

JULY MINUTES

Washington Area Intergroup Association (WAIA)

Board of Directors Meeting

The Church in Bethesda 5033 Wilson Lane Bethesda MD
July 9, 2019 @ 8:00 pm

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- 1. Chair's opening remarks** [Alex.M@aa-dc.org] Chair@aa-dc.org - abbreviated
- 2. Executive Committee Meeting Report** [TBD on behalf of executivecommittee@aa-dc.org]

Officers:

- **Chair:** Alex M. chair@aa-dc.org
- **Vice Chair:** Sean C.
- **Treasurer:** Arno S. treasurer@aa-dc.org
- **Secretary:** ~~Suzanna D.~~ secretary@aa-dc.org

At Large Members:

- Eryn C.
- Ben P.
- Mike L.
- ~~Chris H.~~
- ~~Andrea C.~~

- 3. Approval/Changes to Previous Meeting's Minutes** [TBD filling in for Suzanna D. secretary@aa-dc.org] See past meeting minutes here: <https://aa-dc.org/board-minutes> - **APPROVED**

4. Standing Reports:

Registrar's Report [Jeff M. registrar@aa-dc.org] 23 VOTING MEMBERS

Office Admin Report [Luella T. aa-dc@aa-dc.org; 202-966-9115; www.aa-dc.org]:

Volunteers needed at the desk, slots open:
Sun 10-1, Sun 1-4, Tues 1-4, Wed 7-10,
Thurs 4-7, Thurs 7-10, Fri 1-4

377 calls. (Get the rest from Luella?)

Treasurer Report [Arno S. treasurer@aa-dc.org] (See attached Profit and Loss/Balance Sheet)

5. Committee Reports

*****Corporate Committees*****

Technology Committee [Alex M. tech@aa-dc.org]

- **Opportunity!** Next Tech Committee Meeting Date: Thursday July 11th 8pm (515) 606-5187 – Enter Code 617307.
- G-Suite is operational! New account emails have gone out and groups have been established. Trusted servants must log into their accounts within 7 days.

Finance Committee: [Eryn C. finance@aa-dc.org]

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Office: Tom G. and Kerry O. [Kerry.O@aa-dc.org & office@aa-dc.org] - The 12th Step Volunteer new policies and procedures are being tested with a small group of volunteers so that new systems and procedures can be worked out. The small group of volunteers polled so far are excited about the idea of offering volunteers from the 12th step list to more callers.

Rules (Bylaws): Ben P. rules@aa-dc.org - no report - please submit any requests for bylaw changes to rules@aa-dc.org

VOLUNTEER! Sara P volunteered to look over the google doc of all website language

*****Service Committees*****

Accessibility: Teresa R. Accessibility@aa-dc.org (Submitted prior to 7/9 meeting)

- Luella has obtained a copy of GSO's (General Service Office) video of the Big Book in American Sign Language (ASL) and will obtain a similar video of the 12x12. These videos are available through the GSO in New York.
- Irene Donaso is taking over the Accessibility/Remote Access Communities desk at the GSO effective July 20, 2019.
- The Accessibility Committee has submitted a budget request to WAIA for 2020 to fund a pilot project which will make available about 50 hours of ASL services to area members needing such services upon request in advance. We will gather information from this project on the pros and cons of providing these services with advance notice, the extent of need for such services, and other information necessary for informed decision making,
 - **Opportunity!** The next committee meeting is at 6:30 August 12th at the Silver Spring Presbyterian Church, 580 University Blvd., Silver Spring. Anyone interested is welcome to join us.

Archives Committee Report [Stan S archives@aa-dc.org]

- WAIA Archives Committee Report – 07/09//2019 BOD Meeting\
- If you have WAIA Banquet tapes please donate them to be converted to MP3 files.
- The Committee is suspending its search for a Stars and Stripes issue with an obit on AA co-founder Bill W. and its sample survey of the WAIA's BOD minutes to glean service tasks for each WAIA committee. Jeff is not available during the Summer months for the Saturday morning Archives stint at the WAIA office.
- Stan attended the Delegate Report-back assembly in which the District 4 DCM, Vanessa H., was assigned to convene Area Archives committees in which Stan, representing WAIA, participated in the Archives Committees' consultations. Our Area 13 Chair, Tony's request to research the month of our Area's founding was discussed.
- A visitor from Toledo, Ohio requested duplications of the contents of our box on Fitz M. which we maintain in the WAIA Office for perusal by visitors. Stan is reviewing the request in plans to respond with delivering copies of our research guidelines and the contents which do not violate copyright nor anonymity.
- In answer to a request Jeff culled our files for info on Safety in the Rooms. Stan is involved in verifying if the request is from an AA entity. To date "The Archival Checklist" has not been obtained by the Committee.

Hospitals & Institutions Committee (H&I) [Sean C. hni@aa-dc.org; (240) 370-6165]:

- **Opportunities for Service!**

Cooperation with the Professional Community (CPC): Leslie A. CPC@aa-dc.org

Literature: Gavin P. Literature@aa-dc.org

Night watch: Turpy B. Nightwatch@aa-dc.org

Outreach: Ben P. Outreach@aa-dc.org

*******Ad-hoc/event committees*******

2019 AA Sponsorship Conference [Will R. sponsorconference@aa-dc.org or 301-455-1256]

- **Details:** AA Sponsorship Conference 2019, Saturday, September 14—8 a.m-6 p.m., Seekers Church 276 Carroll Street NW Washington DC, next to the Red Line Takoma Station
- 2019 AA Sponsorship Conference is on the WAIA website. It can be found by going to Events and scrolling to September for Sponsorship Conference. The direct link to the site is: <https://aa-dc.org/2019sponsorshipconference>. Hopefully we have everything in order to start registration and we also have a link to a flyer you can download. Let me know if you have questions or you see ways we can improve our advertising.
- Please announce at your all of your groups!

WAIA Gala [Liz L. gala@aa-dc.org]

Service Workshop: Katherine R. serviceworkshop@aa-dc.org

Oldtimers: Rachel W. oldtimers@aa-dc.org

Date has been established Friday November 8th! - same location

Oakdale Church, 3425 Emory Church Rd. Olney, MD 20832

New reporter: Tony F. Newreporter@aa-dc.org

Grapevine: WAGSA Grapevine@area13aa.org

Hospitality: Mike L. Hospitality@aa-dc.org

6. Old Business

Any old business?

7. New Business

A question was brought from the floor regarding why the sponsorship committee is charging \$15 per ticket for their event - in addition to a paid lunch option. The fact that the price is not listed on the flyer was also brought up. The Chair of the ad-hoc committee was not present to respond - after discussion a motion was made to have the executive committee contact the chair of the sponsorship conference requesting a budget and decide how WAIA is to support the event. The motion passed.

New business for future meeting: What does “WAIA support” mean for a committee? Event?

8. Liaison Reports (WAGSA/District/NoVA/Hispanic)

Washington Area General Service Assembly (WAGSA) [Terry H.]

SEE ATTACHED

Comite Paso 12 de Maryland/Spanish-Speaking [Domingo V. 240-644-7189]

- We received 42 phone calls, 22 of those were in English which were referred to the WAIA office. The other 20 were in Spanish which were referred to the different Spanish speaking meetings.

Virginia Intergroup Liaison [Alan C.] - no report

WASHINGTON AREA INTERGROUP ASSOCIATION

Committee Report: WAGSA Liaison
Submitted by: Terry Hoffeld
Date: 7/9/19

The Washington Area General Service Assembly (WAGSA) observed the traditional Summer recess last night (July 8) and did not convene their monthly Informational Committee meeting.

The Summer Business Assembly, commonly known as the Delegate Report-Back Assembly was held on Saturday, June 22 at Holy Cross Hospital. The various Committee reports were similar to those presented at the monthly meeting on June 10. The Chair particularly emphasized his charges to the District Committee Members (DCMs) and to all General Service Representatives as members of functional committees of WAGSA.

The main emphasis of the meeting, was, of course, a summary by the Area 13 Delegate of major actions from the General Service Conference, held in New York City May 19-25. Although many details were provided, and questions answered, those data are currently under embargo and cannot appear in any printed form for redistribution that might reach the general public. Recognizing the frustration that this limited dissemination of information would likely engender among Area 13 AAs, the Delegate has chosen to make herself available for smaller Report-Back sessions at the District level. Please contact your DCM (see <http://www.area13aa.org/districtsdistrictos.html>) if you and/or your group would be supportive of such a session.

For the time-being, the only publicly-available printed report is a two-page summary in the Summer issue of the G.S.O. newsletter, *Box 459* (https://www.aa.org/newsletters/en_US/en_box459_summer_2019.pdf).

Upcoming Events:

- July 14-17 (Sunday-Wednesday): National Association of Drug Court Professionals “All Rise” Annual Conference (Gaylord National Resort and Convention Center, 201 Waterfront Street, National Harbor, MD 20745)
- July 17 (Wednesday, 8:30-9:30 P.M.): Bridging the Gap Committee meeting (Whole Foods Eatery in Downtown Silver Spring, 833 Wayne Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20910)
- August 12 ((Monday, 7:30-9:00 P.M.): WAGSA monthly Committee meeting (Silver Spring Presbyterian Church, 580 University Boulevard, East, Silver Spring, MD)
- November 17 (Sunday, 8:00-11:00 A.M.): 32nd Annual Area 13 Gratitude Breakfast (Marriott Inn and Conference Center, University of Maryland University College, 3501 University Boulevard, Hyattsville, MD 20783)