Director Kevin Bolling on how to engage young humanists in our Societies.

-FES member Anya Overmann represented FES internationally at the Young Humanists International (formerly IHEYO) 2018 General Assembly in Auckland, New Zealand. She also was re-elected as Communication Officer at that summit.

-FES member Anya also represented FES at the 2019 Youth of Ethical Societies Conference in St. Louis during the first weekend of March. She gave a presentation to YES seniors about the benefits of FES and provided a call-to-action to participate in the upcoming FES Conference.

Goals for 2019:

-The 2019 Future of Ethical Societies is scheduled for Memorial Day weekend (May 24-27) in Baltimore, and there's a goal to draw in recent YES graduates. The registration fee for Humanists ages 24 and younger is \$50 to motivate participation.

-FES hopes to engage younger people, namely recent YES graduates so that the organization can get a necessary boost of energy to better organize and be more active