



Secular Coalition for Massachusetts Executive Board Chapter Co-Chairs



Ellery Schempp, 72
Medford, Massachusetts

Ellery Schempp, is a long-standing advocate of separation of church and state. Schempp's quiet protest (1956) objecting to "Morning Devotions" in his high school resulted in the Supreme Court decision that ended government enforced Bible-readings and prayers in public schools [1963, *Abington v. Schempp and Murray v. Curlett*]. Ellery grew up in Roslyn, Pennsylvania, a suburb of Philadelphia. He received a B.S. degree from Tufts University (1962) and a Ph.D. from Brown University (1968). His career in academia and research included times in Pittsburgh, California, Switzerland, and New Zealand. He currently lives in Medford, Massachusetts. An atheist, humanist, and member of a Unitarian-Universalist church, Ellery is looking to expand outreach from the nontheist community to include underrepresented groups including Unitarians, Jewish congregations, and the Asian-American population.



Zachary Bos, 31
Lunenburg, MA

Zachary Bos has been an active member of the secular movement for nearly a decade, coordinating regional travel to conferences; organizing letter-writing campaigns; participating behind the scenes at national conventions; making dozens of media appearances; lending his design and communications expertise to groups including Camp Quest New England, the National Atheist Party, the Ethical Society of Boston, and the Humanist Chaplaincy at Harvard; and overseeing the growth of the Boston Atheists as the largest secular group in New England. He has worked with magazines and enterprises devoted to creative writing and literary translation for over a decade, and studied poetry at Boston University with Robert Pinsky and Louise Glück. He runs an independent press, Pen and Anvil, and lives in Lunenburg, MA, with a cat, a dog, and his family. He has been the State Director for American Atheists since 2008, and identifies as an atheist and a Humanist.