

Bylaws of the Fellowship of Religious Humanists, incorporated under the General Not For Profit Corporation Act and chartered on April 2, 1965, State of Illinois, as revised by the membership in annual meeting, July 15, 1969, in Boston, Massachusetts, to provide for six instead of four members-at-large of the Board of Directors, serving terms of three years instead of four.

THE FELLOWSHIP OF RELIGIOUS HUMANISTS, INCORPORATED

Article I - Name

Section 1. The name of this organization shall be the Fellowship of Religious Humanists, Inc., hereinafter referred to as the "Fellowship."

Article II - Purposes

Section 1. The purposes of this Fellowship are those specified in the charter of the corporation including Section 2 of this article, as extended in the original purposes set forth in Appendix A of these bylaws, of which Section 2 is a condensation.

Section 2. It is the purpose of the Fellowship to promote and encourage the religious, ethical and philosophical thought and life of its members and society. To this end, it shall arrange lectures, encourage writing, publish periodicals and other literature, hold discussion groups, seminars and conferences endeavoring to provide both inspirational materials and scholarly studies which apply the scientific spirit and methods to the materials of ethics and religion.

Article III - Membership

Section 1. The membership of this Fellowship shall consist of those who have indicated sympathy with its purposes and who have paid annual dues.

Section 2. Annual dues shall be determined by vote of the board of directors. Dues shall be entered for one year from time of receipt and include a subscription to the publications of the Fellowship.

Section 3. The Fellowship may in any regularly called meeting elect honorary members with full voting privileges.

Article IV - Officers

Section 1. The officers shall be a president, a vice-president, a secretary, a treasurer and six members-at-large of the board of directors. The officers shall be ex-officio members, with vote, of the board of directors.

Section 2. Terms of the members-at-large of the board of directors shall be three years.

Section 3. Terms of office of the officers shall be two years with the

Article IV - Officers (cont'd)

secretary and treasurer elected for two years in 1965 and on alternate years thereafter and the president elected in 1964 serving until the annual meeting in 1966 with his successor elected in 1966 and at two year intervals thereafter.

Section 4. The board of directors shall fill vacancies in office.

Section 5. The outgoing president shall serve as a member of the board of directors, with vote, during the term or terms of his immediate successor.

Section 6. The board of directors shall establish such committees as it deems necessary except as otherwise provided in these bylaws.

Section 7. There shall be a nominating committee, nominated by the preceding nominating committee and elected for two years at annual meetings two years apart.

Section 8. A majority of the voting members of the board of directors shall constitute a quorum. If a regularly called meeting of the board lacks a quorum, the decisions of such a meeting may be submitted for approval or disapproval by mail ballot to the absent board members.

Section 9. The board of directors may appoint an administrative secretary and an assistant treasurer and such other officers as they find necessary. The administrative secretary shall be a member of the board ex-officio without vote and attend board meetings except when the board meets in executive session. Other appointed officers may attend board meetings on invitation of the board.

Section 10. The editor of Religious Humanism shall be appointed by the board and shall be responsible to the board. He shall be a member of the board ex-officio with vote. If the administrative secretary and the editor are one and the same person, he shall withdraw on a vote of the board to go into executive session.

Section 11. The president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and administrative secretary shall constitute the executive committee. A majority of these shall constitute a quorum. The executive committee shall serve between board meetings and perform such duties as are assigned to it by the board.

Article V - Meetings

Section 1. Time and place of meetings shall be held at the call of the president, with notice of time, place and purpose of the meeting sent by the administrative secretary to all members not less than 20 days and not more than 40 days in advance.

Section 2. Meetings also may be held on petition of 20 members or 10% of the members, whichever is larger, and it shall be the duty of the secretary to issue notice of meetings held on petition in the same manner as

Article V - Meetings (cont'd)

specified for meetings of members in Section 1 of this article.

Section 3. Time, place, and purpose of special meetings of members shall be determined by the president in consultation with the board of directors except that in the case of a meeting called by petition, time, place, and purpose shall be determined by the secretary in consultation with the petitioners and board of directors.

Section 4. The annual meeting shall be held at a time and place determined by the board of directors.

Section 5. Robert's Rules of Order shall be used as a guide to the conduct of business at meetings of the Fellowship.

Section 6. A quorum at members' meetings shall consist of 20 members or 10% of the membership, whichever is larger.

Article VI - Amendments

Section 1. Amendments may be introduced by the board of directors or on petition of 20 members or 10% of the membership, whichever is larger.

Section 2. Amendments may be adopted by a two-thirds vote of those qualified members present and voting at a regularly called meeting of the Fellowship, provided that not less than 20 days and not more than 40 days advance notice in writing, with text of the amendment, shall have been mailed to the members.

Article VII - General Provisions

Section 1. Policy and Program. Subject only to majority votes at the annual meeting, any matter of policy and program shall otherwise be determined by the board of directors and responsibility for execution shall be delegated to officers or committees.

Section 2. Financial Policy. Expenditure of funds shall be upon the decision of the directors. The general financial policy shall be to operate within reasonable prediction of income and to secure special financing for special projects not covered by an annual budget which is to be determined by the board of directors.

Section 3. Affiliation. Affiliation with other organizations may be made by negotiation of the board of directors on authorization of members in annual meeting.

Section 4. Registered Office and Agent. The board of directors shall have and continuously maintain in the State of Illinois a registered office. It shall also have and continuously maintain a registered agent, a resident in Illinois, whose office shall be identical with such registered office, and who shall perform the duties specified in the General Not For Profit Corporation Act of Illinois.