

## **2.14.07 Minutes**

### **Elections:**

New Executive Members:

Co-presidents:

Ryan Steiber

Ryan Dabel

Webmaster:

Shawn Engle

Treasurer:

Courtney Weigand

Vice President:

To be determined

### **Speakers:**

First choice: Michael Shermer, the editor of the Skeptic.

Because of the annual budgets, financial opportunities are incredibly limited; furthermore, unanticipated funding requests have a cap of \$1,300. We could also seek a coalition with other organizations, donations from other organizations (on or off campus), or host benefits at the Mission, which might be a possibility for this semester. The funding issues would necessitate this becoming a long-term goal, but we really must consider whether or not the endeavor is financially worth-while, for it might be better to utilize funds to advertise. However, if we decided to attempt to raise the funds, the turn-out could be supplemented with advertisements via CFI, Madison Atheists, and etcetera. Goal: building better network between campus organizations.

Second choice: Amy Goodman, Democracy Now (currently the main focus).

We must first ask of her opinions of Freethought, but if she has no interest in that topic then either separation of church and state, or the Board of Regents policy. We would aim for late April.

Third Choice: Dan Barker. He only asks for two-hundred dollars (does not even request an honorarium) and we could have him give a lecture, perhaps play some piano. We should provide a small time frame, but the current ideal would be March 30th.

### **Future project:**

We would create posters with definitions of topics pertaining to Freethought and each week we would have a different topic. Each will include: name, logo, question, flap covering the answer, web-site URL. We are aiming for posting twenty-five weekly (thirteen in the dormitories and twelve throughout the campus); however, we probably should post them, with meeting times, via the SMOD's, as well

**Topics:**

Freethought

Agnosticism

Weak/implicit Atheism

Strong/explicit Atheism

Theism

Basis of morality for Atheists

Establishment Clause

Theocracy

Humanist

Skeptic

**To be considered:**

Roe v. Wade (A topic which pertains to separation of church and state, perhaps made into a collaborate effort with the Choice Alliance.)