

# *Slate of Candidates for 2019*

## **Officers:**

President — Carol Siddall  
Vice President — Open  
Secretary — Open  
Treasurer — Richard Siddall

## **Committee Chairs:**

Membership — Frank Avitable  
Hospitality — Randy Olear  
Program — Open  
Development — Gayle Walter  
Publicity — Carol Ritter  
Publications — Jim Ritter

## **Nominating Committee:**

Gayle Walter and Halina Platt

# Background on 2018 Annual Business Meeting

**Bylaw change:** The current bylaws require the treasurer to present a report at the annual business meeting, shortly before the end of the year. In order to allow the treasurer to present a report covering a full calendar year, we would like to change the date the report is required by.

*Article 6. Section D. Replace the sentence:*

*"The Treasurer shall prepare an annual report on the financial condition of the Association for presentation to the membership at the annual Business Meeting, for discussion and approval."*

*with*

*"The Treasurer shall prepare, and the board shall review and approve, an annual report on the financial condition of the Association for presentation to the membership via electronic and/or physical mail by the end of May following the end of each fiscal year."*

**The Connecticut Coalition of Reason:** HAC is a charter member of the Connecticut Coalition of Reason, which adopted its first mission statement mid-year:

“Our goal is to assist our member organizations in their efforts to build communities of secular people, raise awareness of such communities, and maintain the separation of church and state. We aim to do so by providing resources to the member organization and by facilitating cooperating between the member organizations in achieving their common goals.”

We joined the coalition on the basis that it encouraged communication between member organizations. Almost immediately after it was formed, the Coalition organized a political action committee, and the Connecticut chapter of the Secular Coalition for America joined as a member organization. The mission statement adds working on the separation of church and state to encouraging communication between member organizations. Since the mission has changed, should HAC remain a member?

**Pro-Truth Pledge:** We held a monthly meeting on the Pro-Truth Pledge and were invited to take it personally and as an organization. Promoting truth-seeking and rational thinking, the Pro-Truth Pledge is a comprehensive plan to reorient all information exchange toward validity. Should HAC take the Pro-Truth Pledge? See <https://www.protruthpledge.org/> for more information.

**Connecticut Coalition to Regulate Marijuana:** We were invited to endorse the Connecticut Coalition to Regulate Marijuana over a year ago. The coalition advocates for legalization of marijuana with regulations similar to alcohol. Should HAC endorse the coalition? See <http://www.regulatect.org/> for more information.

**Kitchen Renovation:** USNH will be refurbishing its kitchen, which we use at almost every event HAC holds at USNH. Should we make a donation to help with the cost of the kitchen renovation, and if so, how much?

<b>MEMBERSHIP - 2019</b>	Name(s): _____
! Adult . . . . . \$35	Address: _____
! Family . . . . . \$50	_____
! Newsletter Only . . . . . \$10	Telephone: _____
! Our membership year is 1/1-12/31.	E-Mail Address: _____
! In cases of financial hardship, the association may waive the membership fee. Please mail checks for annual membership payable to	Please add me to the e-mail Announce List (circle one): YES NO
! Humanist Association of Connecticut to: <b>Humanist Association of Connecticut, 27 Thornton Street, Hamden, CT 06517-1321.</b>	I want my newsletter electronically <u>only</u> (circle one): YES NO
	As a chapter of the American Humanist Association we share your information with AHA. Please check this box if you do <u>not</u> want to be contacted by the Secular Coalition for Connecticut about legislative action <input type="checkbox"/>