



LIST OF MOTIONS

Extraordinary General Meeting

January 15, 2023 | 14:00 UTC

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1	<u>Amend Section 8 of the Bylaws</u>
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Proposed by: Humanistische Atheisten

Amend Section 8 of the May 22, 2022 bylaws as follows (new text in bold; deleted text struckthrough):

Existing:

“General Meeting” means any meeting of Members, called on an annual or extraordinary basis in accordance with the procedures set out in these Bylaws, for purposes which may include: voting on properly received motions, passing statements of Alliance policy, and receiving information from the Board in respect of the Alliance’s operations, ~~including financial statements~~. Members eligible to participate in General Meetings may do so in person or through any electronic means approved for that purpose by the Board.

Proposed:

“General Meeting” means any meeting of Members, called on an annual or extraordinary basis in accordance with the procedures set out in these Bylaws, for purposes which may include: **approval of the minutes of the last General Meeting**, receiving information from the Board in respect of the Alliance’s operations, voting on properly received motions, **adoption of the financial statement, and passing statements of Alliance policy**.

Members eligible to participate in General Meetings may do so in person or through any electronic means approved for that purpose by the Board.

Rationale:

The presentations should still be available for viewing after the meeting.

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2 Amend Section 58 of the Bylaws

Proposed by: Humanistische Atheisten

Amend Section 58 of the May 22, 2022 bylaws as follows (new text in bold; deleted text struckthrough):

Existing:

58. At each Annual General Meeting, the Board shall prepare a report for attendees setting out the main activities of the Alliance since the last Annual General Meeting and proposed activities for the coming year. The report shall include a balance sheet of assets and liabilities and state the Alliance's total income ~~from donations, fees and all other sources~~ and the total amount spent ~~split between campaigns and administration. Expenditure shall be shown separately for significant campaigns and for significant administrative items.~~

Proposed:

58. At each Annual General Meeting, the Board shall prepare a report for attendees setting out the main activities of the Alliance since the last Annual General Meeting and proposed activities for the coming year.

The presented documents shall be made accessible to Members.

The report shall include a balance sheet of assets and liabilities and state the Alliance's total income and the total amount spent.

Income and Expenditure shall be shown separately for significant amounts (membership fees, supporters' fees, donations, other sources, campaigns and administration).

The Board shall propose adoption and the General Assembly shall take a position on it.

Rationale:

Equal treatment of income and expenses.

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3	<u>Amend Section 59 of the Bylaws</u>
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Proposed by: Humanistische Atheisten

Amend Section 59 of the May 22, 2022 bylaws as follows (new text in bold; deleted text struckthrough):

Existing:

59. Board Directors and Members in Good Standing may propose motions for discussion at a General Meeting. Motions must not involve contravention of the Bylaws and must be submitted to the Secretary at least four weeks prior to the date of the meeting. Motions shall be voted on by Board Directors and Members and be passed by a Simple Majority. ~~The Board shall take motions so passed into consideration but may use its discretion as to whether and how to act upon them.~~

Proposed:

59. Board Directors and Members in Good Standing may propose motions for discussion at a General Meeting. Motions must not involve contravention of the Bylaws and must be submitted to the Secretary at least four weeks prior to the date of the meeting. Motions shall be voted on by Board Directors and Members and be passed by a Simple Majority.

The Board may use its discretion how to act on motions that require significant human and financial resources.

Rationale:

The Board is not entitled not to implement motions passed at a General Meeting.

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4 Add New Section 60 to the Bylaws

Proposed by: Humanistische Atheisten

Add a new Section 60 of the May 22, 2022 bylaws as follows:

60. Minutes will be taken at every General Assembly and will include:

1. The list of invited member organizations;
2. The list of participants (representatives of organizations and members of the Board);
3. Decision on the minutes;
4. Decision concerning the financial statement;
5. Decisions on motions proposed;
6. Passing statements of Alliance policy.

Note: The numbering of the Sections following this will change accordingly.

Rationale:

Every normal organization has minutes with the decisions of meetings. Minutes are indispensable for clear and comprehensible relations.

5 Business As Usual

Proposed by: Kasese Humanist Primary School

AAI should continue serving atheists, like-minded individuals and organizations globally

6 Affiliate Background Checks

Proposed by: Kasese Humanist Primary School

AAI should do thorough background checks on organizations applying to be affiliates.

7 Join Us and Help!

Proposed by: Kasese Humanist Primary School

AAI should tell critics to join us if they have good intentions to see AAI flourishing; otherwise to stop criticizing and demoralizing vibrant humans who are committed to taking AAI forward.

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8 Campaign Against Blasphemy Laws

Proposed by: Non Religious Citizens, India

In the previous AGM, on behalf of the Non-Religious Citizens, the organization that I am representing and is an affiliate member of AAI, had put forward the motion of an international campaign to repeal any forms of BLASPHEMY LAWS. I would like to reiterate the motion once again as it is high time, we press the international community and various human rights bodies to stand against such barbarian laws even if present in any democracy, which is seen even in India (IPC-295A, 153A).

8a Amendment to Motion #8:

Proposed by Brian Kernick–AAI Board

Add to Motion (8):

The meeting calls upon AAI Affiliate Members together with the AAI board to set up a committee with the task of: creating an AAI position statement and press release on this matter; identifying organizations to engage with, and managing meetings, presentations and creation/submission of materials.

9 Campaign Against Male Circumcision

Proposed by: Non Religious Citizens, India

Stand against forceful Male Circumcision - medicalized circumcision done for non-medical reasons. We all know that FGM or Female genital mutilation is a well addressed issue and the various international bodies like the UN have effectively come up with practical strategies to combat it. But it's unfortunate that, many boys of the world who take birth with a penis is subjected to male circumcision, that too by medical personnel for non-medical reasons. This is in stark violation of basic bio ethical principles - Autonomy and bodily integrity. Unless we emphasize ethical, human rights and child rights violations and hold accountable the health professionals for such practices done for non-medical reasons, this practice won't end. Would like to present this as a motion to garner international attention and effect, which also indirectly would help pace up the fight against FGM as well by creating a sentiment against circumcision practices altogether.

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10 Create an AAI Strategic Plan

Proposed by: Brian Kernick–AAI Board

Create a team of affiliate members and board members, led by an affiliate member, to formulate an AAI strategic plan covering the next three years. The plan should be as fact-based as possible and deal with how AAI can achieve substantial improvements in: membership, support for atheists at risk, global support for secularism and advocacy, support for affiliate members, high impact campaigns, PR and reputation.

11 Governance Course for AAI Board

Proposed by Bill Flavell–AAI board

Prepare a mandatory course for new board members covering corporate governance principles, an overview of the California Regulations for Charitable Organizations and a detailed review of AAI bylaws. Board members must complete this course within their first three months of board membership.

12 New Ways to Finance AAI

Proposed by: Portal Do Ateísmo

Study a way to finance AAI in different ways, such as:

(A) Income tax deduction: this allows entrepreneurs and sympathizers with atheism to make donations to AAI and receive an exemption in your income tax.

(B) Study a better Crowdfunding platform to raise international funds for philanthropy.

(C) Allow AAI to receive donations via PayPal, Bitcoin and PIX.

(D) Create an AAI store with various low-cost products such as caps, shirts, blouses, keyrings, backpacks, and purses. Also, study ways to sell these products at events such as exhibitions, fairs, etc.

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13 Change How Members are Emailed

Proposed by: Portal Do Ateísmo

Create PDF documents to send to members via email instead of long texts in the body of the email. PDF documents allow users to download the file and read it later on the computer or print paper versions instead of spending hours with the email open reading very large text. The body of the email should be a basic message.

14 Interpreter for Online Events

Proposed by: Portal Do Ateísmo

Provide an interpreter to translate from English to other languages, like Portuguese and Spanish, for live events such as conferences.

15 Joint Events For Women in Iran

Proposed by: Zentralrat der Ex-Muslime e. V.

Zentralrat der Ex-Muslime e. V. would like to cooperate with AAI to organize online events to promote awareness of the situation in Iran and increase pressure on politicians and governments to support the women's movement in that country.

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