

**Official Program 2<sup>nd</sup> Biennial We Agnostics Atheists and Free-Thinkers International Alcoholics  
Anonymous Convention  
November 11, 12 & 13, 2016  
Crowne Plaza Hotel, Austin, Texas**

**Friday, November 11, 2016**

8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. – Set up and volunteer registration

10:00 a.m. to 1:00 pm – Registration

12:30 to 1:20 p.m.

Ballroom: Opening Session: Introduction to WAAFT, Panel with the Board of Directors

1:30 to 2:50 p.m.

Ballroom: Afternoon with the Atheists: Panel: John C, John H., Richard H.

2:00- 2:50 p.m.

Salon F: Teetering Between the AA Paradoxes, Dianne P.

Salon H: AA Meeting - Many Paths, Champaign-Urbana, IL (Doris A.)

3:00 to 4:20 p.m.

Ballroom: The Role of Literature in Secular AA: Panel: Ami B., Suzanne G., John L.

3:00- 3:50 p.m.

Salon F: Court-Ordered Recovery in Secular AA: Eric C., Emery S.

Salon H: AA Meeting - Paris Freethinkers, Paris, France (John C.)

4:00- 4:50 p.m.

Salon F: "Is It Time to Quit Using the Term Alcoholic and Addict in AA?", Emery S.

Salon H: AA Meeting - Beyond Belief, Toronto, Ontario, Canada (Joe C.)

4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Ballroom: WAAFT Relationship to Conventional AA: Panel: John S. Thomas B. Doris A.

5:00-5:50 p.m.

Salon F: Quotes from the Founders - Jesse S.

Salon G: I'm a WAAFT and this is My Story, Nick H.

Salon H: AA Meeting - Our Mostly Agnostic Group of Drunks, Florida (Mikey J.)

5:30 to 7:00 p.m. Ballroom: Clear Ball Room to set up for banquet.

Informal reception

7:00 to 8:00 p.m. Banquet

Ballroom: Lining up, Eating, Music and other entertainment.

8:00 to 9:30 p.m. Featured Speakers

Ballroom: Pam W., Los Angeles, CA

Ballroom: Pat N., Olympia, WA

Ballroom: Deirdre S., New York City, NY

9:30 to Midnight

Ballroom: Music

**Saturday, November 12, 2016**

8:30--9:50 a.m.

Salon F: Yoga and Recovery - Colby S.

9:00 - 9:50 a.m.

Ballroom: What is WAAFT?? - Vic L., John S., , Nick H.  
Salon G: The Importance of Trust in Sobriety, Russell C.  
Salon H: All is Clouded by Desire: Chris N.  
Lonestar 2 AA Meeting - We Agnostics, Olympia, WA (Maureen M.)  
Lonestar 3 AA Meeting - We Agnostics, Lafayette, CA (Russ H.)

10:00 - 11:20 .m.

Ballroom: GLBTQ Discussion Panel: Moderator - John C.; Mikey, John L., Brooks L.

10:00 - 10:50 a.m.

Salon F: Freedom From Fear of Coming Out (As An Atheist) in Traditional AA, Barry W.  
Salon G: WAAFT Alanon Workshop - Stephen G.  
Salon H: Women's Meeting Workshop, Kristina J.  
Lonestar 2 AA Meeting - We Agnostics, Columbus, OH (Ed S.)  
Lonestar 3 AA Meeting - Safe Harbor, Philadelphia, PA (Liz S.)

11:00 - 11:50 a.m.

Salon F: International Panel, John C., Suzanne G, Iain H  
Salon G: The Spiritual Life is Not a Theory, George M., Garry U  
Salon H: WAAFT, Should We Change the Name? Vic L., Pam W.  
Lonestar 2 AA Meeting - We Agnostics Group of AA, Indianapolis, IN (Joe S.)  
Lonestar 3 AA Meeting - Godless Heathens, Carbondale, CO (Pat Y.)

11:30 - 12:50 p.m.

Ballroom: AA and the Law: Gregg O., Larry K.

12:00 - 12:50 p.m.

Lunch

1:00 - 1:50 p.m.

Ballroom: Atheists, Agnostics, Addict, Alcoholic, Ken S., Anne J.  
Salon F: History of Atheists & Agnostics in AA, Roger C.  
Salon G: Newcomers Meeting Workshop, Iain H., Glenn G.  
Salon H: Meditation & Recovery, Chris S. David  
Lonestar 2 AA Meeting - Beyond Belief, Austin TX (Joseph R.)  
Lonestar 3 AA Meeting - We Agnostics, Dallas, TX (Emery S.)

Saturday, November 12, 2016 Continued

2:00 – 2:50 p.m.

Ballroom: The Use of Secular Steps at AA Meetings, Roger C.  
Salon F: Decline and Fall of AA, Jerry F., John H.  
Salon G: Living Cyber: Podcasts, Blogs, Social-Media, Online Meetings, Recovery and Fellowship on the Internet.  
Moderator: Joe C, (Toronto) Rebellion Dogs Radio,  
Panelists, Chris A, (St. Louis) Recovery Revolution Podcast  
Panelist, Tammi S, (Valley Ford, CA), My Life Is A Work In Progress Blog  
Salon H: "Living Sober" Book Panel, Peter T.  
Lonestar 2 AA Meeting - We Agnostics, NYC (Deirdre S.)  
Lonestar 3 AA Meeting - Freethinkers/Atheists/Agnostics, Savannah, GA (Mary C.)

3:00 – 3:50 p.m

Salon F: Women's Meeting, Kristina J.  
Salon G: Young People's Meeting, Pat Y, Meagan M., Barry F.  
Salon H: Men's Meeting, John L.

3:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Lonestar 1, 2, & 3 WAAFT- IAAC Business Meeting with the  
Board of Directors: Vote on a New Name; announce next WAAFT IAAC City,  
Ratify the bylaws, etc.

4:00 – 4:50 p.m.

Salon F: Solutions Based Therapy, Linda S.  
Salon G: Slogans Workshop, Mikey  
Salon H: 13th Stepping, Erin G.

5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Salon F: Traditions Meeting, Ted B.  
Salon G: Small Town AA - Courtney S.  
Salon H: Anger & Resentments David B.

Dinner on your own – explore Austin

7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Austin Room: Spoken Word, Poetry etc. Thomas B. & John H.  
Waterloo Room: Comedy Improv Workshop, Patricia T

**Sunday, November 13, 2016**

9:00 – 9:50 a.m.

Ballroom: Spirituality, an enhancement or Escape, Panel, Nick H. John L, Jeb B.  
Salon F: Putting on a Regional Conference, Pat N., Joel Y.  
Salon G: Safety Issues in AA Meetings, Thomas B., Lisa P.  
Salon H: Dealing with AA Cults and Fundamentalists, John H.  
Lonestar 2 AA Meeting - Children of Chaos, Austin TX (Joan M.)  
Lonestar 3 AA Meeting - Calgary Agnostic AA, Calgary, Alberta, Canada (Rich H.)

10:00 – 10:50 a.m.

Ballroom: WAAFT & Humor, Erik W.  
Salon F: Stoicism & Recovery, Jesse S.  
Salon G: What is a Freethinker, Nick H. John L. George M.  
Salon H: Writing & Recording Workshop: Submitting stories to the Grapevine: Ami B  
Lonestar 2 AA Meeting - Beaches Agnostics & Freethinkers, Atlantic Beach, FL (Richard R.)  
Lonestar 3 AA Meeting - Open

11:00 – 11:50 a.m.

Ballroom: Mental Health Issues & Recovery, Dianne P., Robert C., MD  
Salon F: Recovering From the Committee in My Head – Beth H., Maureen B.  
Salon G: Carry the Message to the Agnostic, Atheist, Freethinkers : Primary Purpose  
Salon H: Spirituality Minus Religion, Jeb B.  
Lonestar 2 AA Meeting - Kansas City, MO ( John S.)  
Lonestar 3 AA Meeting - Atheist-Agnostic Group, Sonoma, CA (Christopher S.)

12:00 – 1:30 p.m. Lunch

1:30 – 2:20 p.m.

Ballroom: Toronto WAAFT vs Intergroup, Larry K.  
Salon F: Post Publication Changes to the BB First Edition- Jerry F  
Salon G: Riding Unicorns, AA Mythology Busting - Dave W.  
Salon H: Buddhist Panel, James M., Kevin K., Erin G.  
Lonestar 2 AA Meeting - We Agnostics, Austin TX (Leslie R.)  
Lonestar 3 AA Meeting - We Agnostics, Newport, OR (Eric H.)

2:30 - 3:20 p.m.

Ballroom: Starting a Secular Meeting: Glenn G., David B.  
Salon F:  
Salon G:  
Salon H: Cross Addictions, Iain H, Polly S.  
Lonestar 2 AA Meeting - Washington, DC (Barry W.)  
Lonestar 3 AA Meeting - She Agnostics, Indianapolis, IN (Heather B.)

3:30-4:30 p.m.

Ballroom: What is the Future of WAAFT? Departing and Incoming Boards of Directors  
**Convention Ends**