



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

January 8, 2019 – Called to order: 8:05 pm Closed: 9:25 pm

Serenity prayer and WAIA Preamble recited

December (Preceding Months') Board Minutes Approved with no Changes

Members in attendance: 35 voting representatives 1 non-voting alternate representative 2 WAGSA members Several AAs

Opening Remarks:

Meeting procedures: Secretary will reach out to committees to pre-submit reports for adding to the new "Board Handout" which contains information such as: WAIA Board Meeting Standing agenda, Committee contact information, Pre-submitted Committee reports, and any pre-submitted special agenda items slated to be discussed. This is NOT the minutes of the meeting and is NOT a complete list of what will be discussed at the meeting.

This handout is to help representatives take some information about the current meeting back with them.

This document will be printed for the board meeting and posted to the website with the approved minutes of the preceding months' minutes by the Friday following the board meeting.

Focus on enhanced **cooperation with Washington Area General Service Assembly (WAGSA)** Any events received by events@area13.org will be automatically forwarded to WAIA (Events@aa-dc.org) and vice-versa. WAIA continues to independently decide what gets posted to our events section of the website, as does WAGSA.

Old Business:

WAIA Financial Audit: The Request for Proposal (RFP) has been sent to a few Certified Public Accounting (CPA) firms - if you know a CPA firm which might be interested in doing our audit send suggestions to treasurer@aa-dc.org

New Business/Calls For Service:

Need **literature** chair person that takes books out to events: Gavin P. of "Vision for you" group in Germantown Volunteered.

Alex M. (For CPC) Announced that Mike Y of the **Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC)** committee may need to step down if he leaves the area, Leslie A. [NEED HER GROUP NAME] volunteered, has history of CPC participation.

Ben P. with **Outreach committee** announced that he is developing an outreach plan which will be launched in May and push through this summer. If interested getting involved, email outreach@aa-dc.org

Sponsorship workshop:

WAIA and WAGSA co-sponsored **service workshop** to plan or execute service workshop. coordination between WAIA and WaGSA service structure. Probably Saturday morning-in search of venue recommendations. Need committee involvement as presenters closer to the date. [see below]

Turpy B. of **Night watch** announced that there are open slots. nightwatch@aa-dc.org; or call office. (From the website: The Night Watch Committee coordinates the volunteers that answer the WAIA phones remotely from 10:00 PM – 10:00 AM. Each day has two shifts: one from 10 PM until 6 AM and one from 6 AM until 10 AM. Volunteers field calls relating to AA, such as meetings in the area, relaying AA information to newcomers, and discussing alcoholism in general.)

Sean C. of **Hospitals and Institutions Committee** (H&I) announced that they have been successful in establishing 5 meetings per week in the Shady Grove Seneca unit starting mid-January - Saturday and Sunday, outside meetings starting February

Open invite to H&I call on January 10th 7pm to discuss AA's non-position on medications. Will report back.

Tom G., **office committee** chair trying to purge 12 step list to make sure contacts are viable (with Kari). also connect with people doing bridging the gap. Will be discussed in office committee. Is there a process for groups to participate in bridging the gap (WAGSA) Office@aa-dc.org

Tony g. (WAGSA Chairperson) **General Services Bridging the gap**--Have patient or inmate who is going to be released and request a temporary AA contact. Supposed to take them to about 5-6 meetings and explain what a sponsor is, how program works, etc. Pair them with folks in home zip code. For groups to get involved, need volunteers in every bridgingthegap@area13aa.org, and ask chair to send you sign up list. Distribute to groups to sign up to be available.

General: Need representatives in Southeast DC, Northern Montgomery County.

Michele: **Area 13 Delegate** - She is the liaison to NYC General Service Office and will attend the upcoming Conference. Announcement soon on local/mini-general service conference. Handles any issue that makes it out of the committee level, eg revisions to the Big Book. delegate@area13aa.org - also see www.area13aa.org

Alex M. Asked Board Members for suggestions of **goals for 2019**:

Survey? Concern/caution expressed about possible survey and attention needed. Rather concentrate on supporting two conferences/workshops, and outreach push. Need to review past successes of survey. Outreach can feed information back into WAIA about what we can do better. No survey committee will be established at this time.

Outreach: Mapping of groups that are not active in WAIA/have not attended board/contributed/purchased. Visit groups to raise awareness about service structure available, and keep website updated if they moved or changed. Orientation packet to visit groups will be discussed and possibly created.

Gratitude about changes in meeting format

Question posed about **Clubhouse meetings/Groups Distinctions**: groups send representatives to WAIA and WAGSA
 Action item: Luella will write up a short clarification of the difference to add to the WAIA Frequently asked questions page.

Judging level or interest to have **WAIA.org as a domain** (currently occupied). Can try to take legal action to get. Pro-waia more inclusive of the DMV area. con-current webpage is fine. effort to get domain may divert us from primary purpose.

Pre-submitted Committee reports

Sponsorship Workshop Saturday, September 14, 2019: Theresa R. SponsorWorkshop@aa-dc.org - The Committee met on December 14, 2018. We determined that the conference will consist of four panels: Focus on Sponsorship, Focus on Sponsees, Sponsorship and Service, and Sponsee Profiles. Committee members are presently recruiting homegroups with known sponsorship success to manage each of the panels. There will also be three speakers (looking for suggestions). The committee meets again on March 14th at 7pm at Seekers Church, DC. Anyone interested may join us.

Accessibility: Theresa R. Accessibility@aa-dc.org - The Accessibility Committee reached out to the NERAASA (Northeast Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly) Accessibilities co-chairs because NERAASA has an upcoming service assembly which will include an accessibility panel. We are trying to join the volunteers for this portion of the assembly. We plan to attend in order to learn about best practices in the Northeast area.

CPC/public info: Michael Y. Cpc@aa-dc.org On 12/20, the Committee had a follow-up conversation with the Coordinator for Alcohol and Other Drugs Initiatives at the American University Health Promotion & Advocacy Center. We settled on 3/20/19 for an on-campus event, tentatively titled "Getting to Know the AA Program of Recovery." This event will be open to anybody at AU who would like more information on AA in the area. Details on speakers, precise format, and location are pending.

Technology: Previous Committee meeting attended by Chair and Webmaster - no other participation. New Homepage and New Webmaster: Andrew M. - will be securing, updating and revamping the site - reach him directly at webmaster@aa-dc.org Next Tech Comm meeting on Thursday Jan. 10th 8pm to 9:30pm At WAIA Office and phone: (515) 739-1285 Code 617307. Agenda will be:
 Need new chair, G-Suite Transition for communications, Linking with GSO's new "FNV" database – and use it for group/meeting information tracking, Methods to get waia.org domain from a squatter, If you travel, spread the word about <https://meetingguide.aa.org/>

Note - contact information and a short description for all committees can be found on our website here: <https://aa-dc.org/committees> and in the new "Board Handout" here: www.aa-dc.org/rep