

Minutes of Service Meeting of Secular Meetings of NA.

Sunday, September 14, 2025.

Introductions; Mike, Euan, Ken, Kristina, Raven, Kayla, Elaina, Rushil, Amy (Chair).

Literature Committee (Kristina - co-chair)

The committee has lots of submissions on step 3 they are working through with minor edits. Going well. Meeting is next Sunday Sept 7th.

Special Event Planning.

Ken; Planning for special event celebrating Secular Meetings of NA (SMNA). Kristina and ken have met several times and discussed the plan. We have obtained agreement from the BB International meeting to use their room and time slot for the event on Sunday October 18th. Some discussion was had about the name of the event. Use of "solidarity" in the name was considered out of touch with the more often used 'unity' theme. We also plan to celebrate the ten year anniversary of Secular NA meetings.

Kristina; people at the group were more in favor of unity day as a theme. Many felt that NA areas/regions held these events separate to the world unity day celebration. Kris liked the idea of "CommUNITY Day" and hoped that we could reach a consensus.

Amy then opened the floor for discussion.

Mike; Liked "Secular Meetings of NA CommUNITY Day". Mike thought the word solidarity was a bit strong.

Amy; asked everyone to contribute their feelings about the naming of the event. Talked about her left leaning perspective and understanding of the word solidarity. Also liked CommUNITY Day. Asked "why is unity the focus of these days?"

Kris responded; that our hope was to bring all of the secular groups together for an annual gathering and hence the unifying theme.

Tom; was at the group discussion and hoped that we could reach consensus and not have to go back to the group and risk losing the arrangement. He thought that anything other than unity as a theme would be separating from NA generally. Stated that the objection wasn't so much against the word or concept of solidarity. Liked CommUNITY Day.

Kayla; Is just new but liked the CommUNITY Day idea. She thought we should stay focussed on not being different.

Elaina; was swayed by Kris, liked CommUNITY Day.

Amy then concluded the discussion.

Ken then moved a motion that the event be "Secular Meetings of NA CommUNITY Day'

all voted. 8 for, 2 abstained. The motion was carried.

Ken asked for volunteers to be on the planning committee for this event so it isnt just him and Kris. Talked about wanting to include speakers from all of the meetings, different cultures and countries etc. Also diversity of perspectives. LGBTIA+ representation etc.

Kris asked for volunteers. Mike, Tom, Raven, Rushil, Kayla and Elaina all volunteered to join the committee.

We discussed setting up a number of meeting times on the zoom account. Also discussed making the meeting 90 minutes. Mike will start work on the flyer.

New Business

Tom talked about how we can disseminate information (the flyers) about the event. Website, Facebook Group, meetings.

Kayla; mentioned her willingness to be of service at meetings.

Tom; talked about ways to create other (new) service positions at the zoom meetings. How do we include people and encourage others to be of service?

Kris; needs people to post flyers on the various facebook groups prior to meetings. Raven volunteered to help.

Amy; Stated that we need top be regularly promoting service positions to encourage people to step up. Host/cohost training, meeting scripts, rotate or share secretary roles, create a list of service positions needing to be filled.

Ken; mentioned that we had Paulette speaking at the "Friends of Secular AA" workshop at the Virtual ICSAA Convention on the weekend of

Sept 19 - 20th. This was the 4th time we had participated at this important event.

Kris; suggested that we change the time of the service meeting. It had been changed to the current time to accomodate a member in Europe but they had not attended for 6 months and that it was unfair that people in Australia had to get up at 6am. We voted unanimously in favour of having the service meetings at 4pm (Pacific), 7pm (EST) and 9am (AEST).

Amy will include this new time when she next sends out the agenda and Mike will update the flyer.

Please promote service and encourage people to attend the next service meeting.

Meeting ended at 7.03am (AEST).