

THE MINNESOTA ATHEIST

Celebrate 25 Years of Minnesota Atheists!

In 1991, American Atheists went through some changes and got rid of all of their state chapters. That year the Twin Cities Chapter of American Atheists dissolved and its core members created Minnesota Atheists. We have grown and evolved over the years to the strong community we have today. At our upcoming meeting on September 18, we will celebrate 25 years of Minnesota Atheists, complete with cupcakes, punch, and coffee!

We will re-visit much of what Minnesota Atheists has done in the last 25 years and what our future goals are by hearing from a panel of past and present leaders of Minnesota Atheists. Then we will open it up to the audience to share their memories and to voice where they see us going or want us to go in the future. If you don't want to speak in front of the group, there will be opportunity to discuss your ideas with others around cupcakes and refreshments.

You may remember a couple years back we celebrated 30 years of atheism in Minnesota. That was a dedication to the beginning of the Twin Cities Chapter of American Atheists and the founding of the Humanists of Minnesota in 1984, a notable milestone. This, however, is our official birthday, so we are having a party!



Minnesota Atheists



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Rondo Library

(Free underground parking available off University Ave.)

September 18, 2016

1:00 pm – Doors open

1:15 pm – Business meeting (Will be asking the membership to approve a Bylaws change as described on page 6 of September newsletter)

1:45 pm – Social time

2:00 pm – Celebration starts!

President's Column

By Alyssa Ehni

As I was leaving an event on Saturday night, one of the organizers stood up to thank the crowd for attending. The event featured an outdoor concert at a local brewery to raise money for veteran-related non-profits. I heard the organizer start, "I'm going to be politically incorrect for a minute." I stopped, wanting to hear what direction this man's comments were going to take. Given the current political climate, I wasn't sure what to expect, though I should have been able to venture a guess. After all, God and Country, no atheists in foxholes, and the like. However, this past month, American veterans and political correctness were discussed for multiple news cycles as a presidential nominee spent days insulting a gold star family. (A quick aside, a gold star family is one where a member of that family was killed while serving in the United States military.)

The organizer continued, "God is with us here tonight!" There were some cheers from the crowd. My companions and I sighed and collectively rolled our eyes. This again. One of my companions yelled, "No, he's not," and continued walking. I didn't move. I wanted to hear where this man's message was headed. I will spare you the details. His message can be summed up as those that help and serve others, especially those who serve their country in the military, are called by God to do so. I presume he meant the Christian God. I have heard this speech before, so I continued walking to my car, shaking my head. Minnesota Atheists had a group volunteering at the Family Place earlier that day, where we cooked dinner and dined with homeless families. I was the one who had put out the call for volunteers earlier in the month, and I am fairly confident that I am not an all-knowing, all-powerful, all-loving deity. But if what this man was saying is true, we ought to talk about tithing. ;)

I find this song and dance frustrating for many reasons. Speaking from personal experience, watching someone make the choice to enlist is difficult. Actually making the decision must be more difficult still. A person in that position may be considering how enlisting will impact them and their family, their future, and their community both locally and globally. This man is suggesting that the choice and those considerations never happened. He is erasing the complex and careful consideration of the life-long ramifications associated with the choice. It removes that person's agency turning them into a toy soldier following a directive, and that is horrible.

To serve others, in whatever capacity, is sometimes necessary, but it isn't always an easy choice to make. There isn't one underlying reason that causes all of us choose to serve others, as this man suggested. What would that guy have to say to the veterans in Minnesota Atheists? I would bet that our veterans' – all of our veterans' – reasons for enlisting have more in common with the reasons you and I choose to serve others. I know that there are religious veterans whose reasons for enlisting have nothing to do with being called by their God. We make the choice because it is that, a choice. His proposition that people behave the way that they do because a greater authority has made a demand undermines personal agency, diminishes the value of the actions we ultimately choose are the most worthwhile, and sets a dangerous precedent. Can you imagine what the world would be like if we all listened to that little voice in our head and thought it was God calling us to take action?

Cryptogram By George Francis Kane

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I. Luaqiwux-Gvatvd, "Pli Olvcol td u Mvcqix, Xhp u Mixirtp, Tx Dhotua Atri."



News and Notes

By George Francis Kane

This electoral season there is a political divide over the terms used by the two mainstream political parties to describe political terrorism in support of Islamist paramilitary groups. Republicans invariably dub it “Islamist terrorism,” and they are outraged when President Obama and candidate Clinton do not. Republicans assert that we can never develop a successful strategy against it if we refuse to recognize what acts of terrorism represent. Even worse, they claim that it shows that Democrats are “soft on terrorism,” and even that President Obama is a closet Muslim, and sympathizes with their goals. Republicans also like the phrase “Islamist terrorism” because it emphasizes the “otherness” of Muslims, and supports the idea that America is a “Christian nation.”

Democrats want to avoid defining the conflict as a religious war. In their view, jihadists are using religion to advance a political vision, rather than using politics to advance a religious vision. They note that there are 3.3 million Muslims in the United States, and that the overwhelming majority of them are peace-loving and patriotic. They view the lone wolves in the U.S. who are inspired to violence, and the soldiers who have been recruited into foreign armies as an extreme fringe of Muslims that is politically, rather than religiously, inspired. They deride the religious rhetoric of jihadi propagandists as a mere inspirational device in the service of Muslim nationalism. Religion, they believe, is nothing more than a vehicle for outrage. Democrats fear that demonizing Muslims, identifying the enemy with Islam, will only drive into the jihad more of the world’s 1.6 billion Muslims.

It is difficult for Americans to understand the motivation for terrorism in nations outside the military conflict over territory. Clearly the Western nations are militarily and economically too strong to be defeated by occasional violence that appalls and angers the populace. Terrorists can hope to disrupt life in the Western nations by forcing them to adopt stringent security measures, but they do nothing to make their rule appealing to the West. In the war zone they perpetrate genocide, attack a girls’ school and sell the students into

slavery, and behead non-combatant hostages on camera, serving only to convince the nations of the West that they must be eliminated.

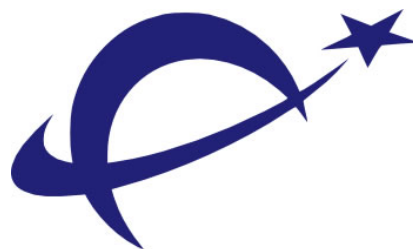
The destruction of the World Trade Center in 2001 made Al Qaeda appear to be a formidable enemy, but neither they nor any later groups has been able to follow through. Terrorist attacks in the US since have been by “lone wolves,” inspired by paramilitary campaigns, but conducting their attacks without foreign planning, financing or assistance.

In Europe, where populations of Immigrants are dense, terrorist attacks often are planned abroad, and are executed where many of the victims are Muslim. The great strategic resource their revolution has is their base of over a billion possible recruits. That base is severely undermined when Muslims are prospering and leading satisfying lives in the West. An announced goal of terrorists is to destroy that possibility of enjoying the standard of living in the West. The message of terrorist attacks to Muslims is that while they are living in enemy lands, they too will be treated as enemies.

Another objective of terrorist attacks is to inflame nationalist passions against Muslims, to provoke the governments and communities into attacks against their Muslim populace that will force Muslims to leave and arouse their anger. When Donald Trump promises to prevent Muslims from entering the country, he delights not only his loyalists, but also the Islamist strategists. They see their path to success in provoking the U.S. to treat this as a war over religion.

There are elements of truth in both positions. Conservative Salafist Islam provides a millenarian view promising a total transformation of Western society, which inspires recruits to maximize destruction. Its Utopian goal justifies any evil action. The Democratic Party’s insight is that demonizing Muslims will only activate more terrorists.

You can read Minnesota Atheists’ position on dealing with Islam at <http://mnatheists.org/information/public-policy-positions>.



Robert Green Ingersoll's Statue Refurbished and Rededicated

By James Barri



This past August 11th would have been Robert G. Ingersoll's 183rd birthday. Since he's not around to celebrate, about 100 or so RGI admirers gathered in Peoria, Illinois, to rededicate his refurbished statue. The bronze likeness of Ingersoll was sculpted in 1911, by Fritz Triebel, in Genoa, Italy (widow Eva Parker Ingersoll provided Triebel with one of Robert's suits so he could give his work the proper dimensions), and placed in Peoria's Glen Oak Park that October – 12 years after Ingersoll died.

The statue survived weather, pigeons, urban grime, and vandalism, but by 2015, it had become obvious that serious renovation needed to be done. The Peoria government didn't have the funds, and when word of this problem reached Annie Laurie Gaylor and Dan Barker, of the FFRF, they put out the call for private donors, and raised \$40,000. The statue was shipped to the Laran Bronze Foundry in Pennsylvania, where the work was overseen by sculptor Zenos Frudakis. The concrete base was re-done, by the Otto Baum Construction Co, along with a plaque showing the names of the 26 donors who gave at least \$1000.

The day was hot and muggy, but there was a shade-tent, and many attendees had hand-held "Fans Of Reason" provided by FFRF. We all had plenty of time to appreciate the much improved statue; most of us there hadn't seen it since 1983's RGI Sesquicentennial.

The ceremony was opened and closed by officials of the Peoria Park District – the city was cooperative with this whole project. There were speeches by Annie Laurie and Dan, providing some Ingersoll quotes. Ken Hofbauer, of the Peoria Secular Humanist Society spoke, along with Ingersoll descendants Jeff (Chair of the RGI Memorial Committee) and Elliott (who also provided music for the occasion). Afterwards, we had light refreshments at the park, and then a number of us went to lunch; after which Tom Flynn, Margaret Downey, and I went to the Peoria Historical Society's Flanagan House, which has a small but significant collection of Ingersollia.

You can't have a freethinkers' gathering without a

dinner, which we had had the night before. The speakers that night – along with those mentioned above – included Tom Flynn, who spoke of other efforts being made concerning the graves of RGI's father, mother, and brother. Peorian Connie Smith, who founded the Friends of Robert Ingersoll, spoke, along with Margaret Downey. Jeff Ingersoll read a toast to whiskey, which Robert had written to accompany a bottle which he had sent to his future son-in-law. (I'm told that you can find the text somewhere on goodreads.com). I mentioned some Ingersoll trivia regarding the film *Born Yesterday* – the original, starring William Holden and Judy Holliday. I don't want to be a spoiler. See the film!

As often happens at these events, new knowledge was gained, lots of Ingersoll's wit & wisdom was shared; new friendships made, and old friendships renewed. All in all, a great success.



Cable Report By Steve Petersen



Randall Tigue, George Kane, and James Zimmerman

In July James Zimmerman interviewed George Kane and Randall Tigue on the Legacy of Scalia. Scalia served on the Supreme Court for thirty years. His legacy on Separation of government and religion was minimal, at best but he also led a movement in legal circles that will impact court decisions and jurists for years to come, especially judges who want to follow his legal thinking on Constitutional issues.

We are actively looking for people to host and produce programming. If you have ideas on programming or interest in hosting please get involved. Contact Steve Petersen at address@mnatheists.org.

Cable Crew: George Kane, Brett Stembridge, Shirley Moll, Steve Petersen, Les Stordalen, Grant Hermanson and Art Anderson .

Podcasts: Programs are available on the MinnesoaAtheists.org website. Access via iTunes and YouTube has been made possible by Grant Hermanson. To date, our channel has had over 261,000 downloads.



Cable Schedule

Bloomington: Ch. 16. Sunday 11:00 p.m. Sponsors: David Beardsley.

Minneapolis: Ch. 75. Monday 7:00 p.m. Sponsor: Steve Petersen.

Northwest Community Television (NWCT) Brooklyn Center, Brooklyn Park, Crystal, Golden Valley, Maple Grove, New Hope, Osseo, Plymouth and Robbinsdale, Ch. 20 check web page for date and times: <http://nwct.org/programming.aspx>
Sponsor: Grant Hermanson

Rochester: Ch. 10. Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 7:30 p.m. Sponsor: Jim Salutz.

Roseville, Shoreview, Arden Hills, North Oaks, Little Canada, Falcon Heights, Lauderdale, Moundsview/New Brighton: Ch. 14. Wednesday 10:30 p.m. Sponsor: Shirley Moll.

St. Cloud: Ch. 12 Thursday 8:30 to 9:00 p.m. Sponsor: Tom Stavros.

St. Paul: Ch. 15 Wednesdays 5:00 p.m. Sponsor: Jim Wright.

Stillwater: Ch. 16. Tuesday 7:00 p.m.; Wednesday 9:00 a.m. Sponsor: Lee Salisbury.

Revisions to Constitution and Bylaws Requires Ratification by the Membership

By George Francis Kane

In the autumn of last year the board formed a committee to review and revise the organization's Constitution and Bylaws. The committee has prepared a significant revision to the document, which has been approved by the board. This revision now requires passage by 60% of the members who vote at the business meeting on September 18 at the Rondo Library.

One major change is that the constitution currently states that meetings are conducted according to Robert's Rules of Order. We felt that it was wrong to require this, since no one on the board is certified in that body of knowledge. Instead, the requirements for business meetings of the membership have been detailed in the Constitution. In the current document, these meetings are referred to as "membership meetings," but in the revision under consideration we are standardizing on the appellation "business meetings." These are defined in the following insertion:

A business meeting must be open to all members; must be announced in advance in the newsletter, with an agenda that lists all items that are expected to come to a vote. The business meeting may be held in conjunction with any other meeting or event. The business meeting must be held to nominate and elect the directors, to remove directors from office, to expel members from the organization, to approve changes to the Constitution and Bylaws, and to approve a reorganization or dissolution. Members may also call a business meeting upon petition signed by at least fifteen (15) members in good standing.

The board meeting procedure has been specified in a separate document.

We found that one provision in the Constitution is in fact based upon a misunderstanding of Robert's Rules of Order. The Constitution specifies that "The chair shall not make or second any motions or participate in discussions on motions, and shall not have a vote except to break a tie." These are restrictions that Robert's Rules impose upon the presiding officer at large plenary sessions, such as the Republican National Convention. For small working groups, such as a board of directors or a committee, however, the chair has all of the rights of the other members, including making and seconding motions, participating in discussion and voting on all motions. Consequently the cited passage has been deleted.

An oddity of the Constitution is that it creates the authority for the board to appoint an advisory board,

which it has never done, but is silent on committees, of which there are many. The committee therefore deleted the reference to the advisory board, and replaced it with the following bylaw:

The board may delegate transitory and ongoing operations to committees. Members of these committees are self-selecting, and may be directors, other members and non-members. The committees are responsible to the board, which retains authority over all committee actions. The board may, at its discretion, remove any committee member, nullify any committee action and rescind any committee decision.

When a vacancy occurs on the board of directors, the current provision is that the board of directors may appoint a replacement, but that the replacement must be confirmed by the membership at a business meeting. This can delay for months the appointee assuming office. This revision removes the requirement for confirmation of appointees by the membership.

We deleted a provision that all candidates for the board must sign a Certification of Eligibility defined by the board, since this has not been done in years, and replaced it with a requirement that all candidates must affirm the Minnesota Atheists Mission Statement.

The membership categories are currently defined in a bylaw. This revision authorizes the board to establish membership categories.

The secretary is responsible for retaining the organization's records. We are revising this to permit the responsibility to be assigned to assistants the secretary designates, with board approval, and requires those assignments to be written into the minutes.

Currently, the Constitution requires the board to publish biographies for all the candidates to be included in the election announcement. This is changed to permitting all candidates the opportunity to provide candidate statements.

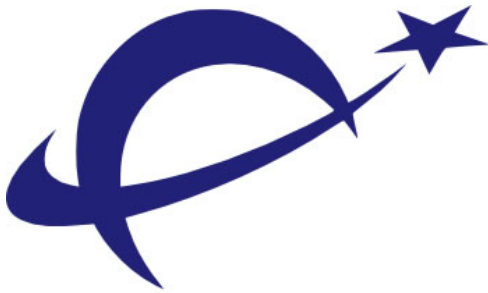
We reduced the notification requirement for a business meeting to remove an officer from the board or to expel a member from the organization from 45 days to 15 days.

The other changes are not substantive, but error corrections and clarifications. A markup with all edits, insertions and deletions may be viewed at www.mnatheists.org/information/ConstitutionRevision2016

Cryptogram Answer

Is a church too small and too poor to pay taxes? That means that not enough people want the church seriously enough to pay for its upkeep. Then, why should such a church exist? Why should atheists, agnostics and non-churchgoers be forced to maintain such a useless, unwanted church by granting it tax exemption?

E. Haldeman-Julius, "The Church Is a Burden, Not a Benefit, In Social Life."



Call for October Articles

We welcome contributions from all readers of The Minnesota Atheist. While we cannot guarantee that your submission will be accepted for publication, we will carefully consider anything that is related to atheism. We would especially like to receive contributions which provide profiles of individual atheists and which report atheist-related events in the wider community.

Because we are a 501(c)3 tax-exempt organization, we cannot print articles that support or oppose a specific candidate, but we can print articles that support or oppose specific causes. Article length should ideally be 500-1000 words and no more than 2000 words.

Please send submissions to the editor, Jenny Nolan at editor@mnatheists.org by 11:59 p.m. on September 22. All submissions may be edited for style and length.

We look forward to receiving your submissions. Without readers like you The Minnesota Atheist would be needlessly constrained in its breadth and depth.

Letter Published in Star Tribune

The following letter was published in the Star Tribune on July 8. The writer is a former member of the board of Minnesota Atheists, and a host of the Atheists Talk radio program. She writes the blog Almost Diamonds on the-orbit.net.

It could have been me with that phone camera.

I know that intersection in Falcon Heights far better than Google's Street View does. My husband has had a permit to carry, as Castile did. Anyone can end up needing to drive with a broken car light.

It could have been me with the camera. It could have been my husband lying bleeding, dying. It could have been — except that we're white.

We're white, so we have respectable business being in this college suburb. We're white, so a permit means passing a background check and being trained to handle guns responsibly. We're white, so we're less likely to be pulled over in the first place. We're white, so we're on the same "team" as the police despite the crime of a broken light. We're white, so we're not inhumanly terrifying. We're white, so our lives matter before the protests, before the demands. We're white, so there are consequences for killing us.

It wasn't us in that car. It won't be.

That isn't reassuring. It's nauseating. Someone died Wednesday night, and all the reasons that it wouldn't happen to me make it more likely to happen again to someone else. We need accountability for police violence, for police racism. It won't be me in that next car, but it shouldn't be anyone else, either.

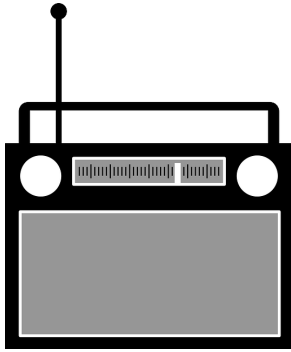
Stephanie Zvan, Minneapolis

Minnesota Atheists along with Freedom From Religion Foundation enjoyed a night of unbelievable fun at the "Mr. Paul Aints" game in July.



Radio Report

American Atheists Viewpoint Joins Atheists Talk



Our weekly live radio show, “Atheists Talk”, costs us \$205 an episode, which comes to \$10,660 per year. This is partly offset by support from the Humanists of Minnesota, Q.Cumbers Restaurant ads, occasional other ads, and donations from generous supporters (including 5th Sunday Flying Spaghetti Monster diners). Nevertheless, we’re still left with a sizable bill each month.

At the beginning of this year, committee chair Brienne Bilyeu and August Berkshire got together with a manager at KTNF to discuss ways to fund our show. The first thing KTNF did was to cut our bill by \$50 an episode for six months, to give us a little breathing room. That cost break ended a couple months ago.

We decided to act on one of the suggestions that came up in our discussions with KTNF: to sell one of our four show segments to a national atheist/humanist group. We noted that the Freedom From Religion Foundation, the American Humanist Association, and the Center for Inquiry already had their own podcasts, but that American Atheists did not. Furthermore, Minnesota Atheists is a Local Partner of American Atheists, which is an elevated status of affiliation.

August Berkshire, who also serves on the national board of directors of American Atheists, approached American Atheists president Dave Silverman with the idea. We agreed that American Atheists would create its own eight and a half minute, pre-recorded podcast called “American Atheists Viewpoint,” and that it would air in the final segment of our “Atheists Talk” show each week. They will pay us \$75 per show for a three-month trial period.

Dave liked the idea that it would be broadcast live, over the air, to a general audience; that it would remain part of our show when we turned it into a podcast; and that it would also be its own separate podcast. He also liked that we would take care of all of the technical aspects of distribution. To that end, Maddy Love has been invaluable, setting up and uploading the “American Atheists Viewpoint” podcast on iTunes, Stitcher and Google Play, with more avenues to come.

You can subscribe to the “American Atheists Viewpoint” on iTunes at <http://tinyurl.com/AAVpodcast> or search for it on Google Play. We encourage you to look for “American Atheists Viewpoint in whatever app or software you use to download your other favorite podcasts. After subscribing, please write a review. If you are unable to find the “American Atheists Viewpoint” podcast, please let us know so we can submit the podcast to the appropriate podcast directory. The greater the distribution the “American Atheists Viewpoint” has, the more likely they are to continue supporting “Atheists Talk” with it.

Secretary's Report - July/August

By Tim Berry

At the July 20 board meeting:

- A motion was made for \$900.00 to reimburse Eric for the game billboard fix. The motion was seconded and it was passed.

At the August 17 board meeting:

- A motion was made for the Board to accept the Constitution and Bylaws changes proposed by the Constitution and Bylaws Revision Committee, all approved.
- A motion was made to accept the proposed changes to the Board procedures, the motion was accepted and all approved.

Complete meeting minutes are available to dues paying members by contacting Tim at sec.mnatheists.org.

Out of the Closet!



My favorite quote by Bertrand Russell is:

**If fifty million people say a foolish thing,
it's still a foolish thing.**

Mahad Muhammad

Out of the Closet Atheist and Humanist



Dan Barker, co-president of the Freedom From Religion Foundation, spoke at the Rondo Library in July. There was a great turnout to hear Barker speak about his book "God; The Most Unpleasant Character In All Of Fiction" Thank you to Dan Barker and the Freedom From Religion Foundation.

Upcoming Events

Newbie Night Tuesday, September 27th at 6:30 p.m., Lunds & Byerlys, 1450 W Lake St, Minneapolis. For new and not-so-new members to learn more about Minnesota Atheists, introduce themselves, and ask questions.

Atheists Talk Community Brunch 1st Sunday of every month at 10:30 a.m., Q. Cumbers, 7465 France Ave S, Edina

Godless Gamers Every Sunday at 2:00 p.m. and Thursday at 6:00 p.m., Fantasy Flight Games Center, 1975 County Rd B2, Roseville

Atheist/Agnostic Alcoholics Anonymous Every Sunday from 6:00-7:00 p.m. and Wednesday from 7:00-8:00 p.m., Health Recovery Center building, lower floor, 3249 Hennepin Ave, Minneapolis. Based on A.A, minus beliefs in any form of a God.

Freethought Toastmasters Meeting 1st and 3rd Monday of every month from 6:30-8:00 p.m., Larpenteur Estates Party Room, 1280 Larpenteur Ave W, St Paul. freethought.toastmastersclubs.org

Freethought Dinner Social 2nd and 4th Monday of every month from 5:00-7:00 p.m., Davanni's, 8605 Lyndale Ave S, Bloomington

Freethinking Females 2nd Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m., Claddagh Irish Pub, 7890 Main St N, Maple Grove, and 4th Monday of every month at 7:30 p.m., Sweeney's Saloon, 96 North Dale Street, St. Paul (Note, two different locations). Shattering the myth that Atheist groups are male dominated with a female's only event.

Volunteer Food Packing 2nd Thursday of every month at 1:00 p.m., The Food Group, 8501 54th Ave N, New Hope

Blasphemer's Brunch 2nd Saturday of every month at 10:30 a.m., Pizza Lucé, 800 W 66th St, Richfield

Minnesota Atheists Board Meeting 3rd Wednesday of every month at 6:30 p.m., Amherst H Wilder Foundation, 451 Lexington Pkwy N, St Paul. All Minnesota Atheists members are welcome.

Bowling for Deities Last Saturday of every month at Noon, Memory Lanes, 2520 26th Ave S, Minneapolis



For more events, visit www.meetup.com/minnesota-atheists

Minnesota Atheists Membership and Donations

- One-year student membership \$10
- One-year individual membership \$35
- Three-year individual membership \$90
- One-year household membership \$45
- Three-year household membership \$115
- One-year sustaining membership \$75
- Three-year sustaining membership \$200
- Life membership \$600

Donations are tax deductible. Membership fees are deductible for the amount beyond their fair market value.

Student memberships include a subscription to the PDF version of *The Minnesota Atheist* delivered by email. All other memberships include a subscription to the printed version delivered by postal mail. If you would prefer the PDF version delivered by email, please check the box and provide your email address.

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Positive Atheism in action since 1991

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Minnesota Atheists Goals
Minnesota Atheists practices positive, inclusive, active, friendly, neighborhood atheism in order to provide a community for atheists, educated the public about atheism, and promote separation of state and church.

Minnesota Atheists Affiliations

Minnesota Atheists is affiliated with the Atheist Alliance of America, Atheist Alliance International, American Atheists, The American Humanist Association, the Council for Secular Humanism, The International Humanist and Ethical Union, and the Secular Coalition for America.

Minnesota Atheists Membership

Regular members: 264
Life members: 42
Meetup members: 2,230

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