**Association for Humanist Sociology, Inc.**

**Business Meeting**

**Washington, D.C., October 10, 2013**

**Board Members Present:** Alan Spector, Stephen Adair, Johnny Williams, Kathleen Fitzgerald, Chuck Koeber, Rebecca Hensley.

**Other Members Present:**  The body of those attending the conference and choosing to attend this meeting.

Minutes taken by Rebecca Hensley.

**Previous Minutes:** At the Opening Board Meeting on October 9th, Board members had considered and approved the minutes from the Board meetings at the Midyear Meeting May 31st-June 1st, 2013. Unfortunately, minutes were not officially recorded at the October 9th meeting since the Secretary was unable to attend.

**President’s Report:** Alan Spector reported that the Conference in session was going well, the hotel had agreed to add free parking and internet access after the initial negotiations and had also agreed just before the conference to add one additional day to the period attendees could stay at the hotel at the conference rate.

**Vice President for Membership’s Report:** Johnny Williams reported that AHS was now at 133 paid members, which is an increase, but which is still low enough to indicate a need for a dues re-structuring. This had been discussed at great length at the Midyear Meeting of the Board and Williams had prepared a handout for the many AHS members attending this Board Meeting.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Chuck Koeber reported that the AHS ending balance after the conference was estimated at $36,988, at least partly due to a new arrangement with Sage Publishing that helps with publication expenses. Koeber explained that membership was down in 2012, conference attendance was also down, and there were at the time unresolved fiscal issues related to the publications. In the face of all this, though things were already moving in a positive direction in 2013, his suggestions were that AHS should raise its annual membership dues, raise the conference registration, and not hold a face-to-face Midyear Meeting of the Board in 2014.

A very lively discussion ensued involving many of the members present, some of whom did not readily agree with the dues modifications presented by the Board for approval. Ultimately, the members voted to accept a revised set of modifications to the dues with the stipulation that the full membership would have to vote on the issue in the written ballot sent out in the spring of 2014. The proposed dues structure that will be sent to the membership for approval are:

 Sponsor $160

 $90,000 or over $135

 $70,000 – 89,999 $110

 $50,000 – 69,999 $90

 $30,000 – 49,999 $70

 Student/under $30,000 $25

**President-Elect’s Report:** Stephen Adair announced to the members that the AHS Annual Conference in 2014 will be held at the Wyndham Hotel in Cleveland, Ohio. The hotel and the city have both offered a number of perks over and above the average. Mary Erdmans will be the Program Chair for the event and Adair hopes to be able to get Dennis Kucinich to be the keynote speaker. The projected budget for the conference was approved by a vote of the membership (see below).

Due to the hour, which was somewhat late, the meeting was adjourned, tabling any other issue for the Closing Meeting.

**2014 Proposed AHS Budget**

**Annual Meeting, Cleveland Ohio, October 8-12, 2014**

**Wyndham Hotel at Playhouse Square**

**Projected Starting Balance** **$34,788**

**2014 Projected Revenues**

2014 Annual Meeting Subtotal $13,200

Registrations $10,200

Book display income 600

Selling ad space in program 400

Activist Café Lunch 1000

Sponsorships 1000

Membership Dues $10,000

Frank Lindenfeld Memorial Fund Donations $250

Royalties$150

**Total Revenues Projected $23,600**

**2013 Projected Expenses**

Annual Meeting Cost

Hotel Charges (food minimum $9000) $9500

Two speakers at $500 each 1000

Travel/lodging for speakers 1500

Hospitality Suite 500

*2014 Annual Meeting Subtotal* $12,500

Administrative and Clerical Projects (Erin Mundus) $1,200

Journal ($5 per member per year to Sage) $1,000

Regional Outreach $1,500

Newsletter production and supplies (electronic distribution) $500

Membership directory (electronic distribution) $0

Accountancy $750

Website (est.) $500

Lindenfeld award $250

Postage and supplies $800

Trip to Cleveland for meeting Preparation $600

Secretarial support for mailings, etc $500

Trip to Portland for 2015 $800

**Total 2014 Expenses Projected $21,400**

**OVERALL TOTAL (Income minus expenses) +2200**
**ENDING ESTIMATED BALANCE**  **$36,988**
**FRANK LINDENFELD MEMORIAL BALANCE $991**