**Association for Humanist Sociology, Inc.**

**Business Meeting, 2011 Annual Meeting**

**Evanston, Illinois October 14, 2011**

**Present:** Dennis Kalob, Deborah Burris-Kitchen, Alan Spector, Stephen Adair, Chuck Kroeber, Emma Bailey, James Gallagher, Kathy Gaianguest, Jim Pennell, Greta Pennell, David Embrick, Kathleen Tiemann, Chris Dale, Estelle Stanley, Jim Wolfe, Tony Ladd, Jill Bystydzienski, Rick Eckstein, Steve McGuire, Rebecca Hensley, Michael Weinstein, Talmadge Wright, Gina Petonito, Don Goodman, Helen Raisz

Minutes taken by Adair. (Items marked with an “\*” may warrant additional consideration at the mid-year board meeting):

1. Review and discussion of the changes to the Constitution led by the Chair of the Constitution review committee, Kathy Gaianguest. Members made the following suggestions:

* On the list of changes to the Constitution, the document should reference the section of the Consitution being changed.
* In the proposed list of changes to the Constitution, the instances that include the exact Constitutional wording should be italicized.
* The “NOTE” should be changed to item 14 in the list of changes.
* A notice should be put in *The Humanist Sociologist* to alert the membership of the pending changes.
* The proposed new Constitution should be posted on the website for review.

Jim Pennell moved to accept these suggestions and to have the changes voted on in the next regularly scheduled ballot in the Spring. Eckstein second. Passed.

2. Review and discussion of 2012 proposed budget. Members made the following suggestions:

* It is important to maintain the principle that our annual meetings ought to be revenue neutral. Members expressed a reluctance to approve a budget that proposed a negative value for the annual meeting. Kroeber agreed to make adjustments to the budget to conform to this expectation.
* Spector made a motion to amend the budget to increase the amount of regional outreach to $2000 and reduce the budgeted cost of the annual meeting. Kalob second. Passed.

Bailey moved the amended budget. Gallagher second. Passed.

3. \*Discussion to consider using donations to maintain memberships for people with hardships.